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WELCOME

Worthy State Deputy
Jake Werner has
been advised by
Supreme Knight
Carl. A. Anderson
that he has assigned
Regional Growth Director
Guy Precourt
from Winnipeg Canada as
The Supreme Council
Representative to the
Dakota State Convention in
Fargo, April 26-28, 2019

State Deputy's Message

Brother Knights,

March is our Founder's month, and March 29 in particular is Founder's Day. Please don't forget that our founder, the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, wanted our Order to be a society of Catholic men established in every parish, that would support and defend our Priests and provide financial security for their families.

We are now in the last third of the fraternal year with four very busy and important months remaining. March is a time to insure that your reports have been submitted, per capita has been paid, and delegates selected for our upcoming State Convention in Fargo, April 26, 27, 28. Between now and then, I would encourage you all to schedule an admission degree in your area, and then advance your new members to a major degree as soon as possible.

In summary, this March I would ask that in addition to focusing on your Lenten Journey, and preparing for the state convention, encourage your council to conduct a spring membership drive. Let's meet our membership goals! Don't be afraid to share what your council does so that others can also enjoy the many benefits of membership.

On behalf of my wife Deb and I, may this blessed season of Lent bring you closer to our Risen Lord Jesus Christ and may He continue to bless us all with health and love of our neighbor.

Vivat Jesus!
Jake Werner
State Deputy



Jake Werner

2019 Knights of Columbus State Convention Agenda

Fargo Ramada Inn & Suites—April 26-28, 2019
3333 13th Avenue South

Thursday April 25

3:00 pm State Officers Meeting

Memorial Mass
Cathedral of St. Mary
619 7th Street N

Friday April 26

11:00 am **Nominations open for officers**
12:00 pm **Registration** Ramada Inn Convention Center
1:00 pm **4th Degree Meeting** Ramada Inn Convention Center
4:00 pm **Memorial Mass:** Cathedral of St. Mary
6:00 pm **Civic Awards:** Dinner, Awards Presentation
Essay Winners / Announce Committees
Foundation Auction

Saturday April 27

8:00 am **Mass:** Ramada Inn Convention Center
Registration Open - following mass
9:30 am **Open Session: LADIES ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**
Present State Deputy
Presentation of Colors
Roll Call of Officers
Icon Prayer
State Deputy Annual Report
10:00 am Pennies for Vocations
Vocations Director
HOTR Presentation
Special Olympics
12:00 pm **Lunch:** Ladies/Men - Ramada Inn
1:00 pm **Business Session**
Chaplain's Report
Committees Meet
Supreme Knights Address
Insurance Report
ND KC Foundation
McGivney Guild Report
Fourth Degree Report
4:00 pm **Close of session**
5:30 pm **Social Hour**
6:30 pm **Grand March - Banquet**
Supreme Guest
Christopher Fund Donation
Knight of the Year
Family of the Year
Raffle Winners Announced
Entertainment

Sunday April 28

8:00 am **Mass:** Ramada Inn Convention Center
9:30 am **Open Business Session**
Roll Call
Election of Officers
Election of Supreme Convention Delegates
Resolutions
Committee Reports
Closing Remarks
Closing Prayer
12:00 **Adjourn**

State Secretary

We are rapidly approaching the 112th Annual Meeting of the North Dakota Knights of Columbus State Council which will be held on April 26 - 28, 2019 in Fargo, ND. We hope you will find this year's annual meeting a rewarding and eventful experience.



Mike Steiner

If you registered as a delegate for this years convention your credentials have been mailed to you and must be presented to State Secretary when you register at the convention site. Please remember that to be seated as a delegate at the State Convention your Council's Per Capita Billing must be paid in full prior to the start of the convention.

The convention registration desk will be open to get your name badge and meal tickets during the following times:

12:00 PM – 7:00 PM Friday
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM Saturday
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM Saturday

During his homily at Holy Mass on Ash Wednesday **Pope Francis said....“ Lent is the time to rediscover the *direction of life*. Because in life's journey, as in every journey, what really matters is not to lose sight of the goal.” He explained that "God, my neighbor, my life" are the realities that do not fade away and in which we must invest.**

If you have any questions and/or concerns please feel free to contact me at 701.371.2688 or msteiner@hplains.com

Mike Steiner, State Secretary
North Dakota Knights of Columbus

Foundation Auction



The North Dakota Knights of Columbus Foundation will again conduct our annual auction at the State Convention on Friday, April 26th immediately after the civic awards presentation.

The Foundation conducts this annual fund raising activity at the state convention and this is one of the main ways that the Foundation has to raise monies. The success of the auction depends entirely upon our individual Knights, Councils, and Assemblies, so please bring items to the state convention to be placed in this auction.

Remember any item(s) that you donate to the action will help generate monies for the Foundation. The earnings on these monies are used to carry out our mission of providing financial support for religious, educational and charitable programs of the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus in North Dakota. The Foundation Board asks that you bring your auction items to the registration desk when you register for the convention.

The North Dakota Knights of Columbus Foundation sincerely appreciates your past support, and hopes that you can continue to support the Foundation in the future.

Mike Steiner, President
ND Knights of Columbus Foundation

WHAT'S SO "GOOD" ABOUT GOOD FRIDAY

Happy Good Friday! What a supreme paradox. We now call the day Jesus was crucified, Good. Many believe this name simply evolved-as language does. Experts point that the earlier designation, God's Friday, as its root. (This seems a reasonable conjecture, given that goodbye evolved from God be with you.)

Whatever its origin, the current name of this holy day offers a fitting lesson to those of us who assume (as is easy to do) that good must mean happy. We find it hard to imagine a day marked by sadness as a good day.

Of course, the Church has always understood that the day commemorated on Good Friday was anything but happy. Sadness, mourning, fasting, and prayer have been its focus since the early centuries of the church. A fourth-century church manual, called the Apostolic Constitutions, said that Good Friday is a "day of mourning, not a day of festive Joy." St. Ambrose, the fourth-century archbishop of Milan who befriended the notorious sinner (Saint) Augustine of Hippo before his conversion, called it the "day of bitterness on which we fast."

Many Christians have historically kept their churches unlit or draped in dark cloths. Processions of penitents have walked in black robes or carried black-robed statues of Christ and the



Fr. Wilhelm

Virgin Mary. And Christians of every age and time have walked the "Stations of the Cross," praying and singing their way past 14 images representing Jesus' steps along the Via Dolorosa (the road of sorrows) to Golgotha.

Yet, despite-indeed because of-its sadness, Good Friday is truly good. Its sorrow is a godly sorrow. It is like the sadness of the Corinthians who wept over the sharp letter from their dear teacher, Paul the Apostle, convicted of the sin in their midst. Hearing of their distress, Paul said, "My joy was greater than ever" when you turn away from Sin and are convinced of the Love and Mercy of Jesus Christ. The Christians at Corinth start living lives converted through the cross of Jesus. The cross "+" of Christ stands in the middle of all human history as the singular most important event. Might I add it's more important than, Jesus' Birth, miracles, Resurrection, or even His Ascension to the Father in Heaven and of the sending of the Holy Spirit! Important as these spiritual events are the Death of Jesus opened the gates of Heaven; brought forgiveness of the sin of Adam, and for each of us personally brought forgiveness of all of our personal sin in our lives for every Human being that ever lived. Yes, Good Friday, it Good, for the Fact, it changed everything for humanity. Have a blessed Good "GOOD" Friday.

Very Reverend Chad Wilhelm
State Chaplain
North Dakota Knights of Columbus

Culture of Life



Linda & Dennis Meyer

Linda and I were blessed with our fourth grandchild born on February 3. As we held this precious gift of new life in our hands, it brings home the importance of our mission to protect life from conception to natural death. We would like to thank the Knights and their families for supporting the Marches for Life, submitting poster winners on to us for the state poster contest "Every Life is God's work of Art". There is still time to hold a Novena for life with your council and or parish. You can include other Pro-Life groups in your area. Please remember to report this activity to Supreme. Prayers are needed more now than ever with states having passed laws to allow abortion up till the moment the mother is about to give birth, or if the infant were to survive an abortion the mother has the right to kill the child.

The Knights of Columbus have been very active in supporting pro-life pregnancy centers. These centers are changing

their mission to include STD testing and treatment along with pregnancy testing. This allows them to build a relationship with those who are seeking this help. Check your calendar and make plans to attend or host a table for the Pro-Life banquet in your area.

The Silver Rose Program is to be in the state the month of April. This program demonstrates the unity between Knights in Mexico, throughout the USA, to Canada. This program is a rosary centered occasion for Knights and parishioners to pray for a Respect for Life, for the spiritual renewal of the nation, and advancing the message of our Lady of Guadalupe. Planning is now being done on the route but it will be at the state convention in Fargo. Come to convention and lets pray together!

Have a blessed Easter season!

Vivat Jesus!
Dennis and Linda Meyer
Culture of Life Couple



PRO-LIFE PRO-LOVE PRO-GOD

District Master

CASKETS FOR STILLBORN

My Brother Sir Knights:

It is now the first week of March and plans for the State Convention, which will be held in Fargo, are well under way. This 32-degree day is a good one for staying indoors and writing this article for the Discover publication.



Richard Niebauer

The Fourth Degree year has been going well. So far in 2019, a new Assembly has been started in Watford City and we have held six exemplifications bringing in a total of 34 new Sir Knights. There are exemplifications scheduled in Minot and Mandan in the next two months. As of this writing, Assemblies in Mandan, Fargo, West Fargo, Williston, Richardton, & Grand Forks have already reached their membership quotas.

Membership is the toughest requirement to reach to attain Star Assembly. The goals are:

1. Publish a newsletter (copy to the District Master and the Vice Supreme Master).
2. Submit Form 186, report of officers chosen to lead the assembly
3. Complete Fraternal Survey form 1728
4. Complete Form 1315, Annual Audit
5. Meet the Assembly membership goal
6. Earn the Fourth Degree Civic Award
7. Enter the Patriot Award competition

Last year, two Assemblies achieved Star Assembly. It would be great to see more this year. Call me if you need further information or have any questions.

A few of the items on the agenda for the Fourth Degree meeting at the State Convention are:

1. Proper wearing of the uniform
2. What to do with the "old regalia"
3. Proper dress if you are waiting for your uniform

I want to thank Kevin Cowles and Kent Brick for the work they have done as District Marshalls. And, to State Deputy, Jake Werner, and Vice Supreme Master, Glenn Wagner, I would like to express my appreciation for their support of me and the Fourth Degree.

May God bless you all and our Fourth Degree brother Sir Knights who passed away in the last year.

Vivat Jesus,

Richard Niebauer
District Master

This article, by staff writer Andrew Fowler, appeared on the Supreme Council website



It's three in the morning, and Leo Grossman cannot fall asleep. Instead of squirming in bed and waking his wife, Joan, he decides to get up and go to the basement. There, he has a wood-working bench where he builds. What he is making is not simply a hobby. It's not a gift for his wife. It's not something for himself.

He is building 12 by 8 by 4 inch oak caskets for stillborn and miscarried babies.

Grossman is a member of the Harvey (N.D.) Council 5217, and a parishioner of St. Cecilia's Catholic Church. Several religious sisters live in the parish, including Sister Mary Agnes Huber, who works in pastoral care at St. Aloisius Medical Center in town.

Sister Mary Agnes told Grossman of the hospital's need for caskets for stillborn and miscarried babies. She asked the retired Grossman for his help knowing wood-working was his hobby and having seen his "Living Rosary" display in the parish's social center. The rosary is made out of 4 by 4 inch blocks and over 100 feet long.

"When she saw that, she wondered if I could make these caskets and I said, 'Yeah, I'll try it. I'll see what they look like,'" said Grossman.

After he built a sample, Sister Mary Agnes was impressed and asked for 10 more. At that point, Grossman turned to his council for some assistance.

"I approached our council and asked if they would be interested in paying for the supplies to make them, because it takes about \$30 worth of supplies to make one, and they said by all means, that's what we'll do," said Grossman.

The council raised the funds through breakfasts and private donations. Since Sister Mary Agnes' first appeal in the fall of 2017, they have been able to cover the cost of more than 20 caskets. Now, Grossman is building caskets for parishes throughout North Dakota and one in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Because of the council's fundraising, parents who lost a baby do not have to worry about payment. Grossman and the council donate the caskets.

"It makes you feel good because I didn't know there was a need for it," said Grossman. "And once I found out there was, it just feels good to help people and especially when you can you do it for nothing."

Grossman has been approached by several parents who told him funeral homes suggested they bury their stillborn and miscarried babies in a plastic container or cooler.

"I had no idea there was this kind of call for this, there were people who called me and said, 'If only we had had this when my daughter had a miscarriage,'" said Grossman.

The Grossmans understand what these parents are going through. The couple lost their only child, David, when he was killed in a car accident at the age of 15 more than 30 years ago. Grossman now feels that through his work he can help parents through the grieving process.

"My wife and I grieved for a long time, and we always felt that if we could ever help people through this that would be a good feeling," said Grossman. "That's the reason, I guess, I'm doing this is that — to help other people."

Grossman's work to give babies a dignified burial is just one way that Knights of Columbus show their commitment to helping others understand, value and cultivate respect for the human person, both in life and after death. He often attends the services at the local cemetery, where there is a row of graves, with small headstones, etched with "Baby" and their surname.

"We are put on this earth to bury our dead," said Grossman. "We've got to prove our point too, life starts at conception."

"Unload and Rewind"

The Belfield Knights of Columbus Council 6310, along with the Belfield Catholic Daughters Court Our Mother of Perpetual Help 2148, are planning the upcoming Seminarian Getaway. This event is very well received by the seminarians and they requested us to do it again. They would rather come out and spend some time with us and do the prairie dog shoot than receive financial help. So this year proceeds from the fish fries will go to help fund the Getaway. The "Unload and Rewind" event will be on June 19th and 20th. The seminarians will arrive Wednesday night. They will have morning mass, then go out with local guides to shoot prairie dogs on Thursday. The group meal will be Thursday evening, the 20th. That meal will be open to all with a free will offering to help cover expenses. If you wish to help out with the expenses of this event, please send checks payable to Belfield Knights of Columbus, PO Box 562 Belfield, ND 58622, memo Seminarian Getaway.

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can be found on the
North Dakota
Knights of Columbus website.
www.nd-kofc.org

Awards / Reports

Brother Knights,
The State Deputy Award of Excellence takes 1800 points which are earned by submitting your monthly reports. North Dakota has 99 councils with 13 suspended, 44 Councils not reporting at all.



Michael Matejcek

There are 42 Councils doing a GREAT job, Thanks and 13 Councils trying. The Program Director is responsible for the monthly reporting, with the Grand Knight making sure it is getting done.

The Supreme Reports are also very important. Form F185 Report of Officers Chosen was due 7/1/2018, as of 3/1/2019 14 Councils have not submitted this report. Form F365 Service Program Personal Report due 8/1/2018 with 38 councils not reporting as of 3/1/2019. Form F1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity due 1/31/2019 with 35 councils not reporting. Form 1295, the Semi Annual Council Audit Report due 8/15/2018 has 18 councils not reporting.

Thank you to the Councils getting it done and the other councils still have time to get the reports in.

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(RSVP) Refund Support Vocations Program

Brother Knights,
I would like to thank all the councils that have been so generous in their donations to our seminarians. So far this fraternal year I have received reports of almost \$45,000 being given to our seminarians.



Michael Kreitinger

Please remember to report your RSVP donations to me so we can track our state's numbers. In order to receive your RSVP refund you will need to also submit your RSVP Report to Supreme. Any time of year is a great time to give a donation to a seminarian as they have expenses throughout the year. So consider giving your gift any time during the year that you are able. You never know when your gift may be the answer to a seminarian's prayer.

A list of seminarians from each diocese and their mailing address can be found on the state KC website with the downloads.

Vivat Jesus!
Michael Kreitinger
Faith Activities Co-Chair/RSVP Chairman

Membership Director

Hello Brother Knights,
How is your Council, Parish, Community doing? Is your Council growing to help your Parish and Community grow and prosper? How can the State help you grow your Council? We still have time this year!



Brian Heger

Have you worked with Supreme to get your Council landing page set up? The new online membership is another great opportunity to get guys into the Knights and converted to your Council.

Have you held a membership blitz in your Parish? Thoughts for a Sunday membership drive: Have Knights and their families cover the ministries for Mass(s) that day. Ask the 4th Degree to do a stand for that Mass. Join forces that day with the Catholic Daughters, Ladies circles, or whatever group the ladies have at your Parish. Serve free popcorn and/or rootbeer floats to all to entice them to come and visit with Brother Knights. Then simply ask them to join!

Setting up a Roundtable in a Parish close to yours without a Council could possibly increase your membership. You probably have a member of your Council already a member of that Parish! It is very easy to do!

Let's all work together to see what we can do to grow the Knights of Columbus in North Dakota.

God Bless,
Brian Heger
State Membership Director

Pray for our Priests

THE TIME HAS COME



Clarence J. Fischer

On June 30, 2019 I will have completed ten years as the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild Chairman. In addition, this is my fiftieth year of serving in some capacity with the State Knights of Columbus Family. Feeling that the time has come, I notified State Deputy Jake Werner that I will not accept another appointment. It has been a wonderful ride and I have enjoyed every position that I have had the good fortune to serve in. A special thank you to all that have been so faithful in helping me promote the cause for sainthood for our Founder through the Guild and the 1,330 from North Dakota that have joined. Father Gabriel O'Donnell, the Guild Director, is always asking us to pray that Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney will soon be beatified. This would be the next step in his cause for eventual sainthood.

With beatification he would be called Blessed Michael J. McGivney. In 2008 the Vatican bestowed on him the title of venerable. A miracle through his intercession is now needed for his cause to move on to the next level. An extraordinary medical event is currently being investigated at the Vatican which we hope and pray will be accepted as miraculous.

The guild is set up to promote the cause for canonization. I encourage all of you not yet members to step forward and join. It is free, you are enrolled in a weekly mass and you receive a bimonthly newsletter, except July and August, giving you information on the status of the cause and reports of favors received through Father McGivney's intercession.

Joining the guild is easy. If you have access to the internet just key in fathermcgivney.org and then click on Join the Guild. Enter your name (and your wife's) and your address. If you would like, I would be happy to do it for you. Just give me your information at the contact information below.

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Ceremonials

Can you believe that our fraternal year is less than 3 months from being over! Our membership drive continues up to the end, June 30th. If you would still like to host a major degree, all it takes is a call to me or our State Deputy and it will be scheduled.

The formation teams and the CO's throughout the State have been doing an outstanding job in covering everyone's request. A big THANK YOU to these people that continue giving of themselves to promote the Knights of Columbus. Remember, you can go one step further and become a member of the Patriotic degree the fourth degree.

Glenn Wagner
Ceremonial Chairman

2019 CEREMONIAL SCHEDULE

April 6	Lidgerwood
May 5	Mandan
May 18	LaMoure

A Busy Month At Council #11930...

Lots Of Good Stuff Going On

Our council found itself with a really busy month of activity including the typical activities such as business and officer meetings on 2/4, and 2/21. But we were also involved in conducting the Free Throw contest at Shanley High School on 2/15 where kids in most age groups participated.

It was also our turn for Perpetual Rosary for Life, which we said on February 20th and 21st. These are always very special Rosaries especially with a nice attendance.

Our monthly pancake breakfast for this month hit on 2/24 and raised money for the Special Olympics, we had a nice crowd even during the blizzard.

Additionally, we had a blood drive on 2/17 which was well organized with a large team of Knights (approx..27) calling parishioners at Sts. Anne and Joachim throughout February prior to the drive filling the appointments. This is a great event that gives people an opportunity to volunteer their time, and provide lifesaving blood to patients across the Midwest.

Special thanks to John Clark and Grant Dahl for organizing this event.

Building Caskets



Monsignor O'Neill Assembly 1549 Harvey North Dakota have completed more caskets for the stillborn or miscarried babies. These are to be shipped to Sulfur, Louisiana, Burnsville, Minnesota and Williston, North Dakota. Pictured holding the caskets are Curt Joern and Leo Grossman.

Council 2760 Annual Festival



Mandan Council 2760 held their 4th annual KC Festival on October 27th 2018. A full menu of pulled pork, coleslaw, potato salad, beans and homemade desserts were served.

The big draw was the craft beer tasting of 10 different beers and 5 different wines. Entertainment for the evening was a silent auction room and also present was a DJ for dancing into the night.

A check for the net proceeds from the event, to benefit St. Joseph Church and School, was presented to Father Josh Waltz in the amount of \$11,603.00.

Council 2760 is very proud of this event and thankful to everyone who helped make it a success.

Cooperstown Council Supports Food Pantry



Council 13670 Cooperstown donated \$500.00 to the Food for Life Food Pantry in Cooperstown. Receiving the check from Grand Knight Leon Paczkowski is Farrah Saxberg, food pantry representative.



Grant Dahl and John Clark working at the blood drive.

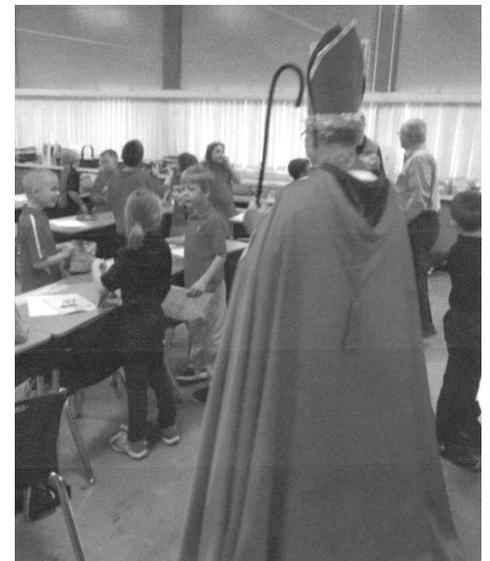
Fourth Degree Fundraiser



Harvey Msgr. O'Neill Assembly 1549 had a fundraiser breakfast for a new building at St. Margaret's Church in Drake. Faithful Comptroller Daryl Flagen presented a check for \$1000.00 to Dawn Kuntz, chairperson for the event.

When life
gets too
hard
to stand
kneel

St. Nicholas Day



Deacon Bob Zent and Past State Deputy Ron Tessier from Dickinson St. Wenceslaus Council 8838 are handing out candy bags to the children at Trinity Elementary East for St. Nicholas Day.

Honor Guard Stand



4th Degree Knights from Cooperstown, Jessie, Aneta and Finley had an Honor Guard Stand at all four parishes for Christmas Masses. This picture was taken at St. George's Catholic Church in Cooperstown. Front row: Knight James Zimprich, Deacon Wallace Dahlman, Fr. Dale Kinzler, Altar Server Isaac Smith, Faithful Navigator Randy Ressler. Back Row: Faithful Script Dan Heinz, District Deputy Greg Hazard, Faithful Purser Leon Paczkowsii, Knight Larry Ressler.

Welcome Table



Dickinson Knights of Columbus Council 8839, represented by Jane Mikkelsen, Shagg Jahner, Darlyne Brudvig—Welcome Table's meal coordinator, Pat Bren and Tom Jahner prepare garlic toast with lasagna for a Welcome Table meal. Welcome Table is a Soup Kitchen at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

(Picture courtesy Linda Sailer/The Dickinson Press)

Mother's Day Brunch

Mandan Knights of Columbus Council 2760 will be hosting a Mother's Day Celebration Brunch on Sunday, May 12th at St. Joseph's School in Mandan, Menu will include Omelets, Brats, Hotdogs, Chicken Alfredo, Fruit, Dessert, Beverages and more!



SOUP FOR SEMINARIANS

Saint Patrick's Parish Council 1515 Dickinson started a "Soup for Seminarians" program in the fall of 2017 and carried it through the winter of 2018. The program consists of the Knights getting together on Saturday morning of the scheduled "Soup for Seminarians" weekend and prepare homemade kneaphla soup and bread sticks to sell after the Saturday evening Mass and also for the Sunday morning Masses. In the 2017-2018 soup season, we were able to donate 5,218.00 dollars to our Bismarck Diocese Seminarian general fund. This was our trial year for the program and it was well received throughout our parish and community.

We have made a change to the program this year; the council has decided to send the proceeds from the "Soup for Seminarians" project to the Knights of Columbus RSVP Program for our seminarians in the state. I would like to share the average soup-making day with you for our "Soup for Seminarians" program.

Allen Klein is the program chair and orders all the needed ingredients for our soup. St. Patrick's Parish graciously allows us to use their Garvin Hall kitchen for preparing the soup. Here is the time line for the day:

9:30am- Allen arrives and gets the ingredients unloaded and ready to be cut up and used.

10:00 am- The cutting crew arrives usually 8-9 Knights from Council 1515

10:00 am-2:00 pm- Ingredients are cut and soup is then prepared 5 gallons per batch (25 gallons made), While the rest of the soup is still being cooked; the Knights begin putting the cooler soup into the quart containers for sale. Usually the last of the soup is put into quart containers by 2:00 pm. About half the crew is finished for the day of soup making.

2:00pm-3:00pm- The bread sticks come out of the freezer to reach room temperature. Baker Boy has supported our efforts as well; they been very gracious with their prices for the bread sticks we purchase from them and will donate a case of bread to our cause as well.

3:00 pm- Bread goes into the oven and is browned.

3:30 pm- Bread is cooled and put into bags (4 per bag).

4:30 pm- Mass.

5:30 pm- Sell warm soup and bread sticks.

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am- Sell cold soup and bread after Mass.

Our Knights in Killdeer at St. Joseph's Parish did not waste any time in joining the cause either. Brother Knight Doug Dukart is the program chair in Killdeer and asked if they could get supplies to sell at their parish as well. We got his needed supplies to him and they are now a huge part of the "Soup for Seminarians" program's success.

To date, this year, we have raised over 2,700 dollars and have been able to do five RSVP scholarships to our local seminarians; and we are not done with our soup season for the year. If all goes well we will be able to give eight or nine scholarships for the year for about 4500 dollars. Last year and this year-combined man hours have been about 420 hours of effort between the Killdeer and Dickinson Knights. Combined profits to date is about 7,918.00 dollars.

Vivat Jesus!

Allen Klein, Council 1515

Support Penny House Youth Center in Harvey



Daryl Flagen, Faithful Comptroller of Harvey Msgr. O'Neill Assembly 1549, presents a check for \$500 to the Penny House board members. Pictured L to R is Casey Faul, Dixie Posey, Bethany Anderson, Daryl Flagen, Grace Schiller, Ben Swamy and Macy Olson.

The Harvey Knights of Columbus held a breakfast after mass with the proceeds going to the Penny House. Members of the Penny House helped serve the breakfast. The Penny House is a youth center in Harvey which provides a place for students in grades 7 - 12 to go to after school. They provide computers, study areas, games, pool tables and other recreational equipment. There is no charge to the students. On Wednesdays they hold bible study and close early so they may attend their church activities. The greatness of the center is that it is organized by the students, operated by the students and operated under strict set of rules developed by the members. They are financially self-supporting. They have adult board members and directors. We find it a worthy youth organization to support because of the religious convictions of the members and the goals that they live by.

Marion Icon Program

Dear Brother Knights and Ladies,

I hope everyone is surviving the long winter of snow and cold weather that we are having. A change in weather would be nice.

The new schedule for the Icon Program has been sent out. We have made a schedule for the councils that were missed at the beginning of the council year to allow all the councils to have the Icon in their Parishes.



Harvey Bren

Thank you to all the District Deputies for all your help in making sure the icon goes from council to council. Hopefully it is on schedule to all the councils. Remember to fill out the booklet that goes along with the Icon. That is the way we can keep track of how the prayer service was attended and what different Councils did. Also remember to put the prayer booklets back in the case when you are done using them.

Councils, remember the Perpetual Rosary Schedule for Vocations and Respect of Life. Please remember to pray the rosary on the day you are assigned. This is very important, for if you miss your day of Perpetual Rosary, it is not Perpetual. All District Deputies are asked to make sure each Council knows when it is their turn.

If you have any questions about the Icon or Perpetual Rosary Program, call me, Harvey Bren, at 701-483-9886. We will enjoy seeing you all at the State Convention in April in Fargo.

Faith Activities Co-Chairman
Marion Icon Program
Harvey Bren

State Warden/State Program Director

Brother Knights,

In a few short months, the fraternal year already comes to an end. Looking back, there have been a lot of good changes within the order. We moved away from the Surge With Service programs and replaced them with the Faith In Action programs. We have already learned a lot, and we'll continue to learn these new programs. Thank you for being patient as we have implemented these changes this past year.

I encourage each council to check out the Knights of Columbus Website at www.kofc.org. Click "Programs" to utilize some great resources that the Supreme Office provides for us. Also, I recommend signing up for the webinar trainings. These are excellent tools to help each Brother Knight and his council with the new programs.

I do understand that all of the new programs can be overwhelming, but I'd like to share a great way to simplify them. When I visited a council this past year, the chaplain had great things to say about the Faith in Action programs. He asked his council to pick one program from each category, research what needs to be done, and do it right. Next year, they'll pick another one and do the same thing. This is a great method that needs to be shared within each council in the state.

With the fraternal year ending, we also continue to focus on Star Councils. Remember that in order to be a Star Council, you must complete and submit all required forms.

You must also complete the required safe environment training and background checks. Additionally, the Columbian Award application is due by June 30th. This new form and all forms can be found on the supreme website I mentioned before.

Again, I sincerely thank each council for its patience with the new Faith in Action model. If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call me.

Vivat Jesus!

Brian Dukart
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Brian Dukart

Vice Supreme Master

How do we compare with our neighbors is a question that we have every now and again. I have the answer for our 4th degree. As of March 1st, North Dakota has 24 assemblies and has held 6 exemplifications bringing in 50 members and 3 more exemplifications scheduled for 45% of quota. South Dakota has 17 assemblies and has held 4 exemplifications bringing in 45 members with 1 more exemplification scheduled for 49% of quota. Montana has 16 assemblies and has held 1 exemplification bringing in 5 new members with 2 more exemplifications scheduled for 8% of quota. Wyoming has 12 assemblies and has held 2 exemplifications bringing in 29 new members with 1 more exemplification scheduled for 53% of quota. That totals 69 assemblies in the DeSmet Province that I oversee. Thanks to the Masters that do all the leg work for me.

On a separate note, the DeSmet Province will be honored to supply Sir Knights for the Supreme convention in Minneapolis this coming August. Sir Knight Brian Heger has been appointed to do the leg work and get members committed for this event. If you are interested in becoming part of this event, contact Brian.

Are you supporting your Priest by covering the expense to send him to the Supreme convention? We have been able to do a 2-day event to have our Priest experience a Supreme Convention. Contact Glenn Wagner if interested.

Glenn Wagner
VSM of DeSmet



Glenn Wagner

Raffle Drawing will be held at the State Convention on Saturday, April 27, 2019

**Grand Prize:
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**Forgive and you
will be forgiven**
Luke 6:37



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“Master, it is good that we are here!”

As I write these words, we are into our second week of the season of Lent. My hope and prayer for each of you is that your Lenten journey has gotten off to a great start and that through your chosen Lenten discipline your love and desire for Jesus is increasing! Very simply, that is what the season of Lent is all about.



Fr. Shannon Lucht

From the moment the ashes were placed on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday, we were reminded of the necessity of turning away from our sinfulness so that we could more fully embrace the Gospel. That challenge, as we all know, is not easy. While we certainly want Heaven, we don't want the struggle that goes along with it. We certainly want to share in the Resurrection, but we sure don't want the Cross.

Our Lord shows us that the Cross is not the end of the story. Resurrection follows! Christ is victorious over the Cross. And if we choose Him and stay connected to Him and unite our own crosses to His, then yes, we too will be victorious with Jesus. But Jesus' way to victory is ours: through the Cross to the Resurrection. Likewise, our season of Lent leads us to Easter!

I mentioned the idea that through our Lenten discipline, our hearts are to grow in desire for our Lord. I want to share with you one particular and unexpected way I have recognized this increase in desire for Jesus in my own life.

With the difficult winter weather many in North Dakota have been experiencing, travel at times has been impossible. In fact, we've had to cancel Sunday Mass more than once in my parishes because of dangerous conditions or impassable roads. After two weeks of not being able to have Mass at one of my rural parishes and missing one week in another parish because of bad weather, we were able to gather for the Second Sunday of Lent. While it was certainly heartwarming to see my parishioners, it was even more inspiring to see the longing and desire and joy on their faces to be able to receive Jesus again at Mass! And then as if to sum up what I was noticing and feeling, St. Peter spoke the following words to Jesus in the Gospel reading for that Sunday: “Master, it is good that we are here!”

How privileged we are, my brother Knights, to have the Holy Mass! How privileged we are at the Mass to be able to receive Jesus in His Word and in the Eucharist to nourish us and strengthen us. May we ask our Lord to increase in our hearts a greater desire for and love of the Mass. And at each Mass may we, with the words of St. Peter, say from our hearts, “Master, it is good that we are here!”

Vivat Jesus!
Fr. Shannon Lucht
Assistant State Chaplain

Council 13670 Fish Fry



Council 13670 Cooperstown held a fish fry March 22nd in Jessie, ND, population 25 at St Lawrence Catholic Church Hall and served over 225 Satisfied people.

ND K of C Foundation Golf Tournament

The 17th annual North Dakota Knights of Columbus Foundation Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, August 9, 2019 at the beautiful CrossRoads Golf Course in Carrington, North Dakota. The tournament will be a 18 hole scramble format. There will be four people to a team and teams may be all male, all female or co-ed. Registration will start at 10:30 AM, with a shotgun start at 11:15 AM. Registration fee will be \$50 per person or \$200 per team. This registration fee will entitle a golfer to green fees, a meal following the tournament, chance for hole prizes and chance for team cash prizes. Golf carts are not included in the entry fee, but may be reserved at the Cross-Roads Country Club by calling 701-652-2601.

All net proceeds from this tournament will go into the treasury of the North Dakota Foundation of the Knights of Columbus. These funds will then be used to help the seminarians as they prepare for the Priesthood. So get a team together and help in this very important cause and at the same time have some fun on the golf course. The registration form for this golf tournament will be in this issue of the Discover magazine. So get your team together, fill out the form and mail the completed form with the registration fee to Duane Zwinger, 3790 25th Street South #15, Fargo, ND 58104.

Do this early as the tournament will be limited to the first 36 teams that register and pay their fee.

Just one final comment regarding the golf tournament. You will recall that we have had some bad luck regarding the weather during our tournament in the past. We can't guarantee that this will not happen again, but hope not!!!!

Last year as you will recall, the weather was very nice. We had a full tournament (36 teams). The tournament made a net profit of over \$11,000. Very, very successful. We want to thank all teams that were at our tournaments in the past and hope to see you again this year.

TOURNAMENT SPONSORSHIP

The board decided to have hole sponsors as a means of earning money for the Foundation. The businesses, councils, assemblies or individuals that want to sponsor a hole may do so for a fee of \$200. For this donation you will have your business, council, assembly or individual name place on a sign by a hole. You may also be a tournament sponsor with a donation of \$50 or \$100. The Board of Directors at their last meeting decided to add another tier of sponsorship for the tournament. This tier will be called Platinum. For this donation you will get a banner made and placed in the clubhouse the day of the tournament for special recognition. All sponsors will be listed on a SPONSOR SHEET available at the tournament. So if your business, council, assembly or an individual wants to sponsor, let Duane Zwinger know of your wishes. Send him your ad and your money.

So we need the help of all Knights of Columbus Councils and Assemblies and their members to make this golf tournament a success again. You can do this by being in the golf tournament or by being a sponsor. Help make this the best Foundation Golf Tournament ever. See you on the golf course.

Duane Zwinger, Chairman

**17th Annual
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4 Person Scramble Golf Tournament
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CrossRoads Golf Course-Carrington, ND

Registration starting at 10:30 AM / Shotgun Start at 11:15 AM

Entry Fee: \$50 a person/\$200 a team

Includes Green Fees, Prizes and Supper - Golf Carts available for rent @ 701-652-2601

Cash Team Prizes: \$1200-Team Prize Money (prizes may vary slightly based on entries)

Hole Prizes: (Contest on each hole) **HOLE-IN-ONE** Contests on the par three holes as well

Register Early-Only 36 Teams-Deadline: August 5, 2019

NAME _____ PHONE _____

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Send registration to: Duane Zwinger, 3790 25th Street South #15, Fargo, ND 58104

Or call 701-650-9697 or email dzwinger@midco.net

Visit Crossroads Golf & Recreation Parkway @ <http://www.crossroadsgolf.com>

HOME ON THE RANGE

**By Jolene Obrigewitch
Development Director**

Home On The Range is a temporary home that offers safety, therapy and spiritual guidance for troubled youth from North Dakota. Home On The Range is located on 1,400 acres of beautiful farmland in southwestern North Dakota. Overlooking the campus is Cassidy Hill where both Fathers Cassidy and Fahnländer watch over the children and staff. Home On The Range is a place where



Josh Helvik

children can experience peace and serenity from the quiet and open landscape.

The Home On The Range Holy Family Chapel is a small room at the end of the dorm, but emits a remarkable amount of peace, tranquility, honesty and forgiveness. Josh Helvik, the new Pastoral Assistant, oversees the spiritual department and all its activities and groups.

“We have several activities each week all developed with the concern for our resident’s spiritual well-being,” stated Josh. “Because our residents come to us sometimes with no spiritual background, we work hard to meet each of their needs spiritually.”

Twice a month we have a group that comes from the Spirit of Life Church in Dickinson. They lead worship and praise in the Chapel and have a time of teaching and Bible instruction. The children have been watching the mini-series called the Bible and are now watching the follow up to The Bible called A.D. We have found that this helps our residents to learn of Bible stories that many never have had the opportunity to learn when growing up.

We hold a grief support and prayer group for the girls. We discuss loss and

tragedies that have happened in their lives. They learn the overcoming power of prayer and how through Christ we can do all things. The residents learn biblical perspectives of dealing with loss in life. This time has been a blessing to those that attend.

They learn how to support each other as they struggle with grief and loss and they learn to pray for one another and share each other’s burdens.

We also have a chapel service for all our residents so they can learn the Gospel. We teach the benefits of having a relationship with Christ. They learn about the love of God and faith for being successful in life. Father Dan Berg comes once a month during our chapel time for Mass.



Fr. Dan Berg

We have started taking some boys to a local youth group to help them develop their spiritually. We also have a Bible study for the boys. During this time, they discuss struggles in their lives and learn what the Bible has to say in those areas. This helps those who would like to explore Christianity and develop their faith.

“We are always looking for residents we feel would do well at SEARCH in Medora,” stated Josh. “Our hopes are to be able to have some of them attend in the near future. We also plan on introducing interested residents to the Stations of the Cross in the Chapel.”

The impact the spiritual experience has on our children is life-changing, as stated by this recent testimonial. *“Before I got to HOTR I had no relationship with God. But since I have been here, I have formed a relationship with him. Ever since I have developed this relationship with God, I feel happier with life. Because of HOTR I have faith and will continue to build on that faith when I leave HOTR. If it wasn’t for HOTR I wouldn’t even be thinking about God. I would be still struggling and doing bad if I didn’t have Jesus in my life now.”* HOTR Resident

Sometimes, it’s not the group or a priest who makes an impression on our children, but an employee who passionately believes in Jesus and his saving Grace. *“God effected my view point at life since coming to Home on the Range. I never looked at the positives in life. The staff in the spiritual program started talking to me more about Jesus, and what he is capable of. I wanted that in my life so I really started looking into what God was all about. I started a relationship and I realized that all of the obstacles i have in my life are actually opportunities. I am so very thankful for Josh (staff/ spiritual programs) and God. My life right now has turned around!”* HOTR resident

Home On The Range relies on the generous donations from individuals, organizations and groups to sustain the vitality of the spiritual department. Another way to support the spiritual department is by participating as a golfer or sponsor of the golf tournament. The tournament is June 30 at Bully Pulpit in Medora. For more information, feel free to contact Josh at joshh@hotrmd.com. All the proceeds from the golf tournament are given to the spiritual department to encourage the spiritual growth and involvement of teenage boys and girls.

Home On The Range is a special project supported by the North Dakota Knights of Columbus. Home On The Range is licensed to care for 36 boys and girls, ages 12 – 19. The facility is under the Auspices of the Catholic Diocese of Bismarck and is located near the town of Sentinel Butte. For more information or to make a tax-deductible contribution to support the children’s spiritual development, visit www.hotrmd.com.

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Honoring Veterans



Pictured are Mike Waldock, Curt Joern, and Daryl Flagen from Msgr. O’Neill Assembly 1549 Harvey. The Assembly recently took over placing flags on the graves of about 200 veterans at Saint Cecilia’s Cemetery at Harvey. This will become a yearly project for Assembly 1549.



About ND Knights of Columbus Foundation

The mission the North Dakota Knights of Columbus Foundation is to provide financial assistance for religious, educational and charitable programs of the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus in North Dakota.

<http://nd-kofc.org/foundation.html>

Our Goals

- To encourage Knights, their families and friends to be partners through prayer and gifts. This partnership is based on shared devotion and commitment to the mission of the Catholic Church.
- To be good stewards of the resources given to us, so that in an appropriate and responsible way, we can carry out the first principle of our Order, which is charity.

What are the Benefits of Giving?

In addition to the gift being tax deductible, any contributor who gives a gift in the name of a living or deceased person will have that person remembered at a **weekly Mass offered at Assumption Abbey** in Richardton, ND, indefinitely.

- **Memorial Cards** are appropriate for deceased family members or friends.
- **All Occasion Cards** are used as birthday or anniversary gifts, as get well wishes or on other occasions.
- **Christmas Cards** are a gift that will truly last forever.
- **Pledge Cards** are used to make donation to the Foundation that can be paid over several years.

All our cards are available at no charge from any Foundation board member.

In What Ways Can You Contribute?

In addition to the use of the memorial, all occasion and Christmas cards outlined at the left, the Foundation can be remembered in the following ways:

- Cash contributions or pledges paid over a period of time.
- Purchase a life insurance policy making the Foundation the owner or beneficiary. If owner, any premiums paid are tax deductible.
- Remember the Foundation in your will. Many people find it desirable and possible to make charitable bequest after adequately providing for the needs of loved ones. You can give a percentage of your estate, a specified dollar amount, or property.
- Our foundation charitable gift annuity program provides an excellent opportunity to support our mission while enjoying a fixed income for life.
- With a \$10,000 contribution or greater, the Foundation will set up a plan in the donor's name and he/she can select where the earnings of this contribution should go annually in their name, as long as it is consistent with our mission.

Why Should You Give To The Foundation?

Contributions to a Foundation are not spent, so it is a gift that keeps on giving. Many of us have many blessings, and much to be thankful for. One way to show our appreciation for these blessings is to share them so that others who are in need can be helped. This can easily be done through the Knights of Columbus Foundation.

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