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## State Deputy's Message

### Brothers Knights,

I would like to begin by thanking all of you for your confidence in selecting me as your new State Deputy. It was an honor for my wife Deb and I to represent the State of North Dakota at the Supreme Convention in Balti-



Jake Werner

more. As you may have heard, next year's Supreme Convention will be held in Minneapolis, MN, our next door neighbor. As such, I would like to encourage all of you who have never been able to attend a Supreme Convention to attend as a delegate or non-delegate. Or, at the least, drive over for the day to hear our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's Annual Report and join in the pageantry of the State's Dinner. I can guarantee it will be worth the drive!

Our State will be receiving two new Icons this year representing "Our Lady Help of Persecuted

Christians". These Icons will travel from parish to parish across the state to raise awareness, show solidarity, and inspire support for persecuted Christians. As soon as they arrive, our State Program Director, Brian Dukart, and Marian Icon Program Chairman, Harvey Bren, will develop a schedule for their distribution. I encourage all of you to visit and familiarize yourselves with the Marion Icon Prayer Program on the Supreme website.

As this year progresses, I look forward to visiting councils and districts across the state. If you have a particular function you would like me to attend, please call or email me, and I will make every effort to be there with you, or have one of our State Council Officers attend to represent the State family.

Vivat Jesus!

Jake Werner State Deputy North Dakota

## **State Chaplain**

#### DOES ANYONE READ THESE ARTICLES?



How does a good K of C Council work at a beginning of a fraternal year? This is the answer.....when a Grand Knight makes an appointment with the Chaplain or Pastor and talk about the council! In my last article I asked a favor.....would each Grand Knight contact me and to let me know that they met with the pastor or Chaplain. Tell me about your meeting.

Fr. Wilhelm

Soooooooooooooooo....... I'm going to ask one more time. My email is <u>chad.wilhelm@fargodiocese.org</u>. I would like

you to tell me how your meeting went, and what spiritual goals you made for the council for the next year.

I have been a Council Chaplain for 24 years, and I served these councils from the following parishes: St. Michael, Grand Forks, Sacred Heart, Sanborn, St. Mary, Courtney (St. Boniface, Wimbledon), St. Aloysius, Lisbon, St. Joseph, Devils Lake, and St. Marys Cathedral, Fargo, AND I HAVE ONLY MET 7 times with my Grand Knight! DEPORABLE!

Therefore, in my articles, I am going to report to you how many of our Grand Knights who have heroically made a visit with their chaplain or pastor. It is up to each of you to make the Knight of Columbus a spiritually and vibrant successful in your area. Thank you for reading my article, and I hope your name appears in my articles.

I have served 21 years as your State Chaplain of North Dakota and what a joy it has been, please help in making our Fraternal Year be a successful year of Knights in Charity.

Fr. Chad Wilhelm State Chaplain chad.wilhelm@fargodiocese.org

## 136th Supreme Convention



Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Carl Anderson pledged the fraternal organization's continued efforts to aid and rebuild persecuted Christian communities in the Middle East.

A new pilgrim icon, "Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians," will travel from parish-to-parish across the country to raise awareness, show solidarity, and inspire support for persecuted Christians.

#### North Dakota delegates and guests gather before the States Dinner



FRONT ROW: Fr. Shannon Lucht, Most Rev. John Folda, Fr. Chad Wilhelm SECOND ROW: Dixie Wagner, Janet Hildebrand, Cynthia Boehm, Deb Werner, Teresa Steiner, Edith Schall, Jeanie Diechert, Dana Kingsley BACK ROW: Judy & Richard Niebauer, Kevin Boehm, State Deputy Jake Werner, Mike Steiner, Larry Lewandowski, Brian Kingsley. (not pictured: Glenn Wagner VSM, Dennis Hildebrand and Pete Dichert who were preparing to represented ND in the Fourth Degree Honor Guard.)

## **McGivney Guild**

### AND SO WE CONTINUE ON



Clarence J.

I said "yes" to our new State Deputy Jake Werner. His question was. "will you serve again as Fr. McGivney Guild Chairman." We

currently have 1281 guild members Dakota. My job is to in North increase this number. This is a shared responsibility. It is my job to invite you to join and it is your job to invitation. AND SO, accept the TOGETHER, WE CONTINUE ON.

The cause for the canonization of our Founder, the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, is ongoing in Rome. A second reported miracle is currently under review. By joining you help spread the good news about Father McGivney, his holiness and the power of his intercession. My heart is touched as I read about answered prayers to Father McGivney in the bimonthly newsletter, which you receive as a member. This **newsletter** keeps you up to date on the progress of the cause. In addition, as a member you are enrolled in a weekly mass at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, CT and there is no charge to join.

Membership is open not only to members, but also to family and friends. Joining is easy. If you have access to the internet go to fathermcgivney.org, click on "join the guild" and fill in your name and address. If you prefer, I would be happy to do it for you.

Just email your name and address to cjhmfisch@bis.midco.net or mail to 1833 N 7th Street Bismarck, ND 58501-1817 or call me at 701-223-7809.

Vivat Jesus! Clarence J. Fischer Fr. McGivney Guild Chairman

## Membership

Worthy Brother & Sir Knights,

I'm looking forward to serving as your Membership Director along with the rest of the Membership committee chairs this year. Together our goal is to help you grow your Council in Faith and Action!



Brian Heger

One of the new ways to achieve that this year is through the new on-line membership opportunity. What a great way to bring Catholic men into our Councils. Go to KofC.org to check out how it works.

This year's membership recruitment incentives are:

<u>Messenger Bag</u> – for recruiting one new member

<u>Bluetooth Speaker</u> – for recruiting two new members

ND State KofC Jacket – for recruiting three new members

Our State Deputy Jake along with myself and/or another Committee member of the State team will have samples of these incentives at all the State Deputy meetings being held through the State.

Reminder to send me a copy of the completed form 100 that you send to Supreme! This is the only way to track State Incentives.

So, in closing let's all work together to grow our Council, Districts, and State Membership to help build the Domestic Church and fulfill this through putting our Faith in Action. A quote from our MPC Joe Ramirez: MORE Knights bring MORE hands (& hearts) to raise MORE funds (& evangelize) doing GOD's good work helping MORE people in need! Well said!

Vivat Jesus,

Brian Heger State Membership Director

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Knights of Columbus website.
www.nd-kofc.org

### LaMoure Council 6752



Rhea C. is a down syndrome two year old who has medical complications and her mother has been struggling with mounting bills from numerous hospital stays. Rhea is a lively little girl who is full of life and we hope and pray that she can be healthy and happy.

As a prolife project, LaMoure Council 6752 sponsored a breakfast fundraiser after Mass on May 6th at the Holy Rosary Catholic Parish Center. The community of LaMoure was invited and \$2000 was collected for them.

## Harvey Assembly 1549 Good Friday Honor Guard



Monsignor O'Neil Assembly 1549 Honor Guard for Good Friday Services at St. Cecilia's Church in Harvey. L. to R.-Father Frank Miller, Don Wininger, Ron Cartwright, Leo Grossman, Curt Joern, Tony Prom, Emanuel Volk, Randy Axtman.

The Tomb was set up by Sir Knight Curt and Linda Joren.



## **Knights of Columbus Insurance**

Brother Knights and Families,



Pat Dolan

Time waits for no man (or woman!), and here we are at another Knights of Columbus convention. It has been 4 years since LuAnn and I took over the Agency and the time has really just flown by.

We continue to proudly serve our Brother Knights and their families with what continues to be the best insurance product in the industry.

On the local front, we continue to build the Agency and filling some areaFourth Des that need help, and we are so thankful to have the fine men who work very hard to serve our members in our great state of North Dakota. In 2017, our agents issued over 800 new life insurance policies on members and their families with protection amount of nearly \$100 million.

Order wide was yet another record year for Life Insurance volume sales with \$8.78 Billion of new Life Insurance issued. This record makes 17 consecutive years of sales records...unheard of in the Industry as a whole, but becoming commonplace with the Knights field force. Not only did our Field Agents

place more insurance than previous years, but did so in an ethical fashion. In February, we were recognized as one of the "Worlds Most Ethical Company" for the 5th year in a row by the Ethisphere Institute.

"We remain committed to our founding vision of protecting the financial future of Catholic families," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "We offer top-quality financial protection provided by professionals who are brother Knights, who share our values and who act on them."

So as another Fraternal year is cruising by, we continue to be blessed with some fine Field Agents who are here to serve our members of what is the largest catholic fraternal service organization in the world. What a great combination! Once again we look forward to visiting with you at this convention and a sincere Thank you for your continued support of Knights of Columbus Insurance.

Sincerely & Fraternally, Pat Dolan, General Agent For more information contact me: 701-298-9922 www.kofcdolanagency.com

## **Program**

Greetings Brother Knights,

I am excited to serve as the program chairman this year. With the new fraternal year comes a new and exciting program model. The Faith



Brian Dukart

in Action Program model has four areas: Faith, Community, Family and Life. With these changes come new activities along with some of the old activities that we are accustomed to. There are some program activities that are required in order to make Star Council. These are as follows: (Faith) – Spiritual Reflection Program; (Family) – Consecration to the Holy Family; (Community) – Helping Hands/Homeless Assistance Program; and (Life) – Novena for Life. Please refer to the program book for more information on each new program activity.

A new monthly program report form was rolled out at the beginning of August to reflect these new programs. There has been a change in the points this year in order to receive the State Deputy Award of Excellence. 1,800 points is the new point value to receive the award. The monthly reporting form is due by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month and along with submission, there must be a brief description of the event in the description box in order to receive the points.

I know that there will be questions, so please call, text or email me and I will do my best to answer them.
Vivat Jesus!

Brian Dukart State Warden



Pictured on front left, State Deputy Jake and Deb Werner join Minot Council 9906 in the ND State Fair Parade.

## **Cooperstown Council 13670**

Our Lady of Lourdes Council 13670 of Cooperstown hosted a benefit on July 14th, during the Griggs County Fair, for Mary Halstead and Ken Anton to help with expenses occurred during cancer treatment.







### KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNA-

The 16h annual North Dakota Knights of Columbus Foundation Golf Tournament was held on August 10th and played on the beautiful CrossRoads Golf Course in Carrington. The tournament was again a very huge success. There were golfers from all around the state totaling 36 teams registered with 140 golfers. The weather this year was very nice. There was no wind and clear skies, but was rather warm. The course was in great shape and the golfers had some very good scores.

The place winners for the tournament were as follows:

1st Place: Brian Duchscherer, Duane Zwinger, Arick Scherr, Les Gierdevig (Carrington & Fargo) 54

2nd Place: Mike Steiner, Cory Steiner, Ken Steiner, Cam Walker (Fargo) 54

3rd Place: Bruce Mikkelson, Ken Heil, Kip Paul, Dave Schneider (Bismarck) 54

4th Place: Mark Walsh, Gary Mizeur, Kent Lynch, Mitch Fearing (Williston & Mandan) 55

7th Place: Tom Magnuson, Ben Magnuson, Terry Magnuson, Jeff Martaugh (Minot) 56

11th Place: Kévin Hengel, Josh Hengel, Paul Klabunde, Cory Rausch (West Fargo) 59

15th Place: Joe Wangler, Kathy Wangler, Jerry Weigel, Peggy Weigel Bismarck) 62

19th Place: Doug Fettig, Les Praus, Craig Tessier, Ron Tessier (Dickinson) 62

23rd Place: Dennis Haugen, Rick Short, Deana Uehran, Taylor Uehran (Carrington, Pingree, McHenry) 64

27th Place: Jerry Wingenbach, Dave Shannon, Joel Wheeler, Shawn Krance (Minot) 66

30th Place: Al Marslen, John Gayzur, Mike Nilson, Joe Lukach (Minot) 68

33rd Place: Pat Dolan, Scott Lynch, Rylee Nelson, Adam Jordon Fargo) 70

The North Dakota Knights of Columbus Foundation would like to thank the following teams for returning their team place winnings back to the Foundation:

Mike Steiner, Cory Steiner, Ken Steiner, Cam Walker Mark Walsh, Gary Mizeur, Kent Lynch, Mitch Fearing Tom Magnuson, Ben Magnuson, Terry Magnuson, Jeff Martaugh Doug Fettig, Les Praus, Craig Tessier, Ron Tessier Pat Dolan, Scott Lynch, Rylee Nelson, Adam Jordan

There were special contests on all of the holes, listed below are the contests and the winners:

1st Hole-Closest to the Pin on 2nd Shot (Cory Steiner-Fargo)

2<sup>nd</sup> Hole-Longest Putt (Dave Schneider-Bismarck)

3<sup>rd</sup> Hole-Longest Drive (Tom Goettle-Bismarck)

4th Hole-Closest to the Pin on 2nd Shot (Brian Kingsley-West Fargo)

5<sup>th</sup> Hole-Closest to the Pin (Brian Duchscherer-Carrington)

6th Hole-Closest to 150 yard Marker (Bruce Mikkleson-Bismarck)

7<sup>th</sup> Hole-Longest Drive for Women (Deana Uehran-Pingree)

8th Hole-Closest to the Pin (Mike Nilson-Minot)

9th Hole-Closest to the Pin on the 3rd Shot (Bruce Mikkelson-Bismarck)

10th Hole-Longest Putt (Wayne Aberle-Bismarck)

11th Hole-Longest Drive (Cole Paintner-Fargo)

12th Hole-Closest to the Pin (Randy Blaskowski-Pingree)

13th Hole-Closest to the Pin on 2nd Shot (Eric Kourajian-Harvey)

14th Hole-Closest to 150 yard Marker (Don Mueller-West Fargo)

15th Hole-Closest to the Pin on 3rd Shot (Augie Ternes-Bismarck)

16th Hole-Longest Putt (Chadwick Silvere-West Fargo)

17th Hole-Closest to Pin (Dave Aleshire-Minot)

18th Hole-Longest Putt for Women (Deana Uehran-Pingree)

## 2018 Winning Team from Carrington & Fargo



Left to right:
Brian
Duchscherer,
Les Gjerdvig
and Duane
Zwinger.
Not pictured
Arick Scherr

We want to thank Bessette Motors of Carrington for sponsoring the Hole-in-One contests on the par three holes. (5, 8, 12, 17) If a golfer got a Hole-in-One on one of these holes, that golfer would have won a very valuable prize. The prize most would have liked to win would have been a car on hole number 5. Sorry to report that no golfer got a Hole-in-One during this tournament.

The Carrington Council #4951 was the sponsor for the tournament this year. Thanks to the members of the council that helped make the tournament a success. (Headed up by Tom Paintner, Dennis Haugen, Bob Erickson & Henry Simons) The North Dakota Knights of Columbus Foundation would like to thank all of the golfers from all around the state that played in the tournament this year. This was the most golfers we have ever had for this tournament. (A special thanks to Council #9642 of West Fargo for having 21 golfers in the tournament.) A special thanks to all sponsors for the tournament, who gave money or prizes to help with the tournament. Your support of the tournament is what makes the event such a success. A special thanks to Linda Erickson, Jolean Pederson, Sharon Paintner, Mary Ann Zwinger & Jackie Simons that helped with registration & scoring. A very special thank you to the CrossRoads Golf Course staff (headed by Wendy Schmidt-clubhouse manager and Dale Eggers-course superintendent) for providing such a great atmosphere for the tournament. special thanks to Al Metzger (for the BBQ Sauce for the pork chops), for Golden Acres Manor (for the use of their grill to cook the pork chops) and Bob Gross (for cooking the pork chops). GREAT JOB YOU ALL and THANKS!!!! The Foundation would like to thank Mark Walsh for the idea to conduct the raffle and provide many of the prizes for the raffle. The raffle was a success. GREAT IDEA!!!!

As mentioned earlier the tournament was very successful again this year, thanks to all of you. We hope that you will again come and support the Knights of Columbus Foundation Golf Tournament next year.



West Fargo Holy Cross Council 9642 with 21 golfing members

### **Wayne Michael Steiner**

Wayne has been active in both civic and church groups since moving to Wahpeton. He became a brother Knight on March 18, 2007 and is a member of Council 2205. His decision to join the Knights of Columbus was influenced by watching his father Jake move through the different positions and the impact one individual working with a group can have on helping make life better for others.



### **Carrington Assembly 3756**



The charter for the newest assembly in the state is presented to Carrington Assembly 3756. Pictured L to R: Richard Niebauer District Master, Fr. Dodge pastor, Dennis Haugen and Alex Fried Faithful Navigator.

# Don and Jeanie Dukart Family 2018 Family of the Year



Don and Jeanie were married on May 25, 1985 at St Patrick's Catholic Church in Dickinson. They decided when they got married that their Catholic faith would be very prevalent and central to their marriage and family. They made a commitment to pray the Rosary together as a family each night. They purchased their own ranch southwest of Killdeer in 1986. Don and Jeanie strive to be good stewards of the land by ranching and farming organically. They have homeschooled all 12 of their children and are active parishioners at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Killdeer ND. Don is a Knight with Council #1515.

## **Vice Supreme Master**

Changes continue to take place as we enter the second year of the UNIFORM. We are getting some color back, starting with the VSM's, they have a light blue baldric, size and all is yet to be determined as we are still in the pilot program, the next ones out will be the gold for the Master's and eventually we will be all the way to the red. Supreme is very close to being caught up on the uniform orders. Uniform price has a chance of being reduced as they are currently working with a US and Canadian supplier, let's hope this happens sooner than later. Yes, our final date for the regalia is June 30, 2019.

If you had the opportunity to watch the opening ceremony at Supreme convention for the States dinner, you would have seen the historical flags presented. From the Confederate flag all the way up to our current flag, 28 in total. It is very likely that I will have a set of them later this year to be used for different

events around the DeSmet Province. I will set this up through the Master's for their events.

A big Thank you to PFN Pete Deichert and FN Dennis Hildebrand out of assembly #785 for their countless hours of practice and honor guard stands at the Supreme convention. We all found out it takes time as practice is usually before any body else is up and moving and there was no need to go exercising after the stand as we all got it during the practice.

Once again, I want to say Thank you to all Sir Knights in North Dakota for their continued support of the fourth degree. It was an honor for Dixie and I to represent ND at Supreme in Baltimore.

Vivat Jesus Glenn Wagner/ VSM of DeSmet



Meeting in Baltimore, the Vice Supreme Masters are pictured with their new baldric.
Standing in the center back row is Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and to his right is Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard and to his left is Vice Supreme Master Glenn Wagner.

### **Belfield Council 6310**

The Belfield Knights of Columbus Council 6310 awarded \$2,000 in scholarships to four Bismarck Diocese seminarians. The scholarships were part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Seminarian Getaway: Unload and Unwind event held June 25-27.

The \$500 scholarships were awarded to the following seminary students:

- •• Nick Vetter Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Bismarck; parents: Leland and Mary Ann Vetter, Linton
- •• Jacob Bennet Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Bismarck; parents: Geoffrey and Donna Bennet, Arvada, CO
- •• Christian Smith Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Bismarck; parents Dr. Stuart and Ruth Smith, Bismarck
- •• Steve Vetter St. Bernard, Belfield; parents: Leland and Mary Ann Vetter, Linton

Funds for the scholarships are raised by the Belfield Knights of Columbus Council 6310. Les Simnioniw, chairman of the council's Lenten fish fry events, and Tom Tessier, deputy grand knight of Council 6310, presented the scholarships during the program June 26, 2018. Bennett and Nick Vetter were unable to attend because of schedule conflicts.

The Seminarian Getaway: Unload and Unwind event was initiated in 2016 to provide seminarians and St. Bernard Parish members a venue for prayer, reflection, socializing and fellowship. The St. Bernard Parish Hall was the central location for activities but participants interacted with residents of many western North Dakota counties.

Roger Decker, Rudy Syminow and Tessier coordinated the event with assistance from Knights of Columbus Council 6310 membership and Belfield Court Our Mother of Perpetual Help 2148. Decker said a prime reason for the event is to ". . . give our brother seminarians a chance to take a breather from their studies and schedules."

Father Josh Waltz, director of vocations for the Bismarck Diocese, introduced seminarians present at the event and thanked the Belfield council for its work to recognize the seminarians and encourage vocations to the priesthood.

The Belfield Knights of Columbus Council 6310 is working with Father Waltz to schedule the fourth annual event in June of 2019.



Seminarians enjoyed a time for relaxation as part of the Seminarian Getaway: Unload and Unwind.



Belfield St. Bernard Parish members thanked pastor, Father Bill Ruelle, for his service to the parish. He was reassigned to St. Patrick Parish in Dickinson. Shown here are Mary Baer, Tom Tessier, Brenda Volesky, Elaine Johnson and Father Ruelle.



Seminarian Paul Gardner visited with Jeannie and Ken Obritsch prior to the Seminarian Getaway: Unload and Unwind banquet.



The Belfield Knights of Columbus Council 6310 presented four \$500 scholarships to Bismarck Diocese seminary students at the Seminarian Getaway: Unload and Unwind. Here council Lenten Fish Fry chairman Les Simnioniw, center, is shown with Steve Vetter, left, and Christian Smith, right. Other winners Nick Vetter and Jacob Bennett were always awarded scholarships but were not present at the event.



Tom Tessier visits with seminary students John Windsor and Isaiah Fischer.

### **Culture of Life**

Daily, we face a threat to the culture of life. As Knights, we need to continue making a commitment to human rights across a broad spectrum. As St. John Paul II stated in his Homily at the Giants Stadium in 1995, Catholics must be committed to the defense of life in all its stages and in every condition. To bolster this important cause, councils are asked to promote a novena, nine days of sustained prayer, to build up a culture of life in our parishes, homes, and communities. This is a required activity to win the Columbian Award. One suggestion is to pray a novena that coincides with the March for Life.

This year's theme for the poster contest is "Every person's life is God's work of Art!" This contest is available for

kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. State level winners will receive \$75. Councils are encouraged to provide 11 x 17 poster board or paper for all participants, and awards for the council top placements. Councils 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners need to be mailed by March 1<sup>st</sup> to be judged. Any questions call or email at 701-290-7091 or denlinmeyer@netscape.net.

We would like to encourage councils to participate and bring awareness to the other life programs such as the March for Life, Mass for People with Special Needs, Pregnancy Centers, Christian Refugee Relief, Silver Rose, Ultrasound, and of course Special Olympics.

Culture of Life chair couple, Dennis and Linda Meyer

### PRAYER FOR LIFE

Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast number of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen

Pope John Paul II

## Ceremonial 2018-2019 Schedule

September 9 **Bismarck** September 16 Williston September 30 Bowman October 6 **Grand Forks** October 7 West Fargo October 20 Dickinson November 3 Fargo Minot November 4 November 4 Linton November 10 Cavalier November 18 Mandan January 20 West Fargo January 20 Devils Lake January 27 Jamestown February 2 **Grand Forks** February 9 Langdon February 10 Minot March 10 Bismarck March 10 Farqo March 16 Dickinson April 6 Lidgerwood

Mandan

LaMoure

May 5

May 18

### **Ceremonials**

Our new Fraternal year started on July 1<sup>st</sup> under the leadership of State Deputy Jake Werner, and together we have built a new ceremonial schedule.

Let's all work on trying to bring in a new member and take him to the Major Degree that is scheduled.

Remember if you have a candidate and the Major Degree is not scheduled close to you, use the DVD that every Grand Knight/council should have in their possession. Or you could get that candidate installed almost immediately by having him join an E-COUNCIL, yes, we have an electronic council. Once he is signed up in the e-council he may transfer into a local council.

Remember this ceremonial schedule is flexible, if you would like to see one in your area/council, let us know and we can try to get it scheduled for you.

LET'S ALL HAVE A GREAT YEAR!

Ceremonials Chairman Glenn Wagner, PSD, VCM

## Assembly 3589



2018-2019 West Fargo Assembly 3589 officer installation



Holy Spirit, Come! Dwell in my heart. Illuminate my mind. Direct my footsteps. Be my quide. Amen.



Few will have the greatness to bend history itself; but each of us can work to **Special Olympics** change a small portion of events, and in the total – of all those acts will be written the history of this generation. Pobert F. Konnedy the history of this generation – Robert F. Kennedy

The Knights of Columbus visibility extends back to the very first International Special Olympics Summer Games in Chicago on July 20, 1968. Numerous Knights assisted at the inaugural event which was founded by Eunice Kennedy Shriver. Eunice launched Special Olympics based on her belief that people with intellectual disabilities deserved to be treated with dignity and not INDIFFERENCE - and that through sports their ABILITIES – not their DISABILITIES – would take center stage. This marked a complete reversal of societal attitudes up to that point and Eunice contended that the Knights – YOU—took a risk by being involved, "The Knights, they have never been afraid."

What is your impact on individuals with and without intellectual disabilities in North Dakota? Since 2004, you have annually impacted more than 1,600 participants!!!!

Every year, several local councils have organized and prepared meals for numerous Special Olympics North Dakota events including state competition and local/area events. It's estimated that in the last twelve years, the Knights of Columbus has helped prepare and serve more than 21,500 meals at our Special Olympics North Dakota state competitions. Knight of Columbus are important fundraisers for our organization conducting breakfasts, selling raffle tickets, tootsie rolls and so much more. Members of several Knight of Columbus councils came aboard when Special Olympics North Dakota hosted the North America Softball Championships in in Bismarck in 2017. Participants from numerous US States and Canadian provinces were served by Knights as they stepped up to be day of event volunteers, organizers of Olympic-town, and leaders of the Walk of Champions.



The 4th Degree Knights have served as the color guard during opening ceremonies at each state competition going back beyond *2006*.





Participants receiving medals at a State Special Olympics event

Maybe one of the most important roles you fill is as fans in the stands for our athletes. Everyone wants to compete for a cheering crowd and the Knights or some of the loudest and most consistent fans of our athletes. The list of Knights of Columbus involvement in North Dakota is endless and without it, Special Olympics North Dakota would struggle to offer the quality of competition and atmosphere that our athletes rightly deserve.

In 2005, nationally, the Knights of Columbus announced a partnership with Special Olympics, committing one million dollars over 4 years to grow the programs of Special Olympics in North America. Additionally, members of your organization pledged more volunteers for state and local Special Olympics competitions. The order included working with Special Olympics North America to expand its programs to countries that are currently underserved. Thankfully for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, that commitment continues to be renewed by the order.

As we look into the future, our vision is that the discrimination faced by people with intellectual disabilities will end, the barriers to health care will crumble, and the stigma our athletes face will evaporate. When that happens there will no longer be the fear of difference and we will celebrate even more, the unique gifts that make each of us different in our own way. The Knights of Columbus is the perfect partner to continue in this journey with Special Olympics to shape the world into one in which respect, tolerance and human equality prevail!

Kathleen Maegher, Priesident/CEO Special Olympics North Dakota

## Fourth Degree Promoting Patriotic Spirit In Church and Community



Fargo Assemblies 788 and 3589 take part in the Cardinal Burke Mass at Sts. Anne and Joachim Church during his visit to Fargo in April.



Joining together, the Fargo Assemblies stand honor guard at Memorial Day services in Fargo.

### Father Ermer's 40th

Forty... Throughout history God has put forth a lot of events that contained the number 40 in it. Noah spent 40 days and nights in the rain. Moses and the Israelites spent 40 days in the desert. Lent is 40 days long. Jesus fasted for 40 days and nights in the desert. Those are just but a few of the instances where the number 40 was instrumental in the Bible.

When the Knights were tasked with cooking for Father James Ermer's 40th Anniversary, as a priest, we were honored and humbled by a man that has served so long and so well to God's community.

The Knights of Columbus of St. Leos, council #9477 in Casselton, cooked for over 600 people on June 3, 2018, in celebration of the momentous event of Father Ermer's 40th Anniversary. We were able to pull it off with lots of help, not just the Knights but all the members of the St. Leo's Catholic Church community. It was a beautiful day that was shown down on Father Ermer and all who came to celebrate



Casselton Council 9477 prepare dinner at 40th Anniversary Celebration for Fr. James Ermer.

### **LaMoure Council 6752**



The 3rd degree team from Fargo and candidates. Receiving their second and third degree May 20th at LaMoure - Lee Slykerman, Kasey Bitz, Tyrel Long, Gene Lonski - not pictured and Brother Francis from Warsaw.

### **State Treasurer**

Brother Knights,

I thank everyone for their support for me as State Treasurer. To give you a small portion of what the State Treasurer duties involve. I will list



Kevin Boehm

some of them here. As State Treasurer, I am charged with handling all state council funds. I deposit all monies in the proper accounts receive for the state. I am also responsible to pay state council expenses from the directive if the State Secretary. On a monthly basis, I submit financial reports to the State Council officers for review. I look forward to serve as your State Treasurer. Here are two items that councils submit funds for.

Per Capita:

We currently have 66% of the councils submitting their per capita. If your council has not submitted their per capita, please do that as soon as possible. At the end of August, I will begin send out a a second notice to the Financial Secretaries for their councils per capita.

Tootsie Rolls:

I have not received any tootsie roll fund to date. When your council orders tootsie rolls from the community Chairman, I will send out invoices. If your council has any funds for tootsie rolls, please submit the monies to the address below. Please mark all funds as tootsie rolls. This allows me to record the funds in the proper account.

Best regards, Kevin Boehm, State Treasurer PO Box 5054 Grand Forks, ND 58206

## **New Council/Reactivation**

Greetings!

As the New Council/Reactivation chairman, I am responsible for assisting District Deputies – at the request of faithful, Catholic men intent on forming or reactivating a local council – in the proper and prudential development of new and reactivated councils throughout the state. A Knights of Columbus council is a concrete opportunity for men to participate in a fraternity that fosters the mission of the Church. In light of this, the Order encourages the formation and reactivation of councils so that men may live out the



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Faith in their parishes and communities. Men as Knights of Columbus become leaders and role models, not only by participating in Order-wide activities, programs, and initiatives, but also (and primarily) in developing unique activities oriented towards the specific needs in the parish and community of their council. As such, these men – through the services of their council and the fellowship of their fraternity – encounter the person of Jesus Christ and experience the Triune Love, making them better husbands, better fathers, better men.

I look forward to this opportunity of assisting you in this role. The presence of councils faithful to the mission of Fr. Michael McGivney – ones oriented to the neediest of our parishes and communities – are simply indispensable to the our state, our country, our world! As such, if you believe Our Lord is asking you and some of your fellow brothers to be His presence to your community and parish as a Knights of Columbus council – whether that consists in creating a new charter or reactivating an old one – I invite you to contact me without the slightest delay.

Vivat Jesu!

Sincerely, Jacob Monson

"Things have a price and can be for sale, but people have a dignity that is priceless and worth

far more than things



## **HOME ON THE RANGE**

Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.

Matthew 7: 1-2

Home on the Range has been helping children for nearly 70 years, giving guidance and love to hundreds of troubled vouth. Adolescents admitted to Home on the Range may have been abused, neglected or forgotten by their families and communities. As a means of navigating their chaotic, environments these children often form unhealthy relationships, engage in destructive behaviors and make poor decisions in order to survive potentially life-threatening situations. These self-preservation behaviors often result in erroneously labeling traumatized youth as unruly and unwanted trouble makers. Sadly, once these negative labels get affixed they tend to automatically lead to pre-conceptions that perpetuate the misperception that at-risk youth are fated to remain on an unchangeable trajectory of delinquency, emotional guardedness and repeated interpersonal problems.

At Home on the Range, our staff welcome children into a warm, safe and nurturing environment. Staff strives not to judge or label, but to offer help. As Christians, rather than asking "What's wrong with you", we ask "What happened to you?" and "What can I do to help?" Staff members understand that traumatized youth carry deeply hidden wounds and pain. It takes time and unwavering staff support to help these children learn how to

express their experiences and feelings in words rather than actions or behaviors that often compound, rather than relieve, underlying states of emotional distress.

Home on the Range offers many types of programs to help the children such as school, work and recreation programs and many different types of therapy. A noticeable change takes place when the children participate in the spiritual program. The spiritual program takes place in the Holy Family Chapel at Home on the Range. Once they enter the Chapel, they know it is a true sanctuary a quiet, safe place where no one is judged or criticized; all are welcome, respected and loved. Spiritual activities such as Mass, movie night, praise and song night, Bible study and prayer group encourage acceptance and inclusion.

The appeal and power of prayer group is captured in the following resident comment: "I come to prayer group because it's a place where I can be open about anything and everything without being judged. It's just a safe place to come and talk about whatever is going on in your life at the moment."

Each child arrives at HOTR with his or her unique set of trials, tribulations and challenges. Home on the Range spiritual staff work with each child to identify a highly individualized path that leads to a

destination filled with healing, forgiveness and emotional well-being. Although walking a path of mercy and grace can be hard, this journey lifts each child up as feelings of guilt and shame are gradually jettisoned and replaced with hope and self-compassion. As they realize they are God's children and are unconditionally loved, they begin to carry themselves with pride and the belief that positive possibilities abound. Pursuing opportunities for healthy fellowship begin to emerge as our residents begin to regularly attend church, become part of a church group, participate in off-campus spiritual retreats, and serve as role models to new residents.

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 40 boys and girls, ages 12 – 19. The facility is under the Auspices of the Catholic Diocese of Bismarck and is located in western North Dakota 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.hotrnd.com.

Submitted by: Jolene Obrigewitch, Home on the Range Development Director

I have met some of the most Beautiful People I think I will ever meet at HOTR. never thought it would hurt so I saying goodbye. It's hard to agine that I will ever meet wonderful People again been' Deople times, and could go back trade this experience and these People, feel more understood, and excepted then I ever have In my Whole life. Ifeel Genuinly happened you are helped me ache! Please never change, Stay Strong, Lemember me like I will remember you all &

To the left
is a
scanned
copy of an
actual
letter
Home on
the Range
received
from a
former

resident.

## St. Padre Pio

The relics of St. Pio visit the Diocese of Bismarck.
Fourth Degree Knights doing last stand at the Cathedral for the St. Pio relics.





of St. Pio were
on display at
the front of
the Cathedral
of the Holy
Spirit



# **2018 Convention Auction**

On behalf of the Foundation Board of Directors, we would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to all who so generously donated items for the Foundation's annual convention auction. The many varied and beautiful items that were donated resulted in the auction raising \$5,422 to help support our cause of providing financial assistance for religious, educational and charitable programs of the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus in North Dakota.

I would also like to extend a special thanks to our auctioneer Jay Temchack and all those who assisted him for the great job they did in conducting the auction.

We tried to get an accurate record of who donated items so that we could give proper thanks and recognition to everyone. The following listing reflects information as it was given to us and means that one or more items were given. Our apologies if anyone was missed.

Mike Steiner Foundation President

Bismarck Assembly - 791	Harvey Assembly - 1549	
Glenn & Dixie Wagner	Fargo Council - 11930	
George Lacher	Langdon Council - 5057	
Dickinson Council - 8839	Drake Council - 5856	
Ron & Marcie Tessier	Deon & Mary Fitterer	
Gib & Doris Bromenschenkel	Dickinson Council - 6308	
Jay Bromenschenkel	Gary & Brenda Steier	
Rod & Jane Rawlings	New England Council - 9675	
Mike & Teresa Steiner	Belfield Council - 6310	
Brent & Sandee Mikkelsen	Fargo Assembly - 788	
West Fargo Assembly - 3589	Pay & Gayle Bren	
Leo Bittner	Grand Forks Council - 10837	
Phil Kramer	Cavalier Council - 5056	
Holy Cross Council - 9642	Bismarck Council - 9589	
Pete & Jeanie Deichert	North Dakota KC Insurance Agents	
Joel & Jill Herman	Harvey Council - 5217	
Williston Assembly - 1821	21 Ken Steiner	
Watford City Council - 6446	Bernie Stasch	
LaMoure Council - 6752	Langdon Assembly - 796	
Dickinson Council - 1515	Grafton Council - 3918	
Fargo Council - 6750	Garrison Council - 4715	
Washburn Council - 9174	Jim & Shari Privratsky	
Nelly Edwards	Jim & LaVerne Koppinger	

Name	Address	Phone
I would like to help the		undation by contributing in the following five year plan.
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1250 Club (\$250 per year/\$62.50 per quarter)		500 Club (\$100 per year/\$25.00 per quarter)
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Date	Signature	
Please i	nake all checks payable to North Dakota I	Knights of Columbus Foundation and mail to:
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