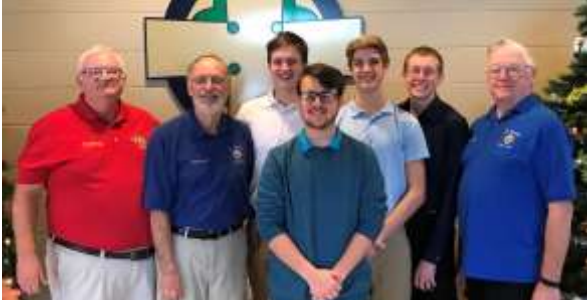


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New Brother Knights from Clinton



New Brother Knights from Mason City

Welcome new brothers to the Order!!

The Iowa Knights of Columbus has recently welcomed new members from among high school seniors! The State Council has partnered with all of the Catholic high schools throughout the State of promote the spiritual development, fraternal networking, financial protection, and charitable service of the Order.

In a special effort, these new Knights will receive a special KofC cord to wear as part of their graduation ceremonies.

If you know of a high school senior who has joined the Order, or might be interested, please contact our Young Adult Outreach Coordinator Johnathan Langenberg— college@iowakofc.org.

Annual State Convention returns to Des Moines May 3-5

Coming back to the state capitol city, the 2019 State Convention will be held in Des Moines at the Des Moines Marriott Downtown May 3-5, 2019.

Over 450 people will be in attendance during the three-day event to renew the bonds of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.



Mission of the Iowa State Council

- Support local councils
- Build future leaders
- Conduit of information from the diocesan offices to the broader Catholic community
- Promote the virtues of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism

Highlights of the State Convention include the exemplification of the Fourth Degree, presentation of the State Council's outstanding council programs awards and individual merit awards, and dynamic training opportunities will exist for Knights concerning all facets of the Order.

During the Annual Meeting, resolutions supporting the ideas of the Order as well as possible changes in governance will be discussed and considered. The delegates will also elect a new slate of State Officers, elected members to the standing Executive Committee of the State Council, and delegates to the Supreme Convention.

More information about the May 3-5 State Convention in Des Moines can be found on page 4 of this newsletter as well as online at iowakofc.org/convention.

A note from Worthy State Deputy Antonio Banuelos



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My very dear brothers-

Before anything, I want to wish you and your families a wonderful and happy 2019. May all the days on your calendar come full of God's blessings.

The year 2018 was not an easy one in many aspects of our lives: politics, government, media, Church. But we are fortunate to look at a new set of days in which history is yet to be written. The new calendar gives us the hope that things may be different and better. As we look at those empty blocks on the wall, we can only wonder what God has in store for us and how **We Are Called** to continue building His Kingdom on Earth.

Despite everything going around us, we need to continue being the **Strong Right Arm of the Church**. We need to find new ways in which to continue the missions **We Are Called** to fulfill. Our Church is facing challenges all over, including the lack on interest and devotion from our younger generations. A Pew Center poll shows 65% of those leaving the Catholic Church, do so between the ages of 10 and 23. This means that the crisis is coming from parents losing interest in the faith of their ancestors and not bringing their own children to Church.

In challenging times, kings and lords relied on their armies made up of brave and daring Knights. A Knight was someone who had trained to be more than a regular man. Knights were exceptional men that had the trust of the people in fixing what was wrong, in protecting their community and in building for a better future. Knights were a symbol of stability and hope in an uncertain world.

In Iowa we are 32,000 strong and we are an exceptional group of Catholic men who believe in the promises of our Lord and Savior. We are almost 2 million worldwide and we believe in the foundational principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. This is the kind of conviction and determination that our Church and our nation need in order to continue spreading the Good News and the promise of eternal life that Jesus has given us by His death and resurrection. The goal

continues being the same, the principle is universal, it is only the scenario that that has changed. In a world wrapped up in self-consciousness, materialism, and individualism we need to think of new ways to spread that message of fraternal love.

We have started two specific efforts on new strategies for recruiting the next generation of Knights of Columbus. We are encouraging councils to reach out to their graduating High School Seniors and invite them to join the Order before going to college. What a better opportunity to create a new tie with the Catholic Church than making a young man a member of the largest Catholic Fraternal organization in the world. We are also reaching out to former members that may have left the Order but whose life situation may have changed. As the Good Shepherd we should always go look for those who may have left the pack but wonder what it would be like to return. Check with your Grand Knights and District Deputies to find more about these two efforts.

As we are in the second half of the Fraternal Year, I want to encourage you to double your efforts in growing the Order and creating a stronger foundation of Catholic men and families for our beloved Catholic Church. Christ has already won the victory, He has defeated death and won for us eternal life. Let us bring that message to all through our charitable works, our Christian values, and our conviction as the exceptional men that our Church and society need. You never know how you are going to change the life of a man once you invite him to join. And you never now how he is going to change his parish and community once he is inspired by his new brothers. I challenge you to challenge them to face today's challenges. The reward was paid in blood and is eternal. May the Lord bless you all in 2019 and may the dream of Fr. McGivney reach new unimaginable levels in Iowa.

Que Viva Cristo Rey! Vivat Jesus!

State Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights,

I write this on the day we celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus. This is a celebration which reminds us to honor that Sacred Name of the Divine Son of God. We might recall that the name "Jesus" was given to our Lord by God himself.

This celebration occurs within the Christmas season. Christmas is not a day but a season, which lasts until our celebration of the Baptism of Jesus.

The elections are over, the new Congress is seated, but the chaos in our government continues. Prayer is needed, and patience is required.

The demands of the times are many. As Catholics and as Knights there are many opportunities for us to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ—and the charity which marks us as Knights—to the public forum. The public needs the witness we can bring to the nation and world. Our presence in the world stage is sorely needed to serve the needs of the world and to be a sign of the presence of Christ everywhere.

My brothers, let us not despair due to the uncertainty in our nation. The Blessed Mother stood faithfully at the side of her Son as he was hanging on the cross. We must stand faithfully at his side as our faith and dedication to the Church are disparaged in some circles precisely because of our faith.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Bill Reynolds



Fr. Reynolds was appointed State Chaplain by Past State Deputy Dan Werner and began his service on July 1, 2015. He is a member of Msgr. T. J. McCann Council 2663 and the James Chambers Assembly 3379, both from Newton. He is Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Newton, and Dean for the Grinnell Deanery. Contact him at statechaplain@iowakofc.org.

Would you like an apron?



The State Council has a number of these lovely aprons available for a reduced cost, meant for a quick sale!

They can be used while grilling for the church, flipping pancakes for the youth group, or for the upcoming fish fry events.

Cost for these durable aprons are \$5.00 per apron.

Contact State Administrative Assistant Ed Pancrazio at admin@iowakofc.org or call 641-895-1364



Iowa Knights of Columbus 2019 State Convention Des Moines

Elections, Trainings, and Awards dominate Convention

The State Convention of the Iowa Knights of Columbus is a three-day experience where Knights and their families from throughout the state gather at one site for meetings, spiritual development, fellowship and training. During the day, meetings, seminars, exemplifications and other activities take place. There are activities for all Knights, their wives/significant others and kids so all are welcome. Banquets are held on Friday and Saturday evenings where awards and recognitions are presented. Masses are held each day.

Anyone and everyone can attend so go to the Iowa KC website <http://iowakofc.org/convention> to register, purchase tickets and find more information. Each council is permitted two delegates to represent their council at convention and they receive per diem at \$50 per day for two days and round trip mileage at \$0.15 per mile from the Iowa State Council. It is highly recommended that the coun-

cils also support their delegates by providing similar funding to offset their costs to attend the convention.

The rooms at the Downtown Des Moines Marriott cost \$99.00 per day. Make your reservations online by going to <http://iowakofc.org/convention>.

The convention ladies committee has set up a great line up for the weekend, including the ladies luncheon with featured speakers Marilyn Lane and Ellen Miller, the co-founders of the Christ Our Life Catholic regional conference.

Please join us at the hospitality room and renew old friendships while making new friends.

In addition, the convention committee have made sure that your children will enjoy a great convention experience by making available youth activities while you are at the banquets, etc.

A reminder to all councils to bring their Vocations Support Forms and your Pennies for Heaven contribution to registration when you check in. Canned food will be collected at check-in to donate to the local food pantry.

There will be plenty of training opportunities available, including specific training for Financial Secretaries and council leadership, as well as topics on ceremonies, fraternal benefits, and recruiting younger members. Safe Environment training will be held as well.

Registration is now open and can be accessed by visiting <http://iowakofc.org/convention>.



Wives have a full schedule during the Convention

Friday

Make or Take Jewelry event
\$30 fee to participate
First 100 participants will receive a well stocked "swag" bag



Childcare for all ages available Friday night, and most of Saturday. \$15 per child or family rate of \$50 covers food and activities.

Saturday

Craft class in the morning by Beez Rustic Treasures (check them out on Facebook)
Ladies luncheon with featured speaker
Afternoon walking/bus tour of the historic East Village
Activities on site-- bingo, wine tasting, chair massages, and nail painting

Advance to the Patriotic Degree

In the first 6 months of this fraternal year 4 exemplifications were held: Ames, Waterloo, Guttenberg, and Council Bluffs bringing 68 new Sir Knights to our ranks.

Looking ahead to the next 6 months we have exemplifications scheduled for Sioux City February 23rd, Mason City April 7th and Des Moines at State Convention Friday May 3rd. I am looking for more Assemblies willing to schedule an exemplification during 2019. I'd like 1-2 more before July 1 and 4-5 the rest of the year. Frequent local exemplifications allow men access to continue their journey to full Knighthood as a Sir Knight and will replenish our ranks for the important work entrusted to us. Make it a resolution to attend an exemplification near you and be refreshed in the lessons taught that you may be invigorated in your role as Sir Knight.

All Sir Knight should be aware of a major project being spearheaded by Knights at the Veterans Hospital in Des Moines. Through the efforts of Sir

Knights Robert Ukena and Mark Lyle the Terrain Therapy Garden will become a reality in 2019. This innovative and necessary addition to the Hospital grounds will provide veterans receiving care there a safe environment to enjoy the outdoors while gaining confidence in traversing various terrains like those they will encounter when returning home.

I am inviting all Knights, Councils and Assemblies to become informed about this project and consider making a funding donation toward its completion. Your State Council Executive Committee has already committed a \$2,000 donation. Mark and Bob have agreed that Knights could pool donations and sponsor one large facet of the garden and in so doing receive a recognition plaque to be forever memorialized on the grounds. Contact DistrictMaster@iowakofc.org for details on how to become involved; more information will be available at www.iowakofc.org and on the Iowa Knights Facebook page. You can view a presentation about the garden on our Iowa Knights YouTube Channel at youtube.com/iaknights.

Fellow Knights the duty required of us now is virtue in service of God and others. Stand by your posts as husband, father and brother. Love and be loved abundantly that you may be transformed in joy and let your hope remain rooted in divine grace that knows no bounds.

Vivat Jesus!



Knights of Columbus
**FOURTH
DEGREE**
Patriotic degree of the Order.



Mike Gaspers began his service as Master of the 4th Degree District on September 1. He is a member of Holy Family Council 2839 and Garrigan Assembly 265. He served as State Deputy from 2006 to 2008 and for 2015. Contact him at districtmaster@iowakofc.org

Not too late to make a nomination for state awards

Every year during the State Convention, awards are presented to highlight the dedication to the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, & Patriotism.

We need YOU to help decide who receives these awards. Each individual merit recipient is invited to the State Convention to receive their award, with their expenses covered.

The deadline for submitting a nomination is March 15, 2019. The nomination forms can be found online at iowakofc.org/stateawards.

Questions or concerns can be addressed to State Program Director Rick Jacoby at programs@iowakofc.org or call at 641-990-7879.

Award Categories

- Outstanding Faith program
- Outstanding Life program
- Outstanding Community program
- Outstanding Family program
- Chaplain of the Year (*1 per diocese*)
- Deacon of the Year
- Family of the Year
- Grand Knight of the Year
- Knight of the Year
- Youth of the Year

Program reminders for STAR COUNCIL status

As we are on the second half of the fraternal year, there are four things that we need to finish. Some may be completed or just started. It is not too soon to look at them and check them off as done. They are:

- Safe Environment
- Star Council
- Columbia Award
- State Awards

To finish the requirements for Safe Environment, you should look at page 12 of both the July and December Resource Booklets. You can find an electronic copy at www.iowakofc.org, then click on forms. If you have additional questions, please contact State Advocate, Robert Douglas at stateadvocate@iowakofc.org or at 515-240-7841.

The Star Council Award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and service program activities. Remember to keep in mind the new required Faith in Action programs:

- Faith- Spiritual Reflection
- Family- Consecration to the Holy Family
- Community- Helping Hands (Homeless Assistance)
- Life- Novena for Life

In addition to meeting the traditional Columbian Award requirements, the Supreme Council has designated select programs as featured programs in each of the four program categories. When your council conducts a featured program and satisfies the associated requirements it will receive two credits towards that program category. The four categories and the featured programs for each are as follows:

- Faith- Refund Support Vocation Program (RSVP)
- Family- Food for Families
- Community- Coats for Kids Habitat for Humanity, and Global Wheelchair Mission
- Life- March for Life, Special Olympics, and Ultrasound

For more information, feel free to visit iowakofc.org/programs or give me a call at 641-990-7879.



Richard Jacoby, Jr. is the State Program Director and an appointed member of the State Executive Committee. He is a member of Council 4248 from Grinnell.



State Officers, EC needed

Just like your local council, the State Council is run by dedicated volunteers. Some are retired, most are working Knights with kids at home. In order to provide the proper support to our nearly 250 councils throughout the state, we need good men like YOU to join us. Some roles are intense, most are easily doable with an active family.

During the Annual Meeting of the State Council on May 4-5, elections will be held for our state officers.

You can nominate yourself for elected office by sending an e-mail to admin@iowakofc.org.

Please include the following:

- Name of nominator
- Home Council info
- Insurance status

Positions available

- State Deputy
- State Secretary
- State Treasurer
- State Advocate
- State Warden

(2) members of the Executive Committee

Those nominated by April 19 will appear on the ballot.

Iowa Knights in Action



RIGHT: Bishop Richard Pates (center) of Des Moines blesses the new ultrasound machine for the Pregnancy Center in Red Oak. The Atlantic Council coordinated the fundraising for the newest machine in the state.



Master of the Fourth Degree Mike Gaspers (left) poses for a picture with a WWII Vet and new Sir Knight Lloyd Schreier (center) at a recent 4th Degree Exemplification in Ames along with his son.



A fraternal greeting was exchanged between the youngest and oldest Knights of Council 5660 in Sioux City. Tim Eggerling (left) is 18, and Gerald Schulte (right) is 94. Grand Knight Jim Bisenius (center) looks on.

Have a picture to share? Send it to us via e-mail at publicity@iowakofc.org or send it to us via our website under the Contact Us page (iowakofc.org/contact).

How e-members are a vital component to the Knights

We Are Called to invite new and former members to the Order every year! This year, we introduced e-membership across the Order giving any gentleman a chance to join any time of the day that he would like. E-membership gives that member the ability to see and learn more about the Order before they commit to a council.

Why join? You receive to subscribe to our Columbia magazine, an online resource to help with one's faith formation, an assigned field agent to discuss Knights of Columbus benefits, and the opportunity to get involved with local and state events.

Why online? This helps young men to be a part of the KofC community through communications coming from e-mails and events encouraging men to become more engaged in the local councils. This allows a member to choose the council that fits their lifestyle.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is the future for the Order. Membership allows men to give back to your local community or parish, gives men opportunity to learn more about their faith at the capacity that they choose. They can also help build the church by being involved while strengthening their relationship with God. Membership allows members to meet other families involved in the Order and create long lasting relationships.

Recruit a Knight today, knowing that you are doing your part to help grow the Order in contributing in dollars earned and hours spent. Another gift of membership is being part of large family of Knights where we eat and pray together for each other. Think of the offerings you have given to the Knights and the gifts the Knights have given you.

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Romans 12:4-5 This what **We Are Called** to do in the Order.



John Zweibahmer is the State Membership Director and an elected member of the State Executive Committee. He is a member of Council 2073 from Ossian. Contact him at membership@iowakofc.org

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A new website awaits you at iowakofc.org

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Iowa Knights of Columbus website. At the top is a dark red header with the text "Iowa Knights of Columbus" and a search bar. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for Home, About Us, How to Join?, Find a Council, What We Do, Events & Calendar, Membership Benefits, and Resources. The main content area features two large blue and white banners. The left banner says "YOU ARE BORN A MAN. YOU BECOME A KNIGHT." with a small logo and the text "Join today. Visit KofC.org/JoinUs". The right banner says "FAITH IN ACTION" and "A New Model A New Age" with a logo. Below the banners is a section titled "Welcome to the Iowa Knights of Columbus" with a paragraph of text and a quote from Antonio Barbeitos, State Deputy/CEO.

A redesigned calendar

Easier to find resources

Smartphone capable

Ability to accept online payments

And much, much more!



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