

Report of the Committee on the Good of the Order

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplains, Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Fellow Delegates, and Brother Knights,

The Good of the Order Committee would like to thank State Deputy Marc Peters for the confidence extended to us in bringing this report.

On behalf of the State Council, the committee expresses its profound appreciation to Bishop Kettler for welcoming us to his diocese and for his attendance at our convention.

Thank you to State Chaplain Fr. Jeff Horejsi for his dedication to the Knights of Columbus. Your spiritual guidance and leadership has been appreciated by one and all.

Thank you also to our Associate Chaplain, Fr Gabriel Walz for his spiritual and fraternal guidance. We look forward to your term as State Chaplain.

Thank you to the Alexandria Convention Committee for all of their hard work to make this year's convention a success.

Our theme for this fraternal year is GTO (Grow the Order). We thank you for your continued efforts to do this throughout the rest of this fraternal year and into the future.

Every council that helps support a seminarian through RSVP, gives a coat to a child who needs one, donates a wheelchair to someone needing mobility, provides food to a hungry family, or saves a baby through the ultrasound program has grown the Order. Every Brother Knight who helps with the Free Throw Contest or Special Olympic Bowling, hands out Tootsie Rolls for the Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities, or marches in a March for Life is growing the Order. Still other Brother Knights are growing the Order simply by living out their faith as lecturers, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, husbands, and fathers.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to sustain all of these great acts of charity, unity, and fraternity unless we grow the Order in membership. Currently, we are losing more members through suspension, withdrawal, and death than we are bringing in. As our membership declines, so does our ability to do God's work here on earth. We need more members to continue our legacy and to provide even more assistance to those in need.

Again this year, the Knights of Columbus Silver Rose will make its way across Minnesota. The rose is a symbol of the Order's commitment to the prolife cause, and Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patroness of the prolife movement. The rose's final destination is the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th.

Using the principles of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity we follow in the footsteps of our founder, Venerable Fr. Michael J. McGivney, as we strive to Grow the Order so we can continue to do God's work here on earth and provide even more assistance to those in need.

Respectfully submitted,

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