



**Knights of  
Columbus®**



## **Centennial Council No. 8079**

### **Fraternal Year 2023-2024 Annual Report**

Our council was challenged this year dealing with suspension due to inactivity, yet with the assistance of our membership and general public were able to continue our organization's worthy causes of faith, family, community, and life. The council donated winter coats to children in Des Moines including Des Moines Elementary School for those in need. We served donuts, coffee, and juice to parishioners following morning masses to help strengthen family and collective engagement. Organizing a Soup Supper, we assisted families on their Lenten journey. For the parish school, we helped raise money for their Brown Bear Car Wash fundraiser.

Knights and their families helped clean up the parish grounds in preparation of the Easter celebration. We collected food and volunteered hours of service sorting food and restocking the food line at the Des Moines Area Food Bank. Volunteers filled in chips and divots, sanded, then painted the Parish Hall which also serves as the cafeteria for the parish school. We prayed the rosary at church, before meetings, and also in front of Planned Parenthood with the 40 Days for Life program in support of the unborn. Donations of gently used maternity, baby, and children's clothes, diapers, baby equipment, toys, books, and cash for Des Moines Pregnancy Aid was collected.

Another project we will be taking on shortly is the Tootsie Roll program providing life-based health care, learning and quality of life opportunities for children, teens, and adults with disabilities. Columbus Charities retains 20% for Special Olympics Washington (SOWA) and the remaining 80% go to local 501(c)(3) organizations that deal with the disabled in some way. A continuing program that has enabled our parish community to give life saving blood donations is coordinated by our brothers. We also were able to exemplify four new members to our rolls.

These are some of the works we contributed to this past year. I look forward to continue our association of faithful men, their families, and larger community in meeting our virtues of charity, unity, and fraternity.

Vivat Jesus!

Rainier J. Reyes  
Grand Knight