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## Iowa Knights of Columbus Name Award Winners prior to their 113<sup>th</sup> State Convention

The Iowa Knights of Columbus have announced the winners for the numerous awards they present every year at their Annual State Convention. This year, the 113<sup>th</sup> State Convention of the Iowa Knights of Columbus will be held May 2 – 4, 2014 at the Des Moines Marriott Downtown in Des Moines.

The Iowa State Council selects several individuals and programs, after reviewing submissions from local Knights of Columbus councils from all of Iowa. The winners are selected based on the merits of their service to the community and their local church.

The following members of the clergy will be recognized by the Iowa Knights of Columbus are:

- **2014 Diocesan Chaplain of the Year for Davenport:** Rev. H. Robert Harness, pastor of Holy Family Parish in Davenport, IA
- **2014 Diocesan Chaplain of the Year for Dubuque:** Rev. Ardel H. Barta, retired priest, from Vinton, IA
- **2014 Diocesan Chaplain of the Year for Des Moines:** Rev. Lawrence R. Hoffmann, pastor of St. Luke the Evangelist Parish in Ankeny, IA
- **2014 Diocesan Chaplain of the Year for Sioux City:** Rev. Robert W. Gralapp, pastor of Sacred Heart Parishes both at Manning, IA and Manilla, IA
- **2014 Religious Person of the Year:** Rev. Mr. Troy E. Thompson, deacon at Our Lady of the Americas Parish in Des Moines, IA

The following individuals are also recognized by their dedication to the principles of the Knights of Columbus:

- **2014 Youth of The Year:** Marissa Miller from Casacade, IA
- **2014 Family of the Year:** Jayson and Darci Wagner from Anamosa, IA
- **2014 Knight of the Year:** Steven Hesprich from Dubuque, IA
- **2014 Grand Knight of the Year:** Richard Brdicko from Adel-Waukee, IA

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Finally, the following Councils will receive recognition on their works of charity in their parishes and communities in specific program categories:

- **2014 Church Program of the Year**, Church Pews for St. Luke, Council 15603 in Ankeny, IA
- **2014 Community Program of the Year**, Annual Phonethon, Council 788 in Carroll, IA
- **2014 Council Program of the Year**, Support Bishop's Blast Program, , Council 568 in Burlington, IA
- **2014 Culture of Life Program of the Year**, Ultrasound Machine for Alternatives Pregnancy Center, Council 14987 in Cedar Falls, IA (UNI Student Council)
- **2014 Family Program of the Year**, St. Valentines and Evangelization Dinner, Council 568 in Burlington, IA
- **2014 Youth Program of the Year**, Holy Trinity Walk-a-Thon, Council 14029 in Des Moines, IA (Holy Trinity Parish)
- **2014 Round Table Program of the Year**, Mount Calvary Cemetery, Council 5390 in Marion, IA

The awards will be presented during the banquets of the 113<sup>th</sup> Iowa Knights of Columbus State Convention May 2 – 4, 2014 at the Des Moines Marriott Downtown hotel, where close to 100 Knights and their families from all over the state will gather to renew their commitment to their principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism and to reaffirm their solidarity with our priests and bishops.

For more information on these awards or on the 113<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Iowa Knights of Columbus, please visit [www.iowakofc.org/page/convention2014](http://www.iowakofc.org/page/convention2014) or call 515-991-2791

*Founded in 1882, the Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic Fraternal organization in the world with over 1.8 million members in 14 countries. The Iowa Knights of Columbus, with over 31,000 members, continue to serve parishes and communities in the four dioceses of Iowa.*

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