



51st Biennial Nebraska State Convention

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Nebraska Catholic Daughters of the Americas

April 25, 26, & 27, 2025

With God All Things Are Possible Matthew 19 - 26

Convention Chairs

Courts of the Lincoln Diocese

Court 96 Cordova, Falls City

Court 472 St. Charles, Lincoln

Court 576 San Salvador, David City

Court 709 Our Lady of Loretto, Plattsmouth

Court 764 St. Mary, York

Court 1009 Wm. McDonald, Hastings

Court 1122 Emmanuel, Nebraska City

Court 1956 Our Lady of Peace, Wahoo

Ceremonial Coordinator to be announced

Our thanks to all the musicians, readers and anyone who helped in any way to make the Masses very special. We would also like to thank the Color Guard, Banner Bearers and the Chairmen of all the committees.

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Meal Reservations

Meal Reservations are to be made in advance for all people attending the State Convention. **ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. PAYMENT MUST BE MADE WITH YOUR COURT CHECK BY April 11, 2025.** Meal tickets will be picked up when registering at the Convention by Court Regent, or highest ranking officer attending. Don't forget to check with your Chaplains, remember to include your District Deputy. **Detach and mail with a court check payable to Nebraska Catholic Daughters of the Americas and mail it to: State Secretary Laurie Hergott at 4008 27th Street in Columbus, NE 68601**

Traditionally Friday evening is "Past Regents" night for their meal and business meeting. Members of the Past Regents Club will be receiving a mailing from the Past Regents Officers to include a meal reservation and other information. **All other attendees will be on their own that evening for their meal. The hotel has a nice restaurant with full service and there are several eating establishments within easy walking of the hotel.**

Court Name: _____ **Court #** _____

Person Attending	Sat. Morn \$20.00	Sat Lunch \$25.00	Banquet \$40.00	Sun Morn \$20.00	Sun Lunch \$28.00
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Totals	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Signature of Regent _____ **Total \$** _____

No refunds after April 11, 2025. Please email State Regent Betty Fredericks at btfred88@gmail.com with questions and concerns. KEEP A COPY FO YOUR RECORDS.

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Full Page.....	\$100.00
Half Page.....	\$ 50.00
One-Quarter Page.....	\$ 30.00
One-Eighth Page.....	\$ 20.00

Advertising Contract

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Signature _____

Please make all checks payable to Nebraska Catholic Daughters of the Americas and mail to: **Laurie Hergott @ 4008 27th St. in Columbus, NE 68601**

Email your Ad to Betty Fredericks at btfred88@gmail.com

Please design the Ad and have pdf ready. Send by email ready to forward to the printer.

Send a copy of your ad with the check. Proceeds from the Ads will help to alleviate some of the printing costs of the Convention Book. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The deadline for Ad contract must be postmarked by April 1, 2025.

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Friday, April 25, 2025

12:00	Lunch on your own
11:30–1:00 pm	Registration in entryway
1:15 pm	Welcome by 1 st Vice State Regent Km Meduna
1:30-5:00 pm	Rosary in Chapel led by 2 nd Vice State Regent Janet Macklin and Speakers(More details on speakers will be emailed later)
2:30-2:45 pm	Break
5:00-6:00 pm	Registration in entryway
5:00-5:45 pm	Meeting between Convention Committees & State Board (Room to be announced)
6:30 pm	Past Regent Dinner in Main Dining Room(All other attendees are on their own for supper)
7:30-9:00 pm	Past Regents Meeting for Past Regents only in Main Dining Room
9:00-9:30 pm	Meeting between National Representative & State Officers

Saturday, April 26, 2025

7:00 am	Breakfast in Main Dining Room
7:30 -8:45 am	Registration in entryway
8:30-9:00 am	Meeting between Ntl Representative & 2025 Nominating Committee—Room ?
9:00-10:00 am	Memorial Mass in Grand Ballroom, celebrant Bishop Emeritus
10:30-noon	Convention Starts in Grand Ballroom Seating of Delegates Briefing of Delegates Call to Order Opening Prayer Presentation of Colors—Court #1956. Our Lady of Peace Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem Opening Ode Welcome from National Director Brenda West Introductions Roll Call of Courts Report of Credential Committee Appointment of Time Keeper and Page Reading of Communications Adoption of Printed Program Book Report of Committee and Reading of Convention Standing Rules

	Approval of 2023 State Convention Minutes emailed out in May 2023 by Laurie Hergott
	Report of Nominating Committee
	Nominations from floor
12:00 noon	Lunch in Main Dining Room with Janet Macklin, 2 nd Vice State Regent presiding
1:15 pm	Business Session Reconvenes
1:15-2:15 pm	Two-minute oral reports from Local Courts #96 - #1549
2:15-3:00 pm	Report of the Credentials Committee
	Elections
	Two-minute oral reports from Local Court Regents #1802 - #2801
3:00-3:15 pm	Break
3:15-4:00 pm	Speaker
4:00-4:15 pm	Report of Elections Committee
4:15-4:45 pm	Two-minute oral reports from Local Court Regents
4:45-5:15 pm	Report of the State Regent
	Report of the State Treasurer
	Report of the Financial Review Committee
5:30-6:30 pm	Social Time with cash bar in Dining Room
6:30 pm	Banquet in Dining Room with Kim Meduna, 1 st Vice State Regent presiding. Basket Raffle Drawings
8:30 pm	Entertainment for the evening to be announced by Janet and Laurie
9:00 pm	Meeting between National Representative & State Officers-Elect

Sunday, April 27, 2025

7:00 am	Breakfast in Main Dining Room
7:30 – 8:00 am	Registration
8:30 am	Convention Reconvenes
	Opening Prayer by Rev. Nicholas Kipper, State Chaplain- Elect
	Roll Call of Courts
	Report of Credential Committee
	Reports of Circle of Love Chairmen
	Address by National Director
	Report from State Education Contest Chairman
	Report from State Newsletter Chairman
	Report from State Website Chairman
	Report from State Membership Chairman
	Roll call of winning courts for Circle of Love
	Report from Resolutions Committee
	Report from Bylaws Committee
	Report of State Project
	Any Invitation(s) for 2027 State Convention—Archdiocese of Omaha
	Motion to Destroy Ballots
	Message from State Regent-Elect
	Unfinished Business; Questions/Answers
	Evaluations
	Retiring of Colors

Closing Prayer by Rev. Nicholas Kipper
Closing Ode
11:00am Installation Mass, celebrant State Chaplain Fr. Nicholas Kipper for installation of
Newly Elected State Officers. (ALL National, State and Local Court Officers and
District Deputies are to be in ceremonial attire)
12:30 Lunch in Dining Room with Laurie Hergott, State Secretary presiding
1:30 pm Go Forth Prayer by Rev. Nicholas Kipper
Dismissal
Officers meeting to wrap up convention

Changes will be made in this agenda as the convention approaches. We will keep you informed with any updates prior to the convention. Plan on coming, enjoying, relaxing, meeting old friends and making new friends.

Welcome everyone!



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ATTENTION!

“Basket” Raffles for CDA State Convention

Suggested \$50.00 value

Each Omaha Archdiocese Court and each Grand Island Diocese Court are asked to bring one raffle display item, theme of your choice.

Must come ready for display.

Have item on display table by 8:00 a.m. Saturday, April 26, 2025

Please tag your basket with your Court's Name and Number

Raffle tickets will be sold for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00

Must be present to win or arrangements made to take home.

Drawing will be held at Saturday Night's Banquet

Questions, please contact:

Betty Fredericks 402 362 6905 or btfred88@gmail.com

Kim Meduna 402 277 6437 or rondameduna@icloud.com



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BYLAW AMENDMENT

ONE (1) copy of each Amendment to the Bylaws being submitted must be POSTMARKED by April 1st. Please mail to:

State Treasurer
Mary Anne Clasen
1121 South 88th St.
Lincoln, NE 68520

**An electronic copy of the Resolution must be emailed to Mary Anne at:
moserclassenma@outlook.com

The following is an example of how proposed Amendments to the Bylaws are to be worded:

PRESENT WORDING

ARTICLE V THE ORDER
Sec. 2 National Court Composition

The National Court shall be composed of five (5) National Officers, nine (9) National Directors, Past National Regents, five (5) Officers of each State Court, Immediate Past State Regent, Local Court regents and delegates from the Local Court.

AMENDED WORDING

Article _____ Title _____

Sec _____ Title _____

State new wording that you wish to submit for inclusion in the Bylaws. **(PRINT THE NEW WORDING IN CAPS AND IN BOLD PRINT SO AS TO STAND OUT.)**

Example

AMENDED WORDING

ARTICLE V THE ORDER

Sec. 2 National Court composition

The National Court shall be composed of five (5) National Officers, nine (9) National Directors, **AND MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL COURTS.**

Rationale: This will clarify the composition of the National Court.

State Regent/Local Court Regent

State Secretary/Recording Secretary

State Court/Local Court Name, Number, State

Date of Meeting in which the proposed amendment passed

Contact Information: email address or phone number

(Please note: the above is just a “fictitious” example and is not something that is being proposed at this convention.)

If you have concerns about submitting an amendment, please do not hesitate to reach out to any one of the State Officers for help and advice.

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Convention Committees

**Meeting with Committees on Friday, April 25th in Room A

Notify Betty by March 1st if you are not able to serve. (btfred88@gmail.com).

Convention Standing Rules Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

#1384 RaNea O'Brien, Guardian Angel (West Point) - Chair

#877 Susan Muehleier, St. Monica (Norfolk)

#96 Karen Ramsey, Cordova (Falls City)

Approve Minutes Meeting at 5:05 p.m.

#709 Donita Gertsch, Our Lady of Loretto (Plattsmouth) - Chair

#2036 Maureen Losee, Our Lady of Perpetual Adoration (Bellevue)

#472 Cassie Chandler, St. Charles (Lincoln)

#2451 Tracy Trautman, Mother Teresa (Omaha)

#2801 Dorothy Duerfeldt, Our Lady of the Sandhills, (Valentine)

Resolutions/Bylaw Amendments Committee Meeting at 5:10

#472 Mary Anne Classen, St. Charles (Lincoln)- Chair

#1956 Connie Frazier, Our Lady of Peace (Wahoo)

#2053 Jane Pieper, St. Jude (Scottsbluff)

Financial Review Meeting at 5:15

#764 Jenifer Busing, St. Mary (York) - Chair

#764 Ruth Krumbach, St. Mary (York)

#764 Cathy Ochs, St. Mary (York)

Credentials Meeting at 5:20

#2098 Barb Ward, Our Lady of the Plains, (Broken Bow) - Chair

#576 Nancy Vrbka, San Salvador (David City)

#697 Linda Schneider, St. Michael (O'Neill)

#1122 Julie Volkmer, Emmanuel (Nebraska City)

#2423 Rosie Matz, Mary Queen of Peace (Omaha)

#2604 Colleen Haack, Our Lady of Faith (Omaha)

Elections Meeting at 5:25 (door monitors also)

National Representative Brenda West - Advisor

#457 Alice Palmer, Hartington (Hartington)

#1009 Beth Small, Wm. McDonald (Hastings)

#1263 Darlene Wietzki, Ave Maria (Grand Island)

#2007 Lori Marshall, St. James (Kearney)

#2015 Sandra Mudloff, Sacred Heart (St. Paul)

#2253 Renee Brown, Our Lady of the Angels (Fremont)

#2760 Veronica Hernandez, Santa Maria, (Grand Island)

Thank you in advance for helping with committee duties. Information will be emailed out prior to convention on committee responsibilities.

Convention Menu & Allergy Information

Breakfast - both Saturday and Sunday

Single Barrel Breakfast Buffet

Includes water, coffee

scrambled eggs, bacon, breakfast sausage, house seasoned potatoes, seasonal fruit, assorted pastries, jams and butters and assorted juices.

Saturday Lunch

Boxed Lunch

Includes bottled water, or canned soda

Black Forest Ham sandwich, roast beef sandwich **or** chicken cobb salad
cheese, lettuce, sliced tomatoes and red onion included
seasonal fruit
chips
chocolate cookie

Saturday Night Banquet (there will be a cash bar)

Plated Dinner

Bacon and Red Wine Chicken

Garden salad

rolls and butter

baked potato and fresh vegetable medley

rolls and butter

cheesecake slices

water, coffee, decaf, iced tea

Sunday Lunch

Soup and Salad Bar Buffet

Minestrone soup

Garden salad with Sweet Lancaster and Butter Herb Dressing

Proteins include diced turkey, diced ham and bacon crumbles

Toppings include cucumbers, tomato, scallion, bacon bits, hard boiled eggs, shredded cheddar cheese, and house croutons

rolls and butter

water, coffee, decaf, iced tea service

If you have a dietary requirement, condition, and or allergy please submit in writing and/or email to Kim Meduna by April 11, 2025. Kim will provide a ticket in your Court's Meal envelope for you to present at that particular meal.

Allergies

Related to food entrees, please circle or list your allergies.

Gluten Free

Dairy

Nuts

Other(please list)

Vegan _____

Name: _____ Court # _____

Chef Choice Selection will be prepared for you.

Please mail with meal registration. Short notice requests cannot be guaranteed.

Make copies as needed. Thank you.

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Registration Form**

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DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION IS APRIL 11, 2025. Please complete this registration for each person that will be attending the convention from your court. Also include any District Deputy who is a delegate for your court, or Court Chaplain attending. Past State Regents do not pay a registration fee but must be listed if attending. Mail with a court check payable to **Nebraska Catholic Daughters of the Americas** and mail to: Laurie Hergott at 4008 27th St in Columbus, NE 68601. **If postmarked after April 11, Delegate Fee is \$40.00 and Alternate fee is \$30.00, Guest fee is \$15.00.**

Court Name: _____ **Court #** _____

Attendee Guest	Title	Delegate	Alternate
Fee \$10.00	(DD, Court Officer, etc.)	Fee \$35.00	Fee \$25.00
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Total \$ _____ \$ _____
\$ _____

Grand Total \$ _____

No refunds after the registration deadline date of April 11, 2025. Keep a copy for your records.

In order to verify the above delegates are members in good standing, please sign:

Regent: _____ Financial

Secretary _____



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Nebraska District Deputies
2023 - 2025

Deb Armentrout	Omaha
Nancy Becker	Hartington
Barb Cave	Columbus
Catherine Chandler	Lincoln
Mary Joslin	Omaha
Teresa Kehler	Greeley
Deb Makovicka	York
JoAnn Nash	Gering
Joan Nienaber	Hastings
Elaine Sluti	Kearney
Susan Steenson	Omaha

These ladies are a valuable part of the Nebraska State Board!



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Due Dates for the 51st Biennial Nebraska State Convention

January 2025	Election of delegates/alternates to state convention by courts
02/01/2025	Postmark on state office application to Nominating Chair JoAnn Nash
02/15/2025	Postmark on Delegate/Alternate form for state convention to Regent Betty Fredericks
03/01/2025	Postmark on Circle of Love forms to appropriate State Chair
03/01/2025	List of deceased members since last convention(2023) to 2 nd Vice State Regent Janet Macklin
03/01/2025	Postmark on State Education contest, Newsletter, Facebook & Website contests to appropriate State Chairman
03/10/2025	State Regent notifies National of total delegate count
04/01/2025	Deadline for Bylaw Amendments postmarked to State Treasurer Mary Anne Classen
04/01/2025	Deadline for Resolutions postmarked to State Treasurer Mary Anne Classen
04/01/2025	State chairmen reports/winners postmarked to State Regent Betty Fredericks
04/01/2025	Convention Book Ads deadline to State Regent Betty Fredericks
04/01/2025	Request for sales table to 1 st Vice State Regent Kim Meduna
04/01/2025	Suggestions for State Project sent to State Regent Betty Fredericks
04/10/2025	State Regent notifies National of total delegate count
04/11/2025	Convention Registrations due
04/11/2025	Convention Meal reservations due
04/11/2025	Deadline for hotel's special blocked room rate
04/25/2025	Meetings with Committee members
04/26/2025	Paper work for officers nominated from the floor must be on the podium before the opening drop of the gavel on April 26, 2025.

Nebraska District Deputies

2023 - 2025

Deb Armentrout - Omaha

Nancy Becker - Hartington

Barb Cave - Columbus

Cassie Chandler - Lincoln

Teresa Kehler - Greeley

Mary Joslin - Omaha

Deb Makovicka - York

JoAnn Nash - Scottsbluff

Joan Nienaber - Hastings

Elaine Sluti - Kearney

Susan Steenson - Omaha

Nebraska State Committee Chairs for 2023-2025

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Nebraska State Committee Chairs for 2023-2025 cont'

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January 15, 2025

To: National Regent Susan Mone
National Representative Brenda West

State Chaplain Rev. Nicholas Kipper; State Regent Betty Fredericks; 1st Vice State Regent Kim Meduna; 2nd Vice State Regent Janet Macklin; State Secretary Laurie Hergott; State Treasurer Mary Anne Classen;
Immediate Past State Regent Barbara Ward

Past State Regents Ruth Krumbach, Monica Veik, Judy Reed, Kim Spicka, Shirley Chramosta, and Elaine Heng

State Chairwomen
District Deputies
Court Regents and Members

From: Betty Fredericks, NE State Regent

This is the official call to the 51st Biennial Nebraska State Convention of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas.

Date: April 25, 26, 27, 2025

**Place: Graduate by Hilton Lincoln
141 N 9th St.
Lincoln, NE 68508
402 475 4011**

Theme: With God, All Things Are Possible Matthew 19 - 26

The Nebraska State Court and the Lincoln Diocese Courts have been busy planning and working to bring you a most memorable, spiritual, fun, and rewarding experience. Please share the following information with your delegates and court members. All members are cordially invited to attend the convention. You do not have to be a delegate or an alternate to attend the convention. There will be adequate guest seating.

We want to remember all of our Past State Regents, other Past State Officers, and all members present and past who forged their paths to make Nebraska CDA happen.

Enclosed you will find the following:

- Convention Registration
- Meal Reservations
- State Officers, Past State Regents, & Convention Chair
- Courts of Lincoln Diocese
- List of State District Deputies
- List of State Chair
- Convention Committees
- Basket Raffle Flyer
- Tentative Agenda
- Voting Procedures
- Resolutions
- Bylaw Amendments
- Ceremonial Dress Code
- Advertising Contract Price List
- Due Dates

Forms for **registrations** and **meal reservations** are enclosed. Please copy these forms as needed and mail them to the proper chairwoman. DEADLINE for all REGISTRATIONS (without penalty) is April 11, 2025. No refunds will be made after April 11, 2025. All requests for refunds must be emailed to btfred88@gmail.com. Please try to use your Alternates that were elected to fill these openings

Attendance: All CDA members are invited and encouraged to attend the state convention. In addition to assigned delegate seating, there will be seating areas for alternates so they may observe convention proceedings.

If you have a CDA member who is neither a delegate nor an alternate, but wants to be a part of the convention atmosphere, please register her as a guest. Convention bags are given to delegates and alternates only. Spouses are invited to attend all liturgies if they wish. Don't forget to extend an invitation to the convention to your chaplains also. There will be seating for clergy on the convention floor.

Opening Mass: This convention opening Mass will be combined with the Memorial Service and will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. All clergy in attendance are invited to concelebrate any convention Mass. They will need to bring their own albs and stoles. Ladies, please remember the fasting rules in order to receive Communion. All Masses are in the Grand Ballroom.

Installation Mass: All local court officers and District Deputies need to be a part of the procession for the Installation Mass on Sunday, April 27th at 11:00 a.m. All Masses will be in the Grand Ballroom. Elected Officers, please bring your Ceremonial Attire and refer to the "do's" and "don'ts" on the enclosed Ceremonial Dress Code sheet. We want you to be able to participate in this procession.

Delegates/alternates: Each court regent should have received from the National Office a delegate sheet along with instructions for electing the number of delegates and alternates to which the court is entitled. If a regent has not received this packet, she should contact the National Office immediately as they have been mailed out. Courts must elect delegates to the convention in time to send the delegate list to the State Regent. This list must be postmarked by FEBRUARY 15, 2025, so most courts will need to elect their delegates at their January meeting. Please read the National Convention Mailing carefully to ensure that your court has the proper representation at the state convention. Courts are allowed two (2) delegates for the first twenty-five or fewer members and one delegate for each additional twenty-five (25) members or *major fraction* thereof. If she attends, the highest-ranking officer (in office at the time of the convention) shall automatically be one of the court's delegates. The local court may elect up to two (2) times the number of alternates for the delegates elected. Expenses to the state convention may be paid by the local court. (If your Court has a PAST STATE REGENT as a member, they have their own vote and do not need to be elected as a Delegate or Alternate. You do not need

to pay a registration fee for them, just write on the registration form after their name, “Past State Regent”.)

Delegates and alternates are elected, not appointed. It is wise to elect all the delegates and alternates to which your court is entitled, even if it appears that they cannot attend the convention. Sometimes delegates are able to attend after all. No delegate sheets will be accepted if postmarked after FEBRUARY 15, 2025. **Only the number attending is needed by February 15th**. The actual names and fees to pay need to be postmarked by April 11, 2025.

Dues/Assessments: All state and national dues and assessments must be paid in order for a court to have delegates seated at the convention. If you have any questions regarding your state or national assessments, please contact the national office at cdofanatl@aol.com or Laurie Hergott, State Secretary, as soon as possible.

Bylaw Amendments: Local courts may submit proposed amendments to the CDA Bylaws. Any proposed bylaw amendments approved at the state convention must be sent to the national committee for final presentation at the 2026 National Convention. Local courts must vote on a proposed bylaw amendment at a local court meeting. Submit proposed bylaw amendments to State Treasurer Mary Anne Classen postmarked by MARCH 1, 2025.

Resolutions: Local courts may submit proposed resolutions. Any resolutions passed at the state convention that do not pertain solely to the state of Nebraska may also be sent to the chairman of the National Resolutions Committee for consideration. For your convenience, a resolution format is included in this Official Call to Convention packet. Resolutions proposed by a local court must be approved by a vote of the members at a regular meeting and sent to the State Treasurer Mary Anne Classen, postmarked by MARCH 1, 2025.

Local Court Regent reports: A two-minute oral report will be required of each court regent, or her representative. Please keep your report limited to **ONE** topic that would be of interest to other courts. Other courts like to hear of your favorite or best money-making project, service project, **OR**; how you have obtained new members. ***One topic, two minutes.***

Deceased Members: Send in your list of deceased members postmarked by MARCH 15, 2025, to 2nd Vice State Regent Janet Macklin. This list should only be for members you have lost since the last state convention, which was April, 2023. Please observe the deadline date if you want your deceased member recognized and *please* type or print the names.

Convention Attire: No jean wear at any time. Business casual is appropriate. Saturday night's Banquet is your Sunday Best.

Convention Sales: Any court in the Lincoln Diocese wishing to raffle or offer items for sale at the convention must send a request to the 1st Vice State Regent Kim Meduna by April 1, 2025. Each court will be allowed ½ of an eight-foot (8') table on a first-come-first-serve basis. The proceeds of these sales are to help the courts in the hosting diocese with their convention expenses. Please, **no vendors**.

Courts from the Omaha Archdiocese and the Grand Island Diocese may rent ½ of an 8 foot table for a raffle or sale items for the cost of \$25.00, if they wish.

Fundraising: For this convention we will again ask each court from the two non-hosting dioceses (Omaha and Grand Island) to donate a basket for the State's Basket Raffle. A flyer with more information is included in this Official Call to Convention packet. **Drawings will take place at the banquet on Saturday evening.**

We will also sell our Lucky Bucks. Lucky Bucks will be sold for a \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Please participate in these activities at the convention. You will have a great time, and you may win some great prizes! At the same time, you will help ensure that the state has the funds to run efficiently and effectively in the future. You must be present to win or make arrangements with someone in your court to take it home for you. Please remember to bring cash for these fundraisers and cash bar Saturday evening.

Candidates for State Office: Anyone wishing to be considered as a candidate for state office by the nominating committee must have her papers postmarked prior to **FEBRUARY 1, 2025**. Send all packets for the nominating committee to: **Chairman JoAnn Nash at 1545 Buckskin Ct. in Gering, NE 69341**. All positions are open for nomination. A member who intends to run for office shall state what office she intends to seek, and

must submit five (5) copies each of the following: a statement of qualifications, a statement of endorsement from her local court which must be voted on at a local court meeting and signed by a majority of the local court officers, a current photograph, and a consent to serve statement signed by the candidate. If you have any questions about running for an office, please feel free to contact any state officer.

Candidates for Nominating Committee: If you have someone who would like to run for the nominating committee for the 2027 convention, please come prepared to nominate them from the floor when roll call is taken, after the nominations for State Officers have been completed. The nomination must be made by the local court regent or her representative. There will be a total of five (5) members elected, with the next two (2) highest voted candidates as alternates. No nominating committee member may serve two (2) consecutive terms and no two (2) members shall be from the same court.

Contests/Awards: Circle of Love forms have been emailed to each Court. State chairmen and State Circle of Love chairs will announce winners in all categories during the convention. Local Circle of Love submissions and local Education Contest winners from each court need to be postmarked by March 1, 2025 to the respective state chair. Regents, please plan your local court deadlines accordingly.

Reports of State Chairmen: All state chairs, including the Circle of Love chairs, are asked to submit a short-typewritten report for the past two years. Send this report to the State Regent by April 1, 2025. Reports will be in the convention booklet. A listing of all State Chairs is included with this mailing. Your work is valuable.

State Project: Please submit your court's suggestion for a state project for 2025 – 2027 to Betty Fredericks at 10 Eastridge Dr. So., York, NE 68467 postmarked by April 1, 2025 (or email to btfred88@gmail.com). This project will be reviewed by the state board for an approval vote by the membership at the state convention.

2027 Convention bids: Regents from the Omaha Archdiocese interested in hosting the 2027 Nebraska State Convention should come to the convention prepared to make an invitation for the convention. If no invitations are offered, your state board will make the decision.

Ads for Convention Booklet:

Remember to get your ads in for the convention program book. You have until April 1, 2025. Please make copies of the form and ask friends and business owners to purchase a program ad. We appreciate your enthusiastic participation. We will continue to have a convention booklet printed instead of loose papers and folders. We need to sell the ads to help cover the printing costs of the booklets.

Tentative Convention Agenda: A tentative convention agenda is included in this packet. Keep in mind that things may change, thus the term “tentative”.

Hotel Information: Convention will be held at the Graduate by Hilton Lincoln in downtown Lincoln, NE 68508 at 141 N 9th St. Phone number is 402 475 4011. Room rate is \$112.00 per night. Ask for the CDA Block of rooms. There is **an attached parking garage and parking is free if you are staying at the hotel.** Be prompt with your reservations.

Time Table for Convention: A calendar of due dates is included with this mailing for your convenience.

PAST REGENTS: Please RSVP to Mary Joslin if you plan to attend Friday nights “PAST REGENTS MEETING”. Past State Regents will hear from Mary Joslin in a separate mailing. Reservation can be called in or emailed, marymjoslin@yahoo.com or 402-880-3836.

We hope that the information contained in this packet will help you with your plans for the convention. We look forward to seeing all of you in April. Come and renew old friendships and make new ones. Our hope is that you will leave the convention with a renewed spirit of commitment to service and a renewed appreciation for the gift of sisterhood.

A reminder..... At the request of the hotel management, no glitter, confetti or birdseed is permitted by the hotel. The Court using it will be assessed a cleaning fee if there is a violation.

Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me at 10 Eastridge Dr. So. In York, NE 68467, 402 362 6905 or btfred88@gmail.com.

You can also contact 1st Vice State Regent Kim Meduna at 2160 County Road 19, in Colon, NE 68018, 402 277 6437 or rondameduna@icloud.com

See you soon!

Blessings,
Betty Fredericks
NE State Regent



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State Convention Chairs

State Chair.....Betty Fredericks, NE State Regent
Hosting Court.....Lincoln Diocese Courts
Ceremonial Coordinator.....to be announced



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Updated Voting Procedures

- o On Friday late afternoon April 25, 2025, before the convention convenes, members of the Election committee and the Credential Committee will attend a short meeting to ensure that they have no questions about the voting procedure.
- o The final opportunity for delegate registration will be on Saturday, April 26, 2025, between 7:30 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. If delegates are not registered by this time, they will not be allowed to vote.
- o On Saturday morning after Mass the delegates will be seated on the convention floor at their designated assigned seats.
- o At 2:00 p.m. on Saturday the doors to the convention floor will be closed and any delegate who is not inside will not have the opportunity to vote. All attendees who are not delegates will be asked to remain out of the convention room until elections are over. Door monitors will ensure that no one is admitted during elections. The chairman of the Elections Committee will be at the microphone giving general directions and calling for silence.
- o Roll call will be taken and a credential report will be given. The Chairman of the Elections Committee will ask that ballots be passed out and will call, again, for silence. Any unused ballots will be collected by the Election Committee.

- o Delegates may vote for **only** 1 (one) Candidate per state office and **no more** than 5 (five) candidates for the 2027 Nominating Committee. To be valid, a ballot must show no more than five (5) votes for each area. Any ballot with more (but not less) than the required votes will be deemed invalid. A plurality vote shall elect the Nominating Committee. Only one (1) member of this Committee shall be elected from any Court.
- o After their ballots are completed, delegates will fold their ballot once and pass it to the center aisle where the Election Committee members will pick them up.
- o The Election Committee members will take the ballots to the area designated for counting.
- o Ballots shall be destroyed immediately after the official close of the State Convention.

**BE SURE THAT EVERY DELEGATE ATTENDING THE CONVENTION
HAS A COPY OF THIS INFORMATION.**