

St. John Neumann Council #973

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Worthy Grand Knights and Delegates

Worthy District Deputies

Worthy State Chaplain, Reverend Fathers

Worthy State Officers and Coordinators

Worthy Past State Deputies

Worthy Past State Officers

Resolution in Support of the Candidacy of Brother Knight Ernest L. Reinhart for the Office of State Secretary of the Wisconsin State Council of the Knights of Columbus

Whereas, the position of State Secretary will be filled through a vote by the Delegates at the 125th Annual State Convention, to be held in Green Bay, Wisconsin, on Saturday, May 16, 2026;

Whereas, Brother Ernest L. Reinhart has expressed his willingness and desire to serve as State Secretary;

Whereas, the State Secretary position requires a candidate committed to the principles of the Order, requires a candidate dedicated to the ideals of the Knights of Columbus and deeply involved in Church, community, youth, and family life;

Whereas, Brother Reinhart's is completing a two-year tenure as State Treasurer, his careful stewardship of the Wisconsin State Budget upheld the mission of the Order. His blend of professional expertise and fraternal charity strengthened trust in the State Council's financial leadership and empowered local councils to serve with greater effectiveness;

Whereas, Brother Reinhart is the current State Officer overseeing the Milwaukee Archdiocese, During his three-year tenure, Brother Reinhart's strong and inspiring leadership propelled the archdiocese to first place in Wisconsin for both membership growth and Faith in Action programs, strengthening councils and advancing the mission of the Order;

Whereas, Brother Reinhart is the former State Program Director, During his two-year tenure as Brother Reinhart's leadership drove a significant rise in reported Faith in Action programs statewide, revitalizing council engagement and contributing directly to sustained membership growth across Wisconsin;

Whereas, Brother Reinhart is the former State Warden, his leadership during his one-year term as State Warden strengthened engagement across the jurisdiction and led to higher satisfaction among Knights and families at the State Convention and District Deputy meetings;

Whereas, Brother Reinhart has faithfully served as District Deputy, Grand Knight, and in multiple council officer positions, thereby contributing significantly to the growth and vitality of the councils under his care; be it noted that his breadth of experience reflects exemplary dedication to the principles of the Order;

Whereas, Whereas, a resume detailing Brother Reinhart's extensive Knights of Columbus leadership experience, his professional accomplishments, and his distinguished military service is attached for membership evaluation

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Brother Knights of St John Neumann Council #973 wholeheartedly support and endorse the candidacy of Brother Knight Ernest L. Reinhart for the Office of State Secretary of the Wisconsin State Council of the Knights of Columbus at the upcoming annual convention.

Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be distributed to all delegates and members of the Wisconsin State Council of the Knights of Columbus to inform them of our strong support for Ernest L. Reinhart.

Dustin Beth
Grand Knight
St John Neumann Council #973