

WYOMING KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



COWBOY BULLETIN



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Happy New Year!



**Wyoming State Deputy
Douglas Gasseling**

After a hiatus of several months, we are once again going to start up the state newsletter. The newsletter will now be published on the first month of each quarter. I have asked that each District Deputy report on upcoming events and activities in their District in each of the quarterly newsletters, so all councils should keep them informed.

We have finished the first six months of the 2008/2009 Fraternal Year and the State is a negative 26 for

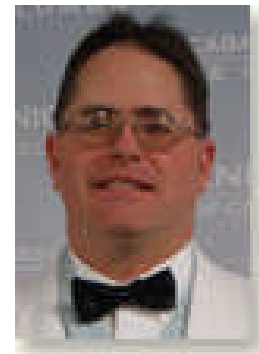
New members. Our goal this year is 100 new members – so – we must recruit at least 126 new men between now and July 1, provided we have no further suspensions.

At the State Deputies meeting in Grapevine, Texas, I was asked, “Why is Wyoming still in the negative?” That was a hard one for me to answer. Perhaps the answer might be that only 7 out of 29 councils have recruited a new member so far this year.

You’ve heard the statement: “to be an active council you need to be recruiting new members”. Please make an extra effort in the remaining six months of this Fraternal Year to recruit new members or re-activate some that have been suspended.

15 councils have not completed and submitted their list of service personnel (Form 365) to the Supreme. Without this form your council is not receiving any of the mailings for the different chairs for programs going on throughout the year.

Remember that the state convention is in Cheyenne and just around the corner.



**State Secretary
Patrick Doherty**

My Brother Knights:

As I write this article Christmas is fast approaching and I am reminded once again of the many blessings we have and that the birth of Christ has nothing to do with the depth of our pocket books but the depth of our love for each other. I pray that each of you and yours had a very Merry and Joy filled Christmas.

With the New Year upon us we start the second half of our fraternal year. Your Financial Secretary will be receiving the Per-capita billing in early January. Per-capita is based on \$16 per year per member less any disabled, honorary and honorary life member.

Only those Councils that opted for coverage into the liability insurance were billed by the State Council at the rate of \$2 per member for that coverage. The councils will have the opportunity, at the next state convention, to once again opt in or out of the insurance coverage.

In Memoriam

On January 4th, 2009 Grand Knight, Brother Sixto Delgado was welcomed by our Founder, Father Michael J. Mc Givney, and transferred to the Heavenly Council -- as departed from this world following a short but fatal illness.

Brother Sixto resided in Burns. He joined the Knights in May 2007. He had been Grand Knight of Columbia Council #7789, Pine Bluffs for the past one and a half years. He will be sorely missed.

Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

**INSURANCE
MATTERS****Field Agent
Jerry Hoefler**

A Statement on Financial Services Markets and the Knights of Columbus recently released by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson is as follows:

"I am able to report to you that because of our very conservative approach to investing our \$14 billion in assets, the impact on the Knights of Columbus has not been material--far smaller than for many other organizations."

For a complete report, visit the Supreme website at www.kofc.org.

As most of you now know, we have a new form 100 with an annuity offer to all new members and their spouse for a minimum contribution of \$100.00. The member can then add to it as they wish. Participation in this and other annuities makes the member an INSURANCE MEMBER.

Annuities are also available for all other members and their spouses with a minimum start of \$300.00.

Also new is a guaranteed issue \$5000.00 policy for members and spouses age 65 and under. This is a very good deal for our previously uninsurable members and spouses.

I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a **VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY BLESSED 2009.**

*Editor's Note: For all your K of C insurance matters: Field Agent Jerry Hoefler may be reached at :
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**Membership Director
John Benedik Jr.****Membership Document (Form #100)
gets new look!**

All Financial Secretaries should have received new Form #100's a couple of months ago. A qualified prospect's passport into the Knights of Columbus, has been upgraded with a new look to make it more user friendly.

The redesigned form replaces all previous versions of the membership Document. Old versions of the form #100 should be destroyed.

The biggest change is the size of this document itself: 8.5 x 11 inches, *easily fits into your wallet*. A major revision includes the "*New Member Annuity*," which is now available to introduce a new member and his wife to the Knights of Columbus Insurance program and to assist in planning financial stability for retirement.

**Membership Recruitment and
Retention of current members!**

Membership development is the most important element of a successful council. A well-crafted membership development strategy is essential for your council to operate efficiently and to serve others in the areas of Church, Community, Council, Family and Youth.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus must provide value for the members' time, talent, energy, and annual dues through well-planned programs and activities. These should fill a need for the member while offering spiritual development for him and his family.

More on membership recruitment and retention in the next news letter!

**USEFUL INTERNET LINKS**

VATICAN: www.vatican.va/

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops:
www.nccbuscc.org/

Diocese of Cheyenne:
www.dioceseofcheyenne.org/default.htm

Mass Time for Travelers:
www.masstimes.org/

Special Olympics of Wyoming:
www.specialolympicswy.org/

Carmelite Monks of Wyoming:
www.carmelitemonks.org/

Wyoming Catholic College:
www.wyomingcatholiccollege.com/

Knights of Columbus Supreme:
www.kofc.org/un/index.cfm

Father Mc Givney Website:
www.fathermcgivney.org/mcg/index.do

Cheyenne Council 801 Website:
www.robertfida.com/CheyenneKnightsofColumbus/temp_index.htm

Cody Council 4931 Website:
www.geocities.com/kclander2001/

Lander Council 5447 Website:
www.geocities.com/kclander2001/

UofW Laramie Council 10773:
www.newmancenter.org/Our_Community/KOC.htm

**Knight's In Interaction Newsletter
Sponsored by Council 10773:**
wyomingkc.blogspot.com/

Catholic Net:
www.catholic.net/index.php

Headline Bistro:
www.headlinebistro.com/en/index.html

New Year's Resolutions from a prior century---

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may no
so much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
It is in dying that we are born to eternal
life."



DISTRICT 1
District Deputy
Raoul Laganiere

Council 801-- Cheyenne: January 5th Opening of the new St. Mary's Catholic School in Cheyenne. January 24th *March for Life* in Cheyenne from Depot Square to the State Capitol. The 4th degree honor guard precedes this parade and the council provides lunch for all march participants. They will again provide weekly Friday night fish dinners during the Lenten season. Weekly Parish, after Sunday Mass, breakfast will continue on a rotation basis between Parishes in the Cheyenne area. Preparations for the 2009 State Convention are in full swing.

Council 3551 – Wheatland: council 3551 will be serving a parish breakfast following Sunday morning Mass on the 2nd Sundays during the first three months of 2009. A fish fry supper will be served following the ash Wednesday evening Mass. On Sunday February 15th, eighteen knights and their wives will travel to the Carousel Dinner Theater in Fort Collins, Colorado for a valentine's social to watch the musical production of "The Buddy Holly Story". This will be the second year we have done this for St. Valentine's day.

Council 77879 – Pine Bluff: The council had a Lollipop for Life drive on Pro-Life Sunday and collected \$102. This council still has two active duty military members -- Sgt. John Plover, and Lt. Col. Earl Culeck. At their November meeting, they voted to pay for these members' annual dues. A 50/50 raffle will be held at their January and February after-Mass breakfast for donation to St. Joseph Society for Retired Priests. This donation will be presented at the next Wyoming State Convention in April. This council is paying for the services of the copier in the parish hall to be used for Faith Formation or any other Parish needs.



DISTRICT 3
District Deputy
Jim Borzea

What a rotten time for my computer to decide to die. As I sit here in the library writing this, I realize how lucky I am to have the many friendships in all of the leaders and Brother Knights in District #3. As a rookie D.D., I have truly been blessed. Traveling over 1200 miles thus far visiting my various Councils, I have learned a great deal.

Council 2337 – Kemmerer Recently hosted a 1st degree and brought in 3 new members. They are taking a big step toward attaining Star Council. Meeting attendance is good. They planned to erect the Church's Christmas decorations and hosting New Year's Eve Party.

Council 2441 – Rock Springs council is well its way to earning Star Council for *third consecutive year*. Three 1st degrees so far this year netter 5 new members. A recent membership drive netted 5 prospects. Monthly Parish Center fish dinners are held along with many other breakfasts, luncheons, etc. 500 *Keep Christ in Christmas* cards were sold to parishioners and others.

Council 6216 – Evanston have recently completed work on the Church confessional to conform with Church regulations. This Council has been trying hard to increase its membership.

Council 7453 – Green River remains active in all Parish functions. They are planning to re-certify their 1st degree team soon. This Council also provides one 2nd & 3rd degree teams in the State.

Council 10027 – Fort Bridger One of the smaller Councils in our State has an outstanding meeting attendance. At the last meeting I was surprised how cold it was at Mass before their meeting. I was relieved to hear that they have been working to get a new furnace installed at no cost to the Parish. Grand Knight Cecil Sanderson said that he would be spending the next month in Australia. We hope he has a wonderful vacation!



DISTRICT 5
District Deputy
Jack Rogers

Howdy from District 5 in the Big Horn Basin. As a new district deputy, I am still getting my feet wet learning all the ropes.

The **Powell council** is busy preparing for hosting the state convention in 2010. In addition they have completed some renovation work on the Newman Center at Northwest College; hosted a Guadalupe Mass and Procession on December 12; and doing outside maintenance work at St Barbara Church in Powell. They held a first degree at their December meeting bringing in three new members.

Worland is planning to host a 2nd & 3rd degree exemplification on February 7. They have completed painting and outside maintenance at St. Mary Magdalen Church in Worland. They hosted the weekly rosaries during October. They have installed a Right to Life highway sign south of Worland.

A resurgence is taking place in **Thermopolis** this year as a new attitude takes hold of this council. Although small they are busy recruiting new members.

Greybull's Grand Knight is working overtime keeping that council together.

Cody has been participating in the *Cenacles of Life* by praying two rosaries weekly to combat the Culture of Death. They hosted Octoberfest for the Parish and community. St Anthony's Church and the CCD Center windows were renovated and insulation added, to help reduce heating costs. This council has also been supporting the monastery in Clark. Preparation has begun on its annual Buffalo Bill Ball on February 28 and on the pro-life party, "Horton Hears A Who."

What Happens In Heaven?**Calendar Items****January 17 & 18, 2009****Wyoming Winter Meeting
Shilo Inn, Casper****By January 31st, 2009****Annual Survey of Fraternal
Activity (Form 1728)****Partnership Profile Report with
Special Olympics (Form 4584)****Free Throw Championship
Participation (Form FT-1)****By February 25th, 2009****Semi Annual Council Audit
For Jul. to Dec. 2008
Form (1295-2)****Jan., Feb., and Mar., 2009****Family of the Month
(Form 1993A)****Countdown and Preparations
for the April 2009 State
Convention**

Selection of Delegates.

Registration of Attendees.

Motel Reservations.

Prepare nominations for State Officer
positions.

Night of the Year Nomination.

Family of the Year Nomination.

Council Scrap Book.

Service Program awards.

St. Joseph Society contribution.

Having trouble finding the right forms? Most are in the Forms booklets sent by Supreme in July. And – they are also available on line through a link at the following website

http://www.kofc.org/un/eb/en/of_ficers/forms/

I dreamed that I went to Heaven and an angel was showing me around. We walked side-by-side inside a large workroom filled with angels. My angel guide stopped in front of the first section and said, 'This is the Receiving Section. Here, all petitions to God said in prayer are received.'

I looked around in this area, and it was terribly busy with so many angels sorting out petitions written on voluminous paper sheets and scraps from people all over the world.

Then we moved on down a long corridor until we reached the second section. The angel then said to me, 'This is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, the graces and blessings the people asked for are processed and delivered to the living persons who asked for them. I noticed again how busy it was there. There were many angels working hard at that station, since so many blessings had been requested and were being packaged for delivery to Earth.

Finally at the farthest end of the long corridor we stopped at the door of a very small station. To my great surprise, only one angel was seated there, idly doing nothing. 'This is the Acknowledgment Section,' my angel friend quietly admitted to me. He seemed embarrassed 'How is it that there is no work going on here?' I asked.

"So sad", the angel sighed. "After people receive the blessings that they asked for, very few send back acknowledgments."

"How does one acknowledge God's blessings?" I asked.

"Simple," the angel answered. Just say, "Thank you, Lord."

"What blessings should they acknowledge?" I asked.

"If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep you are richer than 75% of this world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy."

"And if you get this on your own computer, you are part of the 1% in the world who has that opportunity."

"If you woke up this morning with more health than illness .. you are more blessed than the many who will not even survive this day."

"If you have never experienced the fear in battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation .. You are ahead of 700 million people in the world."

"If you can attend a church without the fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death you are envied by, and more blessed than, three billion people in the world! "

"If your parents are still alive and still married ...you are very rare."

"If you can hold your head up and smile, you are not the norm, you're unique to all those in doubt and despair."

OK, what now? How can I start?

If you can read this message, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.

Pass on your blessing and give thanks to the Lord every day!



**Join the thousands of other Knights throughout the
U.S.A. in the "March for Life"!
Show your support for the *Culture of LIFE!***



What happens at halftime?

In football, halftime means that the coach and team go back to the locker room to assess their performance in the first half. How are they doing in comparison to the other team? If they are leading, the coach will use kind words for them, but warn them not to become complacent. If they are behind, the coach will impress upon them that they need to step up the pace and get in gear if they are to overcome the deficit and win the game. Perhaps needed adjustments to the game plan will be made. Finally, the coach will remind them that everyone must work together, support each other and, as Coach Lou Holtz always reminded his teams, “Believe in Yourself”. The best trained team, with a ‘positive, can do attitude’, alive with spirit and desire will win most of the time. Relying on luck rarely works with any consistency.

It is now halftime for the Knights of Columbus. How are we doing in our membership effort?

Excerpts from “Recruitment with Knights Vision” January 2009

Worthy Sirs and Brothers All.

It’s been a few months since the last issue of our “Cowboy Bulletin” was published. Some of you might have wondered what happened? Well, that would take long to explain.

Among other things, I’ve had nothing but trouble with computers, cars, and things falling apart in this “Old House”. Thanks to many a helping hand from my ‘computer savvy’ granddaughter, and my patient wife, things are again back to normal.

I hope that all of you have had a great Christmas Season and I pray that 2009 will be even greater for all of you.

I hope that you enjoy the new format of the current newsletter. It seems to adapt itself much better to including the articles that I received from *SOME* of you. Thanks to all of you who helped make this first quarterly issue information filled with your interesting articles.

I’ll look forward to your future articles and comments. Remember, this is OUR newsletter. Let’s hear from more of you.....

You may submit your articles, etc. to me via the following email: wyokcnews@gmail.com or mail them to R. Laganière, 15 Loretta Dr., Wheatland, WY 52201.

May God continue to bless you, your family, and your work with the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus—*Raoul A. Laganière*



Supreme Council Highlights

You may have missed seeing

Special District Deputy Quarterly Incentive!

District Deputies who report at least three First Degree exemplifications between January 1 and March 31, 2009, will be entered into a drawing for one of 20 \$100 Visa® Gift Cards. First Degrees must be reported to the Supreme Council office by April 15 on the Degree Exemplification Report Form (#450) in order to qualify. Each district deputy who conducts and reports at least 3 First Degrees during every quarter of the 2008-09 fraternal year will be entered into a grand prize drawing for one of two \$500 Visa® Gift Cards.

Special Grand Knight Quarterly Membership Gain Incentive!

For every council that recruits five (5) new members gross between January 1 and March 31, 2009, its grand knight of record will be entered into a drawing for one of 20 \$100 Visa® Gift Cards. Each grand knight whose council nets five new members during every quarter of the 2008-09 fraternal year will be entered into a grand prize drawing for one of two \$500 Visa® Gift Cards.

Targeting Outstanding Recruiters

There are great recruiters out there, people who are passionate to share their love of the Knights of Columbus with qualified Catholic men by asking them to join. The stories of these outstanding recruiters are the stories we want to share with all of our members. To do this, we need your help. We’re asking you to submit stories -- of recruitment success, details of proven strategies that your council uses, and unique recruitment ideas that have helped your council grow -- to us for possible use in Supreme Council publications. What we need from you is your council name and number, the outstanding recruiter’s name (a council officer, Knight, spouse, priest, or anyone who has helped to grow our Order), a color photograph, contact information (phone number, e-mail address), and a brief description of the recruitment accomplishments. Our staff will follow up on those stories that we decide to utilize. Send this information to Fraternal Services, Spotlight on Membership, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326. If you have any questions on this initiative please phone 203-752-4264, or e-mail fraternalservices@kofc.org.

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