



Cowboy Bulletin

Wyoming Knights of Columbus



JANUARY 2015



2015 - Wyoming March for Life

January 23rd and 24th, 2015
Pro-life March, Banquet, and
Celebration Events

Friday, Jan 23rd

7:00 to 8:00 pm Holy Hour
at St. Mary's Cathedral

Saturday, Jan 24th Events

9:00 am: Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral
with Bishop Etienne presiding.

10:00 am: Complimentary Breakfast at
Hartman Hall

11:00 am: Pre-March activities at
Cheyenne Historic Depot

Noon: Pro-life march from Depot Square
to the State Capitol

1:00 pm: Lunch at the Knights of
Columbus Hall – 507 West 28th St.

5:30 pm: Social at Little America

6:30 pm: Banquet at Little America with
Guest speaker Mike Williams, author of the
numerous *TURKEY SOUP* International
Books

**Banquet Tickets available through:
Right to Life of Laramie County
Telephone: (307) 778-8626**

2015 YEAR OF THE FAMILY

Happy New Year !

Here we go – the start of a new year! It's time for new beginnings, resolutions, and getting out of the habit to type or write 2014.

As we start a new year, and the second half of the 2014/2015 fraternal, I wish to thank all those who furnished articles and information for the Cowboy Bulletin, our newsletter.

This is also a great time of year to reflect on past experiences in your Council. What has worked, and what has not been so successful. Any enterprise can learn from both aspects of its programs.

It is also traditional, at this time of year, to also think about and make resolutions in order to better ourselves and our Order. Take a serious look at the Brother Knight in your council. How actively does he participate in your programs? What percentages of your members are only present on your council's membership roster? How many show up regularly for your meetings?

Perhaps an outreach program could bring many of these members to become active participators again in your programs. Could be worth a try!

As I look forward to serving you in this 2015 year, I send you best wishes for a successful second half of the fraternal year. May God continue to bless you with resolve, strength, and charity as you meet Christ in you daily life.

Raoul Laganière, Public Relations.



Rev. Tom Ogg
State Chaplain

“A MYSTICAL NEW YEAR TO YOU!”

I do not wish you just a “happy” new year. My prayer is that you live a Mystiical New Year.

The renowned theologian Karl Rahner said:

“In the days ahead, you will either BE A MYSTIC (one who has experienced God for real) or nothing at all.”

I believe this. And it is not beyond our reach. Here is a simple/profound poem by a mystic (St. John of the Cross) that we can use, model, imitate, grow into:

“Grant to me, O Lord, eyes to see beneath the surface, ears to hear both what is said and what is meant, and above all a tongue guided to know when to keep silent and when to speak, and even then to choose just the right word to convey truth, mercy, and consolation in love. May your wisdom light the lamp that guides my feet as I seek to walk in your ways. I offer you my tears, Lord, to help clarify my capacity for compassion and though the years may batter me, I remain unbroken as you reveal in me the diamond hidden deep within. Amen.”

There are so many how-tos in becoming a mystic. I mention and recommend one here: SILENCE. Waste some time – actually yourself – with God in quiet. Say nothing. Do nothing. Don’t even think anything. Simply BE in the presence of THE BELOVED. And, if your intention is to love God, to be loved by God, to be close to God, you will experience the beginnings of becoming a mystic.

Together let us grow into (actually discover) the person we are called to be.

A Mystical New Year to you all.

Fr. Tom Ogg, State Chaplain



C. “Joe” Welte
State Deputy

Dear Sirs, and Brother Knights,

I doesn’t seem possible but we are into 2015 and starting the “Year of the Family.” We have just celebrated the greatest family of all time when we celebrated the Birth of Jesus.

Think about His mother (Our Mother) and what must have gone through her mind when the Angel appeared to her and asked her to be the Mother of God’s Son. In those days, a woman could be stoned to death for adultery. Joseph her husband thought about divorcing her silently so she would not be exposed to scandal. Traveling to Bethlehem was difficult enough but to arrive with no place to stay – could they have wondered if the trip had been worth it? Their faith had to be great. Today we know that it was, because it brought to us the Savior of the world. Although some try to say that the event didn’t happen that way, we Catholics know the truth. This man changed the world forever.

In January, Right-To-Life of Wyoming will sponsor the March for Life in Cheyenne. This is one of the events supported by the Knights of Columbus all over the world. There are marches conducted in most states, provinces in Canada, Philippines and Mexico.

I encourage all Wyoming Knights to display that we are Pro-Life and not in favor of the culture of death that many accept as being OK.

Recently I received a letter from the organization asking for help to protect endangered species of the world. Is human life less important than snail darter or baby seals, or are these words used to ease one’s conscience?

In the opinion of some, imperfect babies are a drag on society, and a fetus is not a viable human being. It costs too much to give birth to them and keep them.

This summer, my wife’s cousin’s daughter died. She had muscular dystrophy and had been diagnosed as mentally impaired. They visited us last summer and we had a good time with her and her mother and father. We got to spend the evening with Aaron, and enjoyed that time very much. She was unable to compete in Special Olympics as a track athlete, but won medals in the cowling competition. See **DEPUTY** Page 3

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She won medals in bowling competition and showed Sally and I the medals and pictures taken during her competitions.

Aaron’s funeral was conducted by a Baptist Minister, an uncle. He eulogized Aaron by saying that “she let a little sunshine into any lives that she touched.” At my daughter’s wedding she danced with everybody and told me that I was to dance with her also. Don’t tell me that her life was not worth anything. She touched lives every single day, and made people’s lives better for having known her.

In conclusion, I would be remiss by not telling you that “Membership is vital to our Order.” We are currently in fourth place in our division. If we win this competition, we will get quite a substantial cash award. This will help both our State and local Councils.

I challenge all of the State Officers, District Deputies, and committeemen to sign up a member during the month of January.

Also, I am asking each council to do a membership drive in their council during the month of January.

See you in Cheyenne for the January “March for Life.” Come, brave the cold and join me, and show your support for life from Birth to Natural Death

Vivat Jesus!

Carl (Joe) Welte, State Deputy



With the coming of the new calendar year there are paperwork and other responsibilities to take care of.

Several Forms need to be prepared and sent to Supreme by the due date.

January 1st : Council Per Capita and Catholic Advertising assessments, and Culture of Life fund assessment levied by Supreme Council.

January 30th: Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics (Form #4853), and Free Throw Championship Participation (Form FT-1)

January 31st: Survey of Fraternal Activity Report (Form 1728).

Gather information for your semi-annual audit.

Gun A Week Raffle

Listed below are the latest winners in the “Gun-A-Week raffle sponsored by council #9917. The proceeds of this raffle are presented annually to the St. Joseph’s Society for Retired Priests.



- Week 26:** Rose Martinez, Guernsey, WY
Mossberg 835 Ulti-Mag, 12 ga. Wood.
- Week 27:** Richard Bolek, Cheyenne, WY
Weatherby Vanguard synthetic 25-06
- Week 28:** Gilbert Wilson, Sundance, WY
Savage Axis Stainless .243
- Week 29:** Marilyn “Annie” Vercimak, Casper
Ruger Synthetic .243
- Week 30:** Josh Goodrich, Douglas, WY
Weatherby Vanguard Synthetic .22-205
- Week 31:** Tom Mahrer, Casper, WY
Remington 700 SPS .308 Winchester.
- Week 32:** Wadeen Lundgren, Green River
Weatherby PA-08 Upland 12 ga. Pump
- Week 33:** Bryan D. Maxwell, Casper, WY
Remington 700 SPS .279 Winchester.
- Week 34:** Ed Golnitz, Rock Springs, WY
Weatherby Vanguard Syn. 7mm Rem Mag

5th Gun-a-Week Raffle

Council 9917 announced the “5th annual gun-a-week raffle is well underway.

Over the past four years, the raffle has raised over \$200,000 for Wyoming’s retired priests. Thank you for your continued support of this worthy cause.

Ticket purchase information is available at our council’s webpage at: www.kofc9917.org. Good Luck!

Current winners are also listed at the same website.

Steve Grapes, Council 9917



**Is your Council on path to achieving the Gold Star Award?
Only Six Months Left**



4th DEGREE INFORMATION

A Fourth Degree exemplification is scheduled for **March 28th in Green River**. Please contact me with all your candidates by March 13th, 2015.

The eligibility information is listed below.
A happy New Year to all!
God Bless

Richard Adamski, Wyo. District

Application for membership in the 4th Degree may be made to any assembly provided the applicant is:

- Over 18 years of age.
- A citizen of the country he resides in.
- A 3rd degree member in good standing.
- A former member whose membership was terminated for failure to pay dues or by a withdrawal card if he has been readmitted to good standing in his council for at least six months.

Exemplification Fee: \$70.00, which includes social baldric, 4th degree lapel pin and one ticket to the banquet.

Form of Application: Complete Form 4 and submit at least one week prior to the exemplification. Obtain all required signatures prior to submitting.

Dress Code: Black box tie, plain white tuxedo shirt (with lay-down collar), black cummerbund, black footwear, black tuxedo.

- Members serving in the armed forces of his country, full time police and firefighters shall be considered in proper attire when dressed in a Class A dress uniform.
- Members of the Clergy should be dressed in a clerical suit.

There is no longer a six month waiting period required for a member to become a 4th degree Sir Knight.

Tuxedos can be purchased at any of the following:

- Lynch & Kelly.com
- The English co.com
- Cheap tuxes.com
- Or any place you desire to purchase one.



2ND & 3RD DEGREE CONFIRMED

To Schedule a 2nd and 3rd Degree, please contact:

*Jerry Hoefler,
Degree Chairman*

Tel.: (307) 401-0399 or
email: J1051hoef@ Yahoo.com

HOST COUNCIL NEEDS FOR 3RD DEGREE:

- Good sized TV and DVD player.
- Additional speakers if possible for DVD audio.
- Medallions for candidates.
- Review degree cost with degree team captain.
- Review meal schedule and costs.
- Supply Catalog Items:
Medallions #30630
3rd degree honoree scroll #273
2nd degree #272
1st degree #271

Have you attended a 2nd and/or 3rd Degree within the last year?

If not, you've missed the numerous changes in the way the degree work is done especially the new 3rd degree.

**Is your curiosity aroused?
Don't miss the next degree work in your area!**

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