



Cowboy Bulletin



Wyoming Knights of Columbus

FEBRUARY 2015

2015 -- YEAR OF THE FAMILY



Jackson Council # 9431 Honors Knight of the Year

Jackson Council 9431 recently held their first *Knight of the Year Dinner* at the Snake River Brew Pub to honor the council member with the most hours of community service.

Vic Wagner, pictured at left, was honored with the *Father James Doudican Award* for his many hours of service to the *Community Free Lunch Program* at Our Lady of the Mountains Parish.

In attendance to help recognize Vic were Council Chaplain Fr. Louie Shea (Center) and Grand Knight Chris Jaubert (right).



5th Annual Council 9917 Raffle

In case some of you have not gotten the word, tickets are now available for the 5th annual Gun-A-Week raffle sponsored by Casper Council #9971. Although we are three months into the 5th raffle, ticket sales are very slow.

We started the raffle with a request to parishes asking them to insert the raffle document in their bulletins. The influx of ticket sales for participating parishes was large. Thank you.

It may have appeared to be a distraction during Advent or perhaps a competition to the Diocesan collection for the St. Joseph's Society during December. This was not our intention.

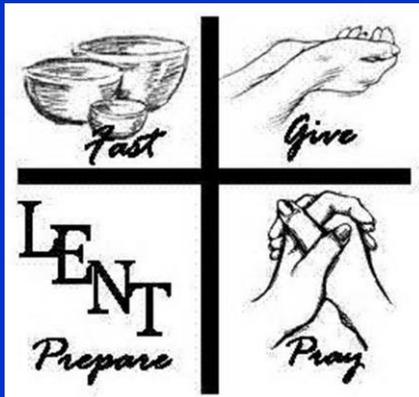
Now the church calendar is back to Ordinary Time. Please ask your parish priest to include the raffle document in your local parishes' bulletins. During the past four years we know that this is the most effective way to sell tickets.

Our retired Priests are counting on us. Let's not let them down. As Knights of Columbus let's do what we do best. Let's take care of our Priests.

Please reach out to your parishes and ask for their help. Explain the purpose and the \$50,000 benefit it achieves for the St. Joseph's Society. Let's also show our retired clergy our appreciation for the service they provided and continue to provide to the Wyoming people of God.

Further information, winners, and tickets may be downloaded from the Council's website at www.kofc9917.org.

Ash Wednesday – February 18th



Our Lenten Journey Begins.



Rev. Tom Ogg
State Chaplain

CHOOSE LIFE !

“I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. I choose life, then, that you and your descendents may live, by loving the Lord, your God, heeding His voice, and holding

fast to Him.” (Deuteronomy 30:19).

How fragile life is! My reflections lately are on how precarious our lives really are. The Worland paper listed 8 deaths over the weekend. We have family and friends losing loved ones regularly by age, accident and many other ways. And our hospitals are full of sick people.

On the other hand, we Knights pray, march, sacrifice, and support the respect for life – all human life. We helped acquire 5 ultrasound machines in Wyoming already, fostering new and more life. And we assist people, especially the less fortunate, all throughout their lives. Yes, the Knights of Columbus are all about life. We choose life.

I read the book *The Christmas Train* that emphasizes: “it’s the journey that matters, not where you get on or get off.” (Of course, there was a priest on the train!) I believe there is much truth in the journey being where life is lived. How we help each other, treat each other, and love each other daily. That personal involvement in life is what makes each day rich and fulfilling.

And, when conscious of Jesus telling us, “I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Mt. 28-20),” the Joy of the Gospel is present.

Lent is fast approaching. May we embrace more closely our companion with Jesus on this journey of life, knowing that we are on track for our journey home. Simply choose life!

Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. Tom Ogg, State Chaplain

Pray for our Seminarians and for vocations to the Priesthood.



C. “Joe” Welte
State Deputy

Dear Sirs, and Brother Knights,

We have finished the Christmas Season. Now we wait for the Lenten Season to begin.

The March for Life was held in Cheyenne. We hope that the message of life is getting out to our people that were elected in office. They need to know it is not

a medical procedure. It is murder. Since the Supreme Court decision in Roe vs. Wade, there have been too many abortions performed. Now is the time for us to stand up and say, “Enough! Enough!”

We want a law making abortion a crime as it was before it was made legal. As you will remember, it was the Supreme Court said that a baby was not a human being. Now it is called a blob of cells or a fetus and that it’s ok to get rid of it. I was talking to a man whom I worked with recently. He said, “It was all right because the baby hadn’t breathed air yet.” What was baby breathing during its development other than air which was supplied through his/her mother?

Those who advocate abortion are the same that would have us protect wolves, bears, and baby seals. I also believe that it is good to protect all animals. There are agencies of Federal and Local governments who do a great job of protecting wild life. Is there someone who will stand up and protect human babies from willing predators?

Recently, I read a book that my wife received when she was pregnant with our daughter. It explained how to talk to the child that she was expecting. A mother tells the following story in this booklet.

Her three year old daughter noticed that mom’s tummy was getting larger. She asked, “Mommy, are you sick? Why is you tummy getting so large?” Mom had prepared for this curiosity, so she said, “This is your brother or sister growing in my tummy. Don’t you want a new brother or sister?” To this the little girl replied, “I would rather have a puppy.” This book went on to tell how one would explain about the new baby. Forget not that when your wife is pregnant, the whole family is pregnant.

My greatest joy in life was seeing my children and grandchildren for the first time. I felt the presence of God and realized that although we may not be immortal, See **DEPUTY** Page 3

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we see our family living on.

With Lent upon us and Easter not that far away, we need to remember our Priests and Religious. These women and men are chosen by God to help us keep our faith alive. They need our support and prayers. Many councils do something special for them during the Easter Season. Please remember them all in your daily prayers.

I find it hard to believe that we are already a month into 2015. Please work on membership recruitment and retention. We need members to sustain our membership and the good works that we do. I challenge all of the officers, and committeemen to sign up one member during February and March.

Soon councils will be receiving an email from me on a proposal for the month of March. Supreme has asked us to have a Church Drive during March. More will be coming out on the drive later.

Please keep the Family of John and Deb Kaiser in your prayers. They recently suffered a terrible tragedy with the loss of their son and grandson.

Vivat Jesus,
Carl (Joe) Welte, State Deputy



**Knights of Columbus
Supreme Council
December 2014
Family of the Month
Awardees**

Congratulations go to the families of:
**Edward Petty,
Council 2441, Rock Springs.**
and
**David & Doleres Langerman
Council 5447, Lander**

who were selected as winners of this award through random drawing held at the Supreme Council office from among many nominees submitted by councils throughout our Order.

Gun A Week Raffle

Listed below are the latest winners in the 2014 “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 35:** Ron Holmes, Casper, WY
Savage Axix Stainless .223.
- Week 36:** Larry Curtis, Newcastle, WY
Stoeger P350 12 ga. Pump.
- Week 37:** William L Harns, Jr., Farson, WY
Remington 700 SPS .300 Reminton,
Ultra Magnum.
- Week 38:** Paul Neubauer, Mills, WY
Henry Pump .22

5th Annual Gun-a-Week Raffle

The **5th annual** gun-a-week raffle is well underway. Don’ts miss out. Get your ticket.

Over the past four years, these raffles have raised over \$200,000 for Wyoming’s retired Priests. Ticket purchase information is available at the council’s website at:

www.kofc9917.org. Good Luck!
Steve Grapes, Council 9917

Why We Offer Insurance.

Last September Supreme ran a piece called “Why We Offer Insurance.” as a feature on KofC.org. The piece was designed to walk the reader through the reasons why the Knights of Columbus is in the insurance business, tracing the steps back to Fr. McGivney and his founding intentions.

This piece has now been turned into a supply item which is available for order through the Supply Department under #10179 or it may be obtained from one of your Wyoming Field Agents.

The four-page brochure describes the reasons why the Knights of Columbus does provide insurance as well as the types of insurances available to our members.



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.

*Richard Adamski,
Wyoming District Master*

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

Confirmed Degree

Where: Casper, WY – February 21st
St. Patrick Church

Times: 10:00 a.m. – 1st Degree
11:00 a.m. – Lunch
12:00 noon – 2nd Degree
Followed by 3rd Degree.

Contact:

**Bret Ladenburger
307.760.1003**

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

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