



Cowboy Bulletin



Wyoming Knights of Columbus

Church Membership Drive Month

March 2015



Rev. Tom Ogg
State Chaplain

GOD’S HOLY PEOPLE

When asked “What was the highlight of your trip?,” I answered “The People”.

As I write this, I’ve been home 3 days from the World Council meeting of Worldwide Marriage Encounter in Melbourne, Australia. Scott and Karen Seaborn from Illinois and I represented 13 countries as the North American Secretariat. The meetings were intense and passionate, addressing huge topics like Vatican recognition and founding a new religious community to respond to the priest shortage.

Our Movement truly is about “renewing the Church and changing the world” one sacrament at a time.

And yes, we saw the beauty of God’s creation in miles of white and black sandy beaches, the Blue Mountains, the green and blue shades of the oceans, and the many and unique animal species. I personally enjoyed the different farming practices and varieties of vegetation. But my heart and mind always revert back to the people. God’s holy people, everywhere.

“The clearest reflection of the presence of God that we have is the individual human person,” said Bryan Heir. I have grown into accepting and appreciating that saying. When we travel, we stay with community – those couples who have lived a Marriage Encounter weekend. We experienced great hospitality as they opened their homes and hearts. The aboriginies kept us spellbound with their stories. The couples from the Fiji Islands sang with such gusto and danced with abandon. They are such simple (and poor) people who clearly celebrate their faith and their relationships.

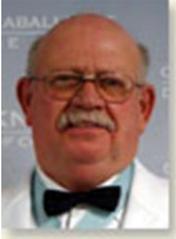
Steve and Deb Robbins, formerly of Gillette, showed us around Mudgee and the wine country, as well as the mining there. Eugene and Cheryl Gabin, formerly from South Africa and now Pacific leaders, kept us entertained with places and localisms in Sidney. And in New Zealand, Fr. Emile Frische, although he spent 20 years in the ‘jungles of New York City, showed us the beauty of the North Island and his delightful mum of 96 years.

Do you see? A life worth living is about relationships: with people and with God. And, if you are looking for God, you can find God in the face of the next person you see: regardless of color, size, language, nationality, or culture. May we strengthen our relationships this Lent!

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FOUNDER’S DAY: On March 29th Wyoming Knights of Columbus, in Unity with brother Knights throughout the world, will celebrate the anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Columbus by the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. At this time, we are encouraged to participate in a semi-annual church membership drive.



C. "Joe" Welte
State Deputy

Dear Sirs and Brothers,

March slipped upon us quickly. I am glad to report that we 'placed' in the Last Supreme Membership Contest. We are getting closer to the positive numbers. This is our goal: to be in the positive numbers by the end of June. This can be done with all of your help.

We are now fully into the season of Lent. This is a time to reflect on the Church's teaching about the forty days of Fast and Abstinence. Most of the parishes in the diocese are having extra services during this Lent. The Stations of the Cross appear to be a preferred devotion during this time.

In my youth, I had a priest explain the stations and why we pray them. He had recently visited Jerusalem during the holy season and had been in the procession. Each Station has a special stop and prayers are said. Many of the local clergy and pilgrims as well as visiting clergy were in the procession. The prayers were in a number of languages. All walked with the procession that was walked by Jesus Christ some 2000 years ago. It must have been quite a procession when they crucified our Lord. I was talking to Bishop Hart about his visit to the Holy Land. He said it is quite a feeling to realize that you are walking on the place where Jesus walked, preached, and died for us.

I am very thankful for being a Catholic, and to know that our Savior suffered for our sins. This is the only way we can gain our salvation.

I have been trying to get council visitation in. It is very enjoyable to see all of the Brother Knights in this wonderful State. We have a very good bunch of Knights in our Jurisdiction. We do have potential for many more Knights however. Many of them need only to be asked to join.

Only four months remain before the end of the fraternal year, and I am sure we can get into the positive numbers by then.

Two more months and we will be in Gillette for our annual State Convention. I hope all of you are getting ready for this major event. I know that Gillette will have a very good convention for us, one that will be enjoyable for all of us to attend. Activities are also being planned for the women in attendance. Hope to see you all there. Look for a letter from the State Secretary outlining the program and other important information.

It's also a good time to prepare your letters/forms that will be used in the judging process for the various awards. Please make our past State Deputies work for their dinner. It doesn't have to be a large or elaborate program to win at the State or National levels. I've seen some simple programs win, if a good writer assists in preparing the paperwork. We have been blessed to have three families selected as International Family of the Year. Last year's submission was the most recent selection by the Supreme Council. So, get your entry paperwork for the Family and Knight of The Year ready.

This has been a very rewarding year thus far. We have had some setbacks but we are working on coming out on top. I can't do this on my own. I need the help of every Officer, State Deputy, Committeemen, and most important the members of your Councils. Without your help, this job would almost be impossible.

Thank you for your support.

Vivat Jesus

Carl Joe Welte, Wyoming State Deputy

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND STATE RECOGNITION

The Knights of Columbus have numerous opportunities each year to be of service to the community. Unfortunately we get caught up in the details of the project, and frequently no documentation occurs. Therefore, councils often do not receive the recognition they deserve for their efforts on the state and local level.

Local acknowledgment of our presence not only informs our communities of our existence, it also helps to stimulate and encourage recruitment of new members by our involvement. Therefore, if local acknowledgement of our presence is one of the purposes for recruitment and community involvement, we need to ensure that the community hears about our events through the church bulletin, and any other local methods available. New members who want to be involved in the community have an excellent way to do so through the Knights of Columbus, but only if they know about our work.

On the State level, many councils have little or no documentation of their excellent work. We have seen numerous occasions when obvious events have gone unrecognized at the state level. Each council has an opportunity to submit this information on the Community Activities Form. Photographs and other written documentation can be added to really highlight the event.

I encourage each council to look at completed community projects and get them recorded. Then, continue the process leading up to the April State Convention. All projects and activities should then be presented to the State for their recognition and consideration. Let's overwhelm the judges in 2015. The work we do in the community needs to be held up with pride.

Vivat Jesus

Thomas J. Atwood

Community Activities Chairman

The members of the Jackson Knights of Columbus Council #9431 honored Fr. Florante Marcelo ("Fr. Flo") for his six years of service (ending June 2014) to the Jackson parish of Our Lady of the Mountains with a substantial monetary gift.

The funds are being used to build a rectory for Fr. Flo's new parish in his home Diocese of San Carlos in the Philippines.



New Rectory Construction Pictures



AROUND WYOMING

'Around Wyoming' features KofC information of council and/or statewide activities in Wyoming.

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

The Wyoming State Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is scheduled for March 21, 2015.

The contest will begin at 11:00 at St. Patrick Church, 400 Country Club Road, is Casper. Registration will begin at approximately 11:00 a.m.

The State Championship is open to First Place finishers of each category at the Council level.

If the first place finisher is unable to attend, the second place finisher is eligible to attend and so on.

Please mail registration forms for the winners in your Council to Brian Dever, 1754 S Spruce, Casper, WY 82601, to arrive no later than March 20.

If you have not yet held your council competition, it is not too late. All it takes is an hour or two on a Saturday morning or an hour after school one day.

If it has been several years since your council last hosted the free throw contest, please give it a shot.

Council contests are open to boys and girls ages 9-14 as of January 1, 2014.

If you have any questions, please contact Brian Dever at
Telephone #: 307-267-7698 or
Email at: brian.dever@kofc.org.

The 4th Annual raffle is now underway. There are still plenty of tickets available for purchase.

Take the opportunity to have a chance to win a gun once a week for the next 52 weeks.

Your contribution to this project will be greatly appreciated. Proceeds from this raffle are donated to the St. Joseph Society which supports our retired Diocesan Priests. Further Information available at the council's Web site: www.KofC9917.org.

Grant F. Havens, Raffle Chairman



Wyoming District 3 held a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree in Green River on February 21st.

Frank Plemel Council #2441 team conducted the induction of Dave Ruggera into the Order. Team members included Ed Petty, Oarry Lix, Michael Waters, Greg Hamilton, Brad Dettolo, and Jim Borzea.

The 2nd and 3rd Degree team from Green River/Rock Springs conducted the exemplification of 4 Knights. Members receiving the third degree included Todd Lindley, Don Shillcox, and Graid Enloe from Council 7353, GreenRiver, and Dave Rugggera from Council 2441, Rock Springs.

Pictured above from left to right are: Don Shillcox, Vic Braman (Warden) Craig Enloe, Sean Sherwin (CO), Joe Welte (State Deputy), Mike Dahl (PFC), Todd Lindley, Gene Shaw (Soundman) and Dave Ruggera. Not pictured are Jim Borzea (DD#3) and Brad Bettolo (Council 2441 GK).



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 INFORMATION

CONFIRMED DEGREES

Powell : Saturday, March 15, 2014

- **1st degree:** 10:00 Council 3043 degree team
Candidates---be there by 9:30 (confirm by 3/12/2014 with Brian Duyck)
- 11:00 - lunch
- **12:00 - 2nd & 3rd.**

Contact: Brian Duyck
 (307) 272-7779

Green River: March 22, 2014

- 10:00 First Degree
- 11:00 Lunch
- 12:00 2nd degree followed by 3rd.

Contact: Mike Dahl,
 (307) 871.1030

STATE CONVENTION

GILLETTE, WYOMING

APRIL

24TH THROUGH 26TH

Further information and registration forms at www.wyomingkc.org

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 Remainder of this Fraternal Year

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