



Cowboy Bulletin



Wyoming Knights of Columbus

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2015 -- YEAR OF THE FAMILY



STAR COUNCIL AWARD SPECIAL INCENTIVES FOR THIS FRATERNAL YEAR.

In continuing recognition of the outstanding councils that earn this award, Supreme Council has initiated the following initiative.

If a council earns this award in the 2014-2015 fraternal year it will receive a credit of \$4.50 (3.50 Per Capita and 1.00 Catholic Advertising) for each billable member on the roster as of July 1, 2015.

For instance: A council with 100 billable members on its roster as of July 1st will receive a credit of \$450 on the September 2015 statement.

Non-billable members include Honorary Life members and those who have disability waivers.

Source: *Knightline March 2015*



NEW FREE APP AVAILABLE

Ever wish you had a flip chart or other information handy when a prospective member asks you for information about the Knights of Columbus?

Well now you do! Download this free app (*Join Us*) from your app store to your cell phone or tablet. Voila! Information! Note: The app is listed under the Knights of Columbus apps. There are several free apps there. The one you need is developed by "Little I Apps, LLC."



HEADED FOR THE STATE CONVENTION?

It won't be long now! Just a few more days and the April 24th weekend will be here. Are you ready? Well here are a few things you can do to get ready.

SHORT TERM DEADLINE CHECKLIST:

- Pay State Per-Capita and assessments.
- Select council delegates and alternates, and mail credentials to State Secretary.
- Mail Necrology report to State Secretary.
- Make motel reservations for delegates. (Rooms reserved are being released soon, so take care of this immediately!)
- Submit proposed Resolutions to State Advocate, John Kaiser.
- Mail Delegate registrations.
- Prepare Grand Knight's annual report.

AWARDS AND FORMS TO DO LIST:

- Family of the Year* award application.
- Knight of the Year* award application.
- Program Activities Award* applications.
- Finalize *Scrap Book* presentation.

WHAT DELEGATES SHOULD BRING:

- Priest Retirement fund contribution.
- Copy of Delegate Credentials.
- Council Banner.
- Award Submission paperwork.
- A positive attitude and willingness to work with other Knights.
- Current Membership Card and Rosary.
- Blank Form 100 & Knights of Columbus pin.

For further information and forms, check the State's Website at www.wyoming.org.



Rev. Tom Ogg
State Chaplain

PERSEVERANCE

This Valentine's Day Worldwide Marriage Encounter celebrated the Longest Married Couple (LMC) Project in the United States and in each state. This year the nominated winners were

Dale and Alice Rockey of Kansas City, MO, both 99 years old and married over 81 years. (They had attended a Marriage Encounter weekend as had 4 of their 5 sons.) When asked about the cause for such longevity, Alice said: "I always let him have my way!"

In Wyoming, this year, Frank and Viola Stulc of Basin were honored for over 69 years of marriage. They raised 12 children and still attend Sacred Heart Catholic Church as health allows.

What is the common thread that runs through marriages that last seven or eight decades? Dick and Diane Baumbach who initiated the LMC Project answer: "They do things together, enjoy things together by compromising, and having patience with each other. Humor and forgiveness are also present."

These qualities and their perseverance speak directly to me of LENT (before Easter Joy). Do we follow Jesus through the years of ordinariness, also through tears and spit, agony and suffering? All the couples and priests in my experience, who pass the test of time, do so. They emphasize the good and positive while living with and through the difficulties. They say "YES" to the Lord, as did Mary, over and over. All relationships require a lot of effort and those most important deserve the most care.

How close or tight are you with Jesus? The Father? The Holy Spirit? "By your perseverance you will save your souls." Your Brother in Christ,

Fr. Tom Ogg, State Chaplain

P.S. Hope to see many of you at the State K. of C Convention. Let's celebrate what was and is , and anticipate even more.



C. "Joe" Welte
State Deputy

Dear Sirs and Brother Knights,
Well, goodbye to March and hello April. We have finished our Lenten Season. It is a time when the Catholic Church commemorates the beliefs that have made us the most Powerful and Holy Institution in the world. We have a Savior in Jesus Christ,

who defeated death and left us a lasting legacy. A very Happy Easter wish to all of you!

Our membership is looking better, but we are still in the negative numbers. We all need to get out and recruit new members. We are just four members short of meeting our goal for the quarter. This will give the State Councils a boost and help us with the possibility of lowering our per capita assessments.

We need members to sustain us. Membership is the life blood of our Order. We cannot survive without new blood in our ranks.

I would like to see many of you achieve Star Council status this year. We have quite a number of councils that are very close to achieving their goals. For achieving Star Council, your council number will be placed in a drawing. The winner will be able to attend the Supreme Convention as the guest of the Supreme Knight.

If your membership is double of your quota, you are a double star council. If you can triple your quota, you will be a triple start council. We were fortunate to have a double start council last year. I really hope that we can honor many of our Councils with the Star Council Award.

I have made most of the council visitations with only a few more remaining. I have met many glorious and wonderful men during these visits. I am happy to say that we are definitely a brotherhood of Catholic gentlemen. We need to let the world know that we are not only good men but also a generous people.

During the 9/11 disaster, the Knights of Columbus were one of the first responders with help. We also lost some very good Knights in the twin towers. Among them were firemen and EMTs who were trying to help survivors.

These Catholic men have given their all, so that we might stay free. These men have been making the ultimate sacrifice since the Order was founded on March, 29, 1882. See **DEPUTY** Page 3

DEPUTY (Continued from Page 2)
Please ask your members to join the McGivney guild and support their action so that our founder, Father McGivney, an American born Irish Catholic priest, can be elevated to sainthood in the greatest Church in the world.

Vivat Jesus,
Carl (Joe) Welte, State Deputy

**Knights of Columbus
Free Accidental Death Benefit**

This free accidental death benefit is available to Members, Spouses, and Widows of deceased members in good standing.

Honorary Life Members are also included in this benefit.

Depending on age and length of service in the Order, the accidental death benefit can range from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

If you are aware of a member or spouse or widow of a deceased member who has suffered an accidental death, please contact your Knights of Columbus Field Agent for further information. Survivors may be entitled to this benefit.

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 39:** Patrick Sedlacek, Cheyenne WY
Weatherby Vanguard Synthetic .243
- Week 40:** Adam Kouri, Le Claire, IA
Stoegres .3000 12/22 Syntheric/Sntls
- Week 41:** Vinve Galland, Cheyenne.WY
Ruger 10/22 Synthetic, Stainless.
- Week 42:** Thomas B. Coy, Alpine WY
Benelli Nova 20 ga.
- Week 43: George Meyer, Meeteetse, WY
Remington 700 SPS .223 Rem
- Week 44: Eric Brady, Castle Rock, CO
Browning BPS 12 ga.
- Week 45: Toby Force, Manila, UT
Weatherby Vanguard Synthetic.
.338 Winchester Mag.
- Week 46: Thomas B. Coy, Alpine, WY
Benelli Nova 12 ga.
- Week 47: Steve Schauss, Casper, WY
Henry lever .22

Only five more drawings and the 4th annual gun raffle will be history.

5th Annual Gun-a-Week Raffle

The **5th annual** gun-a-week raffle (the most recent) is well underway. Don’t miss out. Get your ticket and 52 chances to win a new gun.

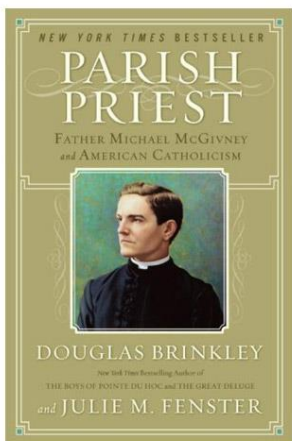
Over the past four years, these raffles have raised over \$200,000 for Wyoming’s retired Priests.

Ticket purchase information is available on the council’s website at:

www.kofc9917.org. Good Luck!

Steve Grapes, Council 9917

Thank you Retired Priest of the Diocese of Wyoming for your previous and continued service to the people of Wyoming.



**PARISH
PRIEST**
FATHER MICHAEL
MCGIVNEY and
AMERICAN
CATHOLICISM

Copies of this book may be ordered from the Supreme Supply Dept.



**SEE YOU AT THE
STATE
CONVENTION IN
GILLETTE ON
APRIL 24TH TO 26TH**

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2015 Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Championship was held on March 28 in Casper.

Congratulations to the following contestants who finished in first place in their respective category.

- 9 Boys - Cam Johnson of Buffalo;
- 10 Boys - Matthew Schrader of Casper;
- 11 Boys - Cody Baker of Sheridan;
- 11 Girls - Shyanne Arner of Casper;
- 12 Boys - Hunter Peterson of Buffalo;
- 13 Boys - Trenton Lewallen of Sheridan.

The scores of these contestants will be sent to Supreme for comparison with the other 1st place finishers throughout the Order for the international competition.

Thank you to the following councils for participating in this year's Free Throw Championship:

- 2104 Sheridan,
- 3043 Powell,
- 3332 Buffalo, and
- 9917 Casper.

After the competition this year, the mother of a contestant thanked the Knights for putting this event on each year. She believes it is very meaningful for the kids involved as all attention is on them during their turn at the line.

Please keep this in mind when putting together your council calendars for the coming year.

Brian Dever, Championship Chairman

Nine Big Horn Basin knights and one Gillette knight advanced into the 3rd Degree in March. The degree hosted by Powell advanced four knights from Cody Council 4031; five from Powell Council 3043; and one from Gillette Council 3477. The Henry M. Cavanaugh Team from Cody/Powell exemplified the 2nd and 3rd Degrees on March 28.

The class of 10 knights was one of the largest held in the Basin in recent memory.



2ND & 3RD DEGREE
CONFIRMED

Confirmed Degree

**Where: Casper, Wyo – May 16th
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.
 - edallions 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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June	May 27	June 4

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