



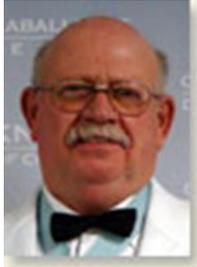
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Wyoming Knights of Columbus

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2015 -- YEAR OF THE FAMILY



**C. "Joe" Welte
State Deputy**

Dear Sirs and Brother Knights.

It doesn't seem possible but two years have passed and now it is time for the torch to be passed to the New State Deputy. I want to congratulate John Benedik and his slate of Officers and District Deputies. I hope they have a good and fruitful term of office.

I have heard a lot about new members which are important to the survival of our Wyoming councils. Equally important are our current members. It doesn't help to sign up ten new members then have to suspend fifteen. I was never against the

use of suspensions. The process is a necessary a part of the membership process. Just make sure that you have done everything possible to retain the members you already have. Some of them you are going to lose, but remember that by their suspension you have lost or going to lose a Catholic Gentlemen and a dues paying member from your council.

During the past two years, we have placed three new ultrasound machines in the state. We have machines in Gillette, Rock Springs and Casper that are helping women and men to see that what they are having is a BABY and not just some mass of cells called a fetus. These are living human beings. I love the saying that God does not make junk. All of these centers have stories about women who have changed their minds about having an abortion. I really don't know the exact numbers of babies we have saved, but if we have saved one life per ultrasound machine in Wyoming we have gained against this war against the unborn

While we were in our fall membership meeting in Baltimore, Archbishop Lori blessed the newest ultrasound for the Diocese of Maryland. I can't remember exactly the number of machines that are located order-wide. I do remember that the ceremony represented a milestone for the Order. How many more babies are upon this earth because of the efforts of the Knights of Columbus?

I really believe that when Fr. McGivney founded the Order he really did so for the preservation of Catholic Families. I wish that he could come today and see what a handful of men in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven started.

We are a force for the Catholic Church and for life.

Before I turn over the reins of the State of Wyoming to John Benedik, I ask one last thing. Let's all continue to pray for the beatification of Fr. Michael J. McGivney, and his being elevated to the Communion of Saints.

Vivat Jesus!

C. Joe Welte, Wyoming State Deputy

**The State Convention is over.
The end of the 2014/2015
Fraternal Year is just a few
short weeks away.
Just a few ideas to consider.**

MEMBERSHIP

Let's give a final push for membership as we wind down this Fraternal Year. Thank you State Deputy Welte for your many years of service to Order and to the Wyoming Knights over the course of many miles. I welcome Joe to the absolute best of Fraternities - those of Past State Deputy.

In today's world there is a push to keep religion out of the public square. We as Knights say BUNK! We are here to proclaim our Catholicity, not just in the sanctity of our churches, but in the communities in which we live. We take the forefront in the Culture of Life in a very public way with the lead in the March for Life, participation in 40 Days for Life and with ultrasound machines in Pregnancy Resource Centers. We lead the way in the charitable works we do within the community, proudly wearing the KofC emblem on our hats, vests and other clothing, proclaiming our Catholicity. We set the example in service to our respective parishes.

It is time to take stock of the many things we have accomplished and give ourselves a pat on the back for a job well done. Then we must assemble our council team and plan for the future. We need to take the lead from State Deputy Elect Benedik who already has most of his team in place. He is planning out his Fraternal Year and setting goals to accomplish and equipping his team with training and resources to get them done. We should give every eligible Catholic man the opportunity to join us as we live and proclaim our Catholicity. Vivat Jesus!

Ken Stockwell, Director

End of the Year Checklist

- Submit Application for Refund Support Vocations Program (#2863).
- Submit Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728)
- Final check to see if your council is on the path for earning the Star Council Award.
- Arrange for a smooth transition of your council's new officers and chairmen.
- Check the Supreme Council's website for information on your council's participation in the K of C Family Week (August 9-16)
- By June 30 --- Columbian Award Application (Form SP-7)
- By June 30 -- Annual Report – K of C Roundtable (#2630)
- By July 1 – Report of Officers Chosen for the Term (#185)
- By August 1 – Service Program Personnel Report (#365)
- By August 15 – Semiannual Council Audit Report (#1295)

NOTE: The date listed on report forms is the **date the form must be at Supreme**. This is especially important to remember when submission is required for receiving awards.



SUMMERTIME SLUMP

Has your council been in the habit of shutting down for the summer months?

Perhaps this year might be the year to change that tradition and plan for some summer fun activities for your members and their families.

Shutting down for the summer usually results in a slow start in September. Waking up from the summer slump when every other entity is trying to take up our time can be difficult. Activities need not be elaborate events. Consider a family picnic or campout where the whole family gets to enjoy a fun day in the sun. Let's not be dormant this summer but active with everyone involved.

Gun A Week Raffle

Well, the 4th annual Gun A Week Raffle is history. Heartfelt thanks to all who made this raffle a success. The proceeds of this and all previous raffles have gone to the St. Josephs Society for Retired Priest.

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 council 9917's website at:

www.kofc9917.org.

Good Luck!

Steve Grapes, Council 9917

Fortnight for Freedom

United States Council of Catholic Bishops encourages all Knights and their families, and people of all religious denominations to the 4th annual event which will occur from June 21st through July 4th, 2015.

During this event periods of prayer, fasting and advocacy occur in response to our country's many threats to religious liberty.

How can your council participate in this event?

- Sponsoring a faith-based day of service for the local community.
- Organizing Eucharistic Adoration in your parish.
- Displaying religious freedom signs "Respect Religious Freedom (#10041) and "Defend the First Amendment (10042)". These may be ordered by contacting Supreme at 203-752-4214.

For more resources and suggested activities on the Fortnight for Freedom, visit www.forthnight4freedom.org.

Help End Hunger in Your Community

Our Order has committed to end hunger in your community. In order to help your council with the commitment, Supreme has developed the Order-wide Food for Families program.

For every \$500 or 500 pounds of food that a council contributes to a local food bank or soup kitchen, Supreme will refund \$100 to the council up to a maximum of \$500 per council per fraternal year.

In addition to the rebate your council will receive an attractive plaque to display in your council area with additional places for plaques indicating years of participation.

In a country blessed with such bounty, let us organize and distribute such bounty to **Help End Hunger in our Community.**



2015/2016 Fraternal Year Organization Meeting Announcement

The Wyoming Summer Organization Meeting will be held in Riverton July 18 through 19, 2015. Officers' Meeting starts at 9:00 am on the 19th and general sessions conclude on Sunday at noon.

Meeting will be held at St. Margaret's School gym.

Hotel accommodations: Comfort Inn, Riverton, WY. Please make your arrangements at the hotel by **June 27th** to secure the \$114.00 rate, which includes a hot breakfast. Group contract name –**Wyoming State Knights of Columbus.**