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THE WYOMING STATE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWSLETTER



Brother Knights,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the time and dedication you have given as Knights of Columbus. Your **Time, Dedication, Service and Support** is much appreciated.

In the Wyoming Jurisdiction, we have stressed **Programs** build **Membership**. We need membership to grow the quality and the number of programs in which we can actively participate. Membership allows us to grow through our evangelization (our Programs).

In Wyoming, we need your help now to grow our councils, assemblies, districts, and our jurisdiction, thus building our Order to remain a vibrant Order of dedicated Catholic men and their families this fraternal year and for the future. We must grow to continue to offer every Catholic man and their family the opportunity to join with us practicing our faith through charity.

Each council, assembly, district and jurisdiction and ultimately our Order receives a quota. **This is not just a number.** It is what is needed to continue to stay vibrant, in our councils, assemblies, districts, and jurisdictions to grow in numbers long term as an Order and continue our current programs and the opportunity to do more. If we do not grow there are fewer of us to continue to offer every Catholic man and his family the opportunities we have had. Will we be able to continue supporting our parishes and communities as we do now! Will be able to continue to our charity in the world as we do now! We can't take this for granted.

We need your help for Wyoming to accomplish our part in growing our Order this Fraternal Year providing opportunities for Catholic men and their families to practice our principles (Charity) and our Faith (acts of charity). Every program we do is an act of charity.

I would encourage each of you as leaders of our Order to continue to work toward having Wyoming achieve our part to grow our **Order This Fraternal Year** and in the future. Be Creative. Be Active. Schedule First Degrees. **Don't let someone who wants to join us wait.** Continue to schedule First Degrees

during each month. **Do not stop offering First Degrees if you have reached a number.** Remember, membership growth is **not just about a Number.** Continue to offer First Degrees regularly and as needed on a continuing basis. Membership Growth is about the **individual** and offering the opportunity to actively practice our Catholic Faith, through our programs and charity, we can offer others.

I would encourage **EACH** of you as leaders of our Order, to continue to work toward the goals of Star Council. Especially, if a council is close in any category during the end of the Fraternal Year, month of **June.** Remember the Star Council is a guide to a successful council that offers each Catholic man and their family the opportunity to Practice Our Faith (Charity) through our programs we offer as Knights of Columbus. It is how we grow.

I would encourage you as leaders of our Order to **continue** to hold First Degrees during each month to grow our Order to fully offer each Catholic man and their family the opportunity to practice their faith with us in charity. Do not make an individual who wants to join us wait for a First Degree only to achieve a number. Our Growth will be achieved through our programs and active involvement of our members evangelizing our beliefs and involvement.

**Go out and share your testimony, go out and Interact with your brothers, go out and share, go out and ask. Become the Word in Body and in Spirit. How marvelous it would be if, at the end of the day, each of us as Knights of Columbus could say, "Today I have performed an act of Charity toward others. Today I have offered a Catholic man and their family the opportunity to practice their faith with us and they have accepted."**

John Benedik, State Deputy

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## MEMBERSHIP AND RETENTION

*Ralph Trotter*  
*Membership and Retention Director*

This is typically the time of year that councils get very busy with projects. Be sure you keep those prospective new Knights in your thoughts as well. While you are busy with projects watch out for opportunities to include new men and their families. These new candidates may have ideas for new projects also, so be sure to cultivate those ideas. It may result in the council beginning an activity that becomes a new focus and a way to bring in additional members. We all have our pet projects and maybe the council needs a new look from new people to maintain that area of interest that is struggling because we always do the same things.

Vivat Jesus!

### Shining Stars – Council Awards Announced by Supreme

*John Benedik - State Deputy*

Winners of the 2014-2015 Star Council, Columbian, Father McGivney, and Founders' awards have been announced by the Supreme Council Office.

**Star Council Awards** winners numbered 2,163 and **Cody Council 4031** was one of the winners. The totals for the other awards were: **Columbian Awards** numbered 4,989 with **Casper 1563**, **Green River 7453**, and **Fort Bridger 10027** as winners, **Father McGivney Awards** numbered 3,509 with **Powell 3043**, **Douglas/Glenrock 6558**, **Greybull/Basin 7214**, and **Pinedale 9756** as winners, **Founders' Awards** numbered 2,878 with **Lander 5447** as a winner, and **Father McGivney / Founders' Awards** with **Thermopolis 2578** and **Casper 9917** as a subset of the last two awards.

Congratulations to all 11 councils winning these awards for the last fraternal year. Let's work toward more councils winning Supreme Awards this fraternal year!

### Gun-a-Week Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the winners of Council 9917's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Gun-a-Week Raffle:

- Week 6 - 3047 - Jared Fehringer, Casper WY
- Week 7 - 2912 - Beth Newkirk, Clinton UT
- Week 8 - 3079 - Jeremy Duran, Casper WY
- Week 9 - 3061-David Kachelhoffer, Newcastle WY
- Week 10 - 2640-Hans H Wychgram, Denver CO

For a list of the weekly prizes or to purchase tickets, please visit [www.kofc9917.org](http://www.kofc9917.org) and click on News and Announcements.



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## NECROLOGY

The following Brother Knights passed away in recent months. Pray that God has mercy on their souls and gives peace and comfort to their families and friends.

- John Daly, Lander, Council 5447, September 1, 2015
- Theodore "Ted" Herrera, Cheyenne, Council 801, September 5, 2015
- Lorenzo "Lawrence: Lovato, Cheyenne, Council 801, September 25, 2015
- Mickey Simmons, Sr., Lander, Council 5447, September 22, 2015
- George E Gillett, Cody, Council 4031, September 17, 2015

Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord, and let the perpetual  
light shine upon them.  
May the souls of all the faithful  
departed, through the  
mercy of God, rest in peace.



## Ways to Pay for Whole Life Insurance

We live in a world of options and we are constantly bombarded by choices. Some of these make our lives more complicated, but many of these choices are created with our satisfaction in mind.

At the Knights of Columbus, every product we offer has been designed solely for the benefit of our members and their families. When I present an option to you, it's because a team of experts has discussed it at length to be certain it serves your best interest.

We have a few options on how you can provide and pay for the whole life coverage that your family needs. Many whole life policies call for premiums to be paid for your entire life or to age 100. But we also offer permanent life coverage with guaranteed cash values (and the potential to earn dividends, which are not guaranteed) through policies that offer a limited period of premium payments.

First, we offer "10 Pay Life" and "20 Pay Life." Consider paying premiums for 10 or 20 years, and never having to pay for the coverage again. The plan is "paid up" and no more premiums are due. The plan stays in force, the death benefit remains intact and the guaranteed cash value continues to grow.

A plan with similar benefits is "Life Paid Up at 65." The difference over 10 or 20 Pay Life plans is that this permanent product requires you to pay premiums until age 65. Then premiums stop (just in time for retirement), but the plan remains in force.

Finally, the ultimate in limited pay is our Single Premium Life product. Imagine buying life insurance — permanent life insurance — and only paying one single premium? It's possible.

To learn more about these products, our long-term care insurance, disability income or retirement products, please call your Field Agent today.

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801	3332	2128	6558
1563	4031	2337	6623
2104	5447	2441	7453
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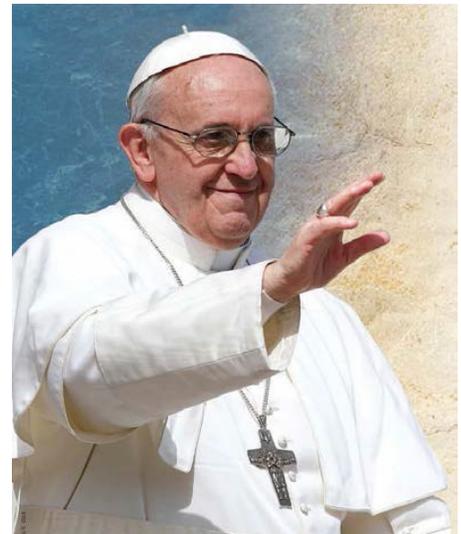


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## SUPREME COUNCIL RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE

**INDIVIDUAL INCENTIVE:** In honor of Pope Francis, we are extending the special incentive to all recruiters. Between July 1, 2015, and December 31, 2015, you will receive 2,000 VIP points for every new or former member recruited in this time period in addition to a medallion for the first new or former member recruited only. If you've already received a medallion for the 1st quarter, you will continue to receive 2,000 VIP for any member recruited in the 2nd quarter.

**COUNCIL INCENTIVE:** No need to fill out a form, just recruit 12 new members between July 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015 and your council wins 20,000 VIP points.

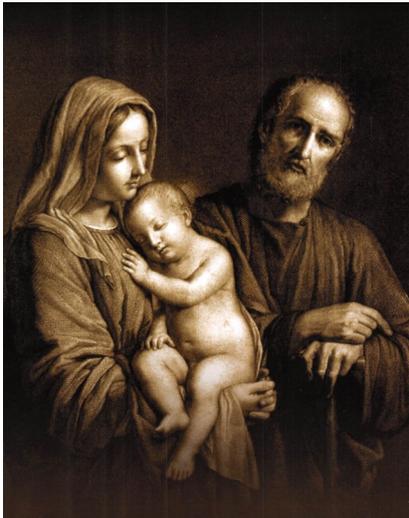


## Marian Hour of Prayer Icon

*John Benedik, State Deputy*

The Knights of Columbus has sponsored Marian Hour of Prayer programs since 1979. As part of this program the Order distributes pilgrim icons depicting the Blessed Virgin Mary under her various titles. The icon travels on a year-long journey from council to council in each of the Order's jurisdictions throughout the world. These Marian icons serve as the focal point for prayer services held in council homes, churches or other locations.

The Order's new Holy Family Prayer Program was inaugurated at the 133<sup>rd</sup> Supreme Convention August 4, 2015. The image used for this prayer program is a reproduction of an image of the Holy Family by the 18th-century artist Giovanni Balestra, based on a painting by Sassoferrato. The original print is housed at the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family in Rome. Framed copies of the image were blessed by Pope Francis and will be brought on a pilgrimage beginning in September, 2015.



There will be two icons traveling the State of Wyoming. The first starting in Cody, WY (northern route) and the second starting in Jackson, WY (southern route) in October. I will be delivering the Icons to these council the weekend of 26 and 27 September. I have not yet received the prayer booklets and holy cards from Supreme, in both English and Spanish versions. As soon as I do the process will begin. I will send out the printed materials to these councils when I receive them, along with a schedule and a map of the routes. The schedule and both the northern and southern routes will also be posted on our website.

## CEREMONIALS

### UPCOMING DEGREES:

November 14, 2015

Green River, WY

Registration begins at 3:00 PM

2nd Degree at 4:00 PM followed by dinner and the 3rd Degree.

Please RSVP so they can have an accurate count for dinner.

Contact Mike Dahl, (307) 871-1030 or Sean Sherwin, (307) 871-9018 to RSVP or for more information.

### Interested in Hosting a 2<sup>nd</sup> and/or 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree exemplification? This is what you will need:

- 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
  - Honoree Scrolls
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree - #273
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree - #272
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Degree - #271

To Schedule a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, please contact Brian Dever, Ceremonials Chairman, at 307-267-7698 or [brian.dever@kofc.org](mailto:brian.dever@kofc.org).

## IMPORTANT DATES:

Mid-year Membership Meeting  
December 12 & 13, 2015  
Ramkota Hotel, Casper, WY

State Convention  
April 22 – 24, 2016  
Torrington, WY

