



Cowboy Bulletin

Wyoming Knights of Columbus



February 2019

Worthy Knights All,

Here we are at Ground Hog Day. I'm hoping you can still see your shadow. Summer is around the corner.....

A couple things I want to talk about. First, if you haven't done so already, please talk to the members of your council and discuss your new Council Officers and Program People. It's important to have these potential new, or renewed, officers and program people prayerfully consider their role in The Knights of Columbus. For me, I believe the stewardship of service is a gift from God. I could not see how I would not serve. We need to pray about it, talk with your family, and listen to that guy inside you. We, at the State Knights of Columbus level, need for you to consider joining our team. We need you, we need new blood, new ideas, and new enthusiasm. You are our future! I know it can be rewarding.

Next, my wife and I went to the Pro-Life walk in Cheyenne. Always worth your time. Some good speeches. Many, many Knights were present. Council # 801 again provided a color guard and a great chili feed. Good job brothers. Natrona County Representative and brother Knight, Chuck Gray, spoke of some of the progress being made protecting babies, with more to do. Order wide we just got our 1000th Ultra – Sound machine for pregnant resource centers. Prayer does work! So with that in mind, we need to pray for these misguided States that are in the process of allowing the killing of babies inside and outside the womb. This is the work of the devil. PRAY BROTHERS PRAY.

We have some new programs being developed at Supreme. One is the use of landing pages. As time goes you'll learn more of this. It should have started long ago. Landing Pages will make life easier for all. Another is called Delta Church Drives. This too will make recruitment simpler. I think it is so important to invite all men in our parishes, and their families, to this stewardship of service the Knights of Columbus has to offer. I know I don't know what that deer in the headlights look when The Good Lord asks me what I have done to influence His Kingdom.

May God Bless You, Your Family, and your work.

Vivat Jesus

Jim Venjohn – Wyoming State Deputy



Brothers Knights and Families,

Greetings from Central Wyoming.

I want to let everyone know that I am praying for you. I bet you are asking, “Why is Bret praying for me? What did I do to deserve this?” My answer to you is simple and twofold.....I love praying and everyone could use it, right?

I hear at times that, “Praying is hard” or “I only pray at church” or “I don’t have time” the list goes on. There always seems to be some hurdle we make for ourselves when it comes to our Faith. I know that I have used these in the past however I am getting better at getting over these hurdles. I think I am getting better because I am having conversations with God and having patience listening.

A quote from St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) sums it up best for me:

“Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts.”

– St Teresa of Calcutta

I find it easy to get into the “hands of God”. This is God’s country after all. His beauty is everywhere. The hard part is finding the time to listen. I have started by taking small increments, 5 minutes, here and there to sneak a quick prayer and a silent reflection. I hope to increase this over time.

I challenge you do the same.

It is also interesting to me that as I have made this a habit, I find myself yearning to pray more and more. When I am in my car driving to work or mowing the yard, I can find someone or something to pray for. I am walking down the street to my work and I find myself, especially in the winter, with my hand in my pocket on my Rosary saying a couple of Hail Mary’s for my prayer intentions.

So, with that I say to you: I am praying for you and your family.

Vivat Jesus.

Bret Ladenburger

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Wyoming State Knights have voted to make a \$1,000 donation to Bishop Biegler’s newly formed Shalom fund. The December edition of the Wyoming Catholic Register outlined the Bishop’s points for the creation of a fund to assist with therapy for the victims of sex abuse. The Bishop was extremely grateful to the Knights of Wyoming for their support and dedication to this vision.

If you are interested in making contributions from your local Councils or personally, you can contact State Secretary Bret Ladenburger or Matt Potter, the Executive Director of the Wyoming Catholic Ministries Foundation at mpotter@wycmf.org or 307-275-0372.

The donation was approved at the Winter meeting on December 8th & 9th held in Casper.

Bret Ladenburger



Ceremonial News

There are currently no degrees scheduled
To schedule a Second & Third Degree, Contact:

Mike Dahl, Ceremonials Director at:
307-875-7831 {home}
307-871-1030 (cell)
mikenlin@vcn.com

To schedule a Fourth Degree, Contact:
District Master, Robert Taylor @ 307-321-0357.

Council 9917 Gun-A-Week Raffle

Drawings have begun for the 7th Annual Gun-A-Week Raffle

Congratulations to our latest winners :

Week 22-#7596 -Sharon M Darr of Casper WY won a Remington 700 SPS 7mm Rem Mag

Week 23-#7665 - Clint Torczon of Huntley MT won a Weatherby SA-08 Synthetic 12 Ga. Semi

Week 24 -#7587 - Linda S Smith of Green River WY won a Ruger American Rimfire .22

Week 25 -#7589 -Ron D Pivik of Green River WY won a Henry Golden Boy .22 Mag

Week 26 -#7755 -Sherry Garrett of Casper WY won a Stoeger P-350 Synthetic 12 Ga. Pump

Weekly winners are posted each Wednesday at www.kofc9917.org.

Please feel free to make any submissions to wyokcnews@gmail.com. I will do my best to put out an issue of The Cowboy Bulletin every month, but I need your help to know what's going on out there. Upcoming events, council projects or sharing ideas that could benefit other councils, are all things we as Knights are interested in hearing about. Remember that we are Brother Knights, united in one cause.

Vivat Jesus

Steve Grapes

Public Relations Director

Wyoming Knights of Columbus

There is a wealth of information on our State Council web site. Check out www.wyomingkc.org. All members are encouraged to check it out.



“Monthly Challenge from the Supreme Chaplain”

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Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. (Gospel for Feb. 10, Lk 5:10-11)

“They left everything and followed him.” My brothers, these words shock me every time I hear or read them. If we are honest, we have to admit how hard it is to leave everything to follow Jesus. After all, we are so good at taking stuff with us as we attempt to follow him—our pride, our possessions, our desire for power, more comfort and pleasure. We attempt to drag this heavy luggage along, or sometimes try to sneak little trinkets into our bags to take with us: maybe it’s our wandering eyes, our temper, a critical spirit, or our workaholicism. But Jesus and his disciples travel lightly. He invites us to leave everything and follow him. Let’s experience this genuine freedom of being his disciple: a freedom which hits the open road with our Lord, free of everything that hinders us.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori: This month I challenge you to join other Catholic men who are striving to “leave everything and follow him.” Join them for some time of prayer, fellowship and encouragement, possibly at a Knights meeting, for breakfast, or a drink after work. Secondly I challenge you to be open with a brother in Christ about some area of your life where you are facing challenges. “Leaving everything” means that we also need to leave behind our pretense and appearances, and meet each other as true brothers.

Supreme has announced that Faith in Action has replaced the Surge with Service Program. With this change, nine new programs were introduced. One of the new programs will be featured in each Cowboy Bulletin edition for the next few months.

NOVENA FOR LIFE

A Higher Purpose

Lead your community in the spiritual fight to establish a culture of life in our nations. Knights and their families will come together in both public and private acts of prayer to promote the protection of life.

Overview

The protection of life is a sustained prayer intention of the Church, and in particular of the Knights of Columbus. Knights remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being – from the moment of conception to natural death. To commemorate and bolster this important cause, councils will promote a novena, nine days of sustained prayer, to build up a culture of life in our parishes, homes and wider community.

Required Program

A council must conduct this required program in the Life category to be eligible to receive the Columbian Award.

Action Steps can be found at [https://www.kofc.org/en/programs/life/novena-life.html#/.](https://www.kofc.org/en/programs/life/novena-life.html#/)



Wyoming Knights of Columbus Special Prayer Intentions

Deceased Knights



--Fr. John Savio, Retired in Residence, Our Lady of Fatima, Casper passed away October 22, 2018. Fr Savio's obituary is available at https://trib.com/lifestyles/announcements/obituaries/father-john-joseph-savio/article_535ab001-28bd-5455-a521-7e9ff8bd45c4.html



--Rich Miller of Council 4031 in Cody passed away on December 17th.

Please see his obituary at http://www.codyenterprise.com/news/obituaries/article_974fe574-03cb-11e9-b6f9-8f608fa1e2d3.html

Knights in Need of Our Prayers

--Brother Tom Atwood has just returned home from a week stay at the Billings Hospital. He underwent colon surgery to remove a 6" section that contained cancer. Although the cancer was removed, Tom is waiting to begin chemotherapy treatments to ensure success.

--Henry Prado, Council 6623-Torrington, had a kidney transplant and is currently under doctors' care in Omaha NE. He will be there for a few weeks. He is a past GK of Torrington council and past DD.

--Sally Welte, spouse of PSD Joe Welte, Council 6623-Torrington is now in a Torrington nursing home. She has battled MS for many years.

Please send any future prayer intentions to wyokcnews@gmail.com



DO YOU KNOW ANY MEN WHO WILL PASS THIS PRIEST DISCERNMENT TEST

I love Jesus Christ and I have a thirst to bring Jesus and His teaching to the world. Y/N

I am endeavoring to be a believing, practicing Catholic. Y/N

I am trying to live a life of prayer and I desire a life of prayer. Y/N

I am trying to serve others and I desire a life of service to others. Y/N

I feel a desire to be a priest, though it is sometimes stronger than at other times. Y/N

ENCOURAGE THEM TO STEP FORWARD

Prayer to Know My Vocation

Lord Jesus, up until now You have been quietly preparing me to be Your disciple. Now the time of preparation is ending. I seem to hear You say to me as You said once to Peter: "Will you also go away?" Peter replied, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

I stand with Peter. Through prayer and counsel, show me, Lord, where it is in Your vineyard that You want me to serve. Then give me strength to be faithful.

Mary, Mother and Model, help me to respond in generous love to the call of your divine son. Amen



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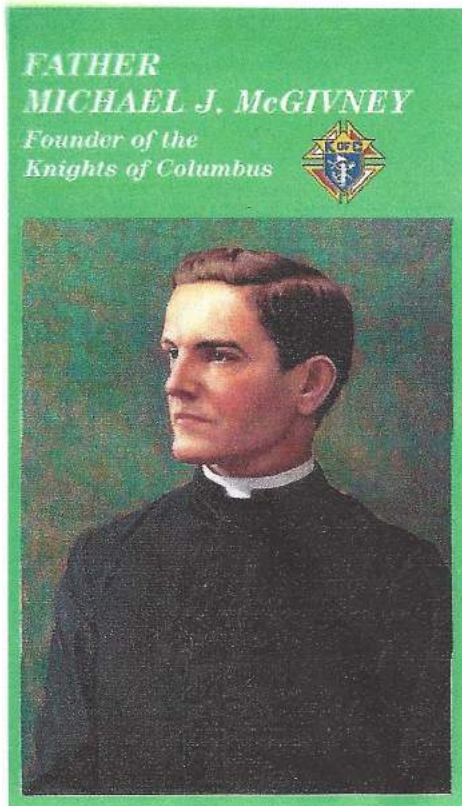
Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father, call many holy young people to consecrated life for the sake of your kingdom. Call an abundance of virtuous men to serve in ordained ministry, as laborers for your harvest. Call numerous others to faithful, chaste and fruitful love in the sacrament of marriage, as signs and witnesses of Christ's love for his Church. Through baptism you have called all your children, in whatever state of life, to love and serve you. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and grant us each the grace to follow you in perfect obedience and charity. With Mary and Joseph as our models and intercessors, we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen





A copy of the registration form for the Father Michael J McGivney Guild appears on the following page



Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father Hail Mary Glory be to the Father



PLEASE REPORT ALL FAVORS RECEIVED:
THE FATHER MCGIVNEY GUILD
ONE COLUMBUS PLAZA
NEW HAVEN, CT 06510-3326 USA

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Join the Father McGivney Guild

As the sainthood process for Venerable Father Michael McGivney continues, it becomes ever more important to increase membership in the Father McGivney Guild. Membership stands at over 171,000, but only 464 listed to be from Wyoming. There are 2600 members shown in Wyoming.

Please encourage every Knight in your council, and their families, to join the McGivney Guild. Membership is open to everyone, not just Knights and families. It is easy to sign up at <http://www.fathermcmgivney.org/en/index.html>. And please continue to pray the canonization prayer for Father McGivney.

Shawn Moody, Father McGivney Guild Chairman



If you wish to enroll in the Guild and to receive the newsletter, please complete and return to: The Father McGivney Guild, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326

Name _____
Street Address _____
City/State/Country _____ Zip/Postal Code _____
(K of C membership # if applicable) _____

Please list below the names and addresses of any family or friends who might be interested in the Guild's work.

Name _____ Name _____
Address _____ Address _____
City/State/Country _____ City/State/Country _____
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Monthly Mass For Guild Members

Please remember these specific intentions at the monthly Mass for Guild members.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

If you wish to make a tax-deductible contribution to support the mission of the Guild, checks should be made payable to: The Father McGivney Guild, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326.

Father Michael J. McGivney Guild

The Order of the Knights of Columbus has established The Father McGivney Guild to promote the cause for canonization of our founder, The Venerable Michael J. McGivney. The goal of the Guild is to spread the good word about his holiness of life, to encourage devotion to his memory, and to seek his intercession before the throne of God. The Guild serves as a clearinghouse for information about Father McGivney, his life and works, and any favors attributed to his intercession. Father McGivney is a unique model for today's Catholic and today's Catholic priest because of his attention to the social ills and injustices of his day and his collaboration with the laity. He was zealous for the life of union with God through prayer and the sacraments, and he would have been right at home in today's world. He was then and would be today an eager apostle for the Gospel of life, and a determined foe of the culture of death.

Membership in the Guild is open to anyone who wishes to share in this mission of making known the life and work of Father McGivney and of encouraging devotion to his memory. All one needs to do is fill out the application and mail it in to become enrolled. There is no charge to enroll, but donations are accepted.

The Guild is anxious to receive reports of favors received through Father McGivney's intercession. It is not only miracles that are required to move the cause forward, but witnesses to the power of the servant of God's prayers before the throne of God.

As a member of the Guild you will receive a newsletter and periodic updates on the progress of cause for canonization. Welcome to the Guild. We ask your prayerful support that God's will be done and that the Spirit guide us at each step along the way.