



# Cowboy Bulletin

## Wyoming Knights of Columbus



April 2019

From the deck of the Wyoming State Deputy

April 2019

Dear Brother Knights,

Several years ago my wife gave me a surprise birthday party. She pulled it off magnificently! I'll never forget as we entered the restaurant and saw our family and friends. Their happy faces sharing my joy, or embarrassment. I thought no gifts, cards, or cake was needed as their presence was all that was important.

To be there, in person, for sad or joyous occasions of our friends and family makes a difference. Not just for the recipient but the giver as well. When we are present for other people, important things happen to them and to us. We are renewed in love and friendship. Not only for each other, but also for God, our Creator, who is there with us. "Being There" is the best gift you can give.

What occasions are the most important for "Being There"? Surely weddings and funerals head the list. New babies, baptisms, anniversaries, reunions, birthdays, and graduations all follow closely. But other, less obvious, ways of "Being There" might be visiting someone sick or depressed. Or simply attending a ball game, or seeing a movie, with a friend in need.

How best can we give the gift of self? Be positive about it. Do not immediately think of excuses not to be there. Train yourself to say YES, rather than looking for ways to say no. A positive attitude really counts! Be ready to involve yourself. Remember your presence can be a greater gift than any material you could send. An invitation I once received stated that idea clearly. "No presents please, just your presence."

As we go into the last few months of this fraternal year, be there for your council. Be a witness to GODS GIFT OF SERVICE. Be an example of service to your family, and Parish. An example that other men and their families would want to be a gift of this service to God. The Knights of Columbus has this Gift of Service to offer all in our works and in our prayer. Please be part of it! Thank You.

Vivat Jesus

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

James L. Venjohn (Jim)

Wyoming Knights of Columbus State Deputy



## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WYOMING STATE COUNCIL**



### **Official State Convention Notice**

March 10, 2019

Notice is hereby given that the 99<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Wyoming State Council of the Knights of Columbus will convene with an opening Mass at 12:00p.m., Friday, April 26, 2019, **St Anthony's Catholic Church, 644 S Center Casper, WY**. All general sessions will be held at **Ramkota Hotel & Convention Center, 800 N Poplar St, Casper, WY** with Wyoming State Deputy, James L. Venjohn, presiding.

Convention Booklet:

Bret Ladenburger  
307-760-1003  
E-mail: [ladenburgerkofc@gmail.com](mailto:ladenburgerkofc@gmail.com)

State Convention Chairman:

Rick Young  
307-267-6868  
E-Mail: [rlyoung1865@icloud.com](mailto:rlyoung1865@icloud.com)

The host council is Thomas F O'Reilly Council 1563, Casper, Wyoming.  
The host council has mailed or will be mailing registration forms and additional information to the individual councils. The convention registration fees are as follows:

Adult: \$115.00  
Spouse: \$75.00  
Late registration fee: \$130.00 (postmarked by April 10<sup>th</sup>)  
Adult, attending Saturday evening banquet only: \$30.00  
Child care for Saturday night: \$5.00

Registration for State Officers, District Deputies, Directors/Chairman and Past State Deputies will be paid by the State.

A presentation on "The Armor of God" from Ephesians 6:11 will be Friday morning at 9:00 at the Ramkota for those not in the State Officer meetings. Additional information to be included with the official agenda.

Registration forms are due no later than April 16, 2018. Submit to: Knights of Columbus Council 1563, PO Box 632, Casper, WY 82602. Make checks payable to: KofC Council #1563.

#### **Reservations for lodging can be made to:**

Ramkota Hotel & Convention Center  
800 N Poplar St  
Casper WY 82601  
877-342-1178

Mention the Knights of Columbus State Convention when making reservations.  
Reservations must be made directly through the hotels.

Convention check-in will begin at 8am, Friday, April 26, 2019, Ramkota Hotel.

The Wyoming State Convention is scheduled to adjourn at noon on Sunday, April 28, 2019.

Vivat Jesus

Approved

Bret T. Ladenburger  
Wyoming State Secretary

James L. Venjohn  
Wyoming State Deputy



## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WYOMING STATE COUNCIL**



### **Addendum to Official State Convention Notice**

**This additional state convention information will be updated, as necessary, at**  
[www.WyomingKC.org](http://www.WyomingKC.org)

- There will be an opening Mass at 12:00 pm Friday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church
- An evening meal and social Friday evening at the St. Anthony's Tri Parish School, 1145 W 20<sup>th</sup> St, Casper WY 82604 beginning at 6:00pm
- A Memorial Mass will be celebrated Saturday, 5:15 pm, April 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Anthony's Church
- Registration for State Officers, District Deputies, Directors/Chairman and Past State Deputies will be paid by the State.
- Councils and individual Knights are asked to bring items to donate to a silent auction.
- Council Delegates will need to be prepared to say **YES or NO** for State Liability Insurance

#### **Councils need to bring:**

Council Banner  
Necrology report  
Grand Knight Report  
Delegates bring your credentials  
Change from Heaven

State Officers, Directors, Chairmen and District Deputies bring your reports and be ready to present them.

All reports should be submitted in electronic form by emailing them in either MS Word or Adobe Acrobat to Bret T. Ladenburger, State Secretary ([ladenburgerkofc@gmail.com](mailto:ladenburgerkofc@gmail.com)) before April 15, 2018. It is especially important to have your Necrology report in before Friday Night, April 26, 2019 (You are welcome to submit any additional names (updated form) of any brother that may have passed since you turned in the form).

**State awards should be sent to State Awards Chairman and copies to State Secretary:**

#### **AWARDS CHAIRMAN**

Patrick J. Doherty  
900 N. Elm Ave.  
Gillette, WY 82716  
[pat.doherty@kofc.org](mailto:pat.doherty@kofc.org)

#### **STATE SECRETARY**

Bret T. Ladenburger  
6638 Mustang Trl  
Evansville WY 82636  
[ladenburgerkofc@gmail.com](mailto:ladenburgerkofc@gmail.com)

#### **ENCLOSURES:**

Official State Convention Notice  
99<sup>th</sup> Annual Registration Form  
Council Necrology Report Form  
Blank State Letter Head  
State Service Award Form

Addendum to Official State Convention Notice  
99<sup>th</sup> State Convention Agenda  
Delegates Credentials Form  
Interest in Serving Wyoming KofC Form  
State Liability Insurance Form



RE: CHANGES TO AWARDS FOR STATE CONVENTION-----PLEASE USE FORM STSP FOR THE PROGRAMS NOT WHAT YOU RECEIVED IN YOUR PACKET-----SORRY FOR THE CONFUSION

There are a few changes to the awards which each of you should be apprised.

There are now 4 "Faith in Action" Program areas (form STSP)

Faith

Community

Family

Life

Chaplain of the Year award to be submitted by each council for consideration at the State Convention.

This past year a Chaplain of the Year program was instituted by the Supreme Council, however due to short notice, the State Officers agreed to submit Fr. Ogg as our Chaplain of the Year and recognized him in absentia and the 2018 Convention in Douglas. At this time we do not know if this is a supreme program this year, but the state officers decided to make this a Wyoming program. Please get Father (insert name's) permission to nominate him and submit as you would the Knight of the Year.

No changes were made to the following:

Knight of the Year

Family of the Year (form 10680)

To recap, here are the seven areas we will be celebrating at state convention in Casper:

Faith (form STSP)

Community (form STSP)

Family (form STSP)

Life (form STSP)

Knight of the Year

Family of the Year (form 10680)

Priest of the Year

Every council is encouraged to submit once in each of the four areas plus the knight, family and priest of the year. Please use the forms listed above which can be found on the Supreme website at <https://www.kofc.org/en/members/resources/forms/council.html>

Please submit applications for consideration to myself or the State Secretary no later than April 19, (one (1) week prior to convention).

Pat Doherty

900 N. Elm Ave

Gillette, WY 82716

God Bless you and your families!

Bret Ladenburger

6638 Mustang Trl

Evansville, WY 82636

Pat Doherty, PSD, Awards Chairman





# STATE COUNCIL SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS ENTRY FORM

THIS REPORTING FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY EACH COUNCIL AND FORWARDED TO THE STATE COUNCIL.

*(A separate reporting form should be completed for each program category.)*

CATEGORY (MARK ONE): ☐ FAITH ☐ FAMILY ☐ COMMUNITY ☐ LIFE



## COUNCIL INFORMATION:

1 COUNCIL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL COUNCIL MEMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_  
GRAND KNIGHT: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

## PROJECT INFORMATION (complete all sections):

2 PROJECT TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_ PROJECT DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Participation:  $\frac{\text{Members}}{\text{Members}} + \frac{\text{Non Members}}{\text{Non Members}} = \frac{0}{\text{Total Participants}}$   $\frac{\text{Total Participants}}{\text{Total Participants}} \times \frac{\text{Hours}}{\text{Hours}} = \frac{0}{\text{Total Volunteer Hours}}$

Program Planning:  $\frac{\text{Costs}}{\text{Costs}} \& \frac{\text{Time}}{\text{Time}}$  Members Recruited: \_\_\_\_\_ Donations:  $\frac{\text{Local Currency}}{\text{Local Currency}}$

3 Describe project in detail. Use additional paper if necessary. Supplementary material may be submitted along with the nomination. Accompanying materials can include letters, testimonials, news clippings, photographs, pamphlets, etc. Do not submit tapes, videocassettes, DVD's, display materials, films, etc., as they will not be considered in judging the nomination.

3a) In the space provided below, briefly describe the purpose and goals of this program. This section must be completed.

**DO NOT SUBMIT THIS REPORT FORM TO SUPREME COUNCIL**

**ENTRY MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE STATE COUNCIL  
TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE COMPETITION**

MAIL ORIGINAL TO: State Deputy or State Program Director

COPY TO: Council File

Available in electronic format at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)



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3b) Whom does this project benefit?

3c) What problem or need did this project resolve?

3d) Why did the council select this project?

3e) Describe the success of the project:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
State Deputy Grand Knight



Brother Knights

All councils and assemblies should be reminded that your 990 forms are not only due to the IRS but copies or status of extension need to be sent to Executive Secretary, Don Scott at 2210 S Gillette Ave, Gillette Wyoming 82718 or

[Dscottkofcwysd@bresnan.net](mailto:Dscottkofcwysd@bresnan.net).

Vivat Jesus,

Don Scott

Executive Secretary

Wyoming Knights of Columbus

My Brother Knights,

It is that time to be preparing for the state convention, so with that in mind, I wish to visit with you about a few items.

1. Submit your fraternal program reports for; FAITH, FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND LIFE.
2. Come prepared to participate in the program workshops scheduled for 3:00 PM Friday.
3. Bring your FR. McGivney intersession requests in an envelope with council #, council name, and date on the outside of the envelope. There will be a special holder for your requests at the convention. Since we wish to have FR. McGivney declared a saint, give him something to work with.
4. There will be a table with prayer cards and other information. This is your chance to share items that you have found to be of value for your council so bring them. Visit the supply web site for items to be of help to your council.

I hope to see many of you at the convention,

Fraternally,

Jerry Hoefler

Brother Knights of Wyoming,

With the suggestion of our State Program Director and the Father McGivney Guild Chairman, we are asking all Knights to help with the canonization process of the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. We need proven miracles for this process to continue towards Sainthood. The Wyoming Knights are requesting that all Brother Knights and Parishioners bring to the State Convention **"Prayer request for Physical, Spiritual, or Vocational healing through the intercession of the Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney"**.

These prayer request will be turned in at the Convention and will be part of the blessing for the canonization of Father McGivney. In hopes that a miracle will take place through this program and Wyoming will have the honor of helping with Father McGivney's Sainthood.

So, ask your membership at your next Council meetings to write down prayer request and have your delegates bring them to the State Convention the last weekend of April.

Vivat Jesus,

Brian Duyck

Wyoming State Warden



### CEREMONIAL NEWS

An Admission Degree was held in Green River on Monday, March 25. Six (6) gentlemen received their first degree in our Order, 2 from Council 2441 in Rock Springs and 4 from Council 7453 in Green River. Welcome the Knights of Columbus!!

Council 7453 would like to host 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Degrees after Easter. We are tentatively looking at May 18. If anyone is interested in advancing to the Formation and Knighthood degrees, please contact Mike Dahl at (307) 871-1030. Look for more details in the May cowboy Bulletin.

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To schedule a Second & Third Degree, Contact:

Mike Dahl, Ceremonials Director at:

307-875-7831 {home}

307-871-1030 (cell)

[mikenlin@vcn.com](mailto:mikenlin@vcn.com)

To schedule a Fourth Degree, Contact:

District Master, Robert Taylor @ 307-321-0357.

### Council 9917 Gun-A-Week Raffle

Congratulations to our latest winners :

Week 31- #7195 -Dona Meyer of Casper WY won a Ruger Synthetic/Stainless .270 Win

Week 32 - #7214 - Duane Myers of Gillette WY won a Browning BPS 20 Ga.

Week 33 -#7960- William G Kellen of Pinedale WY won a Remington 700 SPS .300 Rem Ultra Mag

Week 34 -#7388 - Patrick Courtney of Lee's Summit MO won a Ruger Synthetic/Stainless .22-250

Please feel free to make any submissions to [wyokcnews@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.wyomingkc.org). All members are encouraged to check it out.





## "Monthly Challenge from the Supreme Chaplain"

April 2019

**And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning [within us] while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?" (Gospel for April 21, Lk. 24:30-32)**

A "fire in the belly," passion, a drive: these are some of the ways we talk about others who can summon a deep, inner motivation and who make a difference. My brothers, can we say the same about our inner drive to go deeper in our Church's teaching? Do our hearts "burn within us" and cause us to daily familiarize ourselves with the riches of our faith? Do we have a fire in the belly to be the kind of men who don't stand silent at the water cooler when we hear our Church's teaching denigrated by colleagues? In order to lead with faith we need to know our faith. We can't give what we don't have. By God's grace, may we each become disciples whose "hearts burn within us."

**Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:** This month I challenge you to deepen your desire to have a heart 'burning within you' for new knowledge of the Church's teaching and doctrine. Invest five to ten minutes a day reading the *Catechism* or other resource, watching a Catholic talk online, or taking advantage of a local formation opportunity. Secondly I challenge you to talk with a brother in Christ about what you're learning.

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.

### PREGNANCY CENTER SUPPORT

#### A Higher Purpose

Change hearts and minds about abortion by showing that the Knights of Columbus loves both mother and child before and after birth. Councils can provide material, financial, labor and other support to pro-life pregnancy centers that help women during pregnancy and following the birth of their newborn children.

#### Overview

More than 3000 pro-life pregnancy centers now operate throughout territories of the Knights of Columbus. By the very nature of its founding, the Knights of Columbus is called to care for the widow and orphan. Abortion-vulnerable unborn children and mothers experiencing unexpected pregnancies certainly fall within that mandate. With aid from the Knights, pregnancy centers can offer support to help women choose life. Councils can "adopt" a pregnancy center and provide material, labor, and spiritual support throughout the year.

Action Steps can be found at <https://www.kofc.org/en/programs/life/pregnancy-center-support.html#/Action%20Steps>



## Wyoming Knights of Columbus

### For the Good of the Order

#### Deceased Knights

--Fr. John Savio, passed away October 22, 2018.

--Rich Miller of Council 4031 in Cody passed away on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

—Mel Tucker of Council 9431 in Jackson passed away Feb 10, 2019.



Our beloved Monsignor James O'Neill passed away in Casper on March 18.

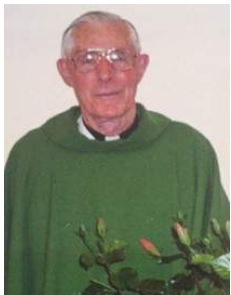
He was a member of Council 801 and Assembly 1223 of Cheyenne. Mon-

signor was sent off with a fitting tribute including a Fourth Degree Honor Guard, a bagpipe escort and an Irish wake. Our prayers go out to his family,

spread around world. He will be missed greatly. Special thanks to Karen

Fakelman, wife of brother Knight Dennis Fakelman, who was Monsignor's caregiver and took the lead in ensuring his wishes were carried out to his design.

Monsignor O'Neill's obituary can be found at: [https://trib.com/lifestyles/announcements/obituaries/monsignor-james-o-neill/article\\_9715c8ef-b8ec-559c-8c3f-6d5992e3674b.html](https://trib.com/lifestyles/announcements/obituaries/monsignor-james-o-neill/article_9715c8ef-b8ec-559c-8c3f-6d5992e3674b.html)



Father Thomas Fahey, 99, passed away March 17, 2019. He served in Wyoming parishes until retiring to Indiana in 1990. His obituary can be viewed at:

<https://www.mcelhaneyhartfuneralhome.com/notices/FatherThomas-Fahey>.

#### Knights in Need of Our Prayers

Please pray for Brother Knights Ron Pivik, Vic Braman and Paul Shablo of Council 7453. Ron and Vic have been dealing with cancer and are doing well but your continued prayers will help. Paul is battling with dementia.

--Brother Tom Atwood is undergoing treatments for cancer.

--Henry Prado, Council 6623-Torrington,

--Sally Welte, spouse of PSD Joe Welte, Council 6623-Torrington

—Greg Opdahl, Council 3551-Wheatland

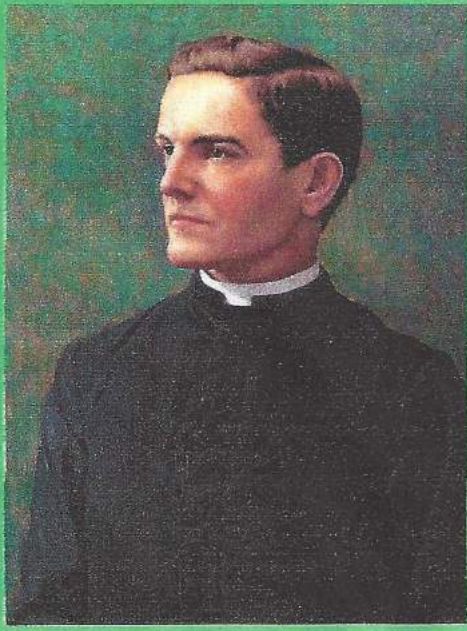
Please send any future prayer intentions to [wyokcnews@gmail.com](mailto:wyokcnews@gmail.com)



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

### FATHER MICHAEL J. McGIVNEY

Founder of the  
Knights of Columbus



### 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

2617 3/00

### *A Prayer for Study*

Lord, give us a mind that is humble, quiet, peaceable, patient and charitable, and a taste of your Holy Spirit in all our thoughts, words and deeds.

O Lord, give us a lively faith, a firm hope, a fervent charity, a love of You. Take from us all lukewarmness in meditation and all dullness in prayer. Give us fervor and delights in thinking of You, Your grace and Your tender compassion toward us.

Give us, good Lord, the grace to work for the things we pray for.

— Saint Thomas More (1478-1535)

### 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.fathermcgivney.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 _____
Zip/Postal Code _____	Zip/Postal Code _____
(K of C membership #) _____	(K of C membership #) _____

### 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.