



Cowboy Bulletin

Wyoming Knights of Columbus



May 2019

STATE DEPUTY NEWSLETTER MAY 2019

Well I believe Spring has finally Sprung. Time to get out and do things. I for one have many to do things on my list, and my wives list. I'm sure you are no different. While you are cleaning the garage, storage shed, and yard work, try to think of ways to involve the family. Even if that means setting the broom aside and grabbing the fishing pole. Put together a lunch with plenty of snacks. Load everyone up and head to the lake, river, or mountain and have some family time. Summer will slip by and you will wonder what happened to summer. Do yourself, and your family a favor and create some memories. I hope to do just that. Now I'll see if I practice what I preach.

I'm sure you are aware that we just held our 99th annual Wyoming Knights of Columbus State Convention. Council #1563 was the host council held here in Casper. I think they did a very good job putting it together and running the event. THANK YOU from all of officers, district deputies, program chairs, and delegates. We elected new officers with Bret Ladenburger as the new State Deputy, Ron Morris as new State Secretary, Brian Duyck as new State Treasurer, Mike Fulton as new State Advocate, Jim Larscheid as new State Warden. And me, as a matter of default, will become the Immediate Past State Deputy. How two years has sailed by. Please keep all these Knights, and their families, in your prayers for all the new duties they will encounter. The Knight of the year was awarded to Brother SK Chuck Fagnant of Fort Bridger Council #10027. The family of the year was awarded to the Garie Henry family of the Fort Bridger Council #10027. Priest of the Year (co-winners) Fr. Kevin Koch of Pine Bluffs Council #7789 and Fr. Ray Moss of Torrington Council #6623. State Award, Tootsie Roll, awarded to Gillette Council #3477. FAITH Program Activity Award, Sainthood for Fr. McGivney, was submitted by Powell Council #3043. COMMUNITY Program Activity Award, Mission at Castle Rock, submitted by Green River Council #7453. FAMILY Program Activity Award, Consecration of the Holy Family, submitted by Cody Council #4031. LIFE Program Activity Award, Breakfast for Mobile Ultrasound, submitted by Torrington Council #6623. Casper Council #9917 was awarded the 2022 Wyoming Knights of Columbus State Convention. I would like to thank all my Brother Knights for stepping up to serve as a State Officer. To all the Councils who submitted their programs to be considered for Fraternal Awards. Please pray and talk to your family about your possibility of serving at some level of service, at the State or your local council level. I believe the service to God as a gift from God. Please use it.

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

Vivat Jesus

James L. Venjohn (Jim)



So, that just happened! The State Convention.

I have so many different ideas that I want to share it is hard to find just one. For your sake, though, I have and will talk about only 1.

First, let me say, Thank You. I believe it is an honor to be elected as your next State Deputy. I pray that I will lead as the Heavenly Father sees fit.

Okay, I woke up this morning and I heard on the radio the Christian author, Erin Widemann, ask something to the effect of, How do you know if you are Called? I am not going to be able to quote Erin so I hope I get this close.

Erin was talking about the idea of doing what is right is a call from God. That got me thinking; is it that easy to listen to God. I am sure that is the case and I am certain there are more sophisticated callings. The thing is how often do we Knights think a call from God is something grandiose. I believe when I asked my wife to lunch the other day was a call. I am not sure how I got in trouble for not completing a task I told her I was going to do, but I still think it was God working within me. If I had not gone, yes, I would have missed the scolding, but I would have missed the blessing of time with my wife. We had each other's complete attention for that 45 minutes.

Erin's goes on to say that if we know we are being called and don't follow it we are depriving the others in our lives, good friend or strangers, from God blessings. We Knights and families are always looking for the way God is calling us so let us make it as easy as possible and do the right thing. Let's pick up that call and serve God in all things we do.

Vivat Jesus.

Bret Ladenburger

Upon reflecting on the just completed Wyoming State Convention, I have much admiration for our STATE OFFICERS as they all spent 3-4 days at the convention as well as spending many hours preparing. I wish to say THANK YOU to the new STATE OFFICERS for their service and I want to encourage brother Wyoming Knights to be active participants in the programs.

The DISTRICT DEPUTIES were also present for the entire convention and all gave a report.

The program workshops all had a number of participating knights and I hope those attending all felt their time was well spent.

A big THANK YOU to Shawn Moody and the Powell council for the beautiful Fr. McGivney miracle request cross. MEMBERS, please send in your new intention requests.

It appears that many councils need to get their safe environment training completed so that councils are in compliance. Please make this a priority so that everyone is protected.

Vivat Jesus,

Jerry Hoefler



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.

Vivat Jesus,

Don Scott

Executive Secretary

Wyoming Knights of Columbus

Brother Knights,

We have an incredible opportunity for a pilgrimage to venerate a first-class relic, the incorrupt Heart of Saint Jean Vianney. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has suggested the pilgrimage serve as a “spiritual response” to the clergy sexual abuse crisis. The relic will be in Cheyenne at Saint Mary’s Cathedral on Saturday May 11th from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. and present during the 4 p.m. Vigil Mass, with confessions available from 2-4pm.

The February issue of Columbia highlighted the life of St. Jean-Marie Vianney and speaks of the pilgrimage. We in Wyoming are not untouched by the sexual scandal and are certainly in need of more priestly vocations as we have many priests retiring and only two seminarians (Seth Hostetler and Linh Vu). We need the prayer intercessions for the Church in Wyoming, for the many good priests and bishops currently and who have gone before us, for our seminarians and postulants, and for the clergy serving us today! I encourage all of you to make a family pilgrimage to Saint Mary’s Cathedral and pray for each other, the Church - particularly in Wyoming, our priests and religious and for vocations to the priesthood! Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Ken Stockwell

Supreme Director



Our Honor Guard for the Memorial Mass at the 2019 Wyoming State Knights of Columbus Convention. The Mass was held at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Casper.

This past year one of our brother Knights endured through some very serious health issues. Multiple treatments have allowed him to be free of cancer and return home to his wife and five children. His recovery didn't give him the freedom to provide the necessary firewood which was required to heat his home this winter.

Our local Knights put the word out that our brother was in need due to his physical limitations and in short order we had collected eight cords, some freshly gathered and some donated from existent stockpiles, which were then transported to his home.

Other brothers have assisted in providing communion to those in our retirement home. On many occasions, brother Knights have provided snow removal to the elderly and have jumped in to paint some of our parishioner's projects which they just could not afford nor handle.

The commitment to fellowship and service is what the Knights of Columbus stand for and our council's members were pleased to be able to help a brother Knight and his family as well as our parishioner's.

Article by Mark Kalal

Submitted by: Michael Harker – Grand Knight Council 9756

Our Lady of Peace Parish

Pinedale, Wyoming



COME JOIN US

Tuesday, May 28

FOR THE BAR



CHUCKWAGON

A night of family fun with a rib stickin' meal and authentic cowboy entertainment.

Event hosted by the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS to benefit

**TURNING
POINT**
a pregnancy
resource center

Tickets are \$25 for adults \$12 for kiddos 12 and under

Doors open at 5:30 pm along with Silent auction

Raffled painting by Bill Sawczuk



CALL TODAY for tickets:
Joe Graig-Tiso 307 730 1101
Ken Mahood 307 690 9031
Tom Botts 832 610 0023
Turning Point 307 733 5162





Ralph Slattery, a Brother Knight from Council 9917 in Casper, was selected as one of three athletes to represent Wyoming and the USA in the March 2019 Special Olympics World Summer Games in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Ralph is a power lifter, but didn't discover the sport until age 35, the point when a lot of us might be giving up the free weights. Through his hard work and training regimen, he was soon able to compete at the national, and now international level. He did have to do some fundraising for his travel half-way around the world, so Council 9917 dedicated a Sunday morning breakfast in his honor. Overwhelming support was shown by the parishioners at St. Patrick's. By serving a lot of pancakes and sausage, and with the help of our generous church family, the Knights of Columbus was able to donate \$2000 toward Ralph's fundraising goal. Ralph did his job, too. He brought home 4 bronze medals for bench press, squat, dead lift and combined total. He represented us well. Council 9917 is proud to have Ralph Slattery as a member of our council.



Shawn Moody, Father McGivney Guild Chairman, commissioned the building of the Father McGivney Cross. This wooden cross provides information about the Fr. McGivney Guild and also holds prayer intentions for the canonization of our founder, Fr. Michael J. McGivney. The thought is, if one of these prayer intentions is truly answered, it will help in his canonization process. It would be wonderful if a miracle from Wyoming played a major role in this journey. The cross was well received at the state convention. The idea of making it a traveling cross was discussed as well as the idea of commissioning a cross for each parish in the diocese.



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Wyoming McGivney Guild

Prayer intentions for the Canonization of the Venerable Father McGivney Cross

When an individual becomes a candidate for sainthood, there is an opportunity to call upon him or her for help. Favors received through Father McGivney's intercession are signs of God's love manifested through the holiness of his life.

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 venerable 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.

Please write your prayer intentions on the card provided on this cross. Put your intention card on the shelf on the cross. These cards will be collected at the end of April, and the intentions will be included at the Saturday evening Mass on April 27th.

Please email the outcome of your prayer intentions to wyoguild@yahoo.com

Please take a Prayer Card and information about the Fr. McGivney Guild

Thank you, Shawn Moody, Wyoming McGivney Guild Chairman



EXEMPLIFICATIONS

There are no exemplifications scheduled for May.

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

Congratulations to our latest winners :

Week 35 - #7808- Jeanette Lee of Casper WY won a Weatherby PA-08 20 Ga. Pump

Week 36 - #7253 - Roy Chord of Torrington WY won a Remington 700 SPS .300 Win Mag

Week 37 -#7590- Teddy Darrel Potter of Green River WY won a Weatherby Vanguard .243

Week 38 -#7342- John Needham of Douglas WY won a Benelli Nova 20 Ga

Week 39 -#7758 - Loren Kjorstad of Pinedale WY won a Ruger Synthetic/Stainless 30-06 Sprg

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

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”

May 2019

Jesus said, “My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another” (Gospel for May 19, Jn. 13:34).

“I give you a new commandment: love one another,” we hear in the Gospel reading. We’ve heard this saying of Jesus before, but do we personalize it this and truly know it to be true? Statistically, we as Catholics in America today are not renowned for loving one another to the point that we risk sharing our faith with others. One recent poll found that only 6% of Catholics characterized sharing their faith as a “high priority.” But Jesus invites us to do more. He does not call the equipped; he equips the called. And each one of us is called to love one another in the most profound way—by caring about others’ eternal well-being.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month I challenge you to invite one person out for coffee, to your home, or an event at your parish. Tell them what you enjoy about the Catholic faith. Secondly, if they have been away from the Catholic Church, invite them back. If they are not Catholic, ask them if they would consider joining. Either way, be welcoming and nonjudgmental when they give their response.

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 <http://kofc.org/en/programs/life/novena-life.html#/>



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 17th.

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

—Fr. Thomas Fahey passed away March 17, 2019.

—Msgr. James O’Neill of Council 1563 passed away Mar 18, 2019.



Joe Maixner, 96, of Council 9917 in Casper passed away May 3, 2019. He was the oldest member of 9917. He and his wife, Eldine, were declared the oldest married Catholic couple in Wyoming, having been married for 73 years. An Honor Guard was called for his funeral in Casper. Joe’s obituary is at <https://trib.com/lifestyles/announcements/obituaries/#tracking-source=main-nav>.

Please pray for:

—Brother Kevin Reddy, Council 9917-Casper

—Brother Knights Ron Pivik, Vic Braman and Paul Shablo of Council 7453.

—Brother Tom Atwood is undergoing treatments for cancer.

—Brother Henry Prado, Council 6623-Torrington,

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

—Brother Greg Opdahl, Council 3551-Wheatland

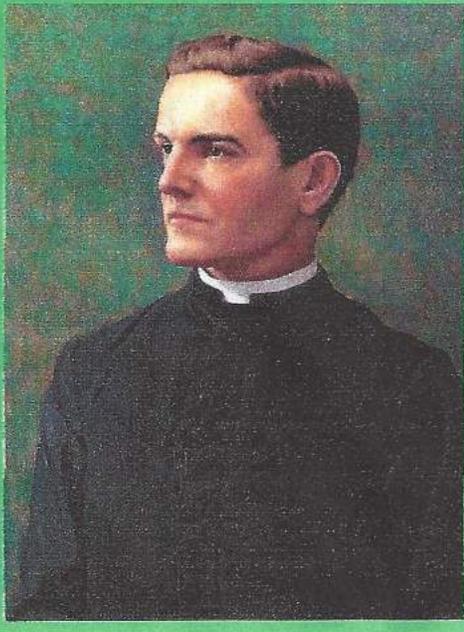
Please send any future prayer intentions to w yokcnews@gmail.com



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.fathermccgivney.org/en/index.html>. And please continue to pray the canonization prayer for Father McGivney.

Shawn Moody

Father McGivney Guild Chairman

esmmoody@gmail.com



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.