



# Cowboy Bulletin

## Wyoming Knights of Columbus



July 2019

### A Word From Your New State Deputy

Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

My heart and soul are awash in Fraternal excitement! I am typing this on the plane trip back from New Haven CT where, as your State Deputy elect, my presence was requested in New Haven CT by our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. I met up with the 75 or so other State Deputy's and State Deputy elects for the 2019-2020 fraternal year organizational meeting and to be sworn into my upcoming assignment. The experience to once again see the birthplace of the Knights at St Mary's church is unmatched. I will certainly not be able to convey the experience in typed words much less spoken words. I did take a cool picture or two so hopefully they will convey a thousand words to save some space. I would encourage anyone that has a bucket list to add this location to it.

Brothers, I have been blessed with an unbelievable experience and I have so much to share with you that I will have to spread it out just a bit. Please tune in for future pieces that I will try to convey more of my experience of this weekend.

First and foremost, I want to let you know that, believe it or not, our Supreme Officers are very much real, live, down to earth approachable Brothers in Christ. All of them are Awesome. There were not too many times that I didn't have the chance to visit openly with any officer including SK Carl Anderson (ask me about my elevator story). I was blessed to sit next to Deputy Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly twice during lunches and had his undivided attention. Although I did have to correct him when he mispronounced my last name. How could anyone *DO* that anyway???? Our conversation ranged from the simple pleasantries and family life to ceremonials and the Faith In Action. I even got in a lawyer joke that he had not heard before. Hit me up and I can recite it. But I digress.

On a bit more of a serious note; we Knights have an amazing opportunity to do amazing things with some amazing tools that are available to us. Your State Officers and I will be working closely with your District Deputy's along with the Program Director and 4 other major Chairmen to provide assistance in your Charitable works campaign this next year. We will be meeting the last weekend in June to entrench ourselves with this information; and also, so that Councils can start the fraternal year off with a full of set of tools. Not to mention the directions for use.

Not to worry gentlemen, there are not any new programs or major changes, just refinement.

I hope that you can sense my **ENTHUSIASM** and I hope that I will be contagious to all of you. I am looking forward to this next year in the Knights of Columbus with my Brothers in Wyoming.

We are Catholic, We are Men, We are Knights.

Vivat Jesus,

Bret Ladenberger



### A Parting Word

Dear Brother Knights of Columbus,

I stand before you to report on State Council activities for the last fiscal year. From going to Supreme Conventions, Supreme summer and winter meetings, the endless webinars and conferences calls for the new faith in action programs, on-line membership, state and council compliance guidelines for safe environment. Even newer still, the Delta church drive initiatives, and council development of landing pages. We are in the closing days of the old regalia to the new uniforms. The closing down of home associations. We were given a new Regional Growth Director, Brother Robert Kish, he replaces what was known as our MPC. Bob is a good guy, and a good Knights of Columbus. Give him your kind consideration and prayers as he has lots of responsibilities. The suspension/retention procedure is something all councils need to be educated on and follow. This is easy to follow and will make life better for all. The four area of program awards, Faith – Family – Community – Life, is down from the six we had. As a State Council we started a Priest of the Year Award. With a lot of prayer, I think Supreme should follow course. The Wyoming jurisdiction is ready. We once again donated to Wyoming Special Olympics from our tootsie roll program and reporting Special Olympic council programs to Supreme. We received two traveling Marion Icons to pray for the persecuted Christian around the world. We ran a Northern route, and a Southern route. I hope you had the opportunity to attend the prayer service when it was in your Parish. We will have the traveling Silver Rose again this year. Coming into Wyoming from Montana, then a month later into Utah. We as State Councils continue to support our pregnancy resource centers. We lost a Past State Deputy in George Zebre, and Past State Chaplain in Father John Savio. And a beloved Priest in Monsignor James O'Neill. Yes, it has been a busy year as usual, and I'm sure that I'm missing a few items.

There are so many I need to thank for your support. The past State Deputies, The State Officers, The District Deputies, all the Chairman and Directors. Supreme Director Brother Ken Stockwell and your wife Lesa, your help has been a Blessing time again. State Chaplain Father Louie thank you for my TV appearances for Sunday Mass. Your guidance and prayers are always comforting. It was a joy to have you with us at the Supreme Conventions. To all of you, the countless prayers and phone calls. Try as I may, there are some of you I could not out talk. And I'm no slacker! To my wife and family, Thank You. To my dear wife Nina. Yes, I will miss you throwing up your arms and your back side walking away...KIDDING!! Through it all, it has been a good ride. Your love and support were what I needed many times over. Whether we were running through airports, writing reports, or comforting others. Back in 2011 when I first became State Warden, then Treasurer, and Secretary, we had a lot to learn. I'm happy we did this together. Service to God, is a gift from God. Which never goes out of style.

I would like to add my support to our current State Deputy Bret Ladenburger and his family. Please pray for him. Give him, his Officers, DD'S, Program Directors and Chairman your full support. As always, all of you will remain in my prayers. Thank You and God Bless.

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

Vivat Jesus

James L. Venjohn (Jim)

Knights of Columbus

Wyoming State Deputy

2017-2019



### Traits of a Good KofC Leader By Bob Kish, Regional Growth Dir

**Vision:** A leader with "vision" has a clear, vivid picture of where to go, as well as a firm grasp on what success

looks like and how to achieve it. But it's not enough to have a vision; leaders must also share it and act upon it. A leader must be able to communicate his vision in terms that cause followers to buy into it. He must communicate clearly and passionately, as passion is contagious. A good leader must have the discipline to work toward the vision single-mindedly, as well as to direct his actions and those of the team toward the goal.

**Action:** Action is the mark of a leader. A leader does not suffer laziness but is always doing something in pursuit of the vision, inspiring others to do the same.

**Integrity:** Integrity is the combination of outward actions and inner values. Such an individual can be trusted because he never veers from inner values, even when it might be the easy thing to do so. As a Knight and Catholic Gentlemen, I would hope "integrity" oozes from all of us. Honest dealings, predictable reactions, well-controlled emotions, and an absence of tantrums and harsh outbursts are all signs of integrity. A leader who is centered in integrity will be more approachable by his followers.

**Dedication:** This means spending whatever time or energy is necessary to accomplish the task at hand. A leader inspires dedication by example, doing whatever it takes to complete the next step toward the vision. By setting an excellent example, leaders can show followers that if we all work hard we will achieve something great.

**Magnanimity:** This means giving credit where it is due. This leader ensures that credit for successes is spread as widely as possible throughout his Council, District or State. Conversely, a good leader also takes personal responsibility for failures. This sort of reverse magnanimity helps other people feel good about themselves and draws the team closer together. To spread the fame and take the blame is a hallmark of effective leadership.

**Humility:** Leaders with humility recognize that they are no better or worse than other members of the team. A humble leader is not boastful or puts himself on a pedestal but rather tries to elevate everyone else. Leaders with humility also understand that their status does not make them the ultimate, all knowing supreme super Knight.

**Openness:** Openness means being able to listen to new ideas, even if they do not conform to the usual way of thinking. Good leaders are able to suspend judgment while listening to others' ideas, as well as accept new ways of doing things that someone else thought of. Openness builds mutual respect and trust between leaders and followers, and it also keeps the team well supplied with new ideas that can further its vision.

**Creativity:** is the ability to think differently, to get outside of the box that constrains solutions. Creativity gives leaders the ability to see things that others have not seen and thus lead followers in new directions. The most important question that a leader can ask is, "What if ... ?"

Possibly, the worst thing a leader can ever say is, "I know this is a dumb question ...? "

#### Fairness

Fairness means dealing with others consistently and justly. A leader must check all the facts and hear everyone out before passing judgment. He must avoid leaping to conclusions based on incomplete evidence. When people feel they that are being treated fairly, they reward a leader with loyalty and dedication.

**Assertiveness:** Assertiveness is not the same as aggressiveness. Rather, it is the ability to clearly state what one expects so that there will be no misunderstandings. A leader must be assertive to get the desired results. Along with assertiveness comes the responsibility to clearly understand what followers expect from their leader. It seems that being under assertive or over assertive may be the most common weakness among aspiring leaders.

**Sense of Humor:** This is vital to relieve tension and boredom, as well as to defuse hostility. Effective leaders know how to use humor to energize followers. Humor is a form of power that provides some control over the work environment. And simply put, humor fosters good fraternalism and ultimately friendships.



### The Knights of Columbus Council 9726

As a newer member of the Knights of Columbus Council 9756 here at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church in Pinedale, Wyoming I am honored to report some of the efforts my council and fellow brothers have done in the last six months.

In November of 2018, nine of our Knights provided ten cords of wood to the family of a fellow Knight who was undergoing radiation and chemotherapy treatments. In March of this year, extreme wind and snow conditions created heavy drifts in a local elderly couples long drive way and one of our Knights plowed them out so they could get to a doctor's appointment. In April, twenty Knights and volunteers vacated the old parish kitchen in our church and moved everything in storage so construction could continue of our new facility. Also in this same month six Knights assisted a person in moving from his home in rural Wyoming to a home here in Pinedale. This person recently had surgery and needed to be closer to our local medical facility. Our Knights also helped a family and another couple move. This same month members of our council spent two days helping our Sister Church St. Anne's in Big Piney, Wyoming remove and install new pews in their church. Just in this month of May 2019 our Knights provided flowers to all of the Mothers who attended mass and also provided a Mother's day Breakfast to the public.

Our financial support has also helped many. We provided a donation of \$14,000 (matched by the National Knights of Columbus, thank you) for a much needed Ultra Sound Machine to the Pregnancy Resource Center here in Pinedale as well as all the donations from our Mother's Day Breakfast totally \$3700. Our support for the Pregnancy Resource Center will continue. The Knights of Columbus Council #9726 has also donated to date \$13,421 to the Parish building fund. This support for this project will be ongoing as we remodel the entire Church, classrooms and kitchen. We have provided financial support to seminarians and have committed to restoring the Church's Bell tower once the remodel of our church is complete and look forward to be sounding the bell of our devotion to God for years to come.

Helping others is our call to service in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and I am proud to call all of my fellow Knights of Columbus Council 9726 my brothers. God Bless.

Peter Paulin

Member of the Knights of Columbus Council #9726

### Installation of State Officers

The Wyoming Knights of Columbus state officers, along with the District Deputies, were installed at the Saturday evening Mass at the summer meeting. Fr. Louie Shae conducted a beautiful mass at St. Margaret's Church in Riverton, which even included a baptism. Installation was conducted by State Deputy Bret Ladenberger, assisted by his wife, Courtney. Everyone is excited and ready to be resources for all of our Wyoming councils. Don't be reluctant to use them. Let's put them to work!



### Fishing Day

On June 29, 2019, Phil Sheridan Council 2104 sponsored its annual Fishing Day for area youth. Brother Knight PJ Kane graciously opened up his private pond south of Sheridan, as he has for the past three years. Fun was had by all and everyone caught some very nice, large trout. Everyone was treated to a barbecue lunch. Everyone left with a smile on their face and a full belly! It is satisfying to see the joy in the faces of children as they reel in a nice one. The Knights who are assisting get just as much satisfaction as the kids!

It was another successful event sponsored by Council 2104.

Anthony Garber

Council #2104 Grand Knight

307-763-8372





. Our new State Deputy, Bret Ladenberger, and his wife, Courtney, at his installment ceremony. It was held at St. Mary's Church in New Haven CT, the site of the founding of our order. Congratulations, Bret and Courtney.

### Wyoming Knights of Columbus

#### Officers 2019-2020

State Deputy— Bret Ladenberger, Casper  
State Chaplain— Rev. Louie Shae, Riverton  
State Secretary—Ron Morris, Casper  
State Treasurer—Bryan Duyck, Powell  
State Advocate— Mike Fulton, Gillette  
State Warden—Jim Larscheid, Saratoga

#### District Deputies

District #1 - Mike Pexton  
District #2 - Steve Grapes  
District #3 - Sean Sherwin  
District #4 - Maynard Bills  
District #5 - David Michske  
District #6 - Buddy Cater  
District #7 - Jim Larscheid (acting)  
District #8 - James Long



Our co-Priests of the year for 2018-2019.

State Deputy Jim Venjohn presented awards to Father Ray Moss of St Rose of Lima in Torrington and Father Kevin Koch of St Paul's in Pine Bluffs as the Co-Priests of the Year for the Wyoming State Council. Congratulations to both Father Ray and Father Kevin.

Mike Pexton , Wyoming Knights of Columbus District Deputy #1



Brother Knights,

As you begin your new fiscal year, have you had, or will you have an activity planning session and a priority is meeting with the pastor to discuss your involvement in the parish? Have 2 or 3 members schedule a meeting with the pastor and be sure to go prepared with what you wish to accomplish but make sure you ask what you can do. A copy of the faith in action programs, your specific programs, and a prayer card package are some things that can be of help. As to the prayer card package, be sure to include; #4175 table prayers, #1874 prayer for vocations, #4864 prayer for priests, and or any you wish to include.

Remember that you only get ONE chance for a good first impression so go PREPARED to your meeting with the pastor. Last year, I went to our meeting with the pastor along with a DD/FS and GK. They both came prepared and I was embarrassed with no input.

As to the prayer card package, our council passed them out on vocation Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Because we had visited with our pastor about the prayer card package, our pastor twice mentioned that the Knights of Columbus would be passing them out after mass and specifically said to use the table prayer card. Thus, the parishioners leaving mass walked up to a Knights of Columbus with a handout for the prayer card package!!! A GREAT SUCCESS due to our pastor FR. Ray.

Do you have anyone in your council that reviews the supply departments offerings? This could be a good job for the lecture along with new members. How about rotating the SUPPLY SQUAD every quarter so that many more members get acquainted with the supply department?

Many of our members are honorary and honorary life members. As an honorary member (25 consecutive member years and age 65) your dues are reduced. Then as honorary life (25 consecutive member years and age 70) you have no dues. However, you do have the FOLLOWING; Columbia magazine until you and your spouse are both deceased, Accidental death coverage of \$1000 until you and spouse are both deceased, access to our top rated insurance products, and after you and your spouse are deceased, DAILY MASS REMEMBRANCE AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

Think about the total value for you and your spouse later in life.

Vivat Jesus,

Jerry Hoefler

State Programs Director

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



### July, 2019 Council Meeting Remarks

The Catholic Difference. What does that mean, “Discover the Catholic Difference?” Is it just a marketing slogan or is there real meaning behind it?

Let’s look at that at several levels. Our Catholicity as an organization forms all that we do. Our Order was founded on the principles of Charity, Unity and Fraternity; as a Catholic business we also have core values of Integrity, Professionalism, Excellence and Respect. In all our dealings we try to embody those values in the field and at our Supreme Office.

Money from insurance premiums and annuity deposits is managed by our investment department colleagues, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors. They manage that money, now amounting to more than \$24 million, using sound investment strategies in full compliance with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops’ socially responsible investment guidelines. We will not invest in companies that engage in abortions, producing abortifacient drugs, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning or pornography. Our Asset Advisors prove that a business can operate on these principles and still produce a healthy profit. That’s a Catholic Difference!

Our charitable contributions of more than \$185 million last year went to a wide variety of organizations. Many were Catholic, but some were not. We give money to support worthy causes and we do that, not because *they* are Catholic, but because *we* are Catholic. That’s what our faith calls us to do; Sirach 40:17 tells us that acts of kindness and charity last for an eternity. We are supporting victims of genocide in Syria and other places in the Middle East. We have placed more than 1000 ultrasound machines in all 50 states and saved more the 1 million lives. We financially and spiritually support seminarians, disaster victims, Special Olympians and many others. All this from the profits of our insurance program and investments and the contributions of members. That’s a Catholic Difference!

And speaking of the insurance program, let’s talk about the “Discover the Catholic Difference” there. Here are a few examples: First, our products are designed with our members’ needs in mind. For example, I’m not aware of any other company that offers a Spousal Waiver of Premium benefit...and there is no additional premium for that! Second, we have never raised our Long-Term Care Insurance premiums, something very few, if any, insurance companies can say. Third, we offer Disability Income Insurance to blue collar workers as well as white and grey collar workers. We recognize that it’s not just the affluent that need that coverage. Fourth, we still meet with brother knights and their families in their homes if they prefer; it might be more convenient for them. Fifth, young children; we want to make sure a member has the opportunity to protect their insurability with life insurance that has a guaranteed purchase option. Sixth, our fixed-rate annuity has a minimum guarantee for life, meaning a member will always make money on his money. Seventh, our Supreme Office is currently developing new products to meet even more needs of our members...so stay tuned! Now that’s the Catholic Difference!

If you’d like to find out about more Catholic differences that could make a difference in your life, let me know. I’ll be around after the meeting and I’d appreciate the chance to meet with you.

Vivat Jesus!



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Bill Sawczuk 2019 Painting Raffle Knights of Columbus

Fr. Bartek Council, Jackson, WY

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### CEREMONIAL NEWS

Formation (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Knighthood (3<sup>rd</sup>) Degrees were hosted by the Lander Council on June 15 with eleven candidates from Green River, Lander, Jackson, Worland, Riverton and Casper. Past State Deputy Jim Venjohn conducted the knighting ceremony and the Green River Team conducted the degrees. Congratulations to our newly advanced Knights. Thank you to the Lander Council for your hospitality.

I have submitted a tentative schedule to our new State Deputy. Although it is lofty, District Deputies should encourage your Councils to recruit and hold an Admission Degree once per month if possible and hold a 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> in the District each quarter.

Congratulations to all of our new State Officers, District Deputies and Program Chairman.

If you have completed degrees in your Councils or Districts, please email me ([mikenlin@vcn.com](mailto:mikenlin@vcn.com)) a copy of your Exemplification Reports. They should also be submitted to the DD, State Deputy and Supreme.

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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 44 -#7231- Frank Murtha of Cheyenne WY won a Remington 870 Express 12 Ga.

Week 45 -#7702- John Reisenauer of Star Valley Ranch WY won a Savage Axis Stainless .270

Week 46 -#7588 - Ron D Pivik of Green River WY won a Ruger Synthetic/Stainless .243 Win

Week 47 -#7127 - Dave True of Casper WY won a Remington 700 SPS .308 Win

Weekly winners are posted each Wednesday at [www.kofc9917.org](http://www.kofc9917.org).

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

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"

July 2019

**The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." (Gospel for July 21, Lk 10:41-42)**

Imagine yourself in Martha's shoes. While your seemingly lazy sister Mary sits at the feet of Jesus, *you* are the one preparing and serving the food, setting the table and making things happen. And then, all of a sudden, Jesus chides *you* and compares you unfavorably to your sister. Jesus' words can strike us as harsh. Wasn't Martha doing a good thing by serving our Lord? Yet if we are honest, we recognize that it's all too easy to get caught up in busyness doing good things and all the while miss the opportunity to encounter Christ. By God's grace, may we hear these tough words from Jesus, resist this tendency to busyness and strive to choose "the better part."

### **Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

This month, I challenge you to spend five extra minutes sitting before the Lord before or after Sunday Mass. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Sacramental Gifts program or pray for those receiving the sacraments, that they might choose "the better part."

### **Questions for Reflection:**

If it were you with Jesus that evening, would you have been more likely to be a "Martha" or a "Mary"? What does it mean to choose "the better part"? How did spending a few extra moments with the Lord before or after Mass affect your encounter with Christ in the Eucharist?

## **FAITH IN ACTION**

### **MARIAN PRAYER - OUR LADY HELP OF PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS**

#### **A Higher Purpose**

Spread devotion to Our Lady and pray for our brothers and sisters of faith who are at risk around the world through the Marian Prayer Program. As the new Marian image is brought on pilgrimage through the jurisdiction, councils will host the Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians icon for a prayer service at their parish.

#### **Overview**

The 2018-2019 Marian Prayer Program presents the 18th Marian image sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, this time of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. Each Knights of Columbus jurisdiction receives several Marian images, which serve as the centerpieces for prayer services conducted in churches and council meeting places throughout the Order for the duration of the initiative. Since its inception in 1979, the Knights of Columbus' Marian Prayer Program has held more than 166,900 local council and parish prayer services with some 20 million participants. This year, the prayer service is intended to raise awareness of the plight of Christians persecuted for their faith and to stand in prayerful solidarity with them.

Action Steps can be found at <http://kofc.org/en/programs/faith/marian-icon-prayer.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 17<sup>th</sup>.
- 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 of Council 9917 in Casper passed away May 3, 2019.
- Bill Brownell of Council 9917 in Casper passed away on May 29, 2019.

Please continue to 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 [wyokcnews@gmail.com](mailto:wyokcnews@gmail.com)



The Father McGivney Prayer Intentions cross has gone through a transformation. We can make the cross travel through Wyoming using our network. I also want to encourage councils to make their own versions of the cross and put them in their church and prayer chapels, or both. Take pictures and share them if you do.

Shawn Moody

Wyoming Knights of Columbus

Father McGivney Guild Chairman

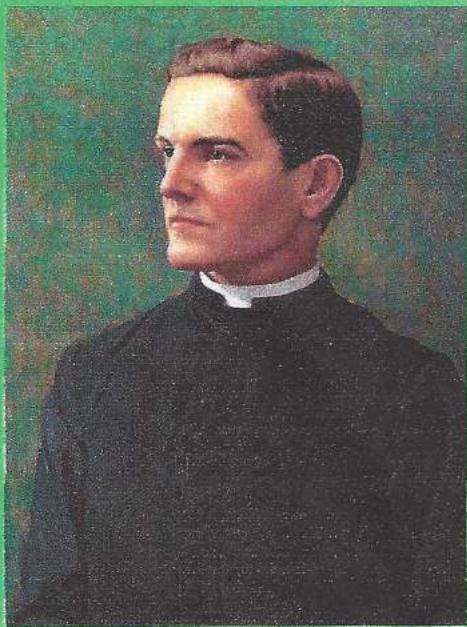
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A copy of the registration form for the Father Michael J McGivney Guild appears on the following page

## 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*



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### *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

[esmmoody@gmail.com](mailto: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

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 (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 _____
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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.