



Cowboy Bulletin

Wyoming Knights of Columbus



September 2019

My Fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

School has started in the Ladenburger household. My eldest, Megan, is a sophomore at Kelly Walsh and my youngest, Sarah, is in 7th grade at St Anthony's School. My daughters are young ladies now, even though they are and always will be my little girls, this is hard for me to grasp. I think this struck me most when we were at the Supreme Convention in Minneapolis in early August. More about that in a bit.

Courtney and I decided that we wanted the girls to experience the "Awe" that is the Opening Mass as well as the Memorial Mass. There are not too many times or places that anyone will be in the presence of over 200 hierarchy of the Church, including Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops. Not to mention the 200+ Priest and Deacons. I am still in Awe myself. I would be remiss if I didn't encourage my fellow Knights to attend a Supreme Convention if you can.



We did take the extra time and drove the 13 hours from Casper stopping in the middle of South Dakota, Mitchell and the Corn Palace going and Chamberlin and the Missouri River coming back. When we crossed the border into Minnesota this crew checked another state visited off our list. I was also honored to have my parents, Dan and Susan, (pictured) in attendance with us. The trip was uneventful until we got to the hotel. The two daughters had to share a double bed. They typically have their own room. There were words exchanged.

Yep, my daughters are young ladies. They're beautiful, but I'm biased. Courtney and I are still parenting and, as I understand, will always be. During the trip back to Casper I was praying and pondering how our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph parented Jesus. Do we endure the same issues? I know my parenting is different just due to the fact of gender and number. My biggest question is "What are the similarities?" I can only hope that some day I will find out.

I have always been one to ask questions when I am uncomfortable with a scenario but as I was pondering the whole parenting question, I come to the realization that I haven't been good about asking for advice on parenting. I know I am not a perfect parent so where do we get our information and guidance? I can say Courtney and I have some good role models in our parents. I will also say that knowing the Holy Family is also a big factor. I am so excited that we Knights and our families will get the opportunity with our Faith in Action program to be part of the Consecration of the Holy Family. This is the overview from the Faith in Action booklet:

To help families live out the joy of Christ, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori has composed a prayer through which families will come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In this prayer, we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father. Councils will guide their parishes and community to understand and offer this important and impactful prayer. Preparing for the Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. It is choosing a way of life for your family. Through this consecration, each participant is consciously choosing to be a beacon of God's love through his Church.

Should you have questions about this program or want additional information please reach out to the State Family Director, Rod Birkle. His email address is rbirkle1@gmail.com.

To this end I challenge every Council and, more importantly, every family to take part in this awesome Fraternal activity to bring the family back to the forefront of our Order.

Fraternally in Christ.

Bret Ladenburger

Wyoming State Deputy



Convention News

Phil Sheridan Council is busy planning for the 2020 State Convention in Sheridan. It is the centennial celebration for the Wyoming State Council, as well as Sheridan and Rawlins Council. Please make plans to attend this special event.

The room block is now open for reservations. Reservations can be made by either calling 307-672-8931 or 800-465-4329 and indicating that you are with the Knights of Columbus group, or you may make them online at www.holidayinn.com/sheridanwy and using the group code KOC.

We have 20 rooms held for Thursday, April 20 and 75 rooms held for Friday, April 24th and Saturday, April 25th. **The rooms will be released on March 31, 2020.** The room rate is \$89 per night at the Sheridan Holiday Inn.

We will see you in Sheridan in 2020!!

CEREMONIAL NEWS

The **Gillette 2nd/3rd Degrees** tentatively scheduled for **September 21** has been moved to later in the year due to hunting seasons, family commitments by team members and lack of candidates. We will keep you posted.

Pinedale is looking to have some degree work in October. Once I receive details, I'll publish the dates and times.

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.

Wyoming Knights of Columbus

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FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

To: All Knights

There is a 4th Degree Exemplification tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019 in the Pinedale area. The details have not yet been worked out, and details will be placed on the Wyoming KofC website as they are made official. Depending on numbers, we will also try to establish a new assembly for the Thayne-Jackson-Pinedale areas. I will need at least 7 new candidates, plus 20 Sir Knights from those areas, who currently belong to Assembly 1291 to be ready to become charter members of the new assembly. I also extend an invitation to all 3rd degree knights to become 4th degree by attending this exemplification. Eligibility requirements are listed in an attachment to the state website.

Form 4's should be completely filled out and completely signed by the Faithful Navigator, Faithful Comptroller, Financial Secretary of your council, and Proposer. The membership number of the proposer needs to be included. These need to be sent directly to:

Robert Taylor, MFD

420 E. Spruce St.

Rawlins, WY 82301

They need to be in to me 2 weeks prior to the exemplification. The fee is \$70.00. Checks should be made out to Robert Taylor, MFD. If sending a check is a difficulty, please contact me, and I can work with you. Priests are not charged an exemplification fee. Many times assemblies or councils pay these fees for candidates.

I also need volunteers for Team Members, Set up and cleanup crews, Color Guard, etc. If you can volunteer to help, please contact me ASAP so I can plan. I do have a few team members that are on my list, who will be paid mileage and per diem if needed, but I am limited in how many I can afford, thus, I need many volunteers.

I am not sure when the next exemplification will be scheduled, but this is the last year for me as District Master, so anything scheduled will have to be completed prior to Aug. 31, 2020. I am considering just centralizing to Casper, or Lander or Douglas, and getting Assemblies to help with expenses to a host council by co-hosting with the home assembly. Please consider partnering with a centrally located assembly to help defer expenses for them. I do need a minimum of 10 candidates but would love to do 2 or 3 exemplifications in the year and have closer to 20.

Please contact me if you have any questions, via email, phone, text, etc. I will post updates and new information on the state website, so please refer to that site to keep updated on events and exemplifications.

Thank you.

Vivat Jesus,

Bob Taylor, MFD WY



Insurance Update

September 2019 Council Meeting remarks

September is Life Insurance Awareness Month. It's the one month each year that the life insurance industry coordinates a campaign aimed at educating folks about the importance of life insurance and helping them get the coverage they need. I don't want to bore you with lots of statistics, but a recent survey from LIMRA (Life Insurance Marketing Research Association) found that only 59% of Americans own life insurance and about half of those are underinsured. (Although this report didn't say it, I've got to think these percentages are pretty much the same in Canada.) So that means that 70% of the population either has no life insurance or has too little life insurance.

So what does that have to do with the Knights? The historian, Christopher Kauffman, spent several years at the Supreme Office and at the Museum, researching the book that he wrote on the 100th anniversary of our founding. That book, Faith and Fraternalism, notes on page 13, "...he [Fr. McGivney] was deeply interested in pursuing the topic of a Catholic fraternal insurance society among groups of Catholic laymen of New Haven." Then on page 35 Mr. Kauffman goes on, "...he [Fr. McGivney again] spent his energy in promoting the insurance feature...his emphasis on business was his pastoral concern for the social and financial security of the family."

Fr. McGivney lived both the social and the financial *insecurity* of a desperate family, with the breadwinner suddenly taken, that had to be supported. He left the seminary to work and support his mother and siblings. He didn't want other Catholic families to find themselves in such a predicament. That, and uniting men of faith, was the impetus for establishing our Order. Everyone who joined in those first years was insured; that was part and parcel of being in the organization. Now every member has a choice and every member should know what we do, and how we do it. Here's the process I use when I meet with families:

1. Discover – Identify & prioritize your financial goals
2. Gather Data – Collect facts & figures based on your current situation
3. Analyze – Input data, run calculations, identify shortfalls
4. Recommend – Propose a financial strategy designed to satisfy your goals
5. Implement – Choose a financial strategy and implement
6. Periodic Review – Review regularly, measure success, make adjustments

As you can tell, this is a painless process. But it can help any family, at any age, determine if they have blind spots in their coverage. It can help you avoid the pain of being underinsured. With a variety of life insurance products we offer we can help just about any person within any budget.

I don't know about you, but I don't want to buy life insurance...I want to buy what life insurance provides: no change in lifestyle for the survivors...in the house where they want to be. It'll pay for a daughter's wedding, a child's college education and much more. What does life insurance provide? Peace of mind, security, freedom from anxiety, a safeguard from the unknown.

That's where I can help.

Vivat Jesus!



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PROGRAMS REPORT

Brother Knights,

The fraternal year is 1/6 gone so my hope is that you have met with your Pastor and planned programs or activities for at least the first months. Has your council filled the program chairmanship position along with FAITH, FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND LIFE PROGRAM CHAIRMEN? If not, why not consider a program group. At the web meeting a few weeks ago, it was mentioned a couple times that prospective members and new members did not wish to be involved as an officer but did have an interest in the Knights of Columbus programs. Take advantage of that interest and put them on the program group or specific programs. Be sure that they have the faith in action information as a guide.

In August, my home council here in Torrington did 2 new activities.

The first was a prayer and family fun evening that started with a rosary in the prayer garden. The rosary was led by the children!!!! Then pizza and a swimming pool visit. Thirty-three people had a great time.

On Sunday August 25th, the Knights of Columbus provided a free breakfast for the parish to celebrate the feast day of our patron Saint- Saint Rose of Lima. Since most of the 140 people served came after the 9:00 mass, a substantial crew was needed for a fast and efficient event. Along with the 16 K of C members, 7 confirmation boys and girls and other family members made up the 34 workers. Here are a few pictures of the action.



All of you should look at the possibility of celebrating your patron saint.

Keep in mind that the lifesaver lollypop activity is a good October program.

Have a great September,

Jerry Hoefler

State Program Chairman

Please feel free to make any submissions to wvoknews@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



VOCATIONS

We now have 4 seminarians for the Diocese of Cheyenne

Seth Hostetler — 2nd year Theology at Mundelein Seminary 1000 E. Maple Ave. Mundelein, IL. 60060

Lee Noel — Formation at Mundelein 1000 E. Maple Ave. Mundelein, IL. 60060

Linh Vu — 3rd year Theology St. Meinrad Seminary 200 Hill Drive, ST. Meinrad, IN. 47577

Deacon Dan Kostelc — Theology Sacred Heart Seminary 7335 S. Lovers Lane RD. Franklin, WI. 53132

PRAY FOR THEM AND CONSIDER THEM FOR YOUR RSVP PROGRAM

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



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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“Monthly Challenge from the Supreme Chaplain”

September 2019

“Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?” (Gospel for Sept. 8, Lk 14:27-28)

In more than four decades as a priest and bishop, I’ve been involved with building a number of new churches and schools. We often start by “dreaming big.” Then reality hits: What are we willing to spend? Jesus is asking each of us a similar question about our life of faith. In our lifelong journey to become saints, are we regularly sitting down to consider the cost and fully prepare ourselves to pay it? My brothers, above all other things, may we always prepare to carry our crosses and give our entire lives to Christ.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to learn more about the life of one of the martyrs and how he or she was prepared to pay any price to follow Christ. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Into the Breach program or read Into the Breach on your own with a particular eye toward how we can best prepare to carry our crosses.

Questions for Reflection:

What cross is Christ asking you to carry in your life? Are you willingly taking up the cross and seeking to follow Christ or trying to avoid the cross? In what concrete ways can you imitate the martyrs’ total commitment to Christ?

FAITH IN ACTION

REFUND SUPPORT VOCATIONS (RSVP)

A Higher Purpose

Keep the faith alive by supporting our seminarians and postulants. As the strong right arm of the church, the Knights of Columbus are committed to providing moral, financial and spiritual support to future priests and religious at all stages of their formation.

Overview

The Knights of Columbus stand in solidarity with our priests and religious. Through this program, council and parish families will raise funds to support seminarians in their area. For every \$500 given to an individual, the Supreme Council will refund the council or assembly \$100. The maximum refund a council or assembly can receive is \$400 per individual supported. Though financial support is vitally important, it is not the only aspect of RSVP. Councils are also called to provide their “adopted” seminarian or religious aspirant with moral support and prayers for their success.

Featured Program Requirements

Councils are required to provide financial support of at least \$500 for a minimum of one seminarian. For every \$500 given to an individual, Supreme will refund the council or assembly \$100. The maximum refund a council or assembly can receive is \$400 per individual supported. Councils are also required to provide their “adopted” seminarian or religious aspirant with moral support and prayers for their success. Report activity using the [RSVP Refund and Plaque Application \(#2863\)](#).

Action Steps can be found at <https://www.kofc.org/en/programs/faith/rsvp.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 of Council 9917 in Casper passed away May 3, 2019.
- Bill Brownell of Council 9917 in Casper passed away on May 29, 2019.
- Vern Modine of Council 6623 passed away July 6 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 w yokcnews@gmail.com



BEFORE



AFTER

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

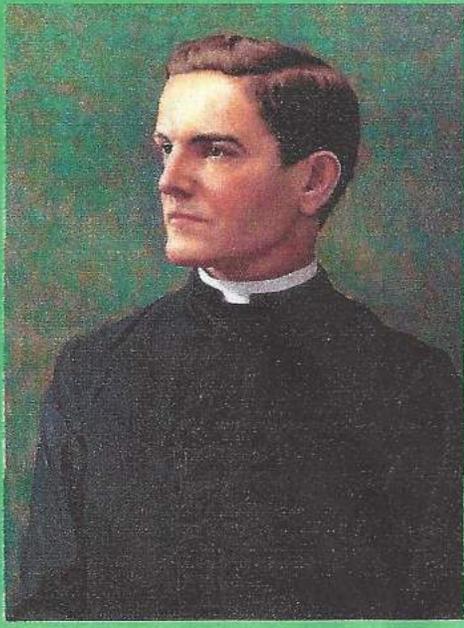
Father McGivney Guild Chairman

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**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

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