



# Cowboy Bulletin

## Wyoming Knights of Columbus



April 2023



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



#### **2023 Official State Convention Notice**

Notice is hereby given that the 103<sup>rd</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 28, 2023, at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Broadway & A Streets, Rock Springs, WY. All general sessions will be held in at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Center, 210 A Street with Wyoming State Deputy, Ron Morris, presiding.

Convention Booklet:

Dwane Pacheco

307-389-0610

E-mail: [dwane pacheco@gmail.com](mailto:dwane pacheco@gmail.com)

State Convention Chairman:

Brad Bettolo

307-705-2585 Cell or 307-362-4603 Home

E-Mail: [blak@wyoming.com](mailto:blak@wyoming.com)

The host council is Frank Plemel Council #2441, Rock Springs, Wyoming, which is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. 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:

Knight: \$125 (before April 1st)

Spouse/Guest: \$100

Late registration fee: \$150 (postmarked by April 15<sup>th</sup>)

Adult, attending Saturday evening banquet only: \$50.00

Childcare for Saturday night can be arranged.

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

Registration forms are due no later than April 1, 2023. They can be emailed to the registration chairman at

[david daise@msn.com](mailto:david daise@msn.com) or mailed to:

Frank Plemel Council #2441

PO Box 764

Rock Springs, WY.

Make checks payable to: K of C Council #2441.

Reservations for lodging can be made at:

Holiday Inn

1675 Sunset Drive

Rock Springs, WY

(307) 382-9200.

Call for room rates and mention that you are attending the K of C State convention. 100 rooms have been reserved for the event. Reservations must be made directly through the hotel.

Convention check-in will begin at 8am, Friday, April 28, 2023, at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Center. The Convention is scheduled to adjourn at noon on Sunday, April 30, 2023.

Vivat Jesus!

Approved

Brian Duyck  
Wyoming State Secretary

Ron Morris  
Wyoming State Deputy

All convention forms are available at [wyomingkc.org](http://wyomingkc.org)



# Knights of Columbus

## WYOMING STATE COUNCIL



Worthy Grand Knights,

I trust and pray this Fraternal year is proceeding as you have planned. While the year is not over it is time to reflect and choose the activities you want to showcase to others in the state. Our Wyoming Councils have been as active and vibrant this year as any of the last 25 years that I have been in the Wyoming Knights of Columbus. It is truly exciting to be part of a Brotherhood in which we share common beliefs and excitement for our Faith. We do this through our Council activities based in Faith in Action.

The Faith in Action program sections have given you a guide for using and demonstrating those time-honored gifts of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. First and foremost, the Council completed activities needs to be told in the reports you submit for the Columbian Awards Application (#SP-7). You will find that form and the others that I will reference throughout this letter listed below.

You now also have the opportunity to submit your Council's activities to the State for consideration for the State Awards. As you fill out those reports, use that FAITH IN ACTION guidebook that was presented to you from your District Deputy at your organizational meeting or when they met with you early in the Fraternal Year. The Fraternal Programs Report Form will help guide you through the process. Links below.

Once you have completed that process, please do us the honor of submitting your single best program or activity in each of the four (4) categories: Faith, Family, Community, and Life to the State Council for judging before the Wyoming State Convention being held in Rock Springs, April 28th through the 30<sup>th</sup>. Entries due to me by April 10, 2023 at the address listed below.

The Form, State Council Service Program Awards Entry Form (#STSP) is the proper way to submit each of these entries for four categories. You are also encouraged to submit Wyoming State Family of the Year (form #10680) and the Wyoming State Knight of the Year (no form as it is a State Program). Links below.

New this year is the State Blessed Michael McGivney Award (#SBMMA). The former Priest of the Year is now a Supreme sanctioned award and the form is provided. Please, as a matter of courtesy and protocol it would probably be best to obtain the Priest's permission to nominate him. You guessed it, the link is below.

We need to have the entries in early, April 10<sup>th</sup> 2023, to judge the Faith, Family, Community and Life entries plus the Wyoming State Family of the Year, Wyoming State Knight of the Year and the Wyoming State Blessed Michael McGivney Award.

I have also included the link for Tootsie Roll and Lifesaver reports.

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The Past State Deputies and I will conduct an on-line review and judging as we did last year. We found that the ability to see, read, and review the submissions with more time was beneficial. In the past when having to do these on an early Friday morning, many times we ran into and over some of the opening ceremonies at the Convention. Please note the due date is April 10<sup>th</sup>.

I am excited to see all the entries that will be submitted. You must always remember that when you spread the word about what you do, it is an encouragement to others. We do many good works for Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Keep up the good works of the Order.

Entries need to be submitted by **April 10, 2023** to ensure that the entries will be there to be judged for the awards. Entries need to be submitted to me, IPSD Bret Ladenburger, address below. If you are mailing them, allow enough time to have them delivered. Email is preferred, however, please make sure the entry is printable.

Email or mail to:

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

Vivat Jesus,  
Bret Ladenburger  
IPSD Wyoming Knights of Columbus  
Awards Chairman

Links referenced above:

Columbian Award link: [https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/columbian\\_awardap\\_p.pdf](https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/columbian_awardap_p.pdf)

Faith in Action guidebook link: <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/overview/10907-faith-in-action-guidebook.pdf>

Fraternal Reports form link: <https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/council-forms.html>

State Service Award link: [https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/state\\_serviceaward\\_p.pdf](https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/state_serviceaward_p.pdf)

State Blessed Michael McGivney Award: <https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/state-blessed-michael-mcgivney-award.pdf>

Family of the Year: <https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/family-of-the-month-year/10680-family-of-year-form.pdf>

Tootsie Roll & Lifesaver report link: <https://www.wyomingkc.org/forms.html>



**From Our Faith Director**

Dear Brother Knights,

The average age of the world's greatest civilizations from the beginning of history has been about 200 years. During those 200 years, nations always progress through the following sequence:

- From bondage to spiritual faith;
- From spiritual faith to great courage;
- From courage to liberty;
- From liberty to abundance;
- From abundance to selfishness;
- From selfishness to complacency;
- From complacency to apathy;
- From apathy to dependency;
- From dependence back to into bondage.

This sequence was one of the topics of discussion at the retreat for clergy, prior to the 2023 Chrism Mass. As I reviewed the sequence, I find that the United States has outlived the life expectancy of a great nation considering its independence in 1776. Where in this list are we today? Are we in the selfishness to complacency level? Are we at the stage where we do not really care about our neighbors and God. Our currency reads, "In God We Trust", but do we really?

In my opinion, The Knights of Columbus has slowed the sequence in an attempt to bring the nation back to "Spiritual Faith". The Knights of Columbus was instrumental in adding the words "Under God" to our national Anthem. An anthem, I as a child would recite every morning before school began, in our classroom. That was a long time ago. We have so much work ahead of us as Knights to bring "In God We Trust" into the forefront of our nation. God needs to be invited back to our school, to the state and federal [buildings](#) as well. The Knights of Columbus 4<sup>th</sup> degree need to continue emphasizing patriotism to show the country and the world that we as Catholics, care. We are first and foremost Catholic and through the Knights of Columbus we, as an organization, can reverse the sequence and return once again back to spiritual faith.

Please pray for our priests, deacons and religious during this Easter season.

Deacon Terry Archbold  
Faith Director/Vocations Chairman  
Knights of Columbus Wyoming State Council



**Pinedale Knights in Action**

The Knights of Columbus Council 9756 in Pinedale, Wyoming has sponsored two Lenten Fish Fries that were successful in providing for more charitable contributions to be provided by our council.

Attendance was open to the public and we had very good attendance on site and a real good response to our take-out offering.

Next week during the Easter services many Knights will be contributing to each service as ushers, lectors, choir singers and extra-ordinary ministries of “Holy Communion.”

We also plan on being one of the Wyoming Knights of Columbus to offer the upcoming “Silver Rose” service. This will be our second year with the “Silver Rose” and it was one of our most important services last year.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mike Harker*

Grand Knight- Council 9756

**SILVER ROSE PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Silver Rose will be arriving in Wyoming on May 21<sup>st</sup> and ending on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023. In addition to the Silver Rose, the state council will provide Silver Rose Prayer Service Booklets and Our Lady of Guadalupe Pledge Cards so local councils will not need to order those items. The booklets and pledge cards will be available in English and Spanish. For additional Silver Rose program resources, visit [www.kofc.org/rose](http://www.kofc.org/rose). Holding a Silver Rose prayer service in your local location will satisfy the Silver Rose Faith in Action program requirement in the Life category. Please report your participation using the online Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784).

If your council would like to participate in the Silver Rose program in 2023, please contact Norm Long at [normlong1956@gmail.com](mailto:normlong1956@gmail.com) or 307-333-3589 by no later than **April 1<sup>st</sup>**. This will allow time to set up a schedule and work out the details to move the Silver Rose from one council location to the next council. Volunteers will be necessary to move the Silver Rose around the state.

Thank you.

Norm Long  
State Life Chairman

**SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

Please feel free to make any submissions to [wycnews@gmail.com](mailto:wycnews@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, and 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

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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.



### Sheridan Knights in Action

In March Council 2104 placed the St Joseph Pilgrim Icon in Holy Name Church for three weeks with a small basket of prayer cards next to it. Working with our Pastor, Fr Glenn Whewell, we planned and advertised a date and time to hold a Pilgrim Icon Program Prayer Service. Eight Knights led the prayer service on March 23rd, and one led the music. It is a beautiful service. Fr Glenn planned to participate but was called out shortly before the service. In total there were about 50 people that attended. Knights volunteered 18 hours for the prayer service and 13 hours planning, advertising and driving 260 miles round trip to Gillette to meet Terry Archbold and his wife Kathy from Wheatland for the handoff. The Icon will be travelling across the remainder of District 6 after Easter.

Ite ad Joseph (Go to Joseph),

Greg Hampson

Program Chairman



Pictured from L to R: Bernie Speilman, Tony Garber, Ralph Blommel, Ken Weber, Dan King, Greg Hampson, Ed Miller, Lynn Dooley, James Themig (our musician)



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## THE MASS EXPLAINED

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Alb

Altar

Amice



Bells

Candles

Cassock



Chalice

Chasuble

Ciborium

<https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/liturgical-videos.html>

## Our Story, Our Strength

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**More than \$116 Billion of Life Insurance in Force**

Insurance in force is a calculation of the total amount of money owed to policy holders. Put differently, \$116 billion of life insurance in force means that the Knights of Columbus has a \$116 billion promise to members and their families.

### More than \$26.9 Billion of Assets

The Knights of Columbus manages \$26.9 billion of assets from their international headquarters in New Haven, Conn.

The Knights of Columbus manages its assets in an ethical and responsible way. The Knights does not invest in companies that deal in: abortions, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of the aforementioned, and pornography.

### \$875 Million to Members

In 2021, the Knights of Columbus distributed more than \$875 million to members and their beneficiaries in benefits, claims, maturities, annuities and dividends.

### 2 Million Active Contracts in Force

The Knights of Columbus has more than 2 million active contracts in force. That means that hundreds of thousands of brother Knights have elected to help protect their families and their futures with the Knights of Columbus.

### 20 Consecutive Years of Growth

Despite a rough economic climate, the Knights of Columbus has experienced consecutive years of in-force life insurance growth.

### 46 Years

For 46 consecutive years, the Knights of Columbus has earned superior ratings for financial strength from A.M. Best\*\*

### Resources:

[2020 Annual Report of the Supreme Knight](#)

\*Ranked according to assets by Best's Statistical Study

\*\*As of December 2021, rated A+ (Superior) by A.M. Best





# Knights of Columbus

Wyoming State Council



March 2023

State, Council and Assembly Officers,

As State Executive Secretary part of my duties is to ensure the State, Councils and Assemblies file, as part of their legal obligation, an IRS Form 990 each year.

The State Council promised the IRS, in 2014 for forgiveness of back interest to be paid to the IRS. The State Executive Secretary would monitor and help all subordinate councils and assemblies stay in compliance with this legal obligation of filling the Form 990.

Please send a copy of your Form 990 to the following address.

See attached document for Form 990 information and filling.

Vivat Jesus

John E Benedik Jr.

Wyoming State Executive Secretary, PSD 2015-2017

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Laramie, WY 82072-1826

307-760-4455

Johnb1208@bresnan.net



**TO: State Deputies, State Secretaries, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Faithful Navigators and Faithful Comptrollers in the US**

**FROM: Knights of Columbus Legal Department**

**DATE: March 2023**

**RE: 2022 Tax Information for KofC Councils, Assemblies, & Chapters**

This notice is to remind councils, assemblies, and chapters in the United States of their legal obligation to file an IRS Form 990 (informational tax return) for the 2022 tax year, and to provide detailed instructions on how to comply with this obligation.

The Knights of Columbus, including all subordinate councils, assemblies, and chapters (collectively referred to as councils), is a tax-exempt organization, recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a fraternal benefit society under Section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code. This tax-exempt status requires each council to file an annual Form 990 with the IRS.

Councils reporting gross receipts of \$50,000 or less may comply with their obligation by filing the Form 990-N electronic postcard (also known as the e-Postcard). Councils with total assets of less than \$500,000 and reporting gross receipts of more than \$50,000 but less than \$200,000, must file the Form 990-EZ. Councils with total assets exceeding \$500,000, and reporting gross receipts of \$200,000 or more must file the Form 990.

**Deadline to file annual return (all forms)**

Each council must file its own tax return; there is no group or consolidated Form 990 filing. The returns must be filed by the fifteenth day of the fifth month following the end of the council's annual accounting period. For example, if a council's accounting period ends December 31, it must file a tax return by May 15 of the following year; if a council's accounting period ends June 30, it must file a tax return by November 15. Please note that the IRS assigns the accounting period to each council based on its Employer Identification Number (EIN). The IRS **will not** notify the council of the accounting period. To determine the accounting period assigned to your council's EIN, sign into the IRS system with your user id and password. In our experience the assigned accounting period coincides with the calendar year.

**Need more time to file a Form 990?**

Although the IRS does not grant extensions for filing the Form 990-N (e-Postcard), the IRS will accept late filings if the tax return is received within three years of the due date. The IRS does grant extensions to organizations filing paper returns (Forms 990-EZ and 990). A council needing more time to file the 990-EZ or 990 return must request an extension at least one month before the due date. For example, if the council's accounting period ends December 31, it must request an extension no later than April 15; if the council's accounting period ends June 30, it must request an extension no later than October 15. Federal law imposes a penalty of \$20 per day, up to a maximum of \$10,000, or five percent of the council's gross receipts, whichever is less, for incomplete or late filings. In order to request an extension, councils must submit, Form 8868, which is available on the IRS website: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8868.pdf>. For councils reporting gross receipts of more than \$50,000, we recommend using a qualified tax professional to file Form 8868.

**Where to file**

**Form 990-N (e-Postcard)**

The Form 990-N (e-Postcard) must be filed online. In order to utilize the online filing system, **all new users** must complete a registration, even if the user was previously registered under the old system (pre-2016).

The User Guide for the IRS Form 990-N Electronic Filing System is available here:

**USER GUIDE Form 990-N (e-Postcard)**

The Form 990 e-Postcard Electronic Filing System is available here:

**CLICK HERE TO FILE Form 990-N (e-Postcard)**



### **Forms 990-EZ and 990**

The IRS website provides forms and instructions for filing paper returns, Forms 990-EZ and 990:

<https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/current-form-990-series-forms-and-instructions>

For councils reporting gross receipts of more than \$50,000, we recommend using a qualified tax professional to prepare and file these returns. You may find e-filing instructions here:

<https://www.irs.gov/e-file-providers/e-file-for-charities-and-non-profits>

### **If the IRS website will not allow you to file a Form 990-N**

The electronic filing system for the Form 990-N (e-Postcard) may not accept a council's return if: (1) the council EIN has been revoked for failing to file for three consecutive years; (2) the council's EIN has recently been reinstated; (3) it is a new council; or (4) the council is not on the Supreme Council's Group Exemption List (updated continually by the Knights of Columbus Legal Department). If you are unable to e-file, please contact the Legal Department by email at [tax.ein@kofc.org](mailto:tax.ein@kofc.org). You can also contact the IRS customer service at **1-877-829-5500**.

### **Information Available on IRS Website**

We suggest you visit the IRS home page for tax-exempt organizations. It is an excellent resource for council officers who have questions or need information regarding their federal tax obligations:

<https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits>

We also suggest you visit the IRS web page explaining the annual electronic filing requirement for small exempt organizations:

<https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/annual-electronic-filing-requirement-for-small-exempt-organizations-form-990-n-e-postcard>

More information is also available on the Knights of Columbus website. Sign in under "Officers" and click on the "Forms" tab. By clicking on the icon next to "Form 990 Information" you will find a detailed memorandum on tax compliance, along with attachments.

### **Compliance Guide for Tax Exempt Organizations**

In addition to the annual filing requirement, each council is also responsible for conducting its affairs in a manner that is consistent with what is expected of tax-exempt organizations. Failure to do so may result in a council losing its tax-exempt status. In this regard, councils may wish to consult an IRS publication entitled *Compliance Guide for Tax Exempt Organizations*, which provides helpful guidance:

<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p4221nc.pdf>

### **Conclusion:**

If you have questions relating to your council's tax reporting obligations, please contact the Knights of Columbus Legal Department by email at [tax.ein@kofc.org](mailto:tax.ein@kofc.org)

**Additional materials relating to United States federal tax compliance as well as many other topics affecting your council or assembly can be found on the Officer's Desk Reference (ODR). For a username and password to the ODR, please contact Customer Service at 1-800-380-9995.**



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## SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE APRIL 2023

**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.** (Gospel for April 23, Lk 24:30-31)

On the road to Emmaus, Jesus had been walking and talking with the two disciples all along, but they did not recognize him until he broke bread with them. Do we recognize Jesus in our midst — in the Eucharist, in Scripture, among the poor and those in need, in the face of every person? Do we help others, particularly our friends and family, to do the same?

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

This month, remind yourself and others — particularly your family and those closest to you — that Christ is present by speaking about your faith in everyday conversation (perhaps simply by thanking God for some blessing he has bestowed). Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Family Fully Alive program.

**Questions for Reflection:**

Do you sometimes lose sight of God or become distracted with other things? Are there times in your life when God's presence is easy to recognize? What are some specific things you can do to more regularly remember God?

## SILVER ROSE LIFE PROGRAM

### A HIGHER PURPOSE

Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady.

### OVERVIEW

Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation, and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



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## Wyoming Knights of Columbus—For the Good of the Order

### Deceased Knights

- [Dwight Gilbert](#) of Council 3043 in Powell, passed away on May 15, 2022.
- [Willian Guth](#) of Council 6623 in Torrington passed away June 9, 2022
- [William H. Adkins](#) of Council 4031 in Cody passed away on June 22, 2022.
- Theodore Izzo of Council 16510 in Thayne, passed away on July 28, 2022.
- [Ronnie Pivic](#) of Council 7453 and Assembly 3403 in Green River passed away on August 8, 2022.
- [James J. Connor](#) of Council 4031 in Cody passed away September 29, 2022.
- [George Francis Kohl III](#) of Council 9917 in Casper passed away October 10, 2022.
- [Ignatius “Tony” Maiorana Sr](#) of Council 1563 and Assembly 1224 in Casper passed away November 2, 2022.
- [John Bustos](#) of Council 3043 in Powell passed away on November 5, 2022.
- [William Meehan Jr](#) of Council 6558 in Douglas passed away December 15, 2022.
- [David Yearout](#) of Council 6558 in Douglas passed away December 19, 2022.
- [Ray Haydel](#) of Council 9917 in Casper passed away on January 15, 2023.
- [Jim Spaulding](#) of Council 9917 in Casper passed away February 10, 2023.
- [Neal Forbes](#) of Council 11291 in Saratoga passed away January 20, 2023.
- [Bob Otero](#) of Council 6623 in Torrington passed away February 5, 2023.
-  [Carl Joe Welte](#) of Council 6623 in Torrington passed away March 10, 2023.

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Please pray for our Brother Knights:

Brian Dever Family, Council 9917, Casper

Glenn Scheuler, Council 7453, Green River

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



## Blessed Father Michael McGivney



### Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

*Founder of the Knights of Columbus*

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael 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 Blessed Michael 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 report all favors received:** The Father McGivney Guild  
1 Columbus Plaza  
New Haven, CT 06510-3326 • USA  
[www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org)

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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)

To aid blind or low vision members in your council or parish, direct them to [xaviersocietyfortheblind.org](http://xaviersocietyfortheblind.org) for audio and braille versions of many Catholic books and references.

If any member of the Knights of Columbus (or anyone else, for that matter) missed the beatification Mass of Father McGivney, you can still view it at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=TMF2aOZBQ3M](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TMF2aOZBQ3M).

### Join the Father McGivney Guild

As the sainthood process for Blessed 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)