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Knights of Columbus Wyoming State Council



Brother Knights in Wyoming,

Last weekend we had the summer meeting of State Officers and District Deputies. It was a very good meeting and very productive. Our District Deputies include Greg Hampson, Steve Grapes, Rick Hannon, Brad Bettelo, Tom Ryder, Mike Wellmann, Larry Espelage, and Ron Morris (thanks Ron for stepping up and doing this). 3 weeks ago, I went to New Haven for the summer meeting at Supreme. It was a very rewarding experience and was at the birthplace of our Order. The State Chaplains were there also, we had a very nice procession on the feast of Corpus Christi.

I am encouraging all Knights to take the lead in your Parishes and start leading the Rosary before every Mass. Talk to you Priest, get the OK, find another Knight to take turns with. If you say it reverently it will take about 20 minutes. You should try to be done 3-5 minutes before Mass starts. It is such a powerful activity for the Parish. Of course, some Parishioners will complain at first because you are cutting into their bulletin reading time. Good luck, Vivat Jesus

Brian Dwyer

State Deputy

Wyoming Knights of Columbus



Jackson Knights in Action

On Sunday, June 11 Our Lady of the Mountains parish in Jackson, Wyoming celebrated Corpus Christi. The Jackson Knights of Columbus Council played a key role in the celebration. Following a combined Anglo/Latino mass, there was a procession of the Holy Eucharist in the streets surrounding the church aided by a Knights Honor Guard. A crowd of over 200 participated in the procession stopping at three separate altars along the procession. Following was a fun filled parish BBQ supported by the Knights with their new trailer mounted barbecue grill. There was music and dancing in the church parking lot and a good time was had by all!

Thomas Botts
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SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Please feel free to make any submissions to w yoknews@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

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.



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JUNE 2023 MARKET INSIGHTS

By: [Tony Minopoli, President & CIO of Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors](#)

The dance is almost over. Speaker Kevin McCarthy and President Biden seemed to have come to an agreement to increase the debt ceiling and it has passed the House with bipartisan support as the vote tally was 314-117. There will be some pressure applied to the Senate to pass this before Monday, but never discount the potential for some late minute theatrics!

For the month, the S&P 500 was up 0.43% and the Bloomberg Aggregate Bond Index returned -1.09% as the markets were keeping an eye on inflation and the debt¹. We believed that there would be a resolution to the debt ceiling after we enjoyed some political theater, and it appears we will get there.

We continue to watch inflation and headline CPI declined 0.1% to an annualized rate of 4.9% and core inflation also fell 0.1% to an annualized 5.5% when you factor out food and energy¹. Though the inflation statistics have shown significant improvement from the highs we saw in June 2022, they are still quite elevated above the Fed target. Part of the air in the inflation balloon remains the strong employment market. The last reading for unemployment showed a level of 3.7% and the underemployment rate was 6.7%¹. These statistics illustrate a robust employment market, and this is fighting against the Fed's actions to lower inflation.

There are some countervailing trends occurring in employment, particularly a continued growth in announced job cuts. At the same time, job openings continue to grow and if talent remains difficult to retain this may put upward pressure on wages and this will also serve to further fuel inflationary pressures. In general, production statistics are decelerating so it does appear that we are seeing some economic slowdown. This has been the most forecasted

recession in my career and there are still some that believe we will have a deep and painful recession and others that believe this will be a shallow recession with a short duration. Overall, we believe the next few months will help provide some clarity on this issue.

As I continue to think about employment, I was reviewing the latest Challenger Jobs report, which stated that planned layoffs reached nearly 418,000 jobs in May. This is more than four times the job cuts that occurred at the same time last year. I read an interesting analysis on Bloomberg on June 1st, entitled "Job Cuts From AI Are Just Beginning, Challenger Report Suggests" by Tracy Alloway. In the article, the writer notes that jobs lost due to Artificial Intelligence (AI) showed up for the first time and apparently 3,900 people lost their jobs due to robots last month. Interestingly, many service companies are using "bots" to handle some routine customer service functions and they have been efficient and cost effective. In many cases, attrition has occurred both through layoffs and for job eliminations when people are promoted or leave.

I had an interesting discussion with someone while I was travelling that centered around the growth of AI. The gist of the discussion was that some of the low-level work performed by entry level attorneys may be able to be handled by AI. Fair enough. That said, how does one become a seasoned attorney if they were never an entry level attorney. This can be said for virtually any industry and in my own case, I can certainly attest to drawing on experiences I had throughout my career that help me navigate markets today. It is not my intention to be a luddite, however, there are also societal concerns that I have if AI begins to have a material downward impact on employment.

In past columns I have quipped about the impossibility of having a \$1 menu at a fast-food restaurant if minimum wage rose too high. In business, the main two inputs are labor and capital, and the fast-food industry is starting to embrace kiosks and other robots because wages were growing too fast and driving down profit margins. Ultimately, if this is the first time that jobs lost to AI were on the Challenger Jobs Report, it is safe to assume that it won't be the last.

When you consider what is happening to cities due to work from home and the reticence of employees to return to the office, if AI begins knocking out more jobs, we may see a very significant shift in

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employment, wages, and wealth creation. For those that believe government should be the supplier of citizens' needs, they may get what they wish for. I remember reading an analysis from a "futurist" that explained we needed to embrace this change and then alter the tax code. If robots were taxed as an asset, that would create the revenue needed by the government to supply benefits to the displaced workers. I am not sure I am ready for this kind of government action and while it might be a bit hyperbolic, I think the pace and adoption of AI is going to be about the speed of deposits leaving Silicon Valley Bank. In all seriousness, AI may be a positive technology, but the law of unintended consequences looms large as we see greater use and adoption of AI.

We have started to enter political silly season given that we are less than 18 months away from the next Presidential election. Thus far, it seems that the Democrats do not want Joe Biden on the campaign trail or anywhere near a debate stage. We shall see if Robert F. Kennedy Jr. or the other democratic hopefuls can garner enough momentum to be a serious competitor at the Democratic National Convention. It's kind of hard to lay a glove on an opponent you can't debate! Ron DeSantis has finally announced, and Nikki Halley, Tim Scott and others are attempting to fight to be the nominee over Donald Trump. I think the Republican candidates are hoping to drive a message of Trump can't win enough independents to win the general election, and Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is trying to be the moderate Democrat that can win the independent voters. The whistle has blown, and the race has begun!

Until next month.

A DESIRE TO FOLLOW



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SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE JULY 2023

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves.” (Gospel for July 9, Mt 11:28-29)

Rest often seems to be in short supply in our busy modern world, for our culture finds it hard to slow down and be still. We can and should spend time in leisure to refresh our bodies and spirits, but we need to go even deeper and take time to find true rest. Let's always keep in mind St. Augustine's words: "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to turn to our Lord to find rest by spending at least one hour each week in eucharistic adoration. Second, I challenge you to support the Faith in Action Holy Hour program.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you turn to Christ to find rest amid your labor and burdens? Do you observe Sunday as a day of worship and rest? Do you regularly spend time in prayer, seeking that interior peace that Christ has promised us?

FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH KIOSK

A HIGHER PURPOSE

Help strengthen the domestic church (our families) by providing exceptional religious education materials to all Catholics. Building the Domestic Church Kiosks contain engaging, faith-based literature and are available for councils to distribute to members, parishioners, and the general public.

OVERVIEW

By organizing activities in their parishes, councils can educate and evangelize using the rich resources found in the Catholic Information Service (CIS) Building the Domestic Church series of booklets. Since 1948, CIS has been the major evangelical arm of the Knights of Columbus. Through multiple booklet series and various media formats, CIS makes our Catholic faith accessible and continually provides tools for catechesis and faith formation. For \$150, a council receive a Building the Domestic Church Kiosk (#BDC-K) and the first set of 225 booklets of the most popular CIS resources, aimed at helping Catholics to live out the Church's vision for our families.



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Wyoming Knights of Columbus—For the Good of the Order

Deceased Knights

- 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.
- [Rev Fr. Robert Fox](#) of Council 6558 in Douglas passed away March 28, 2023.
- [Neil Obrigewitch](#) of Council 6558 in Douglas passed away May 12, 2023.
-  [Marty Connolly](#) of Council 2578 in Thermopolis passed away March 1, 2023.

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
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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
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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 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.

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.

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