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FROM YOUR STATE DEPUTY



Knights of Columbus Wyoming State Council



Brother Knights,

January 2024

Greeting all Brother Knights. I hope everyone had a very Holy and Blessed Christmas. We now are in the New Year. You probably have received your dues statements by now. Please pay promptly and help out your Financial Secretary.

January is the month for Life Marches. Take an active part in Pro life functions in your community. Or as a Knight organize an event in your community. Another activity would be to organize a fundraiser for your local Pregnancy Resource Center. Please report all of your Pro life activities to our LIFE Director, Josh Serr. Supreme also has a program where they will help donate to your Pregnancy Center, \$100.00 for every \$500.00 raised. The Supreme Council still has the ultrasound initiative. Supreme has placed over 1600 ultrasound machines across the Order and donated over 80 million dollars for machines. One of our main goals is to save lives as a Knight. I wish you all a Happy New Year.

Brian Duyck
Wyoming State Deputy



Casper Knights in Action

St. Patrick Council #9917 in Casper spent the month of November collecting coats and monetary donations for our Coats for Kids drive. Once again, we worked with Youth for Christ/Love in Action to collect applications for coats from local families in need. We had over 650 requests for coats this year, which was a record number. Council members, spouses and grandkids spent a Saturday in front of Walmart requesting donations from shoppers. Due to the generosity of the Casper community and some specific donors, allowed us to purchase the needed coats at local clothing stores and from the Knight of Columbus. On December 7th, in conjunction with the Love in Action Christmas Dinner for those in need, we distributed our coats to those families that requested them.



Bill Fehringer
Council 9917 Casper

Powell Knights in Action



Powell Council 3043 Grand Knight Dan Rodriguez presents Serenity Pregnancy Resource Center a check for \$400.00 from funds raised through the ASAP program.

Brian Duyck
Council 3043 Powell

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Please feel free to make any submissions to w yokcnews@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



Gillette knights in Action



December 2023.. Knights From Council 3477 in Gillette updated Right to Life signs located on a busy corner near the church. Pictured is Grand Knight John Cosner and Deputy Grand Knight Don Scott.



On December 31st our fifth Sunday charity breakfast was held for the replacement of a radio transmitter for our local tower operated by Real Presence Radio. The radio station broadcasts Catholic information and news throughout Northeast Wyoming. We raised over \$2,500.

John Cosner
Grand Knight
Council 3477



Save the Date!

4th Degree Exemplification Scheduled for Saturday March 2nd.

Host Assembly: Frank A Barrett Assembly 1224

Casper Wyoming

Start planning to attend this Exemplification as our Supreme Master and our Vice Supreme Master will be in attendance.

This exemplification will also be done under the newly revised 4th Degree that has only been complete in a handful of locations. Plan on having your family join us as the revised degree is open to families as well.

More details to be sent out to Councils and Assemblies.

Please contact FN Bret Ladenburger for questions or additional information.

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Worthy Grand Knight and Program Chairmen,

The Fraternal year is proceeding as you have planned, I trust, and while the year is not over it is time to reflect and choose the activities you want to showcase. Our Wyoming Councils have been as active and vibrant this year as of any of the last 100 years that Wyoming has had Knight of Columbus Councils. 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 our 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 award forms, use the **FAITH IN ACTION guidebook** from the Supreme website as a guide. The **Fraternal Programs Report Form** will also help guide you through the process.

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 Cheyenne, April 26th through the 28th.

Award nominations are due to April 12th!

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). The links for the forms are listed below.

For the 2nd straight year the Knights are accepting the **State Blessed Michael McGivney Award** (form #SBMMA). A matter of courtesy and protocol it would probably be best to obtain the Priest's permission to nominate him.

We need to have the entries in early to judge the **Faith, Family, Community and Life** entries plus the **Wyoming State Family of the Year** and the **Wyoming State Knight of the Year**.

The Past State Deputies 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 again the due date is April 12th.

There's more to know on the next page.....



I am excited to see 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. Please celebrate and share that Columbianism.

Links referenced above:

Columbian Award link: https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/columbian_awardap_p.pdf

State Service Award link: https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/state_serviceaward_p.pdf

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

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>

[tootsie-roll-reporting-form.1.1 \(wyomingkc.org\)](#)

[2017-lifesaver-report.pdf \(wyomingkc.org\)](#)

To ensure that the entries will be there to be judged for the awards please submit them to me, **PSD Bret Ladenburger by April 12th**. You can email them to me at ladenburgerkofc@gmail.com. Please make sure they are in PDF format. If you are mailing them **allow enough time to have them delivered by April 12, 2024** to:

Bret Ladenburger
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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Vivat Jesus.

Bret Ladenburger, PSD

Wyoming State Awards Chairman

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Epiphany: The real reason to leave your lights up after Christmas

If you've been driving around your neighborhood and wondering why those neighbors of yours won't take down those pesky Christmas lights, then maybe it's time to lighten up — and be enlightened... Perhaps this is an opportunity for us Catholics to share a tidbit of our faith with our neighbors who



may be unaware of what the Epiphany is. Something as simple as asking, "Are you leaving your lights up through the Epiphany, too?" could lead to a friendly conversation about why you don't scramble to take down all your Christmas decorations the day after (besides, of course, the restful laziness and exhaustion that comes with the holidays). It could also be a chance to share how Jesus has changed your life and how you honor him by continuing the Christmas celebration in the days that follow that most wonderful day of the year.

Another way to meaningfully mark the Feast of the Epiphany is to do the traditional Epiphany house blessing that has ancient origins and is growing in popularity around the United States. At Masses during the weekend of the Epiphany, parishes will usually hand out "blessing kits" that include chalk, a small bottle of Holy Water and the written house blessing which parishioners can use. It's yet another great way to spark a conversation with a passerby about the beautiful traditions of the Catholic faith. So, by all means, leave those lights up and celebrate a Happy Epiphany! Below is an example of how to do the house blessing:

Begin by having all family members gather outside the front door. All make the sign of the cross. One person will then read this prayer:

Priest/Leader: Peace be to this house.

All: And to all who dwell herein.

Leader: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

Enter your home and read the **Magnificat**, the hymn of praise sung by the Blessed Virgin Mary in Luke's Gospel after being greeted by Elizabeth. During this, sprinkle the area you are in with holy water. After that is complete:

All: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

Leader: Our Father Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead and lead us not into temptation,

All: But deliver us from evil.

More on the next page



All: Bringing gold and frankincense.

Leader: O Lord, hear my prayer:

All: And let my cry come unto Thee.

Leader: Let us pray. O God, who by the guidance of a star didst on this day manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith may also attain the vision of Thy glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee— Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary.

All: And the Gentiles shall walk in thy light and kings in the splendor of thy rising, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.

Leader: Let us pray. Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

After the prayers are recited, walk throughout your home sprinkling each room with holy water. Then write the initials of the Magi connected with crosses at the top of your front door. Then the numbers of the year. The numbers will be split so that they are on each side of the initials.

Here’s an example: **20 + C + M + B + 22**

This tradition is done at the beginning of each year so that you can invite God into your homes and place your family under his protection. Article taken from - [Epiphany: The real reason to leave your lights up after Christmas \(denvercatholic.org\)](https://denvercatholic.org)

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT A CAREER WITH THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Work You Can Believe In

Working for the Knights of Columbus, you won’t need to check your principles at the door. You can carry them with you. Our field agents also work closely with our councils to help grow membership and increase charitable impact. In addition to helping safeguard the financial futures of Catholic families in your community, you will also make the world a better place by helping those in need.

<https://yourfaithinfinance.com/Careers/Find-Out-More>



SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

JANUARY 2024

Jesus rebuked him and said, “Quiet! Come out of him!” The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, “What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.” (Gospel for Jan. 28, Mk 1:25-27)

The unclean spirit immediately recognizes Jesus as the Christ and is aware of his power. As St. James tells us, “You believe that God is one. You do well. Even the demons believe that and tremble” (Jas 2:19). We must not take for granted who Jesus is, his presence in our midst and the power he has to help us. Let us always recognize that Jesus is actively working in our lives and seek him daily in our prayer.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to attend Mass and receive holy Communion more often than just on Sunday — daily if possible — to grow in awareness of Jesus’ presence and power in the Eucharist.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you take the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist for granted? Does the way you dress for Mass reflect that Jesus is present? Do you remain conscious throughout each day of Jesus’ activity in your life and turn to him frequently in prayer?

FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS

GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY PROMOTION

A HIGHER PURPOSE

Bring families into a more robust practice and better understanding of our Catholic faith and the Triduum. In an effort to increase parish attendance and involvement, councils conduct a promotional campaign to educate their parishes on the vital importance of Good Friday.

OVERVIEW

Despite Good Friday’s central role in the heart of Christianity, attendance at services remains low. In an effort to change this, councils will encourage participation in Good Friday services through a promotional campaign. Setting an example for their community, Knights will attend Good Friday services with their families and work with their pastors to encourage increased parishioner involvement at these liturgies. In conjunction with these efforts, councils will also work to educate their parishes about the plight of Christians in the Holy Land.



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Wyoming Knights of Columbus—For the Good of the Order

Deceased Knights

- [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.
- [Alfario "Al" Martinez](#) of Council 1563 in Casper passed away July 7, 2023.
- [Dennis Eckhardt](#) of Council 4031 in Cody, passed away June 8, 2023
- [Ken Piazza](#) of Council 4031 in Cody, passed away July 12, 2023
- [Fr Tom Ogg](#), past Wyoming State Chaplain, passed away August 23, 2023.

Please pray for our Brother Knights:

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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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 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.

Shawn Moody

Father McGivney Guild Chairman

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