



Cowboy Bulletin

Wyoming Knights of Columbus



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FROM YOUR STATE DEPUTY

Brother Knights of Wyoming

As we approach the National Election in 2 months remember one of the resolutions passed at our State Convention last year. Resolution #12 stating:

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Councils of Wyoming be encouraged to hold all-night adorations of the Blessed Sacrament on the eve of National and State elections, praying that the Holy Spirit will guide Brother Knights, their families, and fellow Catholics to vote for morally upright candidates and to support moral positions on the ballot issues.

Of course, we realize that some Councils cannot do all-night adoration. Please schedule smaller Holy Hours or Adoration, whichever works for your Parish. Contact your Priest to start scheduling this event.

Supreme Council is promoting the Coats for Kids program. So your District Deputy will be taking orders for the program. He will explain the whole program to your Council, if your Council is willing to buy coats. They are relatively low priced through this program, approximately \$11.00 per coat. Put your orders in to your District Deputy, he will pass it on to the State Council.

Also, Thanks to Council 801 and the State Council, we donated monies to help redo the dining room floor in Bishop Steven's house.

VIVAT Jesus
Brian Duyck



Wyoming's contingency at the Supreme Convention in Quebec, Canada:
Ron Morris, Bret & Courtney Ladenburger, Ken & Lisa Stockwell, Val &
Jim Larscheid and Fr. Louie Shea.



SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Please feel free to make any submissions to 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, 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



GREEN RIVER KNIGHTS IN ACTION

COUNCIL 7453 in Green River has been busy recently. Brother Knights set up, cooked, served, cleaned up and provided funds for BINGO prizes at the Annual ICC Parish Picnic in late August. The following week we pre-cooked spaghetti, gathered our equipment and prepared to provide spaghetti, dinner rolls, salad and water to the runners in the Run With the Wild Horse Marathon for Green River's River Festival. The public was also invited to purchase dinners. Funds generated for this event will be used to purchase Coats For Kids. Finally, nine Knights and Catholic men of the parish began the COR Program "Men of the Good Word-The Good News" Bible study.

Our next event will be to cook hamburgers and hotdogs for our Parish Family Friday dinner September 20 at the ICC Youth Hall. ICC Family nights are held on the 3rd Friday of each month for all of our families and are usually potluck.

Council 7453 wishes all our Brother Knights a great rest of the summer and a successful Fraternal Year.

ROCK SPRINGS KNIGHTS IN ACTION

The 7th Annual Coats for Kids Trail Race was a success and really good time! Thank you to all who participated, especially our Brother Knights and their families, and most especially Eric Urlacher for his hard work and dedication to this excellent community event!





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News for Knights of Columbus

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori and Supreme Master Michael McCusker traveled to the Philippines this month, making their first visit to a country that now counts more than a half million Knights in nearly 4,000 councils. "At the Supreme Council, we recognize that Filipino Knights are an example of leadership for the rest of the Order," Supreme Knight Kelly said. "When it comes to charity, you demonstrate a profoundly moving care for the poor and vulnerable. ... I saw that firsthand this week."



Photo by Immo Patrick

Journey to the Philippines

The Supreme Officers' visit to the Philippines was a joyous occasion of unity and fraternity, as well as an opportunity to see the charity and patriotism of the country's Knights in action. [READ MORE](#)

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and Archbishop William Lori gather with K of C leaders and members of Manila Council 1000, the oldest council in the Philippines, established in 1905.

Propelled by Faith

Paralympian swimmer and Knight Matthew Torres attributes his success in the water to the strength he finds in faith and family, saying, "God has given me so many wonderful opportunities and all I can say is thank you." Watch Torres compete for Team USA in the 2024 Paralympic Games in Paris in the coming days: He is slated to swim the 100-meter backstroke Aug. 31, the 400-meter freestyle Sept. 4, and the 100-meter freestyle Sept. 6. [WATCH HERE](#) | [READ MORE](#)



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Honoring a Legacy

When the Ontario State Council discovered that six of the jurisdiction's past state deputies and two other charter members of its first council were all buried in one Ottawa cemetery, they undertook to repair and restore their grave markers. The tombstones were rededicated Aug. 12 during a ceremony to honor and pray for these distinguished K of C leaders. [READ MORE](#)



Donald MacDonald, past grand knight of St. Patrick's Basilica Council 485, plays the bagpipes as he leads a Fourth Degree honor guard through Notre Dame Cemetery in Ottawa, Ontario, Aug. 12. (Photo by Patrick Doyle)

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Upcoming Webinar: Extended Care Planning

Join Knights of Columbus, your premier Catholic partner for financial services, for a free financial webinar to learn more about how extended care planning can help you protect your family's future. [Register now](#) to join us on Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 7:30 p.m. EST.



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SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

September 2024

And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Messiah." (Gospel for Sept. 15, Mk 8:29)

Peter was the first of the apostles to openly profess Jesus as the awaited Messiah, the Christ or anointed one. Today, every Christian is called to proclaim in word and deed that Jesus is the Christ. We must never lose the awe and wonder of recognizing Jesus as the Messiah and Savior, especially when we encounter him in the sacrament of penance and in the Mass.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to make Peter's profession of faith — "You are the Messiah" — a frequent aspiration, or short prayer, you recite throughout each day, perhaps writing it down some place you will see it regularly to remind yourself.

Questions for Reflection:

When you say the name of Jesus Christ, are you mindful of what this truly means? When you approach a priest for confession, are you fully cognizant that the absolution you receive through the priest comes from Christ himself? When you approach holy Communion, do you recognize and contemplate Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist you receive?

FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS

Coats for Kids (Featured)

[Coats for Kids FAQs](#)
[DONATERESOURCES](#)

Provide warmth for deserving children during cold winter months.

A HIGHER PURPOSE

Councils across North America can purchase new winter coats at a discount at knightsgear.com in the United States and Knightsgear.ca in Canada to distribute to children in need in their local communities. Coats for Kids, a featured program, counts for two credits toward the Columbian Award.

OVERVIEW

Provide warmth for children in need during cold winter months. The Coats for Kids program ensures that no child in North America goes without a coat during winter. Through the dedication of councils across the United States and Canada, hundreds of thousands of new winter coats have been distributed to children since the program's inception.

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Council does not profit from council purchases of coats through Knights Gear. Factories producing the coats undergo an annual audit by a 3rd party firm review to ensure they abide by ethical business practices and have a safe work environment.



MEET OUR NEWEST SEMINARIAN

WELCOME, DAVID!

David Stotzer



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Wyoming Knights of Columbus—For the Good of the Order

Deceased Knights

- [Fr Tom Ogg](#), past Wyoming State Chaplain, passed away August 23, 2023.
- [Mike Varney](#) of Council 6623 in Torrington, passed away May 3, 2023
- Andrew Stropka of Council 2578 in Thermopolis, passed away June 4, 2023.
- [Cole Fitsimmons](#) of Council 6623 in Torrington, passed away December 23, 2023.
- [Robert Johnson](#) of Council 11292 in Saratoga passed away on December 28, 2023
- [Gary Klispie](#) of Council 8635 in Worland passed away January 6, 2024
- [Lewis Landkamer](#) of Council 6623 in Torrington, passed away April 15, 2024
- [Karl Hornick](#) of Council 6658 in Douglas, passed away July 4, 2024.



— [Deacon Phil Wanek](#) of Council 16510 in Thayne, passed on August 3, 2024



— [Deacon Michael Burke](#) of Council 1653 in Casper, passed away August 29, 2024

Please pray for our Brother Knights:

Please send any future prayer intentions to
wyokcnews@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
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A Prayer for Study

O 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

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