



Cowboy Bulletin

Wyoming Knights of Columbus



December 2024

Brother Knights of Wyoming,

I hope you all are planning a Blessed and Holy Christmas season. I myself am planning a great time with Children and Grand Children celebrating the birth of our Savior, Jesus at Christmas.

Happenings with the Knights. We as a State ordered 1140 coats and handed them out to kids in need. Great job Brother Knights!!! We are planning to do this program next year. If your Council did not hand out coats, think about it for next year.

Another program that we are planning on is having the relics of Blessed Father Michael McGivney in the State. The Relics will be in Rock Springs, Casper, and Gillette around the 1st of March. The Knights are looking for a miracle to help get Father McGivney into Sainthood. Everyone is welcome to go and see the Relic and pray for a healing.

Councils, it's that time of year to consider giving to the RSVP program, please take part in this program and help the Seminarians.

Also, we have the opportunity to order March for Life signs through the Supreme Council. If you are planning a Pro-life march in your town, you can order signs for that.

One last thing, Supreme did a survey about recruiting members, there study concluded that many men would join if asked? So I challenge you to ask the man who sits next to you in Church, or a Child, Grand Child, Nephew, or a neighbor, to join the Knights. Or ask him to help at a Knights function, let him see what good things we do. You may just get a new Brother Knight and a friend.

Vivat Jesus,
Brian Duyck
State Deputy
Wyoming Knights of Columbus



NEWS FROM THE FOURTH DEGREE

Upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification dates:

March 8, 2025, in Torrington

April 26, 2025, in Lander at the State Convention

May 17, 2025 in Casper (confirmation pending)

No times or venues are set at this time. More information to follow.

God Bless,

Ray Malek

Wyoming District Master

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Coats For Kids - If you haven't already done so, there is still plenty of time to order coats and disperse to children in need of coats this winter. You can pass them out in your parish, schools or anywhere in your community. If you have a Giving Tree, you can sponsor coats for those children as well. Consider shoveling sidewalks for elderly neighbors as well as your church sidewalks if you don't have staff to take care of the church. Pick up groceries for those who can't get out during the winter. Hold a Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest in your parish community.

Mike Dahl,

Community Director

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

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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.



LARAMIE KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Laramie Council 2027 would like to thank all who participated in our Fall Raffle. It was a wonderful success and this past week we were able to distribute \$6500.00 dollars to the following organizations: Heart to Heart, Family Promise, Albany County Special Olympics, Interfaith and the Laramie Soup Kitchen. We invite all to join the Knights Of Columbus and be a part of our future projects.

On December 1st we will be hosting Christmas craft day for the young people of St. Laurence and St. Paul's to make Christmas ornaments and gifts for family and friends.

GK Buddy Crater

COUNCIL 7453 (GREEN RIVER) KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Five Members of Council 7453 recently decorated 19 pine trees on the church grounds with solar Christmas lights. The Council also participates in the Coats for Kids Program and has been distributing coats to the parish and an elementary school. Prior to Thanksgiving Day, we held a Food For Families food drive and distributed it to the Green River Food Bank. We are currently conducting the Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest at Immaculate Conception.

Council 7453 would like to wish all of our Brother Knights and Families a very Blessed Holiday Season and a fruitful New Year.





SHERIDAN KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Phil Sheridan Council 2104 in Sheridan sold tootsie rolls to raise money for our Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities.

Net proceeds of \$3016 was donated as follows:

10% to the State Council.... \$301.60

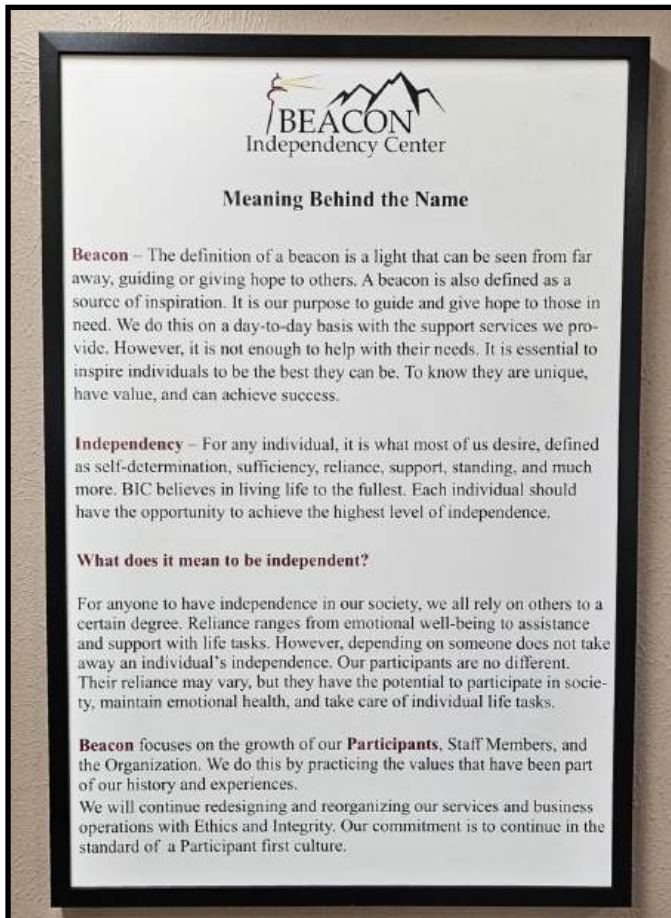
Beacon Independency Center/RENEW.... \$1357.20

CHAPS..... \$1357.20

Beacon Independency Center helps people with intellectual and developmental disabilities live as independently as possible, helping them know that they are each a valued, unique person.

CHAPS is an Equine Assisted Therapy Service serving the intellectually disabled of all ages including programs for veterans with the scars of war, including PTSD.

Greg Hampson chairs this program with help from Lynn Dooley, Bob Leibrich, Dan King and Richard Legerski.





More SHERIDAN KNIGHTS IN ACTION

On November 23, 2024, Knights from Phil Sheridan Council 2104 in Sheridan held their first annual Coats for Kids program.



Pictures include DD/Treasurer Greg Hampson, IPGK Ralph Blommel, and Recorder Rick Redle. Others volunteering were GK Jon Deutscher, Advocate Brian Miller, Faith Director Jeff Welsh, Nate Ruble, and Scott Hininger.





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Aside from the numerous personal rewards that come from being a Knight, here is a list of the many substantial rewards for you and your family.

Columbia Magazine - Free subscription to the Order's award-winning magazine examining issues of concern to Knights, Catholics and families

Knights of Columbus rosary - Blessed by the supreme chaplain presented during the Exemplification of Charity Unity, and Fraternity to each new member

Mass of Remembrance Each Weekday - Celebrated for deceased members and their wives at St Mary's Church, the birthplace of the Order

Insurance - Access to a portfolio of top-quality life insurance long-term care insurance, disability Income insurance and annuity products exclusive for members, their spouses and their dependent children

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Orphan Fraternal Benefit - Provides monthly benefits and college scholarships to each eligible orphan of insured members

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Widow Benefits - a) continues to be covered under the Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit:

- b) the surviving spouse of a Knights of Columbus insured may purchase life insurance, long-term care insurance or annuities after insured member's death;
- c) receives a free lifetime subscription to *Columbia*;
- d) eligible with her children for scholarships

Scholarships - Scholarship programs for higher education available to members, their spouses and children

Leadership Development - Opportunity to build personal leadership skills, public speaking ability, organizational skills, etc.

Fourth Degree - Eligibility to join the Patriotic Degree

Honorary Life Membership - At age 70 with 25 years of membership

Membership Card - Entitles participation in all Catholic fraternal and social activities in member's council and also in over 15,000 councils throughout the world

Activities - Participation in a variety of programs and activities conducted by your council

**Subject to eligibility requirements, conditions and restrictions.*



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SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

December 2024

“Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.” (Gospel for Dec. 1, Lk 21:36)

To remain watchful is a frequent exhortation of Jesus, for we do not know when the end will come. For most people, their end will come at the moment of their death. We trust in God’s grace, but grace requires our response: We must not grow lax and presume we have plenty of time to repent. We must pursue holiness and seek God’s will at all times so that we stand ready to meet him at any time.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, in which we celebrate the birth of Jesus, I challenge you to meditate on the poor shepherds who watched over their flocks on the night he was born and identify one way you can better incorporate watchfulness into your own life.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you maintain a practice of daily prayer, regular examination of conscience and frequent confession, or do you sometimes grow spiritually lazy? Do you commit yourself to steady growth in holiness and virtue as preparation for the final judgment? Do you teach and encourage your loved ones to do the same?

FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

A HIGHER PURPOSE

Create annual opportunities for prayer and reflection together as a fraternity. Under the guidance of their chaplain, councils can attend a retreat or day of reflection together or perhaps organize their own event for the men of their parish.

OVERVIEW

Many Catholic young people can attest that religious retreats are radically rejuvenating spiritual events that often leave a lasting impact on participants’ relationship to their faith. Yet, so often, retreats seem only to be open to students and youth. In conjunction with pastors, councils and jurisdictions can hold low-cost retreats of their own. These events might be open only to council members or men of the parish – or may be open to entire families. If councils are unable to organize these events themselves, they could go as a group and attend a retreat in their area to satisfy the requirement. Additionally, councils are strongly encouraged to consider visiting The Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. as part of this program.



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Wyoming Knights of Columbus—For the Good of the Order

Deceased Knights

- [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
 - [Carl Bozner](#) of Council 2441 in Rock Springs, passed away August 28, 2024
 - [Bob Vesco](#) of Council 2441 in Rock Springs, passed away September 3, 2024
 - [George Burns](#) of Council 3237 in Riverton, passed away October 10, 2024
-  —[Bill Arner](#) formerly of Council 9917 in Casper, passed away November 1, 2024.

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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