



Cowboy Bulletin

Wyoming Knights of Columbus



February 2025



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 Lander, April 25th through the 27th.

Award nominations are due to **April 11th**!

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 3rd 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 11th.

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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 11th**. 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 11, 2025** 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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NEWS FROM THE FOURTH DEGREE

Upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification dates:

February 15, 2025, in Rock Springs at 12:00

March 8, 2025, in Torrington at TBA

March 29, in Gillette @ 12:00

April 26, 2025, in Lander at the State Convention 1:00

May 17, 2025 in Casper (confirmation pending)

More information to follow.

God Bless,

Ray Malek

Wyoming District Master

GREEN RIVER KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Council 7453 cooked a free spaghetti dinner for Immaculate Conception's monthly Family Fun Night on January 24. The Council voted to support ICC's annual Living and Giving In Christ Campaign with a matching donation expected from the CCW to help meet the parish goal. We had a "Superbowl Chili Feed" and 50/50 cash raffle on February 9. Participants could have their meal at the Youth Hall or take out. Proceeds will go to the RSVP program. Upcoming events will include a "FAT Tuesday" Cajun meal, St. Patrick's Day Irish Stew Dinner and Lenten Friday Night Fish Frys.

TORRINGTON KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Council 6623 held its annual Right to Life bake sale and breakfast Jan 19. About 20 Knights participated and no one left hungry. The funds raised go to support our local Right to Life.

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.



From Chuck, Our Regional Growth Director

Greetings Council Leaders, District Deputies, State Chairmen and Directors and State Officers,

In keeping with my football theme from last month, how do you like the match-up for the Superbowl? Will Kansas City make history with a 3-peat or will Philadelphia break the streak and return to the top?

While watching the semi-final games, I noticed a continuing theme coming from the Announcers and Analysts – adjustments.

During the game, they discussed if this Defense could counter the play and players on the Offense. They suggested what the Offense needed to do to get passed the Defense. They talked about Coaches and Staffs and their planning. They talked about units with the teams, Backs (Offensive and Defensive), the lines and they talked about individual players and what THEY had to do if the Team was going to triumph.

We are just past half-time of our Fraternal Year. We have completed our Mid-Year Meeting and some of our Districts have completed your District Mid-Year Meeting with your Councils.

So, we must ask the questions:

Have the Coaching Staffs (State Officers, Directors and Chairmen) given the Assistant-Coaches (District Deputies) an insight into where we are, a plan of where we want to end up and how we should go about getting there? What is working well and what we need to adjust to get better?

Have the Assistant Coaches (District Deputies) talked with Backs, the D-Line, the O-line, the Receivers and the Special Team (GKs and DGKs, Council Program and Membership Directors, Recruiting Teams, EFF Directors etc.) on what OUR part is in the success of the TEAM (State) and where WE need to change, adjust and yes, even improve?

Have the Squad Leaders gotten the message to the individual players (Members) on what our plans are for the last half of the year? Our Program plans for Lent and Easter and Fish Frys and Parish Picnics? Our EFF plans for Lent and Easter and Fish Frys and Parish Picnics? Our Membership plans for Lent and Easter and Fish Frys and Parish Picnics?

Have our Scouts started looking at who we are going to draft for next year?

RCIA/OCIA classes who would REALLY benefit from our Program and EFF efforts for their long-term success of conversion or reversion and they are wondering – What’s next?

Graduating Seniors who may NEED the anchor we can provide as they venture off to the SECULAR SWAMP that is so often our Institutions of Higher Learning and they are wondering – What’s next?

Men of the Parish who will finally become Empty-Nesters as the last child leaves for college and they are wondering – What’s next?

New Families who take advantage of the school break to move to a new neighborhood or even a new state before the new school year begins and THEY are wondering – What’s next?

Just as football gameplans don’t just happen and plays aren’t made up in the fly (usually) and teams don’t build and grow by accident and Draft-Choices aren’t identified on Draft Day, neither will our Programs improve or our Faith be built or our Membership grow without specific planning, efforts and execution by our whole TEAM – the Head Coach, Assistant Coaches, Team Coaches, Squad Leaders and finally and perhaps most importantly, our individual members each doing their part of the game plan for the success of the WHOLE Team.

The second half has started! Will YOU do your part in our TEAM’S success both this year and into the future?

Fraternally,



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FINANCIAL RESOURCES



READ THE LATEST FAMILY FINANCE COLUMN

Joseph Monestere, chief distribution officer for Knights of Columbus, shares four ways to assess your financial health this new year.

READ: THIS MONTH'S COLUMBIA COLUMN



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SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

February 2025

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." (Gospel for Feb. 9, Lk 5:5)

St. Peter describes an experience to which many of us can relate. Sometimes, we work tirelessly at something but come up empty, failing at our task and seemingly accomplishing nothing. But Peter here finds overwhelming success when he listens to the Lord and tries again. It may remind us of the psalmist's words: "Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build" (Ps 127:1a). In everything we do, let us always seek to do God's will. Then, no matter the outcome, we will not have worked in vain.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to begin each day by offering all your efforts to God. There are many different morning offering prayers; you can find one version in the Catholic Information Service® booklet *Prayer Time* or in the *Vivat Jesus* spiritual planner.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you feel that there have been times in your life you have worked in vain because you failed to recognize or follow God's will? Are you ever afraid to "lower the nets" by entrusting your efforts to God? What role does prayer play in growing in trust of God?

FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS

Family of the Month/Year

A HIGHER PURPOSE

Promote and support the development of strong and vibrant families. Each council establishes a committee to recognize a deserving Family of the Month and Family of the Year with potential for recognition on the international level.

OVERVIEW

Each month, the council Family of the Month committee selects one parish family that models Christian family values and visibly lives them every day. Once a year, each participating council also selects one of the previous twelve Family of the Month winners to represent the council/parish as the potential international Family of the Year. The Knights of Columbus Family of the Year is chosen by the Supreme Council and recognized each year at the annual Supreme Convention.



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Deacon Lee Noel

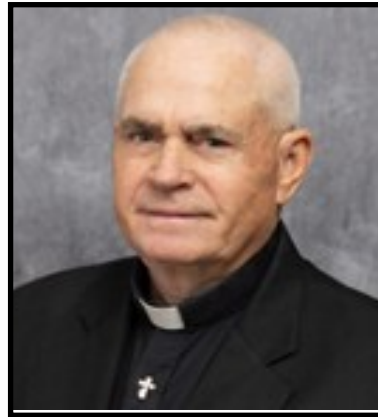


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Wyoming Knights of Columbus—For the Good of the Order

Deceased Knights

- [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:

Marlene Pexton, wife of State Treasurer Mike Pexton

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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