



Cowboy Bulletin

Wyoming Knights of Columbus



March 2025

FROM YOUR STATE DEPUTY

Brother Knights,

Thanks to all that helped with the Father McGivney Relic Tour. If you are unaware, the Relics went to Rock Springs, then to Casper, and on to Gillette. I have Father McGivney prayer cards for the Councils in the State. They were touched to the Relic and are now 3rd class Relics. We will distribute them at the Convention in Lander.

Also, you should have received the Convention packets from State Secretary Jim Larscheid by email. March is the time to start planning at your Council meetings to find delegates for the Convention. Also, things for the Convention, bring your necrology report, apply for awards, buy an ad in the convention booklet, your Council may want to submit a resolution to the State. I hope to see many of you in Lander at the end of April.

As many of you know, this will be an election year for the State. As normal the current officers move up the ranks. So, with this in mind, we will be electing a new State Warden. Consider running for this office. It will be a very fulfilling experience in your life.

Another need we have is for someone to maintain our website. Marlene Sibley has done it for years and is retiring from this job. If any of you want to take this position on, contact me and I will get you in touch with Marlene and she can explain the job to you. Please consider doing this for our State.

As Lent is now upon us. I wish everyone a very Holy and fulfilling Lent and Easter Season. Vivat Jesus.

Brian Duyck

State Deputy

Wyoming Knights of Columbus

CONVENTION 2025

The Wyoming State Knights of Columbus Convention will be held in Lander April 25-27, 2025.

For all convention documents and updated information, go to wyomingkc.org.



FROM YOUR STATE CHAPLAIN

We were blessed to have had the opportunity to be fed by the sermon on the plain for the three weeks leading up to Lent this year. We hear at the beginning of the sermon on the plain from St. Luke's Gospel with the beatitudes and woes. Like it was for Jesus' time, it is a very countercultural message. We hear these days that we must grow our economy. We hear that we should aspire to be a wealthy nation. We hear that we should close our borders and protect our own. I do not see how these ideas could have been inspired by Jesus' teaching on the plain. I saw on Facebook recently a single sentence written by Pope Francis from a few years ago saying that countries have the right to secure borders. A commenter wondered if he remembered having said that. I try not get drawn into these "discussions" in social media, so I did not respond. Pope Francis most assuredly remembers having said that and he would say it again any day because it is completely based in Catholic teaching. However, our right to live in a country with secure borders does not give us the right to only care about the welfare of those who legally live within them. We are called to care for all of God's creation and do what we can to help each other. We should never get caught in the trap of thinking that others are somehow not worthy of receiving help. If Jesus' teaching on the beatitudes isn't hard enough, Jesus goes on to tell us to love our enemy and be merciful to them. Talk about radical teaching! We are called by Jesus to remember that God wants us to love the "other" in our world. He wants us to stop counting the cost and help those less fortunate than us, no matter who or where they may be. He points out how easy it is to treat those well that help us and make us prosperous. People that have not hurt us are easy to like. Jesus calls us to be merciful like His father in heaven. Well, if we are going to be merciful then we have to forgive those who have hurt us, who make us feel unsafe, and threaten our livelihoods. Jesus continues with parables about leadership, specifically about how a disciple of Jesus should lead others to also be disciples of Jesus. He then goes on to talk about the fruit that trees produce. A well-cultivated tree has a better opportunity to produce good fruit than one that is neglected. Just as a person has a better opportunity to be a good disciple of Jesus when they have been accompanied by good teachers of the faith. We do not hear the last few verses of the sermon. In those verses Jesus tells us about the importance of building our homes on solid rock foundation. Just as we should build our lives on the foundations of the faith that Jesus has taught us. When we only partially build our lives around Jesus' teaching, we are in danger of being swept away from Jesus by those other concerns just like a home built on sand can be washed away by a flood. The sermon on the plain gives us much to consider about how we can be good disciples. Let us be good disciples of Jesus Christ and work for all to have a dignified life.

Vivat Jesus

Fr. Louie Shea





ROCK SPRINGS KNIGHTS IN ACTION

COUNCIL 2441 HAS BEEN VERY BUSY OF LATE!

On February 15th we had the privilege of hosting a 4th Degree Exemplification welcoming six brothers to the 4th Degree.



On February 22nd, we participated in the Rock Springs Jackalope Jump fundraiser for Special Olympics Wyoming. Our Council had 4 jumpers and raised over \$1000 for Special Olympics athletes!



On February 28th, our Council received a first class relic of Blessed Michael McGivney. A Mass and Anointing of the Sick were celebrated by Fr. Bill of Rock Springs, Fr. Jason of Pinedale, and Fr. Flo of Rawlins. Over 50 people were in attendance for this Mass, many seeking anointing and the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney.



On Saturday, March 1st our Council held its annual Prime Rib Dinner fundraiser. Numerous Knights and their families volunteered time over two days to prepare this annual feast. Over 200 people were served, and our Council has pledged 10% of the profits from this event to support our Parish Capital Campaign.





NEWS FROM THE FOURTH DEGREE

Knights of Columbus gathered at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Fourth Degree. Representing Wyoming were Bret Ladenburger (4th Degree Director of Membership) Brian Heger (Vice Supreme Master of the Father Desmet Province, which includes Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota) and Ray Malek (Wyoming District Master).



Sirs Bret Ladenburger, Brian Heger and Ray Malek



Sirs Brian Heger and Ray Malek

Upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification dates:

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,

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.



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.

More...



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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TO: State Deputies, State Secretaries, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Faithful Navigators and Faithful Comptrollers in the United States

FROM: Knights of Columbus Legal Department

DATE: February 2025

RE: 2024 Tax Information for KofC Councils, Assemblies, & Chapters

This notice is to remind councils, assemblies, and chapters in the United States of their legal obligation to file an IRS Form 990 (informational tax return) for the 2024 tax year, and to provide detailed instructions on how to comply with this obligation.

The Knights of Columbus, including all subordinate councils, assemblies, and chapters (collectively referred to as councils), is a tax-exempt organization, recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a fraternal benefit society under Section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code. This tax-exempt status requires each council to file an annual Form 990 with the IRS.

Councils reporting gross receipts of \$50,000 or less with less than \$200,000 in assets may comply with their obligation by filing the Form 990-N electronic postcard (also known as the e- Postcard). Councils reporting gross receipts of more than \$50,000 and less than \$200,000 with total assets of less than \$500,000 must file the Form 990-EZ. Councils with gross receipts of \$200,000 or more and total assets of \$500,000 or more must file the Form 990.

REMINDER

The IRS requires electronic filing for **all** tax-exempt organizations, regardless of which form they use. The online filing system, also known as “E-Services”, requires **all new users** to register or sign in with LOGIN.GOV or ID.me, the current IRS credential service providers.

There are two ways to access the Form 990-N Electronic Filing system: (1) Sign in with your active IRS username; or (2) Sign in/ create an account with [LOGIN.GOV](https://www.login.gov) or [ID.me](https://www.id.me). Form 990-N filers who have an existing IRS username and register for a new Login.gov or ID.me account must use the email address associated with their IRS account. Refer to User Guide for the IRS Form 990-N Electronic Filing System. Instructions are available on the IRS website, links to which are in the *Where to File* section, below.

During this tax season, we would like to remind you to beware of scams and fraud. The IRS has published information on how to identify scams and fraud and what you can do to protect yourself. [Recognize tax scams and fraud | Internal Revenue Service](#)

Deadline to file annual return (all forms)

Each council must file its own tax return; there is no group or consolidated Form 990 filing. The returns must be filed by the fifteenth day of the fifth month following the end of the council’s annual accounting period. For example, if a council’s accounting period ends December 31, it must file a tax return by May 15 of the following year; if a council’s accounting period ends June 30, it must file a tax return by November 15. Please note that **the IRS assigns the accounting period to each council based on its Employer Identification Number (EIN)**. The IRS **will not** notify the council of the accounting period. To determine the accounting period assigned to your council’s EIN, sign into the IRS system with your user ID and password. For most councils, the assigned accounting period corresponds to the calendar year.



Need more time to file a Form 990?

Although the IRS does not grant extensions for filing the Form 990-N (e-Postcard), the IRS will accept late filings if the tax return is received within three years of the due date. While the IRS will accept late filings of Form 990-N (e-Postcard), please note that filing late, even within a three-year period, is still considered a missed filing by the IRS and may trigger a revocation of a council's tax- exempt status if for three consecutive years the council files late or fails to file a return. The IRS does grant extensions to organizations filing Forms 990-EZ and 990. If a council needs more time to file the Form 990-EZ or 990, it must request an extension by the due date of the return for which it is requesting an extension. Federal law imposes a penalty for late or incomplete filings. If an organization fails to file a required return by the due date (including any extension of time), it must pay a penalty of \$25 a day for each day the return is late. In general, the maximum penalty for any late return is the lesser of \$12,500 or five percent of the organization's gross receipts for the year. In order to request an extension, councils must submit Form 8868, which is available on the IRS website: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8868.pdf>. For councils reporting gross receipts of more than \$50,000, we recommend using a qualified tax professional to file Form 8868.

Where to file

Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

The Form 990-N (e-Postcard) must be filed online.

The User Guide for the IRS Form 990-N Electronic Filing System is available here: [USER GUIDE Form 990-N \(e-Postcard\)](#)

The Form 990 e-Postcard Electronic Filing System is available here: [CLICK HERE TO FILE Form 990-N \(e-Postcard\)](#)

The Knights of Columbus Form 990-N e-postcard filing instructions are located on Officers Online (go to Officers' Desk Reference, Tax Issues, #6 Federal Tax Returns).

If you use the above link to file the Form 990N (e-Postcard) there is no filing fee, as it connects directly to IRS.gov.

Forms 990-EZ and 990

Forms 990-EZ and 990 must be filed online. The IRS website provides instructions for electronic filing of Forms 990-EZ and 990: <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/current-form-990-series-forms-and-instructions>

Any council reporting gross receipts of more than \$50,000 is strongly urged to consider using a qualified tax professional to prepare and file its tax return.

PRACTICE TIPS:

When filing, bear in mind that text fields cannot exceed 35 characters and must contain only numeric, alpha or hyphen characters. Periods, slashes and so on will cause filing errors.

At the top of the Form 990-EZ and Form 990, enter the Knights of Columbus group number (0188), tax exempt status (Section 501(c)(8)), and form of organization (Association). You may find e-filing instructions for the Form 990-N e-Postcard here: <https://www.irs.gov/e-file-providers/e-file-for-charities-and-non-profits>

If the IRS website will not allow you to file a Form 990-N

The electronic filing system for the Form 990-N (e-Postcard) may reject a council's return if: (1) the council's EIN has been revoked for failing to file for three consecutive years; (2) the council's EIN has recently been reinstated; (3) it is a new council; or (4) the council is not on the Supreme Council's Group Exemption List (updated continually by the Knights of Columbus Legal Department). If you are unable to e-file, please contact the Legal Department by email at tax.ein@kofc.org. You can also contact the IRS customer service at **1-877-829-5500**.



Information Available on IRS Website

We suggest you visit the IRS home page for tax-exempt organizations. It is an excellent resource for council officers who have questions or need information regarding their federal tax obligations: <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits>

We also suggest you visit the IRS web page explaining the annual electronic filing requirement for small exempt organizations:

<https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/annual-electronic-filing-requirement-for-small-exempt-organizations-form-990-n-e-postcard>

Compliance Guide for Tax Exempt Organizations

In addition to the annual filing requirement, each council is responsible for conducting its affairs in a manner that is consistent with what is expected of tax-exempt organizations. Failure to do so may result in a council losing its tax-exempt status. In this regard, councils may wish to consult an IRS publication entitled *Compliance Guide for Tax Exempt Organizations*, which provides helpful guidance:

<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p4221nc.pdf>

Conclusion

If you have questions relating to your council's tax reporting obligations, please contact the Knights of Columbus Legal Department by email at tax.ein@kofc.org.

Additional materials relating to United States federal tax compliance as well as many other topics affecting your council or assembly can be found on the Officers' Desk Reference (ODR). For a username and password to the ODR, please contact Customer Service at 1-800-380-9995.

All Councils and Assemblies

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From Chuck, Our Regional Growth Director



Earlier this month while listening to the Gospel in Mass, the reading was when Our Lord “recruited” Peter and Andrew. You remember the story. Peter and his men had been fishing all night long and they had caught nothing. Cast after cast and troll after troll they fished. Might they have said at some point, we have worked so hard and caught nothing, maybe we have caught all the fish and there are none left to catch.’ Sound familiar? Then after they returned to the shore and were cleaning and repairing their nets, along came Jesus. And what does Jesus say? “Put out again into deep water.” How crazy that must have sounded to them. As professional fishermen, they knew that you fished at night and not mid-morning, and you fished in shallower water where the fish schooled. Peter protested, politely but firmly: “Master, we have fished all night and have caught nothing but at you word we will put out into deep water.” When they did, what happened? They caught more fish than they could imagine. When they returned to shore, nets nearly bursting, Peter made his confession – “Depart from me Lord for I am a sinful man.” What did Christ say in return? Come, follow me and I will make you Fishers of Men.

How does this apply to us and what can we learn from this encounter? What did Jesus say and to that recruited Peter and Andrew as his followers? First, he met them where they were. He challenged them to put their faith into action. After they had felt the joy and wonder in this faithful action, they were open to his suggestion to follow him.

How do we become Fishers of Men in our families and Parishes? We meet a man where he is. We don’t argue with his objections, but we invite him first to put his faith into action at one of our events. We let him live in the wonder of the moment and when we invite him to join us on our journey. This has always been the most successful way to recruit, one man asking another man, a parishioner, a friend and family member to experience what we have found in the Knights – feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, giving drink to the thirsty and visiting the sick and the imprisoned and then to come and join us. As we enter the Lenten Season, what better time is there to become Fishers of Men.



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Knight of Columbus’ Jonathan Reyes started Christ in the City! Check out their 2025 Lenten Activity Calendar

Where Formation Meets Service

When Dr. Jonathan Reyes founded Christ in the City in 2010, he understood that young people were seeking to give themselves in a radical way to make a positive change in the world.

At the same time, they were searching for meaning in life and facing the challenges that their Catholic faith presented in a culture that has drifted so far from God. Dr. Reyes envisioned a program that would form young people to “think with the Church” on the issues of our time, while at the same time, putting that faith into action: loving our brothers and sisters in the streets.

Can you believe that Lent is already here? This year's [Lenten Calendar](#) is here and ready for your use.

You can freely access our Calendar below, so please print as many copies as you need for your classroom, parish, or family. This year, we also have an interactive version of the calendar on our website! It includes longer reflections about the challenge for that day. Be sure to check it out!

[Lenten Calendar](#)



THE INTERSECTION OF CATHOLIC AND COMPETITIVE

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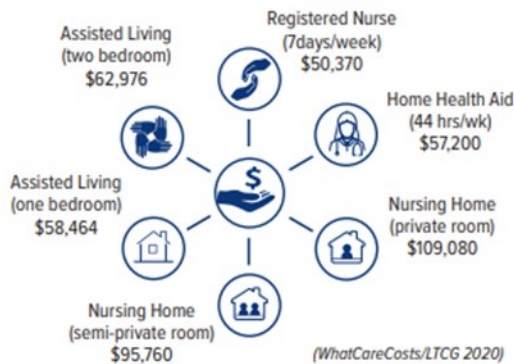


Extended Care Planning

The Knights of Columbus can help your family recover from an extended care event, whether it results from a chronic illness requiring long-term care or a move to a nursing home or assisted-living facility. The cost of an extended care event could significantly impact your ability to meet your retirement income goals. Your asset accumulation plan contributes to the income required to live comfortably during your retirement and provides extended care protection should you or a loved one ever need it.

Cost of Long-Term Care

Annual Costs – National Average 2019



Key questions to consider when it comes to extended care:

- Who will pay for the care?
- Who will provide for the care?
- Where will the care be provided?



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SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

March 2025

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles.” (Gospel for March 2, Lk 6:43-44)

Scripture often reminds us that our faith must be made evident through our works, through the good that we do. If we are truly prayerful and holy in an interior way, we will also be productive in the world. Like a tree, we will be known by the fruit we produce. May we always be mindful that faith calls us to lead lives of virtue in service to God and neighbor.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to prayerfully identify at least one area of your life where you could bear better fruit. Then, guided by the Holy Spirit, undertake at least one concrete resolution to improve.

Questions for Reflection:

To borrow an old question: If you were accused of being a Christian, would there be sufficient evidence to convict you? Where do you see room for improvement in turning your faith into action? What opportunities does the Knights of Columbus provide to help you bear good fruit?

FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS

Helping Hands

A HIGHER PURPOSE

Put your faith into action and help people who are less fortunate in your community. In the spirit of our founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney, councils lead efforts to assist those most in need. Guidelines for this program are broad and can include forming partnerships with local aid organizations or independently planning unique activities.

OVERVIEW

The Helping Hands program is designed to recognize the important work many councils already do to care for the most disadvantaged members of our communities — the homeless, the addicted, the elderly who may feel isolated and abandoned, and many others. The requirements for this program are very broad in order to allow councils to serve their community in whatever way is most needed. One idea is to partner with [Cross Catholic Outreach](#) to see how you can serve your local community.



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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.



- [Dr. Joseph Russo](#), of Council 2578 in Thermopolis, passed away February 12, 2025.

Please pray for our Brother Knights:

Please send any future prayer intentions to
w yokcnews@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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www.fathermcgivney.org

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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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First Class Relic of Blessed Father McGivney that toured the State of Wyoming in March 2025