



Cowboy Bulletin

Wyoming Knights of Columbus



May 2025



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HABEMUS PAPAM!

Robert Francis Prevost

POPE LEO XIV



FROM YOUR STATE DEPUTY

Brother Knights,

We just had our State Convention in Lander on the last weekend of April. It was a very good Convention. We initiated 2 new 3rd degree members. Also, we initiated 6 new 4th degree members!! Turn out was a little low with only 51 members in attendance. Other highlights are we elected Jim Larscheid and the new State Deputy, all officers moved up the chain of command. And then we elected Ray Malek and State Warden. Ray is currently our District Master in the 4th degree. Welcome to the team Ray!! As many of you know, Mike Pexton's wife Marlene passed away on Thursday before the Convention. All of our prayers were dedicated to Marlene and Mike during the Convention!

Councils, as you prepare for elections in June, please consider candidates that are dedicated to the Knights. Your Grand Knight must be able to look at emails from Supreme and the State on a regular basis. Almost all communication comes through emails. Also, he then must take the Safe Environment course online from the Knights. The Family Director, Community Director, and the Program Director must also take the Safe Environment course. And then when your Council does any event that minors are present, two of these People with the training must be present at the event. I wish all of you to have a great election and coming year.

I want to thank all the Councils who participated in the Coats for Kids program last year. We handed out over 1100 coats to Kids last fall. Supreme is doing this program again this coming fall. I encourage all of you to order coats and hand them out to kids in need. Also, I want to thank all of you that participated in the RSVP program. We donated over \$41,000 to the Seminarians through the Diocese in 2024. Great Job!!! And lastly, Councils please consider sending delegates to the 2026 Convention. It will be in Powell next year. We are getting started planning now. Come to Powell for a fun and learning experience. And I want to thank you for letting me serve as your State Deputy for the last 2 years.

Vivat Jesus

Brian Duyck
State Deputy
Wyoming Knights of Columbus



Welcome To Our Newly Elected State Officers for 2025-26

STATE DEPUTY

James Larscheid—Saratoga

STATE SECRETARY

Mike Pexton—Cheyenne

STATE TREASURER

Rodney Birkle—Casper

STATE ADVOCATE

Sean Sherwin—Green River

STATE WARDEN

Raymond Malek—Lander

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.



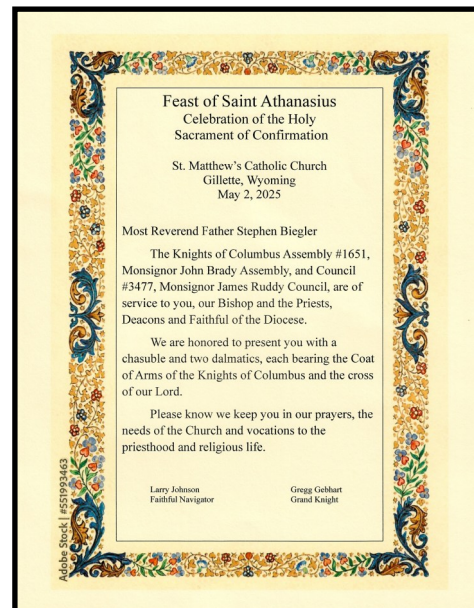
GILLETTE KNIGHTS IN ACTION



Assembly 1651 provided the Honor Guard at the 2025 Wyoming Special Olympics State Opening Ceremonies on May 1st at Camplex in Gillette.

In addition to the honor guard at the opening ceremonies, Council 3477 made sandwiches and sack lunches to-go for the 630 athletes on Saturday.


This was the 3rd consecutive year making the lunches.



After the Sacrament of Confirmation Friday evening, May 2, 2025 we presented Bishop Stephen Biegler with a new chasuble bearing the Coat of Arms of the Knights of Columbus and two dalmatics bearing the cross of our Lord, courtesy of Father Mark Kusmirek. Bishop Stephen graciously accepted the gifts and was very appreciative!

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Gebhart
Grannd Knight
Council 3477 Gillette



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You're invited this May to two webinars hosted by Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors. These webinars are part of a new Family Finance series, Foundations, designed to help investors make informed decisions.

Guest speaker, Knights of Columbus Chief Distribution Officer and Senior Vice President of Field Management Joseph Monestere, will present.

Register today to reserve your spot!

Thursday, May 22, 2025, 8:00 PM ET <http://www.kocaa.org/mmv> Ten Tips for Managing Market Volatility: How to approach market fluctuations in times of uncertainty

Wednesday, May 28, 2025, 8:00 PM ET <http://www.kocaa.org/success> Investing for Beginners: Planning for Success. Learn how systematic investing can help you work toward a long-term goal of building wealth over time.

These events are open to the public. Please share with others who may be interested. We look forward to seeing you there!

Learn the Foundations of Investing with Two All-New Webinars
May 22 and May 28



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ONLINE EVENTS FEATURING



Joseph Monestere
Guest Presenter
Knights of Columbus Chief
Distribution Officer and Senior
Vice President of Field
Management

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May 28: Investing for Beginners: Planning for Success



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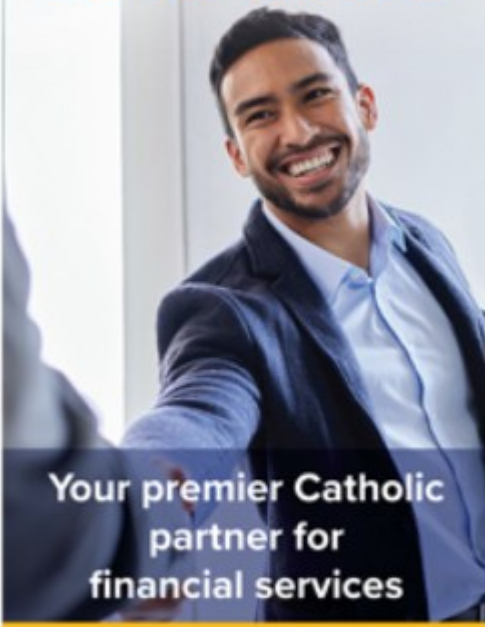
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SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

May 2025

He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” (Gospel for May 4, Jn 21:17a)

When, following the Resurrection, Jesus revealed himself to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, why did he ask Peter three times whether he loved him? It has often been seen as a penance for Peter's earlier threefold denial of Christ. But perhaps there's something more — perhaps Jesus was pushing Peter to reflect more deeply on what it means to love him. Sometimes, we speak the words “I love you” by rote, without grasping their true meaning. May we always be mindful of what it means to truly love someone and to love as Christ taught us.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to identify one way you can demonstrate true love of God and neighbor. Then pray about how to concretely undertake that sacrificial act of love — and put it into action.

Questions for Reflection:

What does it mean for you to truly love Jesus? Do you know anyone — or is there a particular saint — who has shown you what true love looks like? What are some specific ways you can grow in your ability to truly love?

FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

As community leaders, Knights of Columbus will ensure that their members, families and parish communities are prepared through a campaign that promotes planning and education.

A HIGHER PURPOSE

Prepare your community before disaster strikes. Councils engage their parish and community in disaster preparedness exercises by organizing trainings, fundraisers and awareness activities.

OVERVIEW

Communities can be brought to a halt when disaster occurs — from large natural disasters to local crises. As community leaders, Knights of Columbus can help ensure that their members, families and parish communities are prepared through a campaign promoting planning and education. This program motivates councils to take a holistic approach to emergency situations by readiness in times of crisis, assessing response capabilities, and learning how to properly respond well ahead of a disaster. Councils will also raise funds and teach (where applicable) in anticipation of larger efforts to assist brothers in need.



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Wyoming Knights of Columbus—For the Good of the Order

Deceased Knights

- [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
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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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