

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WYOMING STATE COUNCIL



2024 Official State Convention Notice

Notice is hereby given that the 104th annual meeting of the Wyoming State Council of the Knights of Columbus will convene with an opening Mass at 12:00p.m., Friday, April 26, 2024, at Saint Mary's Cathedral, 100 W. 21st Street, Cheyenne, WY 82001. Friday and Saturday general sessions will be held at Casey's Club, 507 W. 28th Street, Cheyenne, WY 82001 and Sunday's activities and session held at Mother Cabrini Hall, lower level of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 1808 Hot Springs Ave. Cheyenne, WY, 82001 with Wyoming State Deputy, Brian Duyck, presiding.

Convention Booklet:

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The host council is Bishop P.A. McGovern Council #801, Cheyenne, Wyoming, which is celebrating its 121st anniversary. The convention registration fees are as follows:

Knight: \$125 (before April 1st)

Spouse/Guest: \$100

Late registration fee: \$150 (postmarked by April 15th)
Adult, attending Saturday evening banquet only: \$50.00

Registration for State Officers, District Deputies, Directors/Chairman and Past State Deputies is paid by State.

Registration forms are due no later than April 1, 2023. They can be emailed to the registration chairman, John Hunter at ithunter0329@gmail.com (his phone number is 970.381.2143) or mailed to:

Bishop P. A. McGovern Council #801 507 W. 28th Street Cheyenne, WY, 82001.

Make checks payable to: K of C Council #801.

Reservations for lodging can be made at:

Red Lion Inn 204 Fox Farm Road Cheyenne, WY, 82007 307.638.4466

Call for room rates and mention that you are attending the K of C State convention. 50 rooms have been reserved for the event. Reservations must be made directly through the hotel.

Convention check-in will begin at 8am, Friday, April 26, 2024, at Casey's Club. The Convention is scheduled to adjourn at noon on Sunday, April 28, 2024.

Jamol Junta

Vivat Jesus!

Approved

Brian Duyck

Wyoming State Deputy

Brian Drupk

Jim Larscheid

Wyoming State Secretary



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Addendum to 2024 Official State Convention Notice

- Councils and individual Knights are asked to bring items to donate to a silent auction to benefit Saint Joseph's Food Pantry
- Council Delegates will need to be prepared to say YES or NO for State Liability Insurance
- For the **Change From Heaven**, Councils are asked to bring a check from their Council, rather than their loose change. Please make checks payable to "K of C Wyoming State Council".
- During Saturday's meeting, we will be having a 4th Degree Exemplification at Casey's Hall beginning at 1:30 pm. This will be the new procedure approved by Supreme and will be open to the public. This is an excellent opportunity to gain new 4th Degree members in the State! The cost for the candidates is \$70 and they will receive a service baldric and 4th Degree pin. Candidates should also plan to wear a dark suit and tie.
- Delegates should read the minutes from the 2023 State Convention (see www.wyomingkc.org)
 prior to the convention
- · Councils need to bring:
 - o Council Banner
 - Necrology report
 - Grand Knight Report
 - o Credentials Form
 - Change from Heaven (checks only please)
 - State Liability Insurance Form
- All reports of state officers, directors, chairmen and district deputies must be submitted in
 electronic form by emailing them in either MS Word or Adobe Acrobat to Jim Larscheid, State
 Secretary at secretary@wyomingkc.org before April 15, 2024. Reports will be available to
 view at www.wyomingkc.org.
- State award forms should be sent to the Awards Chairman with copies to the State Secretary:

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STATE SECRETARY

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ENCLOSURES: (all items can be found at www.wyomingkc.org)

104th State Convention Agenda Council Necrology Report Form Blank State Letterhead State Awards Letter

State Awards Letter Standing Committee Assignments 2024 Convention Booklet Ad Pricing Convention Registration Form
Delegates Credentials Form
State Liability Insurance Form
Interest in Serving Wyoming K of C Form
Council Resolutions Submittal & Sample Resolution



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Addendum #2 to 2024 Official State Convention Notice

- Cheyenne Council 801 will be holding a 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification on Friday evening, April 26th at 5:30pm at Casey's Club (507 W. 28th Street). This is a great opportunity to bring new members into the Order and give them the opportunity to participate in the Convention on Saturday and Sunday. They would also be able to become Sir Knights by attending the 4th Degree Exemplification on Saturday afternoon. All Knights, spouses and family members are invited to attend as well.
- The Cheyenne Downtown Development Authority will be providing a trolley on Saturday, April 27th for any ladies who wish to participate in the King Tour. The trolley will be pick up at the Red Lion Hotel at 9:45am and will visit several sites and historic places in downtown Cheyenne and then stop for lunch at The Office. After lunch the trolley will take them to the Botanical Gardens and the State Museum and then return to the Red Lion Hotel around 2:00pm. The tour is free, but ladies will be responsible for paying for their own lunch.

Please contact Jeff Shafer, Convention Chairman if you have any questions.

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Knights of Columbus WYOMING STATE COUNCIL



"Eucharistic Renewal" 104th WYOMING STATE CONVENTION April 26, 27 & 28, 2024, Cheyenne

AGENDA AND MINUTES

8:00 am Registration Desk Opens – Casey's Club

8:00 am Awards Committee Meeting – Casey's Club

9:00 am State Officers & District Deputies Meeting – Casey's Club

10:30 am Late Breakfast / Lunch – On your own

12:00 pm Opening Mass – St. Mary Cathedral, 100 West 21st Street

Very Rev. Louis Shea, Wyoming State Chaplain

1:15 pm Open Session – Casey's Club

Opening Prayer – Very Rev. Louis Shea, State Chaplain

Setting the Colors and Pledge of Allegiance -

Ray Malek, District Master Opening Ode- Don Scott, PSD

Welcome and Introductions - Brian Duyck, State Deputy

Brian reported the State received a check for \$1500 from Supreme for the Wyoming Special Olympics and that the State Officers approved donating \$500 to the Wyoming Special Olympics – both checks will be presented to a representative from Wyoming Special Olympics during Saturday's awards luncheon

Welcome Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly (Video) if available

Supreme Representative - David Tebo, Regional Growth Dir, SE

1:45 pm Opening Session- Casey's Club

Programs -- Rod Birkle, Program Director

Mike Dahl, Community Director

Peter Timbers, Family Director Absent; Steve Grapes

gave his report

Josh Serr, Life Director Absent; Brian Duyck gave his

report

Don Scott, St. Joseph Icon Chairman

2:15 pm Insurance Report - GA Andrew Wheaton

Absent; Dane Hegestad/Leo Klatka gave his report

2:30 pm Break

2:45 pm Charitable Trust - Ken Stockwell, PSD

Ken gave an update on the Trust and where we stand today – see attached report

3:15 pm 4th Degree Meeting - Ray Malek, District Master

Ray reported the following:

- The new 4th degree ceremony was held in Casper in March
- The \$70 initiation fee may need to be increased
- Form 1291 needs to be submitted by Saratoga and Laramie

4:00 pm Standing Committee Meetings (Audit, Budget, Credentials, Memorials, Mileage/Per Diem, Resolutions)

5:00 pm Adjourn

5:30 pm Social Gathering - Casey's Club

A 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree exemplification was held and the following men became new members of the Knights of Columbus:

Parker Koress Jacob Roth Andrew Kief James Betsill Nicholas Alcon

6:15 pm Dinner and Entertainment – Casey's Club

Saturday, April 27, 2024 (registration in Casey's Club)

6:30 am - Breakfast – Casey's Club 8:30 am

8:30 am Holy Hour, St Joseph's Catholic Church/ 603 House Ave, Cheyenne (attendance is expected)

9:45 am Open Session – Casey's Club

Opening Prayer – Very Rev. Louis Shea, State Chaplain Pledge of Allegiance - District Master, Ray Malek

Welcome Remarks - Very Rev. Louis Shea, State Chaplain

9:55 am Welcome Address - Supreme Representative David Tebo

David reported Wyoming is 7 members away from Pinnacle status and there are two (2) upcoming fraternal benefit nights – one at end of April and one in May. David also did a "chain " demonstration with the delegates and SD

10:10 am Keynote Address – The Real Presence - Very Rev. Louis Shea

10:30 am Standing Committee Reports:

Memorials Committee Chairman - GK 2337

The names of 27 deceased members were included in the report to be read at the Memorial Mass

Credentials Committee Chairman - GK 2128

Zach Johnson, Chairman, reported that the committee had reviewed all delegate credential forms and determined all to be proper; 22 councils had sent delegates

Audit Committee Chairman - GK 2578

Maynard Bills, Chairman, reported that the committee recommends that the audit of the State Council be accepted and that the State Treasurer, State Secretary, State Deputy and Immediate Past State Deputy continue to meet semi-annually to review current vouchers, check registries and Quickbooks to ensure all entries are correct.

Mileage/Per Diem Committee Chairman - GK 2104

Ralph Blommel, Chairman, reported that the committee recommends an increase to \$90 per day per diem and mileage be increased \$0.45/mile.

Budget Committee Chairman - GK 2720

John Van Heule, Chairman, reported that the committee recommends approval of the 2024-2025 Budget.

Resolutions Committee Chairman - District Deputy 8

Brad Bettolo, Chairman, reported that the committee recommended adoption of all 18 resolutions that were submitted.

10:50 am Roll Calls

Change from Heaven - Jim Larscheid, State Secretary Mileage & Per Diem - Jim Larscheid, State Secretary State Liability Insurance - Jim Larscheid, State Secretary

Larry Higgins (Council 3237) asked for donations to help support a nurse (Courtney) to attend the "Be Not Afraid" training. This training is sponsored by Supreme and Courtney will be the only nurse in Wyoming to have gone through the training.

11:10 am Marriage Encounter – Angie and Archie Roybal WWME Team Members, Region 9

11:30 am Most Rev. Bishop Steven Biegler

Bishop Steven gave an update on the diocesan costs for seminarian education and recognized the councils who have donated to the diocese through the RSVP program; he reminded councils to get with Father Hess before sending a check to the diocese so that Father can recommend a seminarian to earmark the funds for and thus fulfill the requirements from Supreme.

12:00 pm Awards Luncheon - Supreme, State, Special Olympics - Casey's Club

- Brian Duyck presented the \$1500 check from Supreme and the \$500 check from the State Council to Wyoming Special Olympics
- Brian Duyck presented a 75-year award to Council 3237
- Brian Duyck presented a 50-year award to Council 6558
- Bret Landenburger presented the Family Award to Council 3477 for their Coats For Kids program

- Ken Stockwell presented the Faith Award to Council 1563 for their Vocations Prayer Ministry
- Don Scott presented the Community Award to Council 801 for their Food Drives
- Terry Archbold presented the Life Award to Council 3477 for updating their Respect Life Sign
- Council 3477 won the award for the best Tootsie Roll Drive

1:30 pm 4th Degree Exemplification

The following 11 men were knighted as new Sir Knights in the 4th Degree:

Nicholas Alcon

Brian O'Connor

Duane Foster

Samuel Szott

David Leighton

Erik Babel

Dale R. Austin

Robert Fox

Andrew Kiet

Danny Cosner

Dane Hagestad

3:00 pm Break

John Van Heule promoted the Father Ogg Memorial Golf Tournament to be help in Laramie on August 31 and asked the delegates to sponsor a hole for \$500. A motion was made and seconded to approve the sponsorship – motion passed

3:15 pm COR update / RSVP update

Mike Pexton reported that only 4 councils have Cor Directors assigned.

Mike also reported that there are currently 51 on-line members in Wyoming and encouraged councils to get them to a degree ceremony and into their council.

Mike reported that the Affiliate Membership program is on-going and reminded councils that a 2nd Notice must have been sent and members must be at least 180 overdue with their dues; Mike can provide guidelines if needed.

Brian Duyck said to contact him if there are any issues with the RSVP program and sending checks to the Diocese.

3:30 pm State Officer Nomination Speeches

State Deputy: Kevin Finn gave a nomination speech for Brian Duyck State Secretary: Ken Stockwell gave a nomination speech for Jim Larscheid

State Treasurer: Don Scott gave a nomination speech for Mike Pexton State Advocate: Rod A. Birkle gave a nomination speech for his son, Rod E. Birkle

State Warden: Mike Dahl gave a nomination speech for Sean Sherwin

4:00 pm Adjourn for Mass

6:00 pm Memorial Mass - St. Mary's Cathedral - Very Rev. Louis Shea

7:00 pm Social Gathering – Casey's Club

7:30 pm Banquet and Awards — Casey's Club

Very Rev. Louis Shea, State Chaplain

Supreme Representative Remarks: David Tebo

State Priest of the Year: Father Ray Moss, Torrington State Knight of the Year: Sherwin "Buddy" Cater, Gillette State Family of the Year: Louis & Marilyn Kuhnel, Torrington

State Advocate Rod Birkle read Resolution 9 commending Council 801 for hosting this year's convention; motion was made and seconded and approved

Council 6623 challenged councils for the next 5 years to put together a scrapbook and bring to the state convention

Sunday, April 28, 2024 (Mother Cabrini Hall, 1808 Hot Springs Ave)

6:30 am- Breakfast – Mother Cabrini Hall

8:30 am

7:30 am Rosary – Mother Cabrini Hall

8:00 am Closed Session – Mother Cabrini Hall

Opening Prayer – Very Rev. Louis Shea, State Chaplain Pledge of Allegiance - Ray Malek, District Master Official Roll Call - Jim Larscheid, State Secretary

8:30 am Resolution Committee Report

Presentation and Action - Rod Birkle, State Advocate

After each resolution was read by Rod, a motion to approve was made and seconded. All resolutions passed unanimously.

State Secretary Jim Larscheid reported the following:

- Change from Heaven resulted in \$2,446.45 which will go to the Diocese of Cheyenne in care of the Father McGivney Burse for Seminarian Education
- The silent auction at the banquet raised \$1,117 which will go to St. Joseph's Food Pantry in Cheyenne
- Fines collected at the convention resulted in \$12 which will also go to St. Joseph's Food Pantry

9:40 am Report of Minutes of 2023 Convention

Presentation and Action – Jim Larscheid, State Secretary

Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the 2023 State Convention – motion passed unanimously

9:45 am Report on State Audit and Budget

Presentation and Action -- Mike Pexton, State Treasurer

Mike Pexton presented the 2024-2025 Budget

Ralph Blommel made a motion to raise the per diem from \$70/day to \$90/day and the mileage from \$0.35/mile to \$0.45/mile; the motion was seconded by Mike Dahl. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Don Scott and seconded by Ken Stockwell to approved the budget as amended. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Mike Pexton presented the audit for FY2023. A motion was made by Ron Engelhart and seconded by Mike Dahl to approve the audit as presented. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

9:50 am Break

10:00 am Elections

State Officers

Council 3043 nominated Brian Duyck for State Deputy; after no further nominations, a motion was made and seconded to cease nominations and elect Brian Duyck by unanimous vote; Motion Passed

Ken Stockwell nominated Jim Larscheid for State Secretary; after no further nominations, a motion was made and seconded to cease nominations and elect Jim Larscheid by unanimous vote; Motion Passed

Ken Stockwell nominated Mike Pexton for State Treasurer; after no further nominations, a motion was made and seconded to cease nominations and elect Mike Pexton by unanimous vote; Motion Passed

Council 1563 nominated Rod Birkle for State Advocate; after no further nominations, a motion was made and seconded to cease nominations and elect Rod Birkle by unanimous vote; Motion Passed

Council 7453 nominated Sean Sherwin for State Warden; after no further nominations, a motion was made and seconded to cease nominations and elect Sean Sherwin by unanimous vote; Motion Passed

Alternates to the Supreme Convention

Jim Larscheid was elected 1st Alternate Father Louis Shea was elected 2nd Alternate

Selection of the 2027 Convention Site

A motion was made and seconded to select Torrington as the site for the 2027 State Convention; Motion Passed

11:00 am Open Session

Host Grand Knight Report – Ronald Engelhart Council 801 Host District Deputy Report – Larry Espelage, District 1 2025 Convention Report – Jacob Foster, GK Lander Council 5447

11:15 am Closing Remarks -

Supreme Representative David Tebo
Ron Morris, Immediate Past State Deputy Absent
John E. Benedik, Jr., PSD, State Executive Secretary Absent
Sean Sherwin, State Warden
Rod Birkle, State Advocate
Mike Pexton, State Treasurer
Jim Larscheid, State Secretary
Very Rev. Louis Shea, State Chaplain
Brian Duyck, State Deputy

Closing Prayer – Very Rev. Louie Shea, State Chaplain Closing Ode – Don Scott, PSD

11:58 am Retiring of Colors – Ray Malek, District Master

11:59 am Adjournment

12:00 pm Lunch – Sack lunch provided

Thank you for participating and making this Convention a Success!

STATE OFFICER REPORTS





State Deputy Report 2023-24

Wyoming, this has been a fun and challenging year for myself and State Deputy. I went to New Haven for the State Deputy training. A very rewarding trip, to see the tomb and museum of Father McGivney. Then at the end of June I held the summer meetings for the District Deputy training. It was in Riverton on June 23-25. I tried to introduce myself to Bishop Biegler to start to build a relationship with him for the Knights. To my surprise he called and wanted to have a in person meeting. So we met with the Bishop on July 16 in Casper. It was a good meeting, the Bishop wanting the Knights to work with him using the RSVP program. I contacted Supreme to see if the could accommodate us in helping the Bishop. After several phone conversations talking to several different people at Supreme I finally receive the answer we wanted. Then in November at the State Deputy meeting in Denver I visited with the top RSVP person at Supreme to confer that we have the ability to help the Bishop.

As I am still farming I declined to go to the Supreme Conv.. Ron Morris went and Bret Ladenburger. The next issue I resolved at Supreme is the ASAP program. As stated in the original form a Council needed a canceled check from the Council to get the rebate. I convince them to let Councils that fund raise for a Pregnancy Centers to let them count the monies, cash or private checks to go for the ASAP rebate. Again after several phone calls, Supreme is allowing Councils to attach a letter from the Pregnancy Center stating how much was donated. And Supreme changed the form to allow this.

The winter meeting was held in Casper on Dec. 1-3. A very productive meeting. Then I started planning for the State Convention in April. Since the Convention was in Cheyenne, Bishop Biegler came and gave a talk. It was the first time he attended the Convention. He stated how pleased he is with the Knights helping the Seminarians.

And he asked where the next Conventions were so he could put them on his calendar to attend also. Another highlight of the Convention was that we performed a 4th degree initiation on Saturday afternoon. We initiated 11 new 4th degree members. Thanks for letting me serve as your Stated Deputy.

Buan Duyck





2024 WYOMING STATE CONVENTION

STATE SECRETARY REPORT

Worthy State Deputy, State Chaplain, State Officers, District Deputies, Regional Growth Director, Program Directors and Chairmen and Brother Knights,

It has been a pleasure serving as a State Officer these past 5 years – as State Warden for fraternal year 2019/20, as State Advocate for fraternal year 2020/21, State Treasurer for fraternal years 2021/22 and 2022/23 and currently as State Secretary for fraternal year 2023/24.

State Secretary duties include maintaining a list with accurate contact information for all Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries for billing purposes and for sending out pertinent information to the councils when necessary. It is imperative that this list is kept up to date, so whenever there are changes, please let the State Secretary know. It is also important to complete your Form 185 in a timely manner and send a copy to the State Secretary.

Sending out per capita and insurance bills to all active councils, receiving and depositing the payments from the councils and transmitting all transactions to the State Treasurer is also a role of the State Secretary. Please pay your bills promptly so the State Secretary doesn't have to send multiple reminders to councils – it is much appreciated!

The State Secretary helps with the preparation of all documents for the state convention, including the agenda, and sends the convention packets to all active councils. This year, the packets were sent electronically and although there were a few hiccups, it worked out very well. At the convention, the State Secretary records the minutes during the meeting and is then responsible for posting them on the state website after convention is over — preferably within two weeks.

The State Secretary collects all the annual reports from the State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights and Program Chairs/Directors and attaches them to the State Convention meeting minutes for posting on the state website. If you have never taken the time to read through these reports, I encourage you to do so. It is wonderful to read about all the great work we are doing across the state! The reports are an excellent way to generate new ideas for your councils and perhaps adopt a thing or two from other councils.

And finally, along with the State Deputy and State Treasurer, the State Secretary reviews and approves all vouchers submitted to the State Council for payment. When submitting a voucher, please make sure you fill out the voucher form completely and attach all receipts – this will expedite the process and ensure that you get reimbursed in a timely manner.

I enjoy working alongside our State Officers, District Deputies, Program Chairmen/Directors and Chuck Davlin, our Assistant Regional Growth Director in the advancement of the Knights of Columbus within our great State of Wyoming. The hard work and extra hours put in by so many men is remarkable!

Finally, a huge "Thank You" to all our wives and significant others for their support this past year. Without their love and support, we could not accomplish all the good things that we do.

God Bless you all and thank you for all you do!

Vivat Jesus,

James A. Larscheid

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State Secretary





2024 WYOMING STATE CONVENTION

STATE TREASURER REPORT

Worthy State Deputy, State Chaplain, State Officers, District Deputies, Assistant Regional Growth Director, Program Directors and Brother Knights,

It has been a pleasure serving as the State Treasurer this past year.

The State Treasurer position involves keeping a true and accurate record of all monies received and disbursed from our Wyoming State Council account, working with our 3rd party accounting firm for the completion of our annual audit and preparing our annual budget. At the annual convention, the State Treasurer also presents, for approval from the membership, the annual audit for the past fiscal year and the budget for the next fiscal year.

Our audit for fiscal year FY2022/2023 was performed by our 3rd party accounting firm, Grooms & Harkins, P.C... The one and only recommendation was that we should review our balance sheet on a regular basis to help mitigate the inherent risk tied to the organization size.

Our current budget for fiscal year FY2023/2024 is also in good shape and there are no concerns with finishing the fiscal year at or below our budget.

I would like to thank our past State Treasurer, Jim Larscheid, for the work he did in making sure that our accounting books and documents for the audit were complete and accurate. His mentorship was greatly appreciated and a big help in the transition.

God Bless you all!

Vivat Jesus, Mike Pexton Wyoming Knights of Columbus State Treasurer





WYOMING STATE ADVOCATE REPORT APRIL 2024

Worthy State Deputy, State Chaplain, Supreme Representative, State Officer's, Brother knights, and all,

I am excited as having been elected as State Advocate and to have served in this capacity this past year.

Some legal questions arose regarding Council suspensions, member reinstatements, and the use of the affiliate program and membership, and Charitable Trust. All questions were resolved other than the evolution of the Charitable Trust program.

This year was a difficult year gaining Safe Environment Training Compliance(SEP). Only 82% of members holding SEP roles were compliant. Email notifications were sent to all non-complaint members in an effort to gain compliance, to no avail.

Respectfully Submitted, Rodney Birkle Wyoming State Advocate

Vivat Jesus!

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORTS

District Deputy Report

District #1

Councils

801 Cheyenne

Bishop P. A. McGovern Council

3551 Wheatland

Monsignor Gerald Sullivan Council

6623 Torrington

Monsignor Fred J. Kimmett Council

7789 Pine Bluffs

Columbia Council

All councils on district #1 are doing good. Council 801, Cheyenne, has done a fantastic job hosting this year's state convention. They are very active and are on track to become a Star Council this year. Council 3551, Wheatland, is doing well and continues to come up with new ideas to help their community and raise funds. For example, they had one of their members donate two steers to be sold as hamburger. Council 6623, Torrington, is active and continues to work with it Tri-Parish to keep everyone involved. Council 7789, Pine Bluffs, is small and has just got a new Financial Secretary. They also just held their first exemplification at their facility.

Brother, Lawrence Espelage District Deputy #1

District Deputy #2 Convention Report

April 2024

District 2 includes Councils 1563 and 9917 in Casper and 6558 in Douglas.

Council 1563, Casper, is under the direction of GK Ken Carr. They have taken on a leadership role in the Casper March for Life. In years past, they provided a site and partnered with Natrona for Life. Now they have become the driving force behind the event that annually involves over a hundred participants marching through Casper. This year the march destination was to an operating abortion clinic for a prayer vigil. 1563 was also able to expand their Lenten fish fries, a huge activity for St. Anthony's Parish. Membership quota is at 66% with more candidates in the wings.

Council 9917, Casper is led by GK Jim Corkery. The council is extremely busy supporting the RSVP (supporting ALL seminarians), ASAP and St. Anthony Tri-Parish School programs. By the opening of the convention, 9917 will have fulfilled its membership quota and be on track to be a Star Council.

Both councils participate in the RSVP (Refund Support Vocations Program) Program. I applied them for continuing to support our seminarians. The working relationship with our priests and deacon has been very good and is steadily improving.

Council 6558, Douglas, with GK Rich Halquist at the lead is officially under suspension. After several years of trying to breath new life, and resuscitate old interested members, the GK and FS are stepping back to wait for new energy to rise up. I commend them for their efforts and still believe that they are not down for good.

This is just a snapshot of the things that councils in District 2 are doing. Some of the councils have adapted to new priests in their parishes. All these councils are full of good Catholic men of integrity that I am proud to be associated with. God is good.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Grapes

District Deputy 2

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District Deputy Report Brad Bettolo DD3

Council 10027, Ft Bridger

Council 10027, Ft Bridger reported to me that they had meetings through out the year. The council also helped out at the Ft. Bridger Rendezvous.

Council 2337, Kemmerer

Council 2337, Kemmerer reported to me that they had meetings through out the year. The council had dinners on Friday through out Lint.

Council 7453, Green River

Council 7453, Green River reported that they were busy through out the year. They cooked for the annual church picnic, Green River, River Fest, St. Patrick's dinner and Friday dinners through out Lint. They also teamed up with a local radio station and a trona mine for their coats for kids project and many more projects the did through out the year. They lead the rosary; take up the collection, greeters, usher, and readers at the weekly masses at ICC.

Council 2441, Rock Springs

Council 2441, Rock Springs reported to me they were busy through out the year. They had their annual Prime Rib dinner that they sold 200 tickets for. They also had the Friday dinners through lint averaging 120 people through Lint and the annual church picnic. They also had a desert run and trail walk for their coats for kids project and many more to list.

I hope that the State Officers and the Councils have a good time and the state convention.

Vivat Jesus,

Brad Bettolo DD3

WYOMING DISTRICT DEPUTY #4 2024 CONVENTION REPORT

District 4 includes Councils 2578 in Thermopolis, 3237 in Riverton, and 5447 in Lander.

Council 2578 is currently under the direction of Grand Knight Maynard Bills and meets the first Tuesday of every month at St. Francis Catholic Church in Thermopolis. Maynard and his Knights have taken a much greater leadership role at St. Francis since losing their Priest last year and becoming a "Mission Parish" in the Diocese of Cheyenne. The men now lead a weekly parish rosary on Fridays and provide ushers, extraordinary ministers, and lectors at their lone Sunday Mass. The Council conducted their annual "Beef Raffle during the past winter" and used most of the proceeds to support RSVP and multiple other local Thermopolis charities. Council 2578 also prepared and served weekly fish fry meals during the Fridays of Lent for parishioners and local town residents. The men conducted clean-up activities along a mile-long stretch of highway south of Thermopolis during the past year and maintain an active role in supporting Wyoming's St. Joseph Icon and Silver Rose programs.

Council 3237 is currently led by Grand Knight Larry Higgins and meets the second Tuesday of every month at St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Riverton. Mr. Higgins and his Knights support an amazing array of local charities by providing facilities and meals for the various group's fundraising activities. The Council is an active and major supporter of St. Margaret's Catholic School and Abba's House, a local crisis pregnancy center. Through their support of Abba's House, Council 3237 has become engaged in the K of C's ASAP program. Like Thermopolis, men of the Riverton K of Cs are engaged in parish ministries including extraordinary ministers, lectors, ushers, and members of the Parish Pastoral Council. Riverton Knights also support the St. Joseph Icon and Silver Rose programs and provide donations to Wyoming Seminarians through RSVP.

Lead by Grand Knight Jacob Foster, Council 5447 meets the first and third Mondays of every month at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Lander. The first meeting is the Council's business meeting, while the second meeting is mainly a social gathering. Members of Lander's Council provided financial support to the K of C's Special Olympics program through the sale of Tootsie Rolls to local businesses and raised over \$2,400 in 2024. Lander's Knights are active participants in the K of Cs Silver Rose and St. Joseph Icon programs and actively support Diocesan Seminarians through donations to RSVP. The Council prepared and served Parish brunches during the Sundays of Lent. They also provided carnations and a Sunday brunch for mothers of Holy Rosary on Mothers' Day. A number of Knights organized and lead a weekly men's bible study group each Thursday morning and served in active parish ministries as extraordinary ministers, lectors, ushers, and members of the Holy Rosary Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils. Council 5447 participates in the K of C's "Keep Christ in Christmas" program by financing a downtown billboard which proclaims the Christian message of Christmas through an appropriate message and image of the Holy Family. Finally, numerous members of Council 5447 participated (with students and faculty from Wyoming Catholic College) in the Annual March for Life in downtown Lander. The Council has also provided financial support for Abba's House in Riverton and numerous other charities.

As worthy District Deputy Steve Grapes reported concerning his Councils, this report represents just a small part of the things Councils in District 4 are involved with. In addition to the items listed above, many of the Knights from all three of my Councils are involved in other civic and youth organizations in their communities and contain good, faith-filled Catholic men of integrity that I am proud to be associated with.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas J. Ryder District Deputy 4 Wyoming Knights of Columbus

District Deputy Region 5# Annual Report to the State Deputy

April 9, 2024

Richard Hannon District Deputy, Knights of Columbus 1041 Morning Glory Lane Powell, Wyoming 82435

Dear Worthy State Deputy,

I have officially been the District Deputy of Region 5# for about a year now and know the officers of the four Councils in my region fairly well. I have officially been able to visit the other Councils as District Deputy on a monthly or bi-monthly basis. All four Councils in my region are doing well. I would go as far in saying, that the Cody Council is thriving under the leadership of their new Grand Knight, Chris Lovera.

Cody (Council 4031) The two audits were completed on time in July and January. The Council continues to recruit new members and has completed 3 exemplifications and brought in 9 new members. This Council is having an impact in their community, parish and the lives of each other. They are active in their Faith, Family, Community and Life programs. The COR Initiative is up and running with Deacon support and meets weekly.

-Charity Work and Donations: Some of the charities they have given to this year alone includes: Sacred Heart Catholic Cooperative, St. Anthony Catholic Preschool, Serenity Pregnancy Resource Center, Cody Cupboard, Crisis Intervention Services, Heart Mountain Free Clinic, Manna House Food Pantry, Hope House, Park County Right to Life, Food for Kids, Meals on Wheels, Holiday Helpers, Sunset Elementary (Food for Kids in Need), Catholic College student Scholarships, Clergy Donation, Special Olympics, St. Anthony Playground and Catholic Charity of Wyoming.

-This Council is extremely active in their community. They have shown their support by participating in Red Cross Blood Drives, Knights and their wives have delivered bagged lunches for Cody Schools "Food for Kids" program along with a \$1,000 donation, several Knights coach sports in the community, while others raise funds and contribute to support our student athletes. They active in providing Thanksgiving baskets, Meals on Wheels, a float in the Cody Christmas parade and Keep Christ in Christmas.

Their largest fundraiser is Buffalo Bill Birthday Ball which is community based and supported by hundreds of people in the Cody Community.

<u>-Parish Support</u>: Lenten breakfasts, soup suppers, Stations of the Cross, Saint Patrick's Day Dinner fundraiser and Saint Anthony's birthday fundraiser in June, RSVP program, ASAP program, Parish snow removal, land maintenance, shrubby care, building maintenance for the Church, School and Rectory,

-<u>Usher program:</u> The Cody Council has initiated an Usher program for weekend Mass. Users receive training on how to seat parishioners, they will become Red Cross Certified to administer CPR and the use of AED devices. Ushers wear a vest provided by the Council and they are easily recognized in Church.

Powell (Council 3043) The two audits were completed on time in July and January. Powell has recruited 2 new members this year. The COR Initiative is up and running and meets twice monthly.

<u>Council activities include</u>: monthly breakfasts, harvest dinner and dessert auction. Spring yard clean up, Mother's Day breakfast, First Communion breakfast. Blazing Saddles Fundraiser and Chili contest. The dessert auction is a Church/Knights fundraiser with the proceeds going to the Serenity Pregnancy Center. Student Scholarships for parish youth who are attending post-secondary education.

<u>Parish Support</u>. Church Harvest Dinner, Lenten non-meat soup suppers before Stations of the Cross were back in swing with good participation. A rosary was led by Brother John Miller between the supper and the stations.

Knights have continued consistently with the Rosary before the Saturday night masses led by Brothers Brian Duyck and Tom Lealos. The Phone Tree rosary is also organized and lead by Powell Knights during lent. The rosary is said every night of the week and parishioners can join in by just calling into the phone cast.

Faith Formation volunteers, knights patrol the hall and parking lot for increased safety of the faith formation students and teachers every Wednesday night that classes were in session.

The Knights volunteer at masses for lectors, Eucharistic ministers and ushers. Donations were made to several charities including the Powell Christmas Basket program and the parish food fund. The Serenity program dinner fundraiser was attended by the council knights and guests, who made donations. There was also a Serenity Donation Basket from November to March which resulted in substantial donations for that cause.

In January they donations of \$1,000 was made to the RSVP cause for a new novitiate. We joined in on the Cody (Walk for Life). The council volunteered services to parishioners and neighbors for snow shoveling of driveways and sidewalks as well as a few other "handy man" type needs.

The Powel Knights have high profile at Saint Barbara's Church and can be seen giving out prayer cards after the masses during this Lent. Ice cream socials during the summer.

Greybull (Council 7214) The two audits were completed on time in July and January. Greybull has recruited four new members. Greybull has decided not initiate COR this year but will consider it for the 2024-25 Fraternal year.

<u>Council Activities</u>: Blizzard in Basin and Blizzard Greybull fundraising events. Mother's Day Flowers for all mother's at Mass. Gun Raffle Fundraiser. Meals on Wheels.

<u>Parish Support</u>: Sponsored the Sacred Heart Picnic. \$2,000 donation to Sacred Heart Catholic Church for replacement windows in the Rectory. \$50 each to all parish staff in appreciation of the continued service.

<u>Community Support</u>: Meals on Wheels. Participated in the Thanksgiving Dinner at the Greybull Community Center. Over \$1,000 donation to Serenity Pregnancy Center in Powell.

Worland (Council 8635) The Worland Council was not able to recruit any new members this year. They are meeting with their parish priest in hopes of starting the COR Initiative in the Council.

Council Activities: Rosary before every meeting, local food bank participation, March for Life in Cheyenne. RSVP program, ASAP program, Bingo, and Knights in Need.

Community Support: Food truck deliveries, Food Bank Donationsparticipate in Red Cross Blood Drive, Ministerial Christmas Basket Delivery, and Catholic Radio.

Parish Support: Rectory remodeling, pipe work in parish kitchen. Faith Formation snacks and meals

Region 5# did not meet its membership goal of (26) and but did recruit 14 new members this year of which 4 were new insurance members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Hannon Region 5# District Deputy

CHAIRMAN/ DIRECTOR REPORTS



Knights of Columbus



Wyoming State Council

State Evangelization & Faith Formation (COR)

- Officially, we have 4 councils that have appointed a Director.
- These 4 councils are meeting regularly.
- I suspect that many more councils have groups that are meeting regularly as a small faith formation group but really do not recognize it as a COR session.
- As an example, my parish has a small group of men (anywhere from 5 to 12) that meet every two weeks. They are not all Knights of Columbus which a COR session does not have to be as it is open to all male parishioners as well as non-catholics. We have had a person of Jewish faith join us once. We have had some that have not practiced the faith for years but have heard about our group and were just curious.
- It consists of an open discussion on a topic that a presenter selects for that session and who knows where the Holy Spirit leads you.

STATE PUBLIC REALITIONS CHAIRMAN CONVENTION REPORT

APRIL 2024

The Public Relations Director realm has remained pretty even this year. The Wyoming Cowboy Bulletin remains a monthly staple, getting delivered to every Wyoming Knight that has an email address. It contains announcements that are of interest to all councils, sharing of council activities from around Wyoming and information for our Good of the Order. Distribution has become efficient thanks to the help of The Wheaton Agency, our KC insurance agency.

The State Council website, Wyomingkc,org, is administered by the Sibley's in Cody. Thanks to them for volunteering for this selfless vocation.

<u>Wyoming State Knights of Columbus</u> is the Facebook page for our state council. It's a great venue to share posts from other councils around the country, as well as from Supreme. It is administered by me and, principally, by Brother Knight Bret Ladenburger. Thanks, Bret, for keeping on top of current issues.

I have conducted short training sessions both during Zoom meetings and at the summer meeting about using the <u>Public Relations and Publicity Guide</u> that is provided by our Supreme Council.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Grapes

Public Relations Chairman

2024 WYOMING KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE CONVENTION

FAITH IN ACTION COMMUNITY REPORT

Worthy State Deputy, Father Louis Shea, State Officers, Supreme Representative and Brother Knights:

Another year has gone by and our Councils continue to support our Parishes and Communities throughout Wyoming. As you are aware, the main Community program include the following: (1.) Helping Hands, (2.) Coats for Kids, (3.) Global Wheelchair Mission, (4.) Habitat for Humanity, (5.) Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, (6.) Disaster Preparedness, (7,) Free Throw Championship, (8.) Soccer Challenge and (9.) Hockey Challenge.

Based on what I have heard and seen, our Knights around the Wyoming are very good in the Helping Hands, Coats for Kids and Essay Contest programs. If you read the monthly Wyoming Cowboy Bulletin you can see the community programs in which we participate. These projects include parish maintenance activities, church environment assistance (decorating the church/grounds) for the liturgical year, parish breakfasts, dinners and special events like Confirmation, First Communion and RCIA. Some Councils conduct essay contests, Easter Egg Hunts and other activities involving our Parish Communities.

However, that's not all we do. Knights spread their good will in the community outside of our Parishes as well. Many councils participate in the Coats for Kids program to help those children in need of warm, winter clothing. Council members help their neighbors with snow removal, lawn care and home repairs. I know of members taking dinners to community members after surgeries, illnesses and deaths. Knights are there when our friends and neighbors need help.

My home Council sponsors an Election Day Dinner as our Parish is a voting center. We can make a few bucks by serving spaghetti in our Youth Hall for voters and support our right and duty to vote. Councils around our great state conduct Friday Fish Frys, Mardi Gras Dinners, St. Patrick's Day Dinners and attend special events in our communities. We are out there, we are visible and I believe we are respected in our home towns. I encourage all Councils to participate where you can and submit your reports to Supreme. Take credit for what you do. Every Council should be able to get a Columbian Award for what you do. It doesn't take a huge effort to submit the application.

I wish all my Brother Knights a successful new Fraternal Year. God Bless You for what you do!

Vivat Jesus,

Michael Dahl Community Director





WYOMING STATE DIRECTOR REPORT APRIL 2024

Worthy State Deputy, State Chaplain, Supreme Representative, State Officer's, Brother knights, and all,

I am excited as having been appointed as State Program Director for the past 3 years.

So far this past fraternal year has been slow for programming, or at least councils reporting their programming. Following is the current reporting of Faith In Action programs as of March 12, 2024:

Faith in Action Program	# Councils Reporting
<u>Faith</u>	
Holy Hour	1
RSVP	3
Other	4
<u>Family</u>	
Family of the Month	8
Food for Families	5
Other	2
Community	
Disaster Preparedness	1
Other	14
<u>Life</u>	
Novena for Life	1
March for Life	1
Other	1





ASAP Program

3 Councils Reporting For a total of \$9, 284 and a total of \$900 grant paid out.

Respectfully Submitted, Rodney Birkle Wyoming State Program Director

Vivat Jesus!





2024 WYOMING STATE CONVENTION

ONLINE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Worthy State Deputy, State Chaplain, State Officers, District Deputies, Assistant Regional Growth Director, Program Directors and Brother Knights,

Our online membership growth target was set at 37 new members for the 2023-2024 year. As of March 31, 2024, we have 42 new members which puts us at 112% of our target. We currently have 37 members that have been assigned but not transferred to a Wyoming Council. These are members who have indicated that they would like to transfer to a council. 14 online members have been successfully transferred to a local council.

The online membership roster is a resource that our councils can utilize to help them make their membership quotas as these are members who have indicated they would like to transfer to a local council. We have 26 members on the online roster that have <u>not</u> indicated a desire to transfer to a local council but we can contact them to introduce ourselves and invite them to join us in our faith in action programs.

Since the inception of the Online Membership process, we have converted 101 members to our local councils or 61% of them.

I encourage the Council Membership Chairmen to take advantage of this resource.

Vivat Jesus, Mike Pexton Wyoming Knights of Columbus State Online Membership Co-Chair. Knights of Columbus Charitable Trust, Co-Trustee's Report
Kate Maxwell, Hilltop Bank Wealth Management
Mike Pexton, State Treasurer
Ken Stockwell

The trustees had three video meetings in February, March and April.

The content of the first meeting was a general look at the trust after we had each read the trust and it's amendments. Kate then brought us up to speed on the financial status of the trust. We then looked at the current policies of priests and laity owned by the trust. We felt the priest's policies are in line with the intent of the trust documents and should be maintained. We gave discussion to purchasing more priests policies and possibly maintaining all of the policies on the laity. We asked General Agent Andrew Wheaton for advice and scenarios to move forward.

The second meeting on February 15th, we looked at a multitude of options purchasing insurance going forward, as well as surrendering policies and leveraging the surrendered funds to replace the lost death benefit. We also took a look at Reduced Paid Up policies of the laity. We felt we were getting a feel for the insurance end and we were getting a better feel for the intent of the trust, so we went back to General Agent Wheaton for more advice and scenarios.

The third meeting on March 29th, we discussed at length surrendering the policies on the laity and replacing the insurance with insurance on the priests in \$150,000 increments in line with the trust documents. Discussion centered on keeping track of 41 insureds over the next multiple decades, annual payment of 41 premiums rather than a few, a small number of \$150,000 policies rather than many \$10,000 - \$20,000

policies. The general ease of tracking priests. We came to a consensus that we would surrender the policies on the laity and replace the value with the surrendered dollars. We would also set about purchasing \$150,000 policies on priests. State Treasurer Mike Pexton has met with Bishop Biegler for a selection of willing priests and General Agent Wheaton is visiting with Knights of Columbus legal department as we prepare to move forward with the purchases.

The Trustees would like to thank the Past State Deputies who were prior trustees. The small policies on the laity moved the Trust forward when very little income was coming in and now allows us to transfer those funds to Priests policies. We are grateful for those who kept the trust on the forefront at the state conventions. We are grateful to Kate Maxwell and the staff for wise investment of Trust funds and for her conservative approach. We are grateful to Andrew Wheaton for his professionalism, advice, patience and timely answers to our many questions.

Kate Maxwell, Trustee

Mike Pexton, Trustee

Ken Stockwell, Trustee

Assets as of 12-31-23

\$721,730 Investment Fund Balance \$262,841 Cash Value Insurance Policies (41) \$984,571 Net Trust Value \$425,014 Death Benefit of Priests Policies

Death benefit other policies

2023 Income

\$746,908

\$19,060.34 Interest/Dividends/Capital Gains

\$0.00 Member Donations

\$0.00 Other

2023 Expenses

\$17,800.33 Life Insurance Premiums

\$0.00 Capital Losses

\$9,279.20 Wealth Management Fees

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORTS

Grand Knight's Report, Council 801

Net gain of 11 brother knights for the current year with 3 pending exemplification. Goal for the year is 15.

40 cans for Advent and 40 cans for Lent netted about 2,500 lbs of non-perishable food items for St Joseph's Food Pantry. In September, 2023 we also delivered 6,000+ lbs of fresh produce to the food pantry.

Sponsored four digital billboards in several locations in Cheyenne for Keep Christ in Christmas in December 2023 and Right to Life in January. Will also sponsor billboards for Mother's Day in May, Sacred Heart of Jesus in June, and Month of the Rosary in October.

Right to Life March on January 20 was well attended with the Assembly providing a Color Guard. Council also provided a chili luncheon after the march.

2024 net for the six dinners was about \$2,500. Council voted to donate additional funds for each of the six beneficiaries to \$1,000 each.

On Holy Saturday we held our annual shrimp luncheon. Was well attended, netting \$1,260.

RSVP – Sent checks totaling \$5,000 to the Diocese for the four Seminarians (\$1,250 each).

Bingo revenue is strong with Sunday attendance typically at 65-70 players. Bingo is also held on the first Monday of the month, with smaller attendance but running in the 45-50 range. The reason for the increased performance is that the legion had bingo on Sunday afternoons but discontinued bingo a couple of months ago.

To be able to continue to use our kitchen major upgrades were needed. Total expenditures were just short of \$60,000. To help offset the cost we held a Thankful Thursday style event on 2/24. That event combined with several generous donations raised \$38,000 to help offset the cost of the kitchen remodel.

The above includes our major projects over the past several months. We have numerous smaller projects such as providing a dinner for the St Mary's Parish Mission on March 14, dusting of the statues at the Cathedral just before Lent, helping with parish picnics (providing and preparing food and of course beer), projects at St Mary's School, monthly breakfasts at Holy Trinity, and hosting Sunday fellowship at St Mary's.

Knights of Columbus Council #1563 Msgr. Thomas O'Reilly Council Casper, Wyoming Annual Grand Knight Report 2023/2024

August Activities

8-13-23

St. Anthony's Parish Picnic. Our council set up, cooked hot dogs and hamburgers for around 125 people, and assisted with clean up and pick up.

SeptemberActivities

9-9-23

St. Anthony School Amble/Scramble. Our council provided breakfast for approximately 155 participants and volunteers to raise funds for St. Anthony School. Council 1563 collected \$180.00 in donations, and that money was donated to Tunnels for Towers fund.

• 9-24-23

St. Anthony's Youth Group Appreciation Breakfast. Our council prepared breakfast for approximately 100 parishioners. The breakfast was the Youth Group's way of expressing their appreciation to all who helped fund the group's trip to Stubenville of the Rockies.

October Activities

• 10-8-23

Knights of Columbus Mass at St. Anthony,s Parish. Knights of Columbus #1563 provided the ministries for the 9:00 am mass. Brother Knights wore K of C shirts and vests. Eligible men were encouraged to join the Knights. Knights were available after mass to answer questions.

November Activities

• 11-10-23

RSVP Program. For the fifth year in a row, Council #1563 donated \$500.00 to Seminarian Lee Noel. Lee was assigned to St. Anthony Parish for two summers to experience parish life with the priests.

• 11-11-23

Rosary for the Protection of LEO/First Responders. Council #1563 partnered with a local America Needs Fatima Prayer Group to recite a rosary for the protection of LEO/First Responders in the Casper Hall of Justice, which houses offices for the police and sheriff departments. The Knights provide breakfast burritos and drinks after the rosary. There were about 31 participants present.

December Activities

• 12-01-23

State Council Winter Meeting Dinner. Our council prepared and served a full dinner with refreshments and desert. The dinner was held in the St. Anthony School commons area. Dinner was served to twenty State Council members and spouses along with a representative from the Supreme Council.

• 12-02-23

Keep Christ in Christmas. Members of council #1563 worked in conjunction with priests at Our Lady of Fatima and St. Anthony churches to put up Keep Christ in Christmas signs along two busy streets near the churches during the Advent season.

12-09-23

Consecration of the Holy Family. Council 1563 made arrangements to have the Holy Family prayer put in the bulletin in both parishes. A combination of 400 English and Spanish Consecration of the Holy Family prayer cards were distributed at all the weekend masses in both parishes.

January Activities

• 1-13-24

Our council participated in the fifth year of March for Life in Central Wyoming. About 55 participants were present but the walk was canceled due to very frigid temperatures. All events were held indoors and the speakers were very good. Coffee, hot chocolate, and sweet rolls were served.

• 1-13-24

Mass for Life/Unborn. The Knights of Council #1563 provided all of the ministries and our Council Chaplain celebrated a beautiful mass for all of the unborn and for an end to abortion. There were approximately 35 participants including volunteers.

Year Long Activity

Vocation Prayer Ministries. Two years ago, when the Diocese of Ceyenne asked each parish to form a group to pray for vocations, a team was formed, and is chaired by a Council #1563 member along with his spouse. There are currently 10 council members who are on the team praying for the increase in vocations.

Summary

During the time frame from January 01, 2023 through December, 2023, Council #1563 had \$1600.00 in financial disbursements, and 539 hours of service.

Grand Knight Council #1563

Kenneth Carr

Grand Knights Report 2024 Council 2104 Sheridan, Wy

This year has been another busy one in Sheridan. The Council held 3 Lenten fish fries, two thirds of the proceeds went to Holy Name School Tuition Assistance fund, the other third went to support Legacy Pregnancy Center. The totals were, \$4575.67 for Holy Name School and \$2284.41 for Legacy Pregnancy Center. We used the Legacy proceeds to get the ASAP match from Supreme. After the Lenten Fish Fries, and First Communion breakfast we went into Golf Tournament mode, on June 10th we got rained out, and plans to reschedule went into immediate effect. August 5th was set. Unfortunately that was also a rainy day, but we carried on and had a successful tournament and raised some money for Holy Name School.

In April the council provided lunches for the Special Olympics teams. In May we hosted the Silver Rose. We also assisted the widow of a deceased member by doing some repairs around her place. Mainly the fence around the property. He had put off the repairs to do work for the parish, so it needed to be done.

Just before the beginning of the school year the Council again hosted the Parish Picnic, great fun was had by all. In October we held a Diaper Drive to support Legacy Pregnancy Center. Several members also attended their Gala fundraiser event where the ASAP match from Supreme was presented. We received a call from Columbia Magazine to cover the event. Arrangements were made and if you read the Columbia, you know we made it.

On Veteran's Day we held a Patriotic Rosary and began the Five First Saturday devotions. The Christmas season brought the usual Holiday festivities including providing soup for the Sheridan Christmas Stroll. January the High School WE The People again won at the State level and are looking to go to Washington. The Councilor is a member of the Council, and some students are members of the Parish, so we helped the youth make the trip. Our life director sent out emails for the USCCB Novena for Life and encouraged all members to pray it.

Membership is like most Councils, we lose a few and gain a few. Also as usual we hosted breakfast's after masses throughout the year to support church groups and the school.

Now the ongoing planning for upcoming events.

Ralph Blommel

Grand Knight

Council 2104

Sheridan, Wy

GRAND KNIGHT'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR COUNCIL NO. 2337

Council No. 2337 in Kemmerer had a productive and blessed year. The council again hosted a Mother's Day breakfast for the entire St. Patrick's parish in Kemmerer/Diamondville that was well attended. Last summer, Knights re-sodded a section of the parish grounds where a deteriorating staircase and walkway was removed. Knight Dan Dean maintained the lawns during the summer months. The Knights of 2337 again set up the outdoor manger and lights for the Christmas season. Council 2337 served a fish fry for the parish on Ash Wednesday. Various Knights also were involved in the CCD program, music, Mass reading, and the finance committee. With the Lord's help, we look forward to serving our parish and community in the years to come.

Submitted by,

James Thoens

James Thoeny - Grand Knight, Council No. 2337



Frank Plemel Council No. 2441 Box 764 Rock Springs, WY 82901

Salutations to all State Officers, District Deputies, Delegates and Brother Knights. It is with great pleasure that we submit this report on behalf of our Council.

The last fraternal year has been one of continued Unity, Fraternity, Charity and Patriotism. Knights of Frank Plemel Council have continued our tradition of serving one Mass per month, filling the necessary ministry roles as a way to both aid our Parish and to promote the activities of our Council to those in attendance. This year, we have successfully trained four Brother Knights as Altar Servers, to help ensure that this critical ministry may also be served by Knights in the future.

Additionally, our Council remains busy with many other acts of service. We have sought to honor the graduates of our Parish with an annual breakfast after the graduation Mass, which is a tradition we hope to carry forward. We have actively sought partnership with the ladies of our Council of Catholic Women, and supported their efforts to host their Deanery in the spring. We were pleased to be able to host the Silver Rose Prayer Service with the assistance of our Deacon. We assisted with our Parish Picnic, with setup, takedown, and food preparation. Deputy Grand Knight David Chapman developed an outdoor Stations of the Cross hiking experience. Past Grand Knight Eric Urlacher, has been instrumental in many activities, especially coordination of Knights to assist with the Rock Springs City Wide Clean-Up and through the organization of a well-attended community trail race that has financed our effort to provide food and winter clothing to the children of our community. Family Director Jim Borzea continues to be instrumental in the organization for an annual March for Life, as well as a Baby Bottle donation campaign to support our local pregnancy center. With the support and example of Chaplain Rev. William Hill, we have begun regular social dinners at which Knights and their families gather to break bread and build fellowship. Knights have taken the lead in ensuring that a Rosary is prayed before each Mass whenever possible. Countless other acts of service and devotion have been performed by the Knights of Council 2441, which are only omitted for the sake of brevity.

Our Council continues to grow, with a number of young men and men with young families choosing to join us as we work to serve our Parish. While we are delighted to see our ranks grow with the addition of these Catholic gentlemen, none of this would be possible without the support, guidance and mentorship of our Council's senior leadership. Foremost among these is our District Deputy Brad Bettolo. Brad's commitment and dedication to our Council and the Knights is unsurpassed. Without his care and compassion our Council would not be able to boast these accomplishments above.

It is with sadness that we find that we haven't the time to relay more information about the extraordinary gentleman of our Council and their accomplishments in this past year, however, we now look forward to a new fraternal year with many more reasons to be grateful for our Brother Knights and our service through the Knights of Columbus.

On behalf of Frank Plemel Council No. 2441, we would like to wish you all a wonderful State Convention! May the Lord our God bless the work that you do now and throughout the coming year.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael Boren Grand Knight

Michael J. Bour

Garnd Knight Report

For

Monsignor Phillip Krass Council #2578

We had a great year for our small council. We finished the summer with our summer parish picnic in Aug. near the Feast of the Assentation. In Sept. we inducted one new member and updated two Transfers to second and third degree.

The fall of the year is when we do most of our charity giving. \$2500 to back pack (food to children on weekends) \$1000 to People for People (program to feed homebound people on Sunday) \$500 to T-town cancer group (money used for medical travel) \$500 ASAP to ABBA House (pregnancy resource center) \$200 to cookie jar auction (support for individual medical treatment). During Dec. we mailed out 5-\$500 checks to seminarians (4 in WY and 1 in western MT).

Most of the above donations were supported by our annual Beef Raffle (one whole on the hoof beef donated by a member Knight). A number of anonymous donations were paid for the meat processing. We also had donations by Knight members and the local Christion Catholic Women and our Lenten fish fries.

Also in Dec. we rang the bell for the Salvation Army one whole weekend. In April of this year we inducted four new members into the Knights. Over all we have increased our membership with 5 new members and 3 transfers. We lost one member who passed away. We will honor our Mother's Day with flowers.

All in all we had a great year and are looking forward to another great year.

Respectively Submitted
MAGNALLA ABURAS

Wind River Council 3237 Grand Knight Report April 2024

Prepared dinner for Parish picnic in the park in August 2023

Hosted a fundraiser for Paws & Pearls banquet to benefit displaced pets in Riverton

Fellow Knights participated in 40 Days of Life Activities (Sept-Oct)

Respect Life Weekend- all proceeds presented to Abba's House (ASAP) program

Donated meal preparation and served Students and families for beginning of year Faith Formation classes

Set up and tear down of tables and chairs for Abba's House fundraiser

Provided Christmas meal and gathering location for Community Entry Services clients

Donated money to Eagles Hope Recovery Center with funds obtained at annual Christmas Craft Bazaar.

Purchased gift cards for staff at St Margaret's School employees for Catholic Schools Week Provided use of St Margaret's Gymnasium for Rescue Mission of Riverton fundraiser. Riverton has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Wyoming Rescue Mission in Casper to have a satellite safe house.

Donated all proceeds of two pancake breakfast meals to students enrolled to attend Steubenville of the Rockies Mission this summer.

I thank all brother Knights who helped cook, set up dinner tables, cleaned up the gym after these events, and donated many hours of volunteer service in our community.

Vivat Jesus

Larry Higgins

Grand Knight

Grand Knight's Report For Council #3332 2024

- 15 business meetings, (2x's a month)
- · Christmas Social gathering
- Donation to Special Olympics
- Financial donation to Veteran's Home
- 2 High School Senior Scholarships, yearly
- · Provide breakfast for parish on first Sunday of month
- Provide support for Ukrainian family
- Yearly Lenten Fish Fry for Community
- Purchased new signage for Fish Fry
- Basketball Free Throw contest at Middle School
- · Financial contribution to yearly Parish Dinner
- Financial donation to fallen Sheridan Police Officer

Grand Knight Report from Gillette Council 3477 by John Cosner

As the Grand Knight the second year of my second time as Grand Knight always goes smoother with the knowledge and routine!

We have for the last 10-15 years operated the council with a budget for the year and this year was no exception as we started the year with all the known expenses and what fund raisers we needed to build into the our program. It certainly makes the Grand Knight a much easier job!

The Fraternal Planner has certainly helped out in being able to look at last years calendar along with looking forward to the next couple of months.

Each month we hold a family social on the first Thursday, which is open to the parish and we have good attendance from the parish with a potluck carry-in dinner. Sometimes we may have only chicken but it seems to always work out. We have called on our widow especially to come and give them a ride if they need.

First Monday of each month the 4th Degree holds the patriotic rosary accompany most time with music.

Third Thursday we hold our business meeting with attendance from 10 to 25 members with a social after the meeting. The meetings follow an agenda that is sent out to all the members.

Third Saturday we have the Sons of Joseph an opportunity for men to gather each month growing deeper in faith watch videos from the Knights as well as from Chris Stefanick. Part of our COR.

Beginning in July we have held projects, programs, etc.

July we cooked for the Parish Picnic.

September we held a church cleanup and our annual Tootsie Roll drive.

October we distributed Coats for Kids and we held a Charity Breakfast. We worked on the Guernsey home before winter.

November the 4th Degree held a Blue Mass for our First Responders along with a breakfast to follow for them and the church.

December we held "Fill the Truck" food drive and wrapped up the lighting conversion in the Family Life Center and St Matthew Offices. Held our fund raiser for the year.

March we celebrate St Patrick's Day in Moorcroft (mission church of St Matthew) with the Knights cooking corn beef and cabbage.

April the Knights assisted the widow of one our long time members with a fence project.

Steady flow of activity and we continue to try to recruit members as our aging organization as many of us become a little older.

We are blessed with two good priests and a deacon.

Grand Knight Report For Fraternal Year 2023

The year for MSGR. Eugene Sullivan Council 3551, Wheatland, WY has been a very good year.

The Council was blessed with 5 new 3rd Degree Knights, one (1) 4th Degree transfer from another State/Assembly and a new Priest who is a 3rd Degree Knight. One of the new 3rd Degree Knights has recently left for the Assumption Abbey in North Dakota for discernment.

The Council shares the Sundays with the Youth Group for gatherings and fundraising events. The most recent event was a Parish breakfast in which the Knights cooked and the Youth Group served the Parishioners. A good time was had by all and the Youth Group had donations of \$450.00. The Council held 2 Biscuit and Garvey breakfasts as fundraisers.

The Council awarded 4 Scholarships to graduating students. I can report that all 4 students are completing their first year of college.

The Council participated in the Affiliate Member Program.

The Council has conducted 2 Hamburger Sales which supported the Scholarship awards. The Council was very thankful to the 2 benefactors for donating the animals. The 2 sales provided 450 pounds of 90+ lean hamburger.

The December 2023 meeting was a social event with the wives or guest and catered by a Parishioner.

The Council, at the request of the Parish Priest, was to assist a church member with moving their residence. It was a 2 day event.

COUNCIL #4031 Grand Knight Report Time Frame: 2023 to PRESENT

Grand Knight - Christopher Lovera
Deputy Grand Knight - Rich Dickerman
Financial Secretary - Tim Blatt
Financial Treasurer - David Derhak

Activities:

June - Serenity House: Landscaping and sprinkler system maintenance and repairs, walkway pavers donated and installed. Several days completed in the month of June.

September - Knights delivered approximately 1000 lbs of food from Walmart to Mana House every week. Knights and wives delivered bagged lunches to the Cody schools 'food for kids' also a \$1000 donation. Program goes throughout the school year. Council also provided school supplies for kids in need.

October - Our council hosts the annual Christopher Columbus Day Italian Pasta Dinner fundraiser at Brady Hall in St. Anthony's Church. The Knights actively support and donate to Red Cross blood drives. Additionally, several Knights coach sports in the community, while others raise funds and contribute to support our student athletes.

November - The Knights provide Thanksgiving baskets to the Cody Cupboard along with ongoing daily support. They also deliver Meals on Wheels throughout the year. Additionally, the Knights constructed a float for the annual Cody Christmas Parade and promoted our annual Christmas theme, "Keep Christ in Christmas," on a billboard on Bighorn Ave.

January - Preparations for the annual Buffalo Bill Birthday Ball fundraiser involve all hands on deck. Council 4031 organizes and hosts this significant fundraiser, which is the largest of the year. Continued support of our Priest and Seminary.

February - The Knights organized and hosted the complete Buffalo Bill Birthday Ball event. Additionally, they provided Lenten Breakfasts throughout the month for our parish families and clergy.

March - On Friday night, March 8th, the Knights participated in the Stations of the Cross during Mass, followed by a soup dinner (no meat) provided by the Knights. They also organized a Saint Patrick's Day Dinner fundraiser featuring corned beef and cabbage/hash. Additionally, the Knights constructed and dismantled life-size

Stations of the Cross stages. Throughout the month, they continued to host Lenten Breakfasts for our parish families and clergy.

Upcoming events - Saint Anthony's birthday fundraiser will be held in June.

Additional contributions by our council 4031 - Please refer to the attached PDF detailing the distributions from the Buffalo Bill Birthday Ball fundraiser. Throughout the year, the Knights manage the land of our parish, which includes tasks such as snow removal, land maintenance, shrubbery care, and building maintenance for the Church, School, and Rectory, among other responsibilities.

The Knights of Columbus, Council 4031, make significant contributions to our community year-round. Apart from our work within our own parish, The Serenity House we dedicate countless hours to ensure the facility warmly welcomes women who choose life for their unborn children. These men are dedicated warriors for Christ, serving in the spirit of charity and asking only for love in return. May God bless the Knights of Columbus.

Buffalo Bill Birthday Ball fundraiser distributions:

Knights of Columbus Council 4031 2023 Charitable donations

Organization

- Sacred Heart Catholic Cooperative
- St, Anthony Catholic Preschool
- Serenity Pregnancy Resource Center
- Cody Cupboard
- Crisis Intervention Services
- Heart Mountain Free Clinic (Cody Branch)
- Manna House Food Pantry
- Hope House
- Park County Right to Life
- Food 4 Kids
- Meals on Wheels
- Holiday Helpers
- Sunset Elementary (fund for kids in need)
- · Catholic college student scholarships
- Clergy Donations
- Special Olympics
- St Anthony Playground
- Catholic Charity of Wyoming

TOTAL DONATIONS

\$23,000

Council 7214 Greybull/Basin 2023 activities report:

- Participated in Sacred Heart Catholic Church picnic (provided meals via several barbeque grills).
- Participated in Bizzare in Basin Wy. (selling baked goods), fund raising event.
- Participated in Bizzare in Greybull Wy. (selling baked goods), fund raising event.
- Collected money for Serenity Pregnancy Resource Center.
- Provided flowers to all Mothers attending Sacred Heart Catholic Church (Greybull) on Mothers Day: 2 masses (English and Spanish).
- Donated \$2000.00 to Sacred Heart Catholic Church for replacement windows in Rectory.
- Provided \$50.00 (ea.) to Sacred Heart Catholic Church staff (5) as a "Thank You" for their services to the Church.
- Completed a Gun Raffle fund raising event.
- Participated in annual "Thanksgiving Dinner" event for county residents held in Greybull Community Center (helped set-up, served meals, as well as provided hot meals for attendees).

WYOMING KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE CONVENTION 2024

Monsignor James Godley Council 7453-Green River, WY

Monsignor James Godley Council 7453 in Green River has had another good year regarding activities, fundraising and charitable works.

Activities related to our Immaculate Conception Parish never seem to end. Our Council cooks hamburgers and hotdogs for the Annual Parish Picnic. We decorate over 20 trees on the Parish grounds with solar Christmas lights during Advent, help decorate the interior of the church and set up an outdoor Manger and Keep Christ in Christmas banner facing the street. We hold an Annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children/friends/families of our Parish on Easter Saturday. We sponsor an Election Day Spaghetti Dinner during local, state and national elections. Prior to the start of Lent, we cook a Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras Dinner in our Parish Hall for the parish/community. We cook a St. Patrick's Day dinner in memory of our former Irish priest, Father Tom Sheridan. Knights lead the Rosary, take up the collection, serve as greeters, ushers and readers at weekly Masses at ICC.

Other activities we participate in include our Annual Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, Food for Families Food drives, Silent Pro-Life Rally in Green River, River Festival Spaghetti Feed for community and marathon runners. We teamed up with a local Trona Company and the Radio Network to supply Sweetwater County children with warm winter coats in the Coats for Kids program. Council 7453 has sponsored an essay contest titled "What It Means to Me to be A Catholic" for the last 20+ years to graduating seniors. We provide funds for our Youth Education Director to pay for children in the religious education programs who can't afford to attend classes, etc. We work with our local CCW chapter to help them with their charitable activities as well as working with the Parish Council. We fully support our Priest with his wishes regarding the Parish and have made it clear we are here to help.

It's been a busy year and the officers and core group of Knights that participate in our activities have done a commendable job.

Council 7453 sincerely wishes all the best to our State Officers and Councils. Have a great convention and successful new fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus,

Michael Dahl-Grand Knight Council 7453

Worland Council 8635 – Grand Knight's Report Including Activities Conducted in 2023/2024

Worland Knights of Columbus Council #8635 in Worland is alive and well. While the effects of covid linger still in terms of challenges to fully reengage membership, and generate sustainable income, Council 8635 continues to glorify the Lord by our works and deeds, particularly within the St. Mary Magdalen parish. Some of the activities which Council 8635 have sponsored or supported this past year include the following:

- Instructing Confirmation Class Brother Tommerup
- Organized March for Life Brothers Clark and White
- · Head cooks and assistant organizers for Parish Picnic Brothers Maslowski and Ala
- Remodel Rectory via donation of time and talent Brother Schmeltzer, Lara, Terrazas, and Ferguson, as well as multiple others.
- \$500 scholarship made available to qualified HS senior.
- . Monthly sponsor of coffee and homemade cinnamon rolls after Sunday Mass
- Support local Food Bank via providing monthly manpower to assist with distribution, as well as monetary donation at Christmas time. Brother Maslowski led.
- Sponsored and hosted seven meals for CCD students during the school year.
- Lead prayer of the Rosary prior to all weekend Masses. Brother Ala led.
- Sponsored Diocesan Seminarian via \$500 donation and participation in RSVP.
- Support local blood drive via Community Director promoting participation. Estimating on average of 5 Brothers donating each drive. Brother Maslowski led.
- Upgraded the parish hall kitchen with shelving installation and overall improved organization. Brothers Kuykendal and Reinig.
- Enlisted two new members to our ranks. Brothers St Clair and Warner
- Provided manpower, time and talent, to maintain church lawn. Brothers Nehl and Mischke.
- Sponsor Highway cleanup on 2 mile stretch of Hwy 20, north of Worland. Initiated by Brother Wittkop back in the early 90's and still continues today.
- Support First Friday adoration via KC member attendance of allotted hours. Brother Mischke led.
- Organized Christmas Basket Program. Knights deliver and Brother (Deacon) Martinsen lead.
- Sponsored three Bingo events, and a couple raffles to generate operating revenue.

As stated at the outset, Worland Council #8635 is alive and well, glorifying God by our works!

Vivat Jesus!
Have a wonderful State Convention!

Respectfully
Rod Wittkop – Grand Knight of Council #8635

Knights of Columbus Council 9431 Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church Jackson, Wyoming

2023 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

<u>\$</u>	<u>Hours</u>	Activity			
		<u>FAITH</u>			
4800 1150 300	40 10 5 20	-OLM kitchen/stove maintenance/repair -Disbursement to seminarians and deacon candidates -Disbursement of Christmas cash gifts to OLM clergy and staff -Support Latino community liturgical celebrations (eg. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Corpus Christi)			
300 300	20 20 50 20 10 500 100	-Support OLM Feast Day celebration -Support Sacred Heart Chapel celebration -Support of OLM music ministry -Support of OLM pastoral planning effort -Provide 4th Degree Honor Guard at funerals -Provide monthly Sunday pancake breakfasts for the parish -Provide Lenten fish fries for the parish			
300 200 500	5 10 5	-Support Jackson Town Square Nativity Scene -Support OLM bulletin ads in the weekly bulletin -Provide OLM foreign priests with winter clothing			
		FAMILY			
200 1000	50 20 5 10	-Support for OLM Christmas church decoration -Support Jackson Council of Catholic Women's Christmas Bizarre -Support Jackson Hole Youth Baseball program -Provide OLM Boy's scholarship program			
		<u>LIFE</u>			
	20	-Support for Jackson's Compass Women's Care pregnancy center			
		MEETINGS/SOCIAL			
1000	30	-Monthly Knight Meetings -Support OLM St. Patrick's Day dinner/dance -Hold social events for Knights and JCCW to build community			
<u>500</u>	20 <u>30</u>	-Provide multiple raffles for the parish -Support clergy anniversary, birthday and retirement celebrations			
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SNOWY RANGE COUNCIL, No. 11291 P.O. Box 548

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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Summary of Council Activities for Fiscal Year 2023: July 2023-June 2024

Continuing Activities

- Conduct monthly Council meetings on $1^{\rm st}$ Thursdays, preceded by the Rosary, or if Mass is celebrated, we attend the Mass.
- We supported the Heart to Heart Foundation by donating \$500 to sponsor Pro-Life.
- Maintain a billboard on highway into Town with Right-To-Life, Easter, 4th of July and "Keep Christ In Christmas" signs
- Collect aluminum cans from the community and sell them once or twice a year - this is our primary fund raiser
- Transport parish food donations to the food pantry in Saratoga.
- Began a Bible Study Group with Knights, parish members and parish priest in February 2024.

July

- Sponsor the "Pie-In-July" Community Blood Drive with Vitalant Blood Services.
- Will plan for a Parish Picnic this month.
- Assisted our SCCW group in the parish with an approximately week-long effort of putting on a Rummage Sale. This is a fund raiser for our Council and SCCW.



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September

 Provided a steak dinner for all priests and deacons attending the annual Melchizedek Open Golf Tournament held in Saratoga.

March

 Sponsored and prepared a St. Patrick's Day Dinner for the Saratoga community. Served approximately 117. This is a community-wide event and sometimes results in a fundraiser for our Council.

April

• Ten Knights joined with 20 other men and women parishioners for a "demolition day" to get started on a significant renovation of St. Anns church. Knights also cooked a lunch for the group.

May

• Will be planning, sponsoring and preparing a Mother's Day/First Communion breakfast for the parish. This will be contingent on the Church renovation being completed that will begin in April. If the renovation is not completed, we will cancel it for this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen M. Kerpan Grand Knight Listed below are some of the major accomplishments of the Thayne KOC council 16510 for 2023-2024.

- KOC monthly Bingo fundraiser continues to be a big success from the standpoint of both
 Financial and a great community get together that reflects on Holy Family and the Knights of
 Columbus in the community.
- KOC members were very active in serving Holy Family church with duties such as Directors,
 Finance council chairperson, Pastoral council chairperson, council member, maintenance
 manager, security Chairman, Ushers, and greeters.
- Continue to disperse funds as needed from previous fundraiser for an injured parishioner.
- Gave financial assistance to, Wyoming Seminarians, Deaconates, Salesian Sisters.
- Food Bank promotion to pay the processing fees for animals from the local fair that were purchases and donated to the food banks.
- Financial donations to organizations such as Azar Pregnancy center, The Turning point of Lincoln County, food banks, Make A Wish Wyoming, St Josephs children's hospital, and several community members in need.
- Christmas bonuses to Clergy, office staff and volunteers.
- \$1000 scholarships to two graduating seniors from our parish.
- Knights are a big part of our Holy Family 8-page full color bulletin. Selling all the ads, printing, and folding bulletins each week. This is another major fundraiser for our KOC council along with providing a quality service to our mission church.
- Displayed the Eucharistic Miracles in our church hall.
- Council 16510 initiated 2 new members and transferred in 1.

COMMITTEE REPORTS





Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplin, Worthy Supreme Guest, State Officers and Brother Knights,

The Audit Committee met on April 26th, 2024.

The Audit Committee hereby recommends that the State Council accepts the audit completed by Grooms & Harkins dated April 2024 for fraternal year 2022-2023. We have reviewed their recommendations and believe that the officers have already rectified the deficiencies that were noted in accordance with the auditor's direction.

We propose as a committee that the State Treasurer, State Secretary, State Deputy and Immediate Past State Deputy continue to meet semi-annually to review current vouchers, check registries & QuickBooks to make sure all entries are correct.

Vivat Jesus,

Maynard Bills , Chairman of Audit Committee, Council 2578



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Memorial Committee Report (Covering May 2023 – April 2024)

Council 801, Cheyenne Robert L. Morris Deacon Caroll J. Schell George A. Cates Carl Milatzo

Council 1563, Casper Al Martinez

Council 2104, Sheridan Father Thomas G. Ogg Deacon John R. Bigelow

Council 2441, Rock Springs Duce Piaia

Council 2578, Thermopolis Andrew J. Stropko

Council 2720, Laramie Gilbert Paul Bradfield

Council 3237, Riverton Larry Dowse

Council 3332, Buffalo
Thomas Roosevelt Landreville
Donald Patrick Kraen

Council 3551, Wheatland Louis Montoya

Council 4031, Cody
John McGlothlin
Dennis Eckhardt
Ken Piazza
Jack Rogers

Council 6623, Torrington Michael E. Varney Cole L. Fitzsimmons

Council 8635, Worland
Gary Klispie
Mike Hannify

Council 10027, Fort Bridger
Lawrence G. Bugas
Cornelio S. Montoya
Charles Hole
Frank Amsler

Council 11291, Saratoga Robert Johnson





Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplin, Worthy Supreme Guest, State Officers and Brother Knights,

The Budget Committee met on April 26th, 2024.

It has been 3 years since the budget increase of \$7 per diem has been in effect. The committee has concluded that it was needed and has not caused a lot of problems with the financial outlay. All of the other proposals in this proposed budget are in line with the performance of the past budgets. An increase in membership should result in an increase in collected per capita. We are experiencing a loss in income as some of our inactive members have been transferred into affiliate memberships.

We as a committee ask that you approve the budget we set before you.

Vivat Jesus,

John Van Heule, Chairman of Budget Committee, Council 2720

Wyoming State Council Knights of Columbus Mileage and Per Diem Committee

As inflation has been higher than average the past few years and all costs have risen, in order to get Knights to continue to attend these important meetings. The Mileage and Per Diem committee recommends. Per Diem be raised to \$90.00 effective July 1 2024. We also recommend mileage be raised to .45 per mile.

Signed:	April 27, 2024
Ralph Blommel, Chairman	
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Wyoming State Council

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Credentials Committee Report

The Committee having reviewed the council delegate credentials forms submitted to the State Secretary and finding them to be proper, hereby approve the 2024 credentials submitted by the councils.

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Zack Johnson, Chairman, Council 24/1 Rock Springs
Marl J. K. LIII
Mark Kuykendall, Council 8635 Worland
Durch Tost
Jacob Foster, Council 5447 Lander
CerilSandorson
Cecil Sanderson, Council 10027 Fort Bridger

The Resolutions Committee has reviewed all resolutions submitted by the Wyoming State Council, its committees and its subordinate councils.

The Resolutions Committee recommends the following actions:

Committee's recommendation	Adop	Rejec t	No Action	Refer to Executive Committee
Resolution #1	1		Action	Committee
Resolution #2				
Resolution #3				
Resolution #4				
Resolution #5				
Resolution #6	1			
Resolution #7	1			
Resolution #8	1			
Resolution #9				
Resolution #10	1			
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Resolution #12				
Resolution #13				
Resolution #14	1			
Resolution #15				
Resolution #16				
Resolution #17				
Resolution #18				

Respectively submitted,

Brad Bettolo Greg Hampson, District Deputy \$3

Resolution Committee Chair

Brad Letter

Attest,

Rodney Birkle, State Advocate

Committee Advisor

INSURANCE REPORT

Good afternoon, gentlemen:

It is a great honor for Leo and me to be with you this weekend. Our general agent, Andy Wheaton, constantly reminds us to reflect on and appreciate what a privilege it is to serve alongside you. We are blessed to be able to work with such tremendous fraternal leaders, and for our wonderful, authentically Catholic organization.

2023 was an outstanding year for the Knights of Columbus Wheaton Agency serving Catholics in Wyoming, Montana, and Colorado, and a great year for Knights of Columbus as a whole.

Our \$7.79 billion of life insurance issued in 2023 pushed us over \$128 billion of life insurance in force at year's end. Last year we issued more than 42,000 life insurance contracts for brother Knights and their families, and distributed hundreds of millions of dollars in death benefit and dividends.

Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors started offering investment services to Catholic institutions in 2015, and three years ago KoCAA made our mutual funds available to members and non-members alike. Today, KoCAA manages more than \$2.3 billion for Catholic families, religious communities, and dioceses. Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors empowers Catholics to invest in line with our faith.

It's clear that Catholics want to carry their faith into their finances...and the same is true of their charitable giving. Generous individuals and families have now entrusted more than \$100 million to the Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund. KCCF donor-advised funds help you support the charitable causes that matter to you — while staying true to the Catholic faith. Last year, donors to the Charitable Fund distributed nearly \$21 million to worthy charities.

These are impressive achievements. It's a tremendous testament to Blessed Michael McGivney's founding vision of financial protection for Catholic families. We answer Blessed Michael McGivney's call to protect families and care for mothers and children, and we help families secure their financial future.

We continue to carry on his mission by serving more and more Catholic families and more and more brother Knights.

Our successes are also a significant testament to our members' trust in the Knights of Columbus.

And why do they trust us? Three reasons: our size, our stability, and our standard.

When it comes to size, you all know that we are one of the largest Catholic lay organizations in the world, with more than \$128 billion of life insurance in force and more than \$27 billion in assets under management.

When it comes to stability, Knights of Columbus has an impressive track record. In 2024, Knights of Columbus has been named to the Forbes America's Best Insurance Companies List,

for the third consecutive year! This prestigious recognition, presented by Forbes and Statista Inc., surveyed over 15,000 participants across the nation. Knights of Columbus ranked 22nd in the category of permanent life insurance – up four positions from 2023!

When it comes to our standard, Knights of Columbus is committed to putting ethics first. It's not just a wish, it's a duty. We owe it to our members and to our Catholic heritage and identity.

We do not invest in companies that deal in abortion, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem-cell research, pornography, or for-profit health care that pays for any of the aforementioned.

So, as we gather here this weekend to celebrate your tremendous achievements in the past fraternal year, what does this mean for you and your members?

It means that as a proud member of the Knights of Columbus, you can rest assured knowing that your most valuable fraternal benefit – our insurance program – is here for you and your family when you need it most.

There will come a time in your life – if it hasn't come already – when you will be looking for life insurance to help protect your family, or retirement annuities to help you prepare for your golden years, or long-term care insurance to help ensure you're taken care of, or disability income insurance to help protect your hard-earned paycheck. When that day comes, we'll be there.

I hope you'll take the time to meet with us because we have great products that will help you reach your goals.

I hope you'll take the time to meet with us because we have size, stability, and a standard that you can rely on and believe in.

I hope you'll take the time to meet with us because you'll want the added comfort of knowing that your premium dollars aren't going to support morally questionable endeavors, but to an organization that helps support the community and the Church.

But most of all, I hope you'll take the time to meet with us because you're a brother Knight, and protecting brother Knights is what we do. It's what we live for. We're brother Knights just like you.

This organization is your organization. Take advantage of it.

I want to take this opportunity to ask each of you, as leaders in your councils and your districts, to be advocates and centers of influence for this great fraternal benefit. The members of your council respect and admire your abilities and your achievements. They also respect and value the opinions and perspectives that you have on our organization – including our insurance offerings.

Support from district deputies, grand knights, and council officers goes a long way in helping to open the door for Leo and I. Leo and I are brother Knights who are earnestly trying to carry out Blessed Michael McGivney's mission to protect Catholic families. So, I thank you in advance for encouraging your councils to let us in and to listen to what we have to say.

Congratulations again on a spectacular fraternal year. We look forward to working with you in the days and weeks to come.

Vivat Jesus!

2023 Annual Report of the Supreme Knight

2023 Year-end Policy Exhibit

Assets Under Management Q42023

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RESOLUTIONS





Wyoming State Council of the Knights of Columbus

104th Annual Meeting

RESOLUTIONS

April 26 - 28, 2024

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Knights of Columbus relies on the unwavering good advice and counsel from the Supreme Knights of Columbus, THEREFORE, BE

IT RESOLVED, that the Wyoming State Council convey its fraternal appreciation to Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly, the Supreme Officers and the Supreme Board of Directors for their outstanding leadership and untiring dedication to the Knights of Columbus and to the Church; and FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Knights of Columbus hereby reaffirm its pledge of continued loyalty and support to the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus.

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Knights of Columbus believes that Blessed Michael J. McGivney was a truly Blessed Priest inspired by God; and

WHEREAS, the Blessed Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source of information about the life, works and spirituality of Blessed Michael McGivney, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession, and oversees the distribution of relics; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus founded the Guild in 1997 concurrently with the archdiocesan phase of Blessed Michael McGivney's cause for canonization; and

WHEREAS, the Guild asks Knights to pray for Blessed Michael McGivney's canonization, report favors received, and assist in the advancement of the cause.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wyoming State Council urges

Brother Knights in Wyoming to pray for Blessed Michael McGivney's canonization, report favors received and otherwise assist in the advancement of the cause.

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus respects life from conception to natural death; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus stands firm against taking the life of a human being, by abortion, euthanasia, or capital punishment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wyoming State Council continue its opposition to abortion, euthanasia, and the death penalty.

WHEREAS, members of the Knights of Columbus believe that Blessed Michael J McGivney was a truly Blessed Priest inspired by God; and

WHEREAS, through his example the Knights of Columbus are the protectors of the Roman Catholic Faith and its Priests without whom there would be no Holy Eucharist and therefore, no Catholic Faith,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wyoming State Council continue to encourage every local council to endeavor to support the retirement of our Wyoming clergy through the St. Joseph Society Retirement Fund.

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus is an organization of Catholic gentlemen pledged to support and care for the Church; and

WHEREAS, funds donated to the annual Appeal, "Living and Giving in Christ: Unity Through Diocesan Ministries", help finance diocesan activities; and

WHEREAS, many Catholics are unaware of the benefits received in their parishes from services provided through the appeal,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faith Director of each council in the State take responsibility for encouraging the Knights of his council to actively promote greater participation in the annual Appeal, "Living and Giving in Christ: Unity Through Diocesan Ministries."

WHEREAS, the subordinate councils of the Wyoming State Council participated in the 2023 "Keep Christ in Christmas" Religious Christmas Cards program to spread the message of the true meaning of Christmas and to raise funds for council charities; and

WHEREAS, the Wyoming State Council receives a profit from the 2023 "Keep Christ in Christmas" Religious Christmas Cards program; and

WHEREAS, the delegates of the 2024 state convention determine by a majority vote to approve the charity or charities chosen by the host council to receive the Wyoming State Council's profit from the 2023 "Keep Christ in Christmas",

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wyoming State Council donate the profits from the 2023 "Keep Christ in Christmas" Religious Card Sales to the charity chosen by Council 801.

WHEREAS, current provisions specify that the Wyoming State Council pay for the Bishop of the Diocese of Cheyenne to attend Supreme Convention; and

WHEREAS, our Bishop is held in the highest esteem by grateful members of the Diocese; and

WHEREAS, every effort should be made to continue to afford him distinguished status within the Knights of Columbus,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wyoming State Council reimburse travel expenses to attend the 2024 Supreme Convention to the Bishop of the Diocese of Cheyenne.

WHEREAS, the "Traveling Door" is an important part of the history and tradition of the Knights of Columbus in Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, space on the door is precious; and

WHEREAS, the story of the "Traveling Door" has been around for a year less than the door itself, and

WHEREAS, the story and the door are passed on year after year, resolutions have been passed concerning how the past host council was to add their name to the door.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that if the "Traveling Door" does not appear at any given state convention, the previous council, or councils which hosted the convention shall be levied a fine of one hundred dollars, and that such fine be donated by the Wyoming State Council to the Charitable Trust; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any council's sign on the third door exceeds three inches in height, the council in violation shall be levied a fine of twenty-five dollars for every inch or fraction thereof over the three-inch limit, and that such fine be donated by the Wyoming State Council to the Charitable Trust. This fine shall only be assessed once.

WHEREAS, the Wyoming State Council is grateful to the host council of the 104th annual Knights of Columbus state convention,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers and delegates here assembled recognize Bishop P.A. McGovern Council 801, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and their families, for their excellent efforts in planning the 2024 State Convention, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wyoming State Council expresses its thanks to Council 801 and congratulates it for upholding the honor and dignity of this organization of Catholic gentlemen.

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Knights of Columbus passed Resolution 25 at the 2006 Convention to invest in the Christopher Fund and

WHEREAS, Resolution 11 was passed at the Wyoming Knights of Columbus 2019 Convention to provide that 100% of the proceeds from the Christopher Fund be given to the Wyoming Knights of Columbus Charitable Trust,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that 100% of the proceeds from the Christopher Fund continue to be given to the Wyoming Knights of Columbus Charitable Trust.

WHEREAS, Special Olympics of Wyoming provides year around competition and training for Special Olympic athletes in Wyoming at no charge to the athletes with training for some of the athletes to become coaches also provided; and

WHEREAS, this competition provides for social interaction and camaraderie for all athletes and a sense of accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, Wyoming Special Olympics offers 16 sports to athletes in Winter, Summer and Fall Games and the training and preparation for the competition provides activity for all involved with all funding coming from donations from generous supporters and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus are proud supporters of Special Olympics on an International level,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wyoming State Council donate the 2023-2024 fraternal year proceeds from the Manuel Michael Davila Fund for Charities to Wyoming State Special Olympics.

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus is an organization that believes in electing morally upright leaders who will vote to uphold moral values; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus encourages its Knights, their families, and fellow Catholics to take morally correct positions on ballot issues;

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 ballot issues; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Council provide reminders in advance of an election to local councils requesting that they conduct this important spiritual activity.

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus consistently and unanimously encourages the "Culture of Life" publicly opposing abortion, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, euthanasia, assisted suicide, and offenses against life; and

WHEREAS, "For Life" billboards installed on local roadways in and near council locations in all States of the United States according to billboards regulations in each respective State will have a meaningful impact in defending and promoting the "Culture of Life" in the United States,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it is encouraged that all Knights of Columbus Councils throughout all 50 States and territories in the United States construct, install and maintain billboards according to billboard regulations in their respective state on their local roadways including interstate roadways for optimum exposure. The message, sign size, and locations of billboards are to be determined by each local Knights of Columbus Council.

WHEREAS, the Wyoming State Council initiated the "Change from Heaven" Program prior to the 2008 Wyoming Knights of Columbus State Convention; and

WHEREAS, subordinate councils collect change throughout the year at council meetings and any other functions they deem appropriate and bring the change they collect to the annual Wyoming Knights of Columbus State Convention; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the "Change from Heaven" Program is to assist the Wyoming Knights of Columbus Michael J. McGivney Burse for Seminarian Education,

THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED**, that 100% of the proceeds collected from the" Change from Heaven" Program at each Wyoming Knights of Columbus State Convention be given to the Wyoming Knights of Columbus Michael J. McGivney Burse for Seminarian Education.

WHEREAS, fines can be levied against any Knights of Columbus member at the 2024 Wyoming State Convention for infractions such as not wearing the Knights of Columbus Emblem of the Order pin, not possessing a 3rd Degree membership card, not carrying a rosary, talking during the meeting, etc. and

WHEREAS, the Wyoming State Warden can levy and collect such fines for the infractions listed above or other infraction(s) deemed appropriate by the State Officers and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wyoming State Council donate the funds collected from fines assessed at the 2024 Wyoming State Convention to the charity or charities chosen by Council 801.

WHEREAS, the subordinate councils of the Wyoming State Council participated in the 2023 Life Saver Lollipop/Respect Life Sunday Program to raise funds for council pro life charities and

WHEREAS, the subordinate council keeps 70% of the profit from the subordinate council 2023 Life Saver Lollipop/Respect Life Sunday Program to help fund local pro life activities: and

WHEREAS, the Wyoming State Council receives 30% of the profit from the subordinate council 2023 Life Saver Lollipop/Respect Life Sunday Program to help fund State pro life activities,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wyoming State Council donate the Wyoming State Council's share of the profits from the 2023 Life Saver Lollipop/Respect Life Sunday Program to the Wyoming State Council Pro life fund.

Resolution 17

WHEREAS, Father Tom Ogg was a priest of the Catholic Diocese of Cheyenne for 55 years, and he was a member of the Wyoming Knights of Columbus, and he was a Past State Chaplain for the Wyoming Knights of Columbus, and he was a champion of the the Wyoming Knights of Columbus priest trust fund.

WHEREAS, he was a vocation Director for many years with the Diocese of Cheyenne, and he worked tirelessly for the Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

WHEREAS, he was a past assistant pastor at St. Paul's Newman Center in the 1970's and again after he retired, he lived in Laramie and assisted Father Rob Spaulding, and he was committed to serving the lives of others.

WHEREAS, St. Paul's Newman Center, and Council 2720 will be holding a Father Tom Ogg memorial golf tournament, August 31, 2024 at Jacoby golf course in Laramie, Wyoming, and this event honors the legacy of Father Tom Ogg, our beloved priest, friend, avid traveler, and golf enthusiast.

WHEREAS, proceeds from this golf tournament will fund the service and mission for the University of Wyoming students, and where these service trips allow students from the Newman Center Community to see the face of Christ through life challenging encounters focused on justice, poverty and homelessness, and will contribute to the building fund for a future Newman Center facility.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that St. Paul's Newman Center, and Council 2720 would propose that the Wyoming Knights of Columbus donate \$500 to sponsor a hole at the golf tournament.

FURTHER RESOLVED, St. Paul's Newman Center and Council 2720 would have the Knights of Columbus logo on the event signage, the tournament website and recognition on social media posts.

Resolution 18

WHEREAS, Bret T Ladenburger, Past State Deputy, 2019-2021, has served the Wyoming State Council in a professional and fraternal manner in many capacities including State Treasurer and State Secretary,

WHEREAS, he continues to serve the Wyoming Knights as Awards chairman and counsel to current State Officers; also as Membership Director of the 4th Degree under Supreme Master Michael J McCusker.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Thomas F O'Reilly Council #1563 hereby moves the Wyoming State Council to place the name of Bret Ladenburger in recommendation for the position of Supreme Director of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Board of Directors and refer the resolution to the Supreme Council for consideration and approval, at such time as the Supreme Council deems appropriate.