



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WYOMING STATE COUNCIL



2025 Official State Convention Notice

Notice is hereby given that the 105th annual meeting of the Wyoming State Council of the Knights of Columbus will convene with an opening Mass at 12:00p.m., Friday, April 25th, 2025, at **Holy Rosary Church, 163 Leedy Drive, Lander, WY 82520**. Friday, Saturday and Sunday general sessions will be held at **Knights Hall, 163 Leedy Drive, Lander, WY 82520** with Wyoming State Deputy, Brian Duyck, presiding.

Convention Booklet:

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State Convention Chairman:

Gary Michaud

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The host council is Father Martin Kennedy Council #5447, **which is celebrating its 62nd anniversary**. The convention registration fees are as follows:

Knight: \$135 (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, 2025. They can be emailed to the registration chairman, Mike Turner at turne003@NSUOK.edu (his phone number is 307.922.4739) or mailed to:

Father Martin Kennedy Council #5447

P.O. Box 443

Lander, Wyoming 82520

Make checks payable to: K of C Council #5447.

Reservations for lodging can be made at:

Holiday Inn Express and Suites

1002 11th Street

Lander, Wyoming 82520

307.332.4005

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 25th, 2025, at the Knight's Hall. The Convention is scheduled to adjourn at noon on Sunday, April 27th, 2025.

Vivat Jesus!

Approved

Brian Duyck
Wyoming State Deputy

Jim Larscheid
Wyoming State Secretary



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Addendum to 2025 Official State Convention Notice

- Councils and individual Knights are asked to bring items to donate to a silent auction to benefit Lander Care and Share Food Bank.
- 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 Knights 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 are encouraged to wear a dark suit and tie, although this is not mandatory.
- Delegates should read the minutes from the 2024 State Convention prior to convention
- **Councils need to bring:**

Council Banner	Necrology report
Grand Knight Report	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, 2025**. 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 by April 11, 2025:

AWARDS CHAIRMAN

Bret Ladenburger
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Evansville WY 82636
ladenburgerkofc@gmail.com

STATE SECRETARY

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

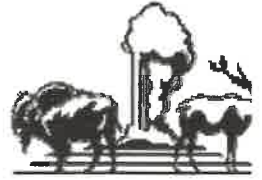
105th State Convention Agenda
Council Necrology Report Form
Blank State Letterhead
State Awards Letter
Standing Committee Assignments
2025 Convention Booklet Ad Pricing
Minutes from 2024 State Convention

Convention Registration Form
Delegates Credentials Form
State Liability Insurance Form
Interest in Serving Wyoming K of C Form
Council Resolution Submittal Procedure
Sample Resolution
Ladies/Family Activities



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"Pilgrims of Hope"
105th WYOMING STATE CONVENTION
April 25, 26 & 27, 2025, Lander

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Very Rev. Louis Shea, State Chaplain
- 1:15 pm Open Session – Knights Hall**
Opening Prayer – Very Rev. Louis Shea, State Chaplain
Setting the Colors - Pledge of Allegiance – Ray Malek, District Master
Opening Ode- Don Scott
Welcome and Introductions - Brian Duyck, State Deputy
Welcome Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly (Video) if available
Opening Remarks Supreme Representative, TBA
- 1:45 pm Opening Session- Knights Hall**
Programs – Rod Birkle, Program Director
Mike Dahl, Community Director
Peter Timbers, Family Director
- 2:15 pm Insurance Report – Agent Dane Hagestad**
Fraternal Benefit Events - how to get participation
- 2:45 pm Break**
- 3:00 pm Charitable Trust, Ken Stockwell, Mike Pexton**
- 3:30 pm 4th Degree meeting- Ray Malek, District Master**
- 4:00 pm Standing Committee Meetings (Audit, Budget, Credentials, Memorials,**
Mileage/Per Diem, Resolutions)
- 5:00 pm Adjourn**
- 5:15 pm Exemplification of Unity, Charity, Fraternity, Holy Rosary Church**
- 6:00 pm Social Gathering- Knights Hall**
- 6:30 pm Dinner and Entertainment – Boeseke Hall (163 Leedy Drive)**

Saturday, April 26, 2025 (registration in Knights Hall)

- 6:30-8:30am Breakfast – Boeseke Hall**
- 8:00 am Holy Hour, Holy Rosary Church**
(attendance is expected)
- 9:00 am Open Session – Knights Hall**
Opening Prayer – Very Rev. Louis Shea, State Chaplain
Pledge of Allegiance - Ray Malek, District Master
- 9:05 am Pilgrims of Hope – Dr. Pavlos, Wyoming Catholic College, Knights Hall**
- 10:00 am Supreme Representative address:**
Supreme Representative - TBA
- 10:15 am Very Rev. Louis Shea, State Chaplain Talk**
- 10:30 am Break**
- 10:45 am Standing Committee Reports:**
Memorials Committee Chairman – GK Powell 3043
Credentials Committee Chairman – GK Rock Springs 2441
Audit Committee Chairman – GK Buffalo 3332
Mileage/Per Diem Committee Chairman – GK Riverton 3237
Budget Committee Chairman - GK Gillette 3477
Resolutions Committee Chairman - District Deputy 1
- 11:00 am Roll Calls - Jim Larscheid, State Secretary**
Change from Heaven
State Liability Insurance
Mileage & Per Diem
- 11:10 am Safe Environment – Rodney Birkle, State Advocate**
- 11:35 am Special Olympics - Jen Haines, Wyoming Special Olympics**
- 12:00 pm Awards Luncheon – Supreme, State and Special Olympics –**
Faith Award
Life Award
Community Award
Family Award
Anniversary Certificates
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State Chaplain- Very Rev. Louis Shea
Supreme Representative Remarks
State Priest of the Year
State Knight of the Year
State Family of the Year

Sunday, April 27, 2025

- 6:30 - Breakfast – Boeseke Hall**
8:30 am
- 7:30 am Rosary- Holy Rosary Church**
- 8:30 am Closed Session – Knights Hall**
Opening Prayer – Very Rev. Louis Shea, State Chaplain
Pledge of Allegiance - Ray Malek, District Master
Official Roll Call - Jim Larscheid, State Secretary
- 9:00 am Resolution Committee Report –**
Presentation and Action – Rodney Birkle, State Advocate
- 9:30 am Report of Minutes of 2024 Convention**
Presentation and Action – Jim Larscheid, State Secretary
- 9:45 am Report on State Audit and Budget**
Presentation and Action – Mike Pexton, State Treasurer
- 10:00 am Break**
- 10:15 am Elections**
Charitable Trust Trustee
State Officers
Alternates to the Supreme Convention
Selection of the 2028 Convention Site

11:00 am Open Session

Host Grand Knight Report – Gary Michaud, GK 5447, Lander
Host District Deputy Report – Tom Ryder, District Deputy #4
2026 Convention Report, Anthony Spiering, GK 3043, Powell

Closing Remarks

Supreme Representative, TBA
Ron Morris, Immediate Past State Deputy,
Sean Sherwin, State Warden
Rodney 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

Closing Ode – Don Scott, PSD

11:55 am Retiring of Colors – Ray Malek, District Master

12:00 pm Adjournment – Sack lunch provided.

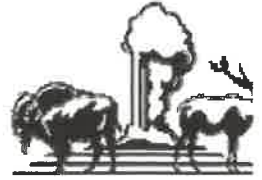
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CONVENTION MINUTES



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"Pilgrims of Hope"

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CONVENTION MINUTES

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- 8:00 am** **Registration Desk Opens – Knights Hall**
- 9:00 am** **State Officers & District Deputies Meeting – Knights Hall**
State Officers approved donating \$1500 to Wyoming Special Olympics.
- 10:30 am** **Late Breakfast / Early Lunch – On your own**
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Welcome and Introductions - Brian Duyck, State Deputy
Welcome Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly (Video) if available
- 1:45 pm** **Opening Session- Knights Hall**
Programs -- Rod Birkle, Program Director (*see attached report*)
Mike Dahl, Community Director (*see attached report*)
Peter Timbers, Family Director **Absent**
Don Scott, Pilgrim Icon Chairman
Don reported there are two (2) Sacred Heart of Jesus Icons that will be traveling to each council in the State (see attached report)
- 2:15 pm** **Insurance Report – Agent Dane Hagestad**
Fraternal Benefit Events - how to get participation
Dane explained FBEs and how easy it is to attend; Dane then proceeded to hold an FBE with all the delegates present; all the councils present will get credit for attending and FBE (see attached report)
- 2:45 pm** **Break**
- 3:00 pm** **Charitable Trust, Mike Pexton Absent; Brian Duyck gave his report; Brian explained there will be several motions the delegation will need to vote on Sunday morning (see attached report)**

- 3:30 pm** **4th Degree meeting- Ray Malek, District Master**
- 4:00 pm** **Standing Committee Meetings** (Audit, Budget, Credentials, Memorials, Mileage/Per Diem, Resolutions)
- 5:00 pm** **Adjourn**
- 5:15 pm** **Exemplification of Unity, Charity, Fraternity, Holy Rosary Church**
Two gentlemen attended the exemplification and are now members of the Knights of Columbus:
Mike Turner, Jr
Jack Walsh
- 6:00 pm** **Social Gathering- Knights Hall**
- 6:30 pm** **Dinner and Entertainment – Boeseke Hall (163 Leedy Drive)**

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- 6:30-8:30am** **Breakfast – Boeseke Hall**
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(attendance is expected)
- 9:00 am** **Open Session – Knights Hall**
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Pledge of Allegiance - Ray Malek, District Master
- 9:05 am** **Pilgrims of Hope – Dr. Pavlos, Wyoming Catholic College, Knights Hall**
Dr. Pavlos was absent; Kyle Washut, President of Wyoming Catholic College, gave a great talk in his absence on Pilgrims of Hope
- 9:45 am** **Gabriel Project – Lisa Sheehan**
Lisa was joined by Shannon Moodry to discuss the Gabriel Project
- 10:00 am** **Supreme Representative - Brandon Brown, Regional Growth Director**
Some of the highlights from Brandon's talk include:
- Last year we brought in 36,820 new members
 - Average age of members: 44
 - COR has been an overwhelming success
 - Two of our biggest programs is Coats for Kids and ASAP
 - Brandon reminded us to be VISIBLE by wearing our shirts, pins and hats whenever possible
 - “God takes the lowliest of things and turns them into great things”

10:15 am Very Rev. Louis Shea, State Chaplain Talk

Father talked about the Blessed McGivney 1st class relic that was part of a tour in Wyoming earlier this year. We will be passing out Blessed McGivney prayer cards for all the councils to take back to their membership and parishes. The cards touched the 1st class relic, which makes the cards 3rd class relics. Father reminded everyone to treat the cards with respect and dignity – don't use them as a coaster or lying around where they may get damaged or mistreated. Use them as a marker in your prayer book or bible or display them in the frame of a religious artwork or photo. If the card does get damaged, the proper way to dispose of it is by burying it or burning it.

Father also mentioned how wonderful it has been to be our State Chaplain these past 8 years.

10:30 am Break

10:45 am Standing Committee Reports:

Memorials Committee Chairman – GK Powell 3043

The names of 29 deceased members were included in the report to be read at the Memorial Mass

Credentials Committee Chairman – GK Rock Springs 2441

Zach Johnson, Chairman, reported that the committee had reviewed all delegate credential forms submitted. Nine council credential forms were missing the council seal and nine councils did not submit a credential form. The committee approved the credentials submitted by the 19 councils present.

Audit Committee Chairman – GK Buffalo 3332

Robert Fox, Chairman, reported that the committee recommends that the State Council accept the audit completed by Grooms & Harkins, dated January 23, 2025 for fraternal year 2023-2024. The committee reviewed the recommendations from G&H and believe the state officers have rectified the deficiencies in accordance with the auditor's direction. The committee also proposes 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 make sure all entries are true and correct.

Mileage/Per Diem Committee Chairman – GK Riverton 3237

Larry Higgins, Chairman, reported that the committee recommends that the State Council retain the current rates of \$90.00 for per diem and \$0.45 for mileage for the 2026 fiscal year. The committee also recommends that the Budget Committee and Mileage and Per Diem Committee meet prior to the convening of the 2026 State Convention to enhance the knowledge of the budget process and determine what mileage and per diem rate changes should be made, if any. Finally, the committee recommends that councils help defray expenses for delegates over and above what the per diem covers.

Budget Committee Chairman - GK Gillette 3477

Greg Gebhart, Chairman, reported that the committee agreed with the mileage and per diem committee to leave the mileage and per diem rates the same since this is the first year they are in affect. The committee reviewed the budget and determined it was in line with past budgets and thus recommend the budget be approved.

Resolutions Committee Chairman - District Deputy 1

Larry Espelage, Chairman, reported that the committee recommends adoption of all sixteen (16) resolutions that were submitted.

11:00 am Roll Calls - Jim Larscheid, State Secretary

Change from Heaven

We collected \$2,277 from the councils. A check from the State Council for this amount will be sent to the Diocese of Cheyenne for the Father McGivney Burse for Seminarian Education.

State Liability Insurance

Mileage & Per Diem

11:10 am Safe Environment – Rodney Birkle, State Advocate

Rod gave a nice presentation on the importance of safe environment training and the need for councils to be compliant.

Courtney Patterson, RN gave a short presentation on Be Not Afraid (see attached handouts). This program started on the East Coast and strongly supported by the KofC. The program works with parents who have received a prenatal diagnosis to ensure they have the best, most medically accurate information to make informed decisions for their unborn child. Courtney received training last year thanks to the generosity of the Knights at the 2024 State Convention. More information can be found at www.benotafraid.net or Courtney can be reached at pattersonrn@elevationwh.org.

11:35 am Special Olympics - Jen Haines, Wyoming Special Olympics

Jen was absent but Ron Grogan, Team Coordinator for the Lander Masters, gave a nice talk. Athletes David Dempster, Charles German and Lynett Joslyn talked about their events and experiences with Special Olympics. Brian Duyck reported that a check from the Wyoming State Council for \$1500 will be sent to Wyoming Special Olympics. Brian also passed out guidelines for reporting Special Olympic activities (see attached).

12:00 pm Awards Luncheon – Supreme, State and Special Olympics –

Faith Award

Council 1563 in Casper was presented the Faith Award for their Lenten meal at Living Stations Activity

Life Award

Council 3551 in Wheatland was presented the Life Award for restoration of a prolife highway sign

Community Award

Council 9917 in Casper was presented the Community Award for their Coats for Kids Program

Family Award

Council 2720 in Laramie was presented the Family Award for the Family Craft Day Activity

Anniversary Certificates

Brian Duyck presented the following anniversary certificates:

75-year certificate to Council 3332 in Buffalo

100-year certificate to Council 2578 in Thermopolis

Best Tootsie Roll Drive

Council 3477 in Gillette was recognized as having the largest fund raising effort

1:30 pm 4th Degree Exemplification

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

Dennis Weyer of Thermopolis

Nicholis Budke of Powell

Adam Schimmel of Buffalo

David Patterson of Wheatland

Daniel DeBakey of Hanna

Matt Schafer of Basin

3:00 pm Break

3:15 pm COR update / RSVP update / Coats for Kids

Father Louie gave a talk on COR and how simple the program can be

Brian Duyck reported that 13 councils participated in the RSVP program through the Diocese for a total of \$41,346. The program seems to be working well and Brian encouraged councils to continue giving through the Diocese.

David Patterson, Coats for Kids Chairman, gave a presentation on the Coats for Kids Program (see attached). In 2024, 14 councils participated with over 1,100 coats distributed to kids in Wyoming. Information on the 2025 program will be distributed to all the councils in late summer.

3:30 pm State Officer Nomination Speeches

State Deputy: Don Scott gave a nomination speech for Jim Larscheid

State Secretary: Don Scott gave a nomination speech for Mike Pexton

State Treasurer: Bret Landenburger gave a nomination speech for Rod Birkle

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

State Warden: Tom Ryder gave a nomination speech for Ray Malek

4:00 pm Adjourn for Mass

6:00 pm Memorial Mass, Holy Rosary Church - Very Rev. Louis Shea

7:00 pm Social Gathering – Boeseke Hall

7:30 pm Banquet and Awards – Boeseke Hall

State Chaplain- Very Rev. Louis Shea

Supreme Representative Brandon Brown Remarks

State Priest of the Year

Father Louis Shea was awarded the Priest of the Year

State Knight of the Year

Michael Hobby from Council 16510 in Thayne was awarded the Knight of the Year

State Family of the Year

The Neil Lucke family from Council 9756 was awarded the Family of the Year

State Advocate Rod Birkle read Resolution 9 commending Council 5447 for hosting this year's state convention; motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution and the motion passed.

Sunday, April 27, 2025

6:30 - Breakfast – Boeseke Hall
8:30 am

7:30 am Rosary- Holy Rosary Church

8:30 am Closed Session – Knights Hall

Opening Prayer – Very Rev. Louis Shea, State Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance - Ray Malek, District Master

Official Roll Call - Jim Larscheid, State Secretary

Voting delegation consisted of 4 state officers and 38 delegates

9:00 am Resolution Committee Report –

Presentation and Action – Rodney Birkle, State Advocate

After each resolution was read by Rod, a motion to approve was made and seconded. All 16 resolutions passed unanimously.

Resolution 17 was also read which was submitted by Council 2720 in Laramie for the Father Tom Ogg Memorial Golf Tournament. The resolution had been submitted on time but was sent to an incorrect email address. The resolution asked the State Council for a donation of \$500 to sponsor a hole at the tournament. A motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution and the motion passed.

A motion was made and seconded to add a tribute to George Burns on the first traveling door above the emblem and the State Council will cover the costs for doing so. The motion passed.

9:30 am Report of Minutes of 2024 Convention

Presentation and Action – Jim Larscheid, State Secretary

Jim presented the minutes from the 2024 State Convention and asked for any questions. There being none, a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes and the motion passed.

9:45 am Report on State Audit and Budget

Presentation and Action – Mike Pexton, State Treasurer

Jim Larscheid presented the budget for 2025-2026. A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget as presented. The motion passed.

Brian Duyck presented the audit for FY2024. A motion was made and seconded to approve the audit as presented. The motion passed.

10:00 am Break

10:15 am Elections

Charitable Trust Trustee election

The following motion was made by the delegation regarding the Trustee for the Charitable Trust:

1. A motion to affirm the appointment by the elected officers of the Wyoming State Council of the Knights of Columbus of Ken Stockwell as a Trustee for the Knights of Columbus Charitable Trust was made and seconded. The motion passed.

Approval of changes to Charitable Trust

The following motions were made by the delegation regarding changes to the Charitable Trust:

1. A motion to amend Section I and Section III to allow the Trustees to purchase current whole life policies offered by the Knights of Columbus or other reputable insurance companies was made and seconded. The motion passed.
2. A motion to amend Section VI to allow the Bishop of the Diocese of Cheyenne or his representative to designate a willing priest or other willing individual on whose life the Trust will use the funds to purchase an insurance policy was made and seconded. The motion passed.
3. A motion to clarify and revise Exhibit A with the help of an attorney and the approval of the elected officers of the Wyoming State Council was made and seconded. The motion passed.

State Officers

Jim Larscheid was nominated for State Deputy. After no further nominations were received, a motion was made and seconded to cease nominations and elect Jim Larscheid by unanimous vote. The motion passed.

Mike Pexton was nominated for State Secretary. After no further nominations were received, a motion was made and seconded to cease nominations and elect Mike Pexton by unanimous vote. The motion passed.

Rod Birkle was nominated for State Treasurer. After no further nominations were received, a motion was made and seconded to

cease nominations and elect Rod Birkle by unanimous vote. The motion passed.

Sean Sherwin was nominated for State Advocate. After no further nominations were received, a motion was made and seconded to cease nominations and elect Sean Sherwin by unanimous vote. The motion passed.

Ray Malek was nominated for State Warden. After no further nominations were received, a motion was made and seconded to cease nominations and elect Ray Malek by unanimous vote. The motion passed.

Alternates to the Supreme Convention

Very Reverend Louis Shea was elected as the 1st Alternate

Don Scott was elected as the 2nd Alternate

Selection of the 2028 Convention Site

A motion was made and seconded to select Gillette as the site for the 2027 State Convention and Torrington as the site for the 2028 State Convention. The motion passed.

11:00 am Open Session

Host Grand Knight Report – Gary Michaud, GK 5447, Lander

Along with his report (see attached), Gary reported they raised over \$1,000 from the silent auction which will be donated to the Lander Care and Share Food Bank.

Host District Deputy Report – Tom Ryder, District Deputy #4

See attached report

2026 Convention Report, Anthony Spiering, GK 3043, Powell

Brian Duyck reported the dates for the 2026 Convention will be April 24, 25 & 26 and plans are well underway

Closing Remarks

Supreme Representative, Brandon Brown

Ron Morris, Immediate Past State Deputy **Absent**

Sean Sherwin, State Warden

Rodney Birkle, State Advocate

Mike Pexton, State Treasurer **Absent**

Jim Larscheid, State Secretary

Very Rev. Louis Shea, State Chaplain (**left early for 1st communion**)

Brian Duyck, State Deputy

Closing Prayer – Very Rev. Louie Shea

Closing Ode – Don Scott, PSD

11:55 am Retiring of Colors – Ray Malek, District Master

12:00 pm Adjournment – Sack lunch provided.

Thank you for participating and making this Convention a Success!

BUDGET

Company name: Wyoming State Council Knights of Columbus

Budget name: Budget_FY26_P&L

Budget type: Profit and loss

Period: FY 2026 (Jul 2025 - Jun 2026)

Consolidated

Accounts	Budget totals
Miscellaneous Income	\$0.00
Misc	\$838.00
Total Miscellaneous Income	\$838.00
Pass Through Monies Received	\$0.00
Change From Heaven	\$2500.00
Coats for Kids	\$11000.00
Liability Insurance Revenue	\$4601.65
Tootsie Roll Income	\$7454.32
Total Pass Through Monies Received	\$25555.97
Per Capita	\$25374.40
Pro-Life Revenue	\$0.00
Pro-Life income from Councils	\$80.00
Total Pro-Life Revenue	\$80.00
Total Income	\$51848.37
01. State Officers Allowance	\$300.00
04. State Convention Mileage and Per Diem	\$12000.00
06. State Convention Registration	\$2250.00
07. State Officer Meetings/Membership	\$2800.00
08. State Council Expense	\$0.00
Awards	\$300.00
Miscellaneous	\$243.25
Subscriptions	\$1069.20
Supplies	\$450.00
Total 08. State Council Expense	\$2062.45
10. State Deputy- Supreme Convention Expenses	\$1400.00
11. Supreme Convention Expense	\$927.55
14. Audit	\$2985.00
17. State Council Travel	\$800.00
19. Special Projects	\$500.00
22. Miscellaneous/Non-Budgeted Items	\$500.00
23. Pass Through Monies	\$0.00
Change From Heaven/McGivney Burse	\$2500.00
Coats for Kids	\$11000.00
Liability Insurance Expense	\$4439.00
Manual Michael Davila Funds For Charities	\$7500.00
Total 23. Pass Through Monies	\$25439.00
Total Tootsie Roll Account	\$0.00
Total Expense	\$51964.00
Interest Earned	\$115.63
Total Other Income	\$115.63
Total Other Expense	\$0.00
Total Net Income	\$0.00

Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 3:59 PM MDT

STATE OFFICER REPORTS



Knights of Columbus

Wyoming State Council



State Deputy Report 2024-2025

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. While I was at New Haven I visited with Drew Dillingham about continuing the RSVP program we started in Wyoming. Where we send the monies to the Bishop and the Diocese distributes the monies. We seem to have built a working relationship with Bishop Biegler.

Last fall Supreme started the BOGO program for coats for Kids. We had Council put in orders for coats thru the State and distribute them to local kids. BOGO is an acronym for "Buy one, get one free" WE distributed over 1100 coats in Wyoming. I hope we keep this program going, Supreme is going to continue it.

Another project we are working on is the Charitable Trust. Our Trustees, Mike Pexton, and Ken Stockwell are in the process of getting it back to the original guidelines. They are having a couple of votes here at the Convention. It is exciting that the Trust is finally going to perform its original purpose of helping fund Seminarian education and Priest retirement. But sadly we have to wait until the next Priest passes away to initiate the process.

Another function that we had the opportunity to do was in February. Wyoming had the privilege to have a 1st degree Relic of Blessed Father McGivney travel thru the State. Starting in Rock Springs, then going to Casper, and finally to Gillette. We had Father McGivney prayer cards touched to the 1st degree Relic, Thus becoming 3rd degree Relics themselves. I am handing them out at this Convention.

Another highlight of the Convention was that we are performing a 4th degree initiation on Saturday afternoon. We hope to initiate new 4th degree members. Thanks for letting me serve as your Stated Deputy.

Brian Dwyer



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2025 WYOMING STATE CONVENTION

STATE SECRETARY REPORT

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

It has been a pleasure serving as a State Officer these past 6 years – as State Warden for fraternal year 2019/20, as State Advocate for fraternal year 2020/21, State Treasurer for fraternal years 2021/2022 and 2022/23 and currently as State Secretary for fraternal years 2023/24 and 2024/25.

Last August, Valerie and I attended the Supreme Convention in Quebec City and I had the distinct honor to represent Wyoming as a delegate. It was a phenomenal experience, and we enjoyed every minute we were there. What a blessing to spend a few days with Knights from all over the world! My most sincere thanks to the 2024 state delegation for electing me as a delegate!

State Secretary duties include approving vouchers for state expenditures (which also requires approval from the State Deputy and State Treasurer), depositing payments received into our checking account and forwarding transmittals of such to the State Treasurer, sending out council per capita statements twice a year, sending out council insurance statements once a year, recording and publishing meeting minutes from the state convention and any special meetings held throughout the year where action by the state officers is taken, assisting the State Deputy and convention chairman with finalizing agenda for the state convention, distributing convention packets to the councils ahead of the convention and maintaining an accurate contact list for all current Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries.

I know at times it probably seems burdensome to the Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries when they see another email from me, but your efforts and timely replies is much appreciated!

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

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!

Vivat Jesus,

James A. Larscheid
State Secretary



Knights of Columbus

Wyoming State Council



2025 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. We have had some challenges this year. A major one was someone hacked into our bank account and made some unauthorized withdrawals. Fortunately, I was able to catch it early enough that we recouped all of the withdrawals with the help of Hilltop Bank Staff. We had to close our account and open a new account. With this comes new checks, notifying all holders of outstanding checks, voiding those checks and issuing new checks on the new account.

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 FY2023/2024 was performed by our 3rd party accounting firm, Grooms & Harkins, P.C...

Our current budget for fiscal year FY2024/2025 is also in good shape and there are no concerns with finishing the fiscal year at or below our budget.

God Bless you all!

Vivat Jesus,
Mike Pexton
Wyoming Knights of Columbus State Treasurer



Knights of Columbus
Wyoming State Council



WYOMING STATE ADVOCATE REPORT
APRIL 2025

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.

Safe Environment Training Compliance(SEP) continues to be an unresolved issue. We have only 80% member compliance with only 45% council compliance as of March 23. Email notifications were sent to all non-complaint members, and their Grand Knights in an effort to gain compliance, to no avail. Informational training will be provided at this years convention.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rodney Birkle
Wyoming State Advocate

Vivat Jesus!



Wyoming State Council

Warden

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme Representative, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Brother Knights,

The Wyoming Council's materiel needs are largely being met with our current equipment, however there are items that are reaching obsolescence. Additionally, there are items in stores that no longer serve a purpose and are taking extra space; these items could likely be eliminated.

Therefore, I recommend the Council evaluate its needs and determine if the current equipment can meet those service requirements or if more modern equipment should be purchased to meet the needs of the Council.

Vivat Jesus,

Sean Sherwin
Warden

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, as always are doing a fantastic job. Lots of activities and participation.

Council 3551, Wheatland, is doing well.

Council 6623, Torrington, is active and continues to work within the Tri-Parish to keep everyone involved.

Council 7789, Pine Bluffs, is doing great and has recently got a new Financial Secretary.

Brother,
Lawrence Espelage
District Deputy #1

District Deputy #2 Convention Report

April 2025

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, held a Eucharistic Procession across Casper, and were able to expand their Lenten fish fries, a huge activity for St. Anthony's Parish. No new members this year, but expectations are high for 2025-26.

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. They also are ever-present supporters of TrueCare, our local pregnancy resource center. Having been blessed with a bequeathal from a deceased member and his wife, 9917 has been able to help all three Casper parishes as well as St. Anthony Tri-Parish School with budget shortfall. There is only one new member so far this year, but they have their eye on a large OCIA class with some interesting prospects.

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

Council 6558, Douglas is now officially INACTIVE. After several years of trying to breathe 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. My role, however, seems to be officially inactive as well, as I have no access to Council 6558 information online.

This is just a snapshot of the things that councils in District 2 are doing. 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

Wyoming Knights of Columbus

WYOMING KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE CONVENTION

Brad Bettolo DD3

This year has been a good year for my councils that I have in my district.

Green River Council 7453 has been very busy throughout the year with many activities. Their members help out at masses. They help out with decorating the church inside and out for the advent season. They also started a COR program. They are now in the middle of Lent by cooking Fish Dinners every Friday now. They helped out with the annual church picnic. There are too many other activities to list. See Grand Knights Mike Dauls report.

Pinedale 9756 has been busy throughout the year with many activities. Their members serve many roles at mass by doing the readings, ushering, and extraordinary ministers. They also help out with Third Saturday Adoration. They participate in teaching CCD. They sell beer at the annual Rendezvous weekend in July. They started Friday night Bingo early 2024. There are too many other activities to report see Grand Knights Brian Hoytal report.

Rock Springs 2441 has been very busy this year. Their members serve in many roles of the church. They help with RCIA classes and Confirmation classes. They help out with the annual church picnic by cooking set up and tear down. They had their annual Prime Rib dinner. Now they are in the swing for the Fish Fry dinners. They also had the Fr Michal McGivney relic mass. There were 3 priests that did the mass. There are also too many activities to report see Grand Knights Micheal Boren report.

Fort Bridger 10027 has been busy throughout the year. They have members serve all roles at mass. They had a Coat for Kids coat drive and gave away 3 boxes of coats. They help out at their annual church picnic. They have their annual parking drive at the church during the Ft Bridger Rendezvous weekend on Labors Day. They also serve breakfast that weekend. Now they are doing 40 cans for forty days during this Lenten season.

Kemmerer 2337 they had a good year. They were busy with serving breakfasts for Mothers Day and for the first time for Valentine's Day. They also did a fish fry after the Ash Wednesday mass. They put out the Nativity and others Christmas decorations that they been doing for a longtime. They have been helping with the grounds keeping around the church. They have gained 2 members do to being transfer in.

Brad Bettolo dd3 has been busy with his council with all the activities they been doing. Been going to see my councils. I have been helping with ushering at mass. On my free time been trying to get some fishing in on the ice and off bank. Can't wait to see everyone for the convention.

WYOMING DISTRICT DEPUTY #4 2025 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. Council 2578 participated in the Knight’s “Coats for Kids” program for the first time in 2024, distributing coats to children in need through the local school district. Finally, the men conducted clean-up activities along a mile-long stretch of highway south of Thermopolis in Fall 2024 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 Gary Michaud, 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 social meeting, while the second is held to conduct monthly business. 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 \$2,200 in 2025. Lander’s Knights are active participants in the K of Cs Silver Rose and St. Joseph Icon programs. 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 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. Two Knights also serve as Holy Rosary Parish Lay Directors. 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. 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. Council 5447 also hosted this year's State Convention using facilities at Holy Rosary Parish.

This report presents just a small percentage of 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

2025 State Convention District Deputy 6 Report

****Sheridan Council 2104****

- *This Council is very healthy and active year round with programs, projects, and events.
- *All Officer positions, FIA Director positions, and the Membership Director position are filled.
- *They are compliant on all SEP requirements.
- *A small COR group meets twice a month for prayer, formation, and fraternity. No assigned EFF Director.
- *Semiannual Audit 1295, Service Personnel 365, and Officers Chosen 185 are up to date and submitted.
- *This year they are weak on new member recruitment and FBE events.
- *They have two meeting per month with good attendance.

****Buffalo Council 3332****

- *This Council is healthy and active with projects and events.
- *All Officer positions, FIA Director positions, and the Membership Director position are filled.
- *They are compliant on all SEP requirements.
- *They do not have a COR program. No assigned EFF Director.
- *Semiannual Audit 1295, Service Personnel 365, and Officers Chosen 185 forms are up to date and submitted.
- *This year they are week on FIA Programs and FBE events.
- *They have two meetings a month for ten months with good attendance, no meetings in July or August.

****Gillette 3477****

- *This Council is very healthy and active year round with programs, projects, and events.
- *All Officer positions, FIA Director positions, and the Membership Director position are filled.
- *They are compliant on all SEP requirements.
- *Their COR members meet with the Parish "Sons of Joseph" men's group. They follow the COR criteria of prayer, formation, and fraternity. Small groups meet at various times during the month with a large group gathering once a month and an annual one day silent retreat. No assigned EFF Director.
- *Semiannual Audit 1295, Service Personnel 365, and Officers Chosen 185 forms are up to date and submitted.
- *This year they are week on FBE events.
- *They have one meeting per month with good attendance and one social.

****Newcastle 6634****

- *This Council is bordering on unhealthy.
- *All Officer positions, required FIA Director positions, and Membership Director position are filled.
- *They are compliant on all SEP requirements.
- *They do not have a COR group, but do have members that attend the Parish men's group.
- *They do not have a Faith Director, Life Director, or EFF Director.
- *Their membership is aging. They have a couple in their 40s and 50s, but most are in their 60s to 80s. Over a third of their members are Honorary Life so money is tight. The Parish is also aging and has very few young parishioners for them to draw from. They did get a new Grand Knight this year, he is 67 years old. He is on Officers Online and is trying to do something to help revive the Council, but he has only been a Knight for two years. Their Financial Secretary is 75 years old and has held that position for over 15 years. He would like to step down but can't find a replacement. At this point, he is the glue that is holding the Council together.
- *They are somewhat active, mostly helping with Church breakfasts and dinners and the annual Parish picnic. They hold one fundraiser, a bowling pin shoot, which gives them a little money to support seminarians, a senior scholarship, and a pregnancy center.
- *They have one meeting a month that is poorly attended.

My goal for these four Councils is to encouraging them to achieve the Columbian Award through our Faith in Action Program. I believe this is the foundation for the Star Council Award. By actively striving for the Columbian Award, the Councils get great exposure which could inspire new membership, possibly a McGivney Award, through their increased visibility in the Parishes. I have made sure that all of this year's GKs are on Officers Online and see the resources for the FIA Programs. I have told the GKs that it is imperative that they appoint a Program Director that will be "proactive" in monitoring the overall program and communicating with each specific director about the programs they will choose and direct. I also made it my goal to help all District 6 Councils be SEP compliant. I am happy to report that we have met that goal.

Vivat Jesus!

Greg Hampson
Knights of Columbus
Wyoming State Council
District Deputy 6

CHAIRMAN/ DIRECTOR REPORTS

2025 WYOMING KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE CONVENTION

FAITH IN ACTION COMMUNITY REPORT

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

As always, 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 Wyoming are good in the Coats for Kids and Helping Hands programs. I'm uncertain in the other programs. If you read the monthly Wyoming Cowboy Bulletin you can see some of 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.

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. Some Knights are able to assist parishioners, neighbors and relatives by taking them to Dr. appointments, grocery shopping or just checking in on them. Knights are there when our relatives, friends and neighbors need help.

My home Council sponsors a Super Bowl Chili Feed for \$5/dinner and anyone can attend. We make a few bucks and community members get a good meal for a reasonable price. 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. Please make submissions to the Wyoming Cowboy Bulletin. It will give other Councils some ideas for community service.

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

Vivat Jesus,

Michael Dahl
Community Director

STATE PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN CONVENTION REPORT

APRIL 2025

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, but I understand their replacement is being sought. Thanks to them for volunteering for this selfless vocation.

Wyoming State Knights of Columbus 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 Public Relations and Publicity Guide that is provided by our Supreme Council.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Grapes

Public Relations Chairman

State Convention 2025

Brother Knights,

I am Dave Patterson from Saint Patrick's Church in Wheatland.

Brother Larscheid asked the Councils of Wyoming if they had anyone interested in Chairing the Coats for Kids Program for Wyoming. I've known Jim since we were kids, so I volunteered. I'm here today to give you a brief update on last years program and to encourage the Councils that did not participate last year to consider participating this year.

Last year fourteen Councils participated with 95 cases of coats ordered. There are twelve coats in each case, so that is 1,140 coats distributed to Wyoming kids that needed them.

Basically, how the system works is councils purchase coats through Supreme (via. Knightsgear.com) and by doing so, Supreme matches their order (buy one case, get one free). Supreme will deliver to five locations within each state. In 2024, they delivered to Gillette, Casper, Sheridan, Rock Springs and Cheyenne. It was up to the councils or District Deputies to pick up their orders. District Deputies were tasked with getting the orders from their councils and then transmit them to the state. This year that will be me. I will place the order for Wyoming. Each council will pay the state for the coats that they order.

The jackets come in child and youth size for both boys and girls with a cost of \$247.38 per case. Also, in girls' and boys' teen sizes with a cost of \$304.24 per case. Distribution of the coats was handled differently by each council. Some found a place where they could

put the coats on racks or tables and let the kids come in and pick out the coat. Other councils worked with the schools in their area and let them hand out coats to the kids that they knew needed them. Some councils took their coats to smaller towns that don't have many resources and had them distributed there.

Supreme highly encourages councils to distribute the coats on Black Friday. Councils will receive a notification to participate in August and orders should be sent to me by the end of September.

So, to the councils that participated last year, thank you. To those of you who did not participate last year I encourage you to consider doing so this year to help those who are less fortunate.



Knights of Columbus

DONALD J. SCOTT, PSD
Traveling Icon and Silver Rose Chairman
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TRAVELING ICON AND SILVER ROSE REPORT

April 23, 2025

Reverend Father, Worthy State Officers, Past State Deputies, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Convention Delegates, Brother Knight members, Wives and guests,

It is such a privilege to be known as a Catholic. Lauree and I are so pleased to be associated with all of you fine people that share our faith and membership in the Catholic Church.

The Traveling Icon of St. Joseph from 2021-2024 completed its circuit around the State of Wyoming and has arrived here in Lander to be retired. Taking its place will be the icon depicting the Sacred Heart of Jesus. There are two icons and one will travel across the southern half of the state the other across the northern to each council. Each district deputy will be in charge of setting the best times within a 2-month period to reach each Council within their district to conduct the prayer service honoring the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The Silver Rose arrived in Wyoming in Mid-May last year and prayer services were conducted in Gillette Casper and Green River/Rock Springs area. The Silver Rose for 2025 will arrive in Mid-May and the path is not yet determined.

We were also honored to have the Relic of Blessed Michael McGivney come to Wyoming and it was honored in Rock Springs, Casper and Gillette.

As we come into the Convention of 2025, I believe we have done fairly well. We should take this weekend to celebrate and enjoy our time with old friends and cultivate the new friendships that will be made this weekend. Thank you, Father Martin Kennedy, Council #5447 for your hard work and hospitality this weekend.

I thank God for all of the gifts in my life, especially for my wife, Lauree and for the privilege of getting to serve the Knights of Columbus of Wyoming. God has blessed my life.

God Bless you,

Donald J. Scott, PSD
Traveling Icon and Silver Rose Chairman

The 4 Masters of the DeSmet Province (Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota) had a Provincial Meeting in Dickinson, North Dakota on Oct. 4th, 5th and 6th. The Masters of Montana and South Dakota were installed as new Masters.

I went to Rock Springs Feb 15th and Exemplified 6 new Sir Knights. Next I went to Torrington and Exemplified 8 new Sir Knights on March 8th. Then, on March 29th, I went to Gillette and Exemplified 7 new Sir Knights.

The Wyoming State Council Voted to send me to New York City on Feb 22nd to Witness the 125th Anniversary of the 4th degree. Almost 700 new Sir Knights were Exemplified, with 3000 people in attendance.

The Wyoming State Convention was held in Lander on April 25th 26th and 27th . My home Council 5447 was the host. We introduced the New 4th degree Exemplification to Wyoming. We Exemplified 6 new Sir Knights

Dennis Weyer of Thermopolis

Nicholis Budke of Powell

Adam Schimmel of Buffalo

David Patterson of Wheatland

Daniel DeBakey of Hanna

Matt Schafer of Basin

Wyoming District Master.

Ray Malek

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORTS

**Knights of Columbus
Council #1563
Msgr. Thomas O'Reilly Council
Casper, Wyoming
Annual Grand Knight Report
2024/2025**

July Activities

- 7-13-24

The Our Lady of Fatima Church Building and Grounds Committee needed help with painting and minor repairs. Five Brothers from Council 1563 assisted with painting trim work and freshen up the paint at the entrances for a combined total of 25 hours of work.

September Activities

- 9-8-24

Council 1563 members served a Mexican dinner to approximately 225 parishioners who attended the farewell get together for our three Sisters who have been assigned to Casper for the last five years. The Sisters provided training and support to the Hispanic community. Bishop Steven Biegler also attended. Six Brothers participated in serving for a total of 24 volunteer hours.

- 9-21-24

Six Brother Knights prepared and served a chili dinner with sides to kickoff the Forty Days of Life at St. Anthony's parish. The speakers attending spoke about the importance of praying outside of the abortion clinic in Casper to bring attention to ending abortions not only in our community , but everywhere. Volunteers signed up for time slots to pray at the end of the presentation.

- 9-28-24

The Diocese of Cheyenne celebrated a Mass for National Hispanic Heritage Month at St. Patricks Church. Bishop Steven along with priests and Hispanic families from all over Wyoming were in attendance. A dinner was served in the Commons after the Masss with approximately 225 families in attendance. Seven Brother Knights helped serve food and drinks and cleanup afterwards. Leftover food from the dinner was donated to the homeless community in Casper.

October Activities

- 10-20-24 and 10-27-24

Knights of Columbus Corporal Communion Mass at St. Anthony's and Our Lady of Fatima Parishes. Knights of Columbus #1563 provided the ministries for the Masses. 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.

January Activities

- 1-25-25

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. A Mass was celebrated at 8:00am for all of the unborn and for an end to abortion. All events were held indoors and the speakers were very good. Coffee, hot chocolate, and sweet rolls were served.

April Activities

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Lenten Fish Dinners were prepared and served on Friday evenings during the Lent season before the Stations of the Cross. One of the dinners was held at St. Anthony's School on 4-4-25 in conjunction with the students performance of the Living Stations of the Cross.

- 4-10-25

Knights of Council #1563 prepared and served a luncheon dinner to the priests gathered for the clergy retreat and chrism Mass. Knights also attended the Chrism Mass later that evening.

Year Long Activity

Vocation Prayer Ministries. Three years ago, when the Diocese of Cheyenne asked each parish to form a group to pray for vocations, a team was formed. 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, 2024 through December, 2024, Council #1563 had \$650.00 in financial disbursements, and 556 hours of service.

Grand Knight Council #1563

Kenneth Carr

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT FOR COUNCIL NO. 2337 IN KEMMERER

Council No. 2337 in Kemmerer has had a good and blessed year these past 12 months. We have prepared and served a Mother's Day breakfast for the past 20 years, and did so again on Mother's Day in 2024. Council No. 2337 also prepared and served, for the first time, a Valentine's Day breakfast on the Sunday before Valentine's Day this past February. The Council also continued to prepare and serve a fish fry meal after the Ash Wednesday evening Mass. All went very well, and were well received. Council No. 2337 long tradition of putting up the outside Nativity and decorations before Christmas was done again for Christmas 2024. We plan to continue all of these activities in the future. St. Patrick's groundskeeper is our Financial Secretary, Dan Dean. The Knights help him with projects he cannot complete by himself. This included repairing a waterline this past summer. Council 2337 is looking at preparing and serving a dinner for the parish this Fall, and inviting men who are considering joining the Knights of Columbus and their families. Council 2337 have added two knights to our rolls via transfers. We pray that Council 2337 and all the Councils in Wyoming continue to be blessed by Our Lord this next year.

Vivat Jesus!

Jim Thoeny

Grand Knight – Council No. 2337 Kemmerer



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.

It has been another fruitful year for our Council. We have continued our tradition of serving one Mass each month, with Knights filling the various ministry roles, including as altar servers.

This year, Knights from our Council were instrumental in planning and carrying out the local Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Wyoming, an event spanning the communities of Green River and Rock Springs, and with the involvement of Green River Police Department, Rock Springs Police Department, Sweetwater County Sheriff, and Wyoming Highway Patrol.

August saw both our Annual Coats for Kids Trail Race and Parish Picnic. The trail race was organized by Past Grand Knight Eric Urlacher, with almost 100 runners participating to raise funds for coats and to provide food donations to hungry families. At the parish picnic, our council once again served by bringing the necessary chairs, tables, altar and supplies, as well as by cooking hamburgers and hotdogs for all in attendance.

At the request of our clergy, the Council spent a day doing intensive cleanup of the exterior of the rectory and grounds. A large cargo trailer of debris was collected and hauled to the dump.

Our newly started practice of family dinners continued throughout the year, offering our Council greater opportunities for community and fellowship over a monthly shared meal.

Additionally, our Council has made a pledge of \$125,000 to the capital campaign for the building of a new Parish campus and community center.

In the past few months, we were honored to have the opportunity to celebrate a Mass and pray with a first degree relic of Blessed Michael McGivney, we hosted our Annual Prime Rib Dinner fundraiser serving over 200 members of our community and raising funds for another year of activity and giving. We were also instrumental in coordinating the Jackalope Jump or Special Olympics Wyoming in Rock Springs. Our council raised over \$1000, and the event raised over \$13,000 in total for Special Olympics athletes in Wyoming.

Unfortunately, time does not allow us to recount the contributions and many hours of service and prayer offered by our brothers, however, we are pleased to report that our Council remains truly vibrant and active in service to each other, our clergy, our parish and our community.

On behalf of Frank Plemel Council No. 2441 may the Lord our God bless the work that you do now and throughout the coming year.

Vivat Jesus!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael J. Boren". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

Michael Boren
Grand Knight

Phillip Krass #2578

Thermopolis, Wyoming

Grand Knight Report

What a year: A successful beef raffle that was our main money maker for the year. We also had three Lenten fish fries. Because of these, donations from members and the CCW of Thermopolis we were able to donate to many charities. These included three cookie jar auctions for people in need of money for medical needs, the local ^{Back} pack program for food for children on weekends. the People for People program that give meals to shut ins on Sundays, \$2500 to seminarians in Wyoming and one in Montana, Elevation Women House for pregnancy help. We also participated in the Coats for Kids Program, The Wyoming Food Bank and the local T-Town Cancer group to help people who have to travel for cancer treatments.

We met our quota for new members. This was the second year in a row. We have grown from about 20 members five years ago to 45.

In the fall we went out and cleaned two miles of the highway. We also lead rosary the first Sunday of the month. We rang the bell for the Salvation Army on two different Saturdays in December.

A couple of members have just about completed a four year project of replacing the windows in the parish center and the rectory and replacing the siding on the parish center.

Respectfully submitted,

Maynard Bills, Grand Knight

Brothers,

Council 2720 is beginning to come back to life! Covid may have knocked us down, but it didn't get rid of us. Over the past year, we have made significant strides within our community. For the first time in a long while, we were able to assist several organizations that do great work in the Laramie area. We held our first-ever Gun Raffle and successfully donated \$6,500 to Heart to Heart, Family Promise of Laramie, Albany County Special Olympics, Interfaith, and The Laramie Soup Kitchen.

We have also started a Handy Helpers program that serves both St. Paul's Newman Center and St. Laurence O'Toole Catholic Church. This initiative has been a great success, headed up by Brother Dick Schmidt. Thank you! A few Knights collect food weekly from various businesses and deliver it to Interfaith, a local food pantry. Great work, everyone!

Last year, the Knights of Columbus volunteered their time cooking for about 250 parishioners from both parishes at the Bi-Parish picnic held at Washington Park. It was a wonderful community-building event, and I look forward to it again in 2025.

In December, we held our 2nd Annual Christmas Ornament Project, which was a huge success among both kids and parents from both parishes.

Since the last convention, we have gained four new members, which is wonderful news! We are also contributing to the Lenten Simple Supper this Lenten Season.

Thank you all for your dedication and hard work! Note we have gained 4 new members. This is wonderful. We are also Contributing to the Lenten Simple Supper this Lenten Season

We Look Forward to the Future

God Bless
GK Buddy Crater

Council 3043 has had a pretty good year since the last convention. We hosted several ice cream socials after Saturday night Mass during the summer. We also helped host the annual St. Barbara's parish picnic with the usual attendance.

Our local pregnancy center, Serenity, was in need of a new ultrasound machine in 2024. Our council fundraised extensively and the new machine was up and running in January 2025. In October we held a fundraising breakfast to support our local senior center with their meals on wheels program. This was well attended and a new direction for our community service donations.

Our main annual fundraiser remains the November Harvest Dinner with its attached dessert auction. Throughout the winter we hosted a breakfast on the second Sunday of the month. These are a great opportunity for parishioners to get together and visit.

February is our annual pony race and chili cookoff with its usual attendance.

Altogether our council continues to thrive. We have a weekly rosary group, which becomes a daily rosary group during Lent. Our spring cleanup was successful and we are starting to plan for hosting the state convention in 2026. Thankfully, Powell now has a large building with attached kitchen that we reserved.

Anthony Spiering

**Wind River Council 3237
Grand Knight Report
April 2025**

Prepared dinner for Parish picnic in the park in August 2024

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.

Helped set up tables for Lenten soup suppers. Served Lenten breakfasts to about 130 people every Sunday after mass during Lent.

Working with Lander and Thermopolis Councils with procuring a new ultrasound machine for Abba's House in Riverton. Abba's house provides care to Fremont, Hot Springs and Washakie counties.

Assisted St Margaret's School with the purchase and installation of a new dishwasher.

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

Council #3332 Grand Knights Report Fraternal Activities 2024

Dear Worthy Secretary,

Council #3332 this past year has provided for our community and parish as follows:

- Council Activities:
 - 1st Sunday Breakfasts
 - Fish Fry on Fat Tuesday
 - Free Throw Challenge for the youth
- Donations:
 - St Joseph's Society (Priest Retirement)
 - Wyoming Catholic Charities
 - Seminarian Education
 - Fallen Officers Fund for Sheridan Officer Nevada Krinkee
 - Johnson County Fire Relief Fund (Ranchers affected by the House Draw Fire)
 - Special Olympics (Johnson County)
- Other Activities/Donations
 - Scholarship for Graduating Senior from our Parish (Kieran Murray)
 - Veterans Bingo
 - Gift Items for Parish youth at the Advent dinner & Donation of the meat
 - Purchasing Hamburgers, Brats, & Buns for Father Bryce's' Installation Celebration (Cooking the burger and brats)
 - Change from Heaven (State Council)

Regards,

Robert L. Fox

Grand Knight

Council #3332

Buffalo, Wyoming

Knights of Columbus Council 3477

Grand Knight Report, April 2025

March and April, 2025:

We hosted the presentation of the Father McGiveny relic, rosary, and service.

We provided and cooked corned beef for the St. Patrick's potluck dinner at St. Patrick's in Moorcroft.

Had a crew of 5 Knights select 2 high school finalists and 2 alternates for \$1000 scholarships.

Hosted a 4th degree exemplification for 9 Knights.

We had a group of 5 Knights fry fish for the youth group fundraiser.

January and February, 2025:

Raised \$370 for general charities from a Sunday breakfast after both masses.

October – December, 2024:

Lollipop drive for the Women's Resource Center raised \$988.

Tootsie Roll drive net proceeds of \$4,438.

Had a 12/12 Gun Raffle (12 guns, 144 tickets, drawing on 12/12) with net proceeds of \$6,582, of which \$6,000 was donated to the St. John Paul II Catholic School and the remainder to the Women's Resource Center.

Coats for Kids - Provided 8 dozen coats to 6 local schools, \$1,000 cost was raised from donations by local Knights.

Helped Deacon Kim Carrol cut up and remove a trailer full of downed trees in his yard resulting from a snowstorm.

July – September, 2024:

Hosted a Blue Mass breakfast for First Responders.

Provided / bbq'd hamburgers and hotdogs for the parish picnic.

May – June, 2024:

Provided hotdogs and hamburgers for Fr. Bryce's sendoff.

Served doughnuts after masses for the month of June.

Made improvements to our Right to Life signage in the community.

Hosted a breakfast for the high school graduates and families.

Monthly:

COR group meeting one Saturday each month.

Host the Patriotic Rosary the 1st Monday of each month.

Gregg Gebhart
Grand Knight

Grand Knight report

Council 3551

Family Activities:

- * Serve breakfast the 2nd Sunday after Mass, Sept Thru May
- * Breakfast burrito fund raiser

Community Activities:

- * Coats for kids, council 3551 bought two cases of coats for our grade school kids
- * 3551 member Dave Patterson is the state chairman for coats for kid
- * Charitable contributions to the foodbank
- * Charitable contributions to several youth groups
- * Demolition and removal of shed for elderly parishioner

Life Activities:

- * Refurbished Pro-life highway sign

Greg Uhrig GK

Wheatland, WY

COUNCIL #4031 Grand Knight Report Time Frame: 2024 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. Serenity Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for New Ultrasound.

March - Saint Patrick's Day Breakfast fundraiser featuring prime rib, eggs, pancakes and hash. Additionally, the Knights throughout the months of February,

March and April, they continued to host Lenten Breakfasts for our parish families and clergy.

April - The Knights participated in the Stations of the Cross during Mass, followed by a soup dinner (no meat) provided by the Knights. Council 4031 hosted the 2025 Special Olympics luncheon at Saint Anthony's Parish Brady Hall which included all athletes, coaches and Teachers (250+ participants). 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. The Serenity Pregnancy Resource Center of Cody has received a new ultrasound machine, made possible by the incredible support and generous donations from the Knights of Columbus Council 4031 fundraiser with matching contributions from Knights of Columbus Supreme. May God bless the Knights of Columbus.

Buffalo Bill Birthday Ball fundraiser distributions:

2024 ANNUAL DONATIONS

\$24,000+

- 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

Supreme Representative, State Deputy, State Chaplain Father Louis Shea, State Officials and Members of 2025 Knights of Columbus Annual Convention Assembly:

It is my honor to provide the Grand Knight's report for Father Martin Kennedy Council #5447.

We are nearing the end of our amazing Convention here at Holy Rosary Parish in Lander. Our sincere thanks to all of you for joining us this weekend as we celebrate the end of the earthly and holy life of Pope Francis. This year 61 Knights of Columbus registered for the state convention for 3 days of formal meetings, 2 amazing masses, and 2 pro-life presentations. We also raised over \$1000 from the silent auction that will be donated to the Lander Care and Share Food Bank. A special thanks to all of our volunteer who are too numerous to remember at this time.

This year the Council:

- Served meals at the annual Holy Rosary barbeque, 4 Lenten Breakfasts, the annual Holy Rosary St. Nicholas Party, a pro-life breakfast for Gabriel's Project and the Mother's Day Breakfast;
- Sold 100 cases of tootsie rolls raising \$2,550 in gross donation revenue, resulting in \$2,316 in donations to our local Special Olympics and \$234 to the Michael Davila Funds to support the State Special Olympics Program;
- Served with 4th degree honor at: the Holy Rosary 1st Communion in Lander and Thermopolis; Holy Rosary Christmas Eve Mass; the Wyoming Catholic College President's Inauguration Mass; the Wyoming Catholic College Baccalaureate Mass; and the St. Joseph Consecration and Eucharistic Adoration;
- Held a men's bowling event for college students and Holy Rosary families that packed the local bowling alley so full they ran out of bowling shoes;
- Sold Safeway cards that raise approximately \$400 every month for council expenses;
- Awarded two annual scholarships for \$500 each;
- Sponsored a Main Street billboard to Keep Christ in Christmas and stuffed bags with candy and peanuts for Mr. Santa Claus to give to the children of our parish for Christmas Eve;
- Produced new paper table mats promoting the Knights of Columbus that can be used for all parish meals;
- Participated in the March for Life and other local events supporting the life of unborn children; and
- Hosted a recruiting event at Wyoming Catholic College in February.

Also, our Esteemed Brother Raymond Malek serves as the State 4th Degree Master and our Esteemed Brother Thomas Ryder serves as the District Deputy.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary Michaud". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gary Michaud, Grand Knight

Father Martin Kennedy Council #5447

**Grand Knight Report
Council 6623
Msgr. Fred Kimmet**

Annual Activities Report
4/2024 thru 4/2025

Council Highlights

- Yearly – Formed Subscription for Tri-parish
- Yearly – Torrington Fire Department
- Yearly – Focus Mission - for Krista Malcom/DeCook
- Yearly – RSVP
- Yearly – Living and Giving in Christ
- Yearly – xxx
- Monthly - Council Meetings
- Monthly - Family of the Month
- Weekly – Bingo
- Weekly – Rosary at 7 am mass on Sunday

Funerals / Deaths

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Programs

May 2024

May 14th Mother's Day

Carnations given to mother's at St Rose, St Anthony, and St Leo churches

June 2024

June 18th Father's Day

July 2024

August 2024

August 18th Church Picnic

September 2024

October 2024

All Souls Party

November 2024

December 2024

Christian book give away

Keep Christ in Christmas

January 2025

Pro-Life Breakfast

Goshen County Right to Life

February 2025

3rd Degree Exemplification

March 2025

4th Degree Exemplification

April 2025

April 15th Fr. Shea Scholarships

Two/three \$500 scholarships

- **Pro-Life Activities**

Hwy 26 Scottsbluff Nebraska Bill Board
Hwy 85 South of Torrington Bill Board
Hwy 18 West of Lusk Bill Board
Right-to-Life demonstration in downtown Torrington
Right-to-Life breakfast (1/29)
Support **Pro-Life** march in Cheyenne

- **Council Activities**

3rd degree Exemplification
4th degree Exemplification
Priest Retirement Fund
Seminarian Fund
Summer breakfast - Cookies and Coffee
Fall breakfast - Cookies and Lemonade
All Souls Day party (11/2)
Keep Christ in Christmas – “Holy Moments” book
Fruit Baskets for widows
Friday Lenten Dinners (2/24, 3/17, 4/7) by the Knights
Dinner and a Movie – “The Passion of Christ”

- **Church Activities**

Eucharistic Procession with Honor Guard
Lead rosary before Sunday mass
St. Joseph Icon
Parish Breakfast Cookies and Coffee
Eucharistic Miracle Posters
FORMED.org

- **Fr. Shea Scholarship Fund**

Two Scholarships available - \$500 each
Three Applications this year

WYOMING KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE CONVENTION 2025

Monsignor James Godley Council 7453-Green River, WY

Monsignor James Godley Council 7453 in Green River has been busy again this fraternal year. I have broken our activities down according to Faith, Family, Community and Life.

FAITH

Members of Council 7453 continue to support our ICC Parish by leading the Rosary before week-end Masses. We serve as ushers, lectors, greeters and take up the collection each week. We organized a 24-hr. Adoration for the 2024 Elections and had each 1 hr. time slot filled with at least two people and several people for some of the hours. We decorate outdoor trees around the Parish grounds each Advent with multi-colored solar lights, set up the outdoor manger and help in decorating the church interior. We have helped the parish with monetary support for Living and Giving in Christ Campaign. We support our Priest with Christmas and Birthday gifts each year. We have helped with church repairs, shoveling sidewalks and miscellaneous projects when requested. Members of Council 7453 assist in teaching CCD and Confirmation classes. Our Council began our first COR sessions this past year and continue this year. Knights help our Faith formation Director and Parish Administrative Assistant when requested. The Council chips in scholarship money to the Faith Formation Director for underprivileged children to supply them with books and learning materials. We are there when our Priest needs our help. 7453 have a Friday Lenten Fish Fry each week during Lent as a fundraiser and to promote abstaining from meat on Friday's during Lent.

FAMILY

One of our goals each year is to support our Parish Family. We cook hamburgers and hot dogs at our Annual Parish Picnic. ICC has started Friday Family Night the 3rd Friday of each month. Our Council has supplied and cooked hamburgers and hotdogs during one of the Fridays in the summer. We had a spaghetti dinner for the families this past fall. We recently cooked pancakes and scrambled eggs for one of the Friday evenings during Lent. We hold an Easter Egg hunt on the church grounds each year on Holy Saturday for the families to participate. We conduct a Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest for the children of our parish each year and present the winners cash at Masses during Advent. Council 7453 offers two scholarships for graduating seniors for writing an essay on "What It Means To Me To Be A Catholic". We advertise it in the bulletin and announcements to promote parents to encourage their children to participate. Council 7453 participates in our annual "Trunk or Treat" at Halloween by decorating our vehicles and passing out candy to the youth.

COMMUNITY

In an effort to help support our community, we conduct two "Food For Family" food drives each year to help the needy. We purchase coats through Supreme and offer "Coats for Kids" each fall before winter hits. We cooked spaghetti for the public and runners for the annual "Run With the Wild Horses Marathon and Riverfest celebration in Green River each summer. We hold our "Annual

Superbowl Chili Feed” for the community on Sunday afternoon of the Superbowl for “take out” or “eat in”. Our Council hosts and “Annual Fat Tuesday” dinner prior to Ash Wednesday each year to kick off the Lenten season.

LIFE

Members of Council 7453 participate in a Silent Pro-Life Rally on Uinta Drive in Green River each fall by silently praying and holding Pro Life signs. Members of the Council have supported the Inside Connection Pregnancy Resource Center in Rock Springs. Brother Knights have also participated in a march in rock Springs We support the “Baby Bottle Campaign” as well.

Our Council has several members committed to these programs and without their dedication, we would not be as successful.

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

7789 GK Report is as follows:

Added 3 new member last spring.

Had James Merryfield accepted and resigned the Financial Secretary position in a year's time.

Trevor Madler has recently been approved to assume the Financial Secretary position.

We continue to have a free (donations accepted) pancake breakfast every 2nd Sunday of the month from September to May and serve roughly 60 to 80 people per breakfast.

We continue to support approved annual donations to charities and contribute to parish needs as well as specific parishioners' that request our charities.

We held our annual Golf tournament in June 2024 a major fund-raising event for our council and planning to have it again this June.

The council decided to do the coats for kids and gave to LCSD2 to distribute to kids in need. We bought 3 cases which came to \$372.

Recruiting continues to be slow, but we keep trying.

Worland Council #8635 – 2025 State Convention Grand Knight's Report

Worland Knights of Columbus Council #8635 is alive and well. While challenges to fully engage the membership linger still, 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
- Head cooks and assistant organizers for Parish Picnic - Brothers Maslowski and Ala
- Completed remodeling of the rectory via donation of time and talent – Brothers Schmeltzer, Lara, Terrazas, and Ferguson, as well as multiple others.
- Provided a \$500 scholarship to selected HS senior.
- Monthly hosting of coffee and homemade cinnamon rolls after Sunday Mass to promote parish fellowship.
- Provided a Carnation flower to mothers of the parish on Mother's Day.
- Support local Food Bank via providing monthly manpower to assist with packing and distribution of (food) boxes. Brother Maslowski led.
- Support parish and priest by way of serving as lectors, ushers, lay ministers, thurifer, servers, etc.
- Sponsored/hosted three meals for CCD students during the school year.
- Lead praying of the Rosary prior to all weekend Masses. Brother Ala led.
- Lead Holy Hour every Friday. Brother Ala led.
- Lead stations of the cross on Friday evenings during lent while Fr. Rodgers is on sabbatical.
- Provided \$300 financial support (stipend) for parish Deacon.
- Support local blood drive. Estimating on average of 3-4 Brothers donating each drive. Brother Maslowski led.
- Provided manpower, time and talent, to maintain church lawn. Brothers Nehl and Mischke.
- Sponsor Highway cleanup on 2 mile stretches of Hwy 20, north of Worland. This was initiated back in the early 90's and continues still today.
- Support First Friday adoration via KC member attending of scheduled hours. Brother Mischke led.
- Organized Christmas Basket Program. Knights deliver and Brother (Deacon) Martinsen lead.
- Supported community Christmas Basket Program with donation of \$100.
- Sponsored four Bingo events, and a couple (meat) 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

2024 Knights of Columbus Activities

Council #9431

Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church

FAITH

- OLM kitchen/stove maintenance/repair
- Disbursement to 4 seminarians (\$1200 each)
- Support Latino community liturgical celebrations (eg. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Corpus Christi)
- Support OLM Feast Day celebration 8/11/24
- Support Sacred Heart Chapel celebration 9/29/24
- Support of OLM music ministry
- Provide 4th Degree Honor Guard at funerals
- Provide monthly Sunday pancake breakfasts for the parish
- Provide Lenten fish fries for the parish
- Support Jackson Town Square Nativity Scene
- Provide OLM foreign priests with winter clothing
- Inducted 7 new Knights
- Support OLM Flower ministry
- Support Eucharistic Ministers
- Serve on Parish Council, Finance Council, Pastoral Planning Team
- Disbursement of Christmas cash gifts to OLM clergy and staff
- Cut Christmas trees for OLM
- Help decorate church for Christmas
- Made and installed rock crucifix in the church
- Heavy participation in That Man Is You program
- Participation in parish Book study groups

FAMILY

- Support Jackson Council of Catholic Women's Christmas Bizarre 11/23/24
- Provide OLM Boy's scholarship program
- Support OLM Thanksgiving meal

COMMUNITY

- Provide Teton County School District with 48 Coats for Kids
- Support Jackson Hole Youth Baseball program
- Support local Habitat for Humanity project 5/11/24

LIFE

- Support for Jackson's Compass Women's Care pregnancy center

SOCIAL

- Monthly Knight Meetings
- Support OLM St. Patrick's Day dinner/dance 3/16/24
- Hold social events for Knights and JCCW to build community
- Provide multiple raffles for the parish including the most recent olive wood Nativity Scene from Palestine
- Support clergy anniversary, birthday and retirement celebration.

Wyoming Knights of Columbus State Convention 2025

Father Pierre De Smet 9756 – Pinedale, WY

Faith

Our members continue to be visible and serve as role models in our Parish. We have members who are ushers, lectors, extra-ordinary ministers, and there always seems to be at least one in the back of church trying to calm their child. We have several members who participate in our Third Saturday Adoration. We help with Church repairs and projects like when our bathrooms were out of service and had to be torn up to repair drain pipe our Knights re-tiled the area and cleaned the rest of the bathroom floors. Members of our Council participate in teaching CCD, help cook dinner for the kids, and provide monetary donations for food. The Council continues to give scholarships to graduating high schoolers. We have donated to the Parish building fund and have supported the new Parish Hall by buying two gas fryers to save on our electricity bill. We continue to provide upkeep to the Father De Smet monument.

Family

Our biggest mission as a council is to try to bring our Parish together and build community. We started Friday night BINGO in early 2024 and we had three successful BINGO nights this past winter. We continued with our Rendezvous weekend in July by selling beer at the local rodeo three nights, followed by setting up the Father De Smet monument mass, and picnic. And one of our Knights still plays Father De Smet in the Rendezvous pageant. We are currently in the middle of Lent, and we have had two successful Fish Fry's with one left to go. We held three successful Fish Fry's last year and this year even better now offering the fastest service in Pinedale due to the new fryers! We cook breakfast for the Parish one Sunday a month and clean dishes every Sunday. We also setup for Mass and cooked hamburgers and hotdogs for our Annual Parish Mass and picnic in the park.

Community

We donated to the Pinedale Summer Lunch Program through Project 23 which matches donations with the help of benefactors and that money helps provide food for needy children during summer break.

We continue to grow as a Council and to grow closer in our relationship with Jesus Christ so we can better lead our families and serve our parish and community.

Brian Hoytal – Grand Knight – 9756 Pinedale, WY

St. Patrick's Council #9917

Grand Knight's Report 2025 – Jim Corkery

The past fraternal year has been a very active one for Council 9917. The council has supported our parish, Catholic school, Diocese, and community in numerous ways. Below is a summary of these efforts.

Parish Support

The council actively participated in several parish initiatives, including a program to support elderly parents and family members. This program, held on Monday evenings in Fall 2024, provided information on resources for elderly care. The Knights contributed by providing a light dinner for two of the six sessions, serving approximately 25 to 30 attendees.

Additionally, the council supported a Blue Mass (Recognizing First Responders) by organizing a pancake breakfast following the 10:30 AM Mass. During Lent, the council contributed to the Friday evening Soup & Bread meal after the Stations of the Cross. A significant parish event, the St. Patrick's Day celebration, saw the council leading the meal effort, preparing and serving a traditional Irish corned beef and cabbage dinner for over 200 attendees.

Financially, the council provided donations to the Parish Vocations Ministry, supporting the purchase of banners and a Christmas gift mailing to seminarians.

School Support

Council 9917 continued its strong support of St. Anthony's Catholic School. The Knights prepared and served the Archangel Breakfast, which hosted over 300 attendees. Additionally, the council purchased firearms for auction at the Partners in Education event, raising over \$11,000 dollars for the school. Several Knights attended the event, coordinating the auction and ticket sales.

The council also made substantial financial contributions to St. Anthony's School. This included a \$10,000 donation to support middle school students attending the John Paul II camp and additional funding for Bibles. Furthermore, the council donated \$1,000 to support improvements to the school's kitchen facilities.

Diocese Support

Council 9917 supported the Diocese in multiple ways. One key initiative was the Walk for the Eucharist event, where Knights participated as members of the 4th Degree, escorting

clergy and ceremonial participants. The Knights also contributed by cooking burgers for attendees.

The council continues to support the KOC RSVP efforts within the parish, hosting a monthly breakfast whose proceeds are sent to the Diocese to support seminarians. Additionally, the council made a significant financial contribution to the Diocese Communion Campaign, donating \$80,000 across Casper's three parishes: \$40,000 to St. Patrick's Church, \$20,000 to St. Anthony's Church, and \$20,000 to Our Lady of Fatima.

Furthermore, the council donated \$1,500 to the Diocese Totus Tous youth event.

Community Support

The council has undertaken several community initiatives over the past year. The largest of these is the **Coats for Kids** program, in partnership with a broader community effort. This past year, the council, along with other partners, provided over 700 coats to needy children and distributed toys to enhance their Christmas experience.

Annually, the council organizes, prepares, and serves a Thanksgiving meal in support of the Holy Cross Food Bank. This past November, nearly 200 meals were served, raising \$2,500 for the Food Bank.

The council also supports **St. Anthony's Manor**, a Catholic Diocese senior living community, by coordinating two events annually. The first, a Valentine's Day breakfast, is hosted for the residents, while the second, a summer barbecue, serves as both a meal and an outreach event.

Council 9917 remains committed to supporting **Right to Life** efforts. Each year, the council collects donations through baby bottle handouts during Right to Life weekend and supports the annual Right to Life March by serving breakfast after the walk. This year, the council also made a \$10,000 contribution to the organization's capital campaign. Additionally, members were privileged to tour the new Right to Life facility and witness firsthand how it supports expectant mothers in need.

The council also collaborated with Casper's other local council and the Assembly to conduct various initiatives such as Highway Cleanup throughout the year, strengthening our shared mission of service and charity.

Council 9917 remains dedicated to its mission of faith, service, and community support. We look forward to another year of meaningful contributions and fellowship.

Grand Knight Report 2024-2025 10027

2024-2025

Attended Knights convention in Cheyenne

Lent 40 cans for 40 days food drive and donated money to local food pantry

Lent Stations of the Cross on Fridays

Flowers given out on Mother's Day

Coats for kids

RSVP program

Community activities Knights and American Legion Bingo

Tuesday Nights

Help with Lucky seventeen Dinner and Rendezvous breakfast and parking Labor Day Weekend

May 2025 1st 2nd and 3rd exemplification at Fort Bridger

Grand Knight is a member of the Parish Committee

Knights are Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

Knights put up outdoor Christmas Lights



Knights of Columbus

SNOWY RANGE COUNCIL, No. 11291
P.O. Box 548
Saratoga, Wyoming 82331

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Summary of Saratoga Council (11291) Activities for Fiscal Year 2024:
July 2024-June 2025

Continuing Activities

- Conduct monthly Council meetings on 1st 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 March 2025. This is pending at this time.
- Continue participating in the RSVP program and supporting the Wyoming Catholic Ministries. This past year we gave \$350.

July

- Sponsor the "Pie-In-July" Community Blood Drive with Vitalant Blood Services.
- Will plan for a Parish Picnic this month.



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- 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

September

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

November

- Will conduct a Coats for Kids program in Hanna/Medicine Bow and possibly Saratoga.

March

- Sponsored and prepared a St. Patrick's Day Dinner for the Saratoga community. Served approximately 120. This is a community-wide event and sometimes results in a fundraiser for our Council.
- Will conduct a degree ceremony in Saratoga for possibly 4-5 new Knights of Columbus inductees.

May

- Will be planning, sponsoring and preparing a First Communion breakfast for the parish.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen M. Kerpan
Grand Knight



Holy Family Knights of Columbus Council #16510

Grand Knight Report for 2024

In 2024, the Knights of Columbus from Council 16510 in Thayne, Wyoming, has been busy serving over 4,000 hours to our Holy Family Church and the community.

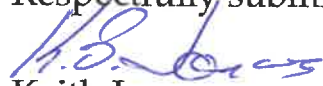
Sadly, this past year we lost a brother Knight/Deacon Phil Wanek to cancer.

Some of our activities included the following:

- Knights meetings are held after Mass on the first Sunday of each month.
- On the second Sunday of each month, the Knights host an after-Mass brunch. The donations received from the brunch are applied to our Priest house.
- On the last Friday of each month, the Knights host Bingo. The proceeds are distributed to worthy causes.
- The Knights gave \$1,000 college scholarships to two graduating high school seniors.
- The Knights adopted the highway in front of the church and held a highway cleanup detail.
- The Knights in coordination with the CCW, hosted a Thanksgiving feast for all the members of our church.
- The Knights participated in the KOC "Coats for Kids" campaign.
- The Knights participated in the remodel of a house that will be used by Priests celebrating Mass at Holy Family.
- The Knights donated \$4,000 to the seminarians.
- The Knights donated over \$3,000 to the food banks in Star Valley.
- The Knights sells ads in the church bulletin and prints the weekly bulletins.

- At the end of each monthly meeting, attending Knight's share something he is thankful for and places a dollar into a jar. The money raised (\$283.00) is presented to "Penney's from Heaven."
- The Knights donated \$2,000 to Azar House.
- The Knights donated \$5,000 to the purchase of the Priest house.
- The Knights are the ushers and security for the Mass.
- Throughout the year the Knights give funds to needy persons and families who fall on hard times.

Respectfully submitted,



Keith Jones

Grand Knight

COMMITTEE REPORTS



Knights of Columbus

Wyoming State Council



2025 State Convention Memorial Committee Report (Covering May 2024 – April 2025)

Council 801, Cheyenne

Eugene Jonart

Jim Kasovich

Council 1563, Casper

Deacon Michael J. Burke

Council 2104, Sheridan

Ernest A. Rotellini

Council 2441, Rock Springs

Jack Kaumo

Neil McCaren

Patrick Mehle

David Bozner

Albert Vesco

Council 2578, Thermopolis

Joe Russo

Council 2720, Laramie

John Schabron

John Chavez

Council 3043, Powell

Jim J. Rodriguez

Jim E. Davis

Bob A. Kalt

Frank Gonzalez

Gene D. Spiering

Council 3237, Riverton

George Burns, Past State Deputy

Thomas Kasper

Arlie Colva

Council 3477, Gillette

Patrick Charles Walport

Sylvester Henry Hellevang

Council 6623, Torrington

Lewis Landkamer

Council 7214, Greybull/Basin
Milton Ontiveroz
Gene Roccabruna

Council 7453, Green River
Melicendro O. Lovato

Council 7789, Pine Bluffs
Thomas D. Eisenhower

Council 9431, Jackson
Gaspari "Gap" Pucci

Council 16510, Thayne
Deacon Phillip Wanek



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2025 Wyoming State Convention

Credentials Committee Report

The Committee having reviewed the council delegate credentials forms submitted to the State Secretary and finding 9 councils did not have missing a seal and 9 that did not submit credentials, hereby approve the 2025 credentials submitted by the councils



Zack Johnson, Chairman, Council 2441 Rock Springs



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2025 Wyoming State Convention

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Supreme Representative, State Officer, Brother Knights.

The Audit Committee met on April 25th 2025.

The audit committee hereby recommends that the State Council accepts the audit completed by Grooms & Harkins dated January 23rd 2025 for fraternal year 2023 – 2024. 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, and QuickBooks to make sure all entries are true and correct.

Vivat Jesus

Robert Fox, Audit Committee Chairman, Council 3332



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2025 Wyoming State Convention

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplain, Supreme Representative, State Officer, Brother Knights.

The Mileage and Per Diem Committee met on April 25th 2025.

The Mileage and Per Diem committee hereby recommends that the State Council retain the current rates of \$90.00 for Per Diem and \$0.45 for mileage for the 2025 fiscal year. We would like to recommend that the Budget Committee and the Per Diem committee work together as a joint venture prior to the convening of the 2026 Convention to enhance our knowledge of what the State Council Budget can afford to reimburse members for State meetings.

With more members attaining Life or Honorary Life status, income to the State Council decreases while our expenses are still increasing. We encourage Councils to help defray expenses over and above what Per Diem reimburses.

Vivat Jesus

Signed :



Larry Higgins, Chairman



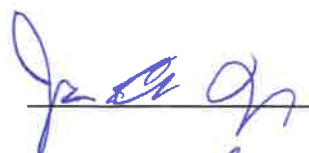
Michael J. Wall



Joe C. C. C.



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M. C. C.

April 26, 2025



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

The Budget Committee met on April 26th, 2025.

Last year the budget increased to \$90 per diem and 45 cents per mile. This being the first year it has been in effect, the committee has concluded that it was needed and at this time it has not caused a lot of problems with the financial outlay. We would suggest that we monitor the results of this change. Wyoming has the highest per capita assessment in the United States and a raise in per diem and mileage would cause a raise in our per capita. We recognize that each council should share in making sure that their delegates are properly funded to cover shortfalls.

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.

The mileage and per diem committee proposed increasing both mileage and per diem rates. We determined that there was not room in the budget this year for that increase. They reconsidered and agreed to leave the rates as they are for next year. We propose that the committees meet in tandem or be merged in the future.

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

Vivat Jesus,

Gregg Gebhart, Chairman of Budget Committee, Council 3477

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Gregg Gebhart', is written below the printed name.

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

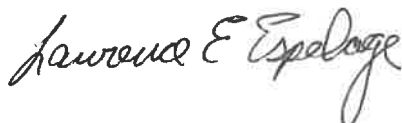
The Resolutions Committee recommends the following actions:

Committee's Recommendation	Adopt	Reject	No Action	Refer to Executive Committee
Resolution # 1	✓			
Resolution # 2	✓			
Resolution # 3	✓			
Resolution # 4	✓			
Resolution # 5	✓			
Resolution # 6	✓			
Resolution # 7	✓			
Resolution # 8	✓			
Resolution # 9	✓			
Resolution # 10	✓			
Resolution # 11	✓			
Resolution # 12	✓			
Resolution # 13	✓			
Resolution # 14	✓			
Resolution # 15	✓			
Resolution # 16	✓			

Respectively submitted,

Lawrence Espelage District Deputy 1

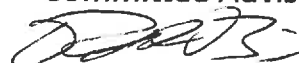
Resolution Committee Chair



Attest

Rodney Birkle, State Advocate

Committee Advisor



INSURANCE REPORT

State Convention GA Talking Points (US)

It's a great honor to be here with you this weekend. I want to start by congratulating each and every one of you on your accomplishments this year. There's much to be proud of as a Knight in <<NAME OF STATE>>.

The work you do is a shining example of the great charitable impact Knights make around the world.

Knights help countless people every day, and when you choose to guard your family through insurance solutions from the Knights of Columbus, you're making our global charity possible.

When you choose to do business with us, it's truly a choice that makes a difference. It's what we call *The Catholic Difference*. It's a difference that empowers Knights to guard, grow and give their assets without compromising their faith, all while positively impacting the world.

Many Knights are choosing *The Catholic Difference*. As of December 2024, Knights have 1.7 million policies in force and over \$123 billion of life insurance in force. In the past year alone, there was \$7.2 billion in new life insurance issued.

Why are so many Knights choosing to work with us? It's because of our Catholic Difference, *and* because of our impressive track record.

With an AA+ rating in 2024 from Standard & Poor's, an A+ Superior rating from AM Best for 40 consecutive years, our financial strength is your security, with more than \$123 billion of life insurance in force Order wide.

More and more Knights are likewise experiencing *The Catholic Difference* with our wholly owned subsidiary, Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, where investments undergo rigorous checks to ensure alignment with Catholic values. Mutual funds and other faith-based investment solutions offered through Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors are designed to help you grow your finances and fund your future.

Many Knights are also taking advantage of Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund to maximize their generosity to the causes they care about while receiving a potential tax benefit.

All of our insurance solutions are rooted in Blessed Michael McGivney's founding vision. To continue Father McGivney's work for years to come, I want to take this opportunity to ask each of you, as leaders in your councils and your districts, to be advocates for *The Catholic Difference*.

Thank you in advance for encouraging your councils to let the agent in and to listen to what he has to say. Support from district deputies, grand knights, and all of the council officers goes a long way in helping to carry on the mission of the Knights of Columbus.

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

Vivat Jesus!

Insurance Report Data, Order wide, in USD:

Business Update:

- \$123 billion+ insurance in force
- 1.7 million policies in force
- ≈1,000 agents in 70+ agencies covering all 50 US states, Puerto Rico and all 10 Canadian provinces
- 96% of members retain their policy
- \$31.1 billion total assets
- AA+ rating in 2024 from Standard & Poor's
- A+ Superior rating from AM Best for 40 consecutive years

Our Past Year's Growth:

- \$7.2 billion new life insurance issued
- \$114 million annualized premiums from life insurance sales
- 40,969 new life certificates
- \$268 million net income
- \$3.1 billion surplus

Insurance Program Updates

- Update to our complimentary and participatory fraternal benefits which are available to members and their spouses.
- An expansion to our ability to render services to an insured Brother's widow.
- The Supreme Board authorized a dividend increase on eligible policies for 2025.
- We continue to offer a complimentary financial needs analysis to all members.

As of 12/31/24

Ranking North American Life Insurance Companies from Strongest to Weakest by S&P Global Ratings. As of January 25, 2024.
As of December 2024, rated A+, Superior for financial strength by A.M. Best.

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RESOLUTIONS



Wyoming State Council
of the
Knights of Columbus

105th Annual Meeting

RESOLUTIONS

April 25 - 27, 2025

Resolution 1

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.

Resolution 2

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.

Resolution 3

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.

Resolution 4

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.

Resolution 5

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."

Resolution 6

WHEREAS, the subordinate councils of the Wyoming State Council participated in the 2024 “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 2024 “Keep Christ in Christmas” Religious Christmas Cards program; and

WHEREAS, the delegates of the 2025 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 2024 “Keep Christ in Christmas”,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wyoming State Council donate the profits from the 2024 “Keep Christ in Christmas” Religious Card Sales to the charity chosen by Council 5447.

Resolution 7

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 2025 Supreme Convention to the Bishop of the Diocese of Cheyenne.

Resolution 8

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.

Resolution 9

WHEREAS, the Wyoming State Council is grateful to the host council of the 105th annual Knights of Columbus state convention,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers and delegates here assembled recognize Father Martin Kennedy Council 5447, Lander, Wyoming, and their families, for their excellent efforts in planning the 2025 State Convention, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wyoming State Council expresses its thanks to Council 5447 and congratulates it for upholding the honor and dignity of this organization of Catholic gentlemen.

Resolution 10

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.

Resolution 11

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 2024-2025 fraternal year proceeds from the Manuel Michael Davila Fund for Charities to Wyoming State Special Olympics.

Resolution 12

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.

Resolution 13

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.

Resolution 14

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.

Resolution 15

WHEREAS, fines can be levied against any Knights of Columbus member at the 2025 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 2025 Wyoming State Convention to the charity or charities chosen by Council 5447.

Resolution 16

WHEREAS, the subordinate councils of the Wyoming State Council participated in the 2024 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 2024 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 2024 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 2024 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 past State Chaplain for the Wyoming State Knights of Columbus, and he was a champion of the Wyoming State Knights Of Columbus priest trust fund.

WHEREAS, he was Vocation Director for many years for the Catholic 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 30, 2025 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 trips 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 State 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.

[Submitted by St. Paul's Newman Center, and Council 2720 of the Laramie Knights of Columbus]

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Be Not Afraid

Special Olympics Reporting
Guidelines

Charitable Trust

CATHOLIC ETHICS IN LIFE LIMITING PRENATAL DIAGNOSES

Written by

Tracy Winsor and Bridget Mora of Be Not Afraid Inc., in consultation with The National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC), and Robin L. Pierucci, MD, and Martin J. McCaffrey, MD.



One of the most difficult challenges for parents experiencing a prenatal diagnosis is the often-traumatizing attachment of lethal language to the baby alive in the womb. Parents should understand that phrases such as "fatal fetal anomaly," "lethal or terminal prenatal diagnosis," and "incompatible with life" are not clinical terms. More often than not, medical researchers and ethicists suggest these labels tend to reflect the judgment that a life lived with a significant disability is not worth living. At diagnosis, lethal language may be used to encourage the uptake of abortion. Once lethality is attached to a baby, it may also serve to steer the parents who do not abort into limiting their medical options during the pregnancy, and at labor and delivery, and to make decisions before birth regarding the care of their child.

It is important that parents have the best, most medically accurate information to make informed decisions for their unborn child with a prenatal diagnosis. Fatal terminology conveys a false impression that a prognosis can be made with certainty prenatally. Not only is that untrue, but studies have found that when offered the same medical care as other babies at birth, newborns with disabilities like Trisomy 13 and 18 exceed previously assumed lifespans and outcomes. "Life limiting" is a better term that more honestly states what can be known about babies with certain prenatal diagnoses before birth.

Prenatal referrals for palliative care and/or perinatal hospice care with the mindset of limiting medical options for a newborn at birth should not be made unless it is known with moral certainty that the prenatal diagnosis is (1) accurate and (2) that it will directly cause perinatal death with or without life-sustaining treatment and care routinely offered to newborns. The primary reason for this is that medical decisions, which are moral decisions, must be made with all available knowledge.

In the majority of cases, the most accurate information regarding the diagnosis, prognosis, and possible treatment options for a baby with a prenatal diagnosis can only be gained with a full medical evaluation of the child by appropriate medical specialists after he/she is born. Parents, who are charged with acting in their child's best interests, have both the right and the duty to gain such information in order to make medically informed and ethically appropriate decisions concerning their child's medical care.

The evaluation of the living newborn is so important that efforts should be made to stabilize the child at birth, including intubation when necessary, unless the intubation itself is burdensome because an airway is abnormal and tube placement is excessively difficult. In some cases, medical providers may suggest that parents may determine that intubation is unnecessarily burdensome if it appears probable that an infant's prognosis reduces the likelihood of future extubation, as may be the case if an infant has anencephaly. Even in such cases, parents should make the decision.

It should be noted that parents have the right to choose to forgo extraordinary treatment, but basic medical care is morally obligatory. An infant should not be denied basic care and proportionately beneficial life-sustaining treatments whose administration does not create an undue burden to the child. No infant should be allowed to die as a result of lack of nutrition and hydration or other basic care, such as the bandaging of exposed brain or organs, treatments like antibiotics, or other ordinary measures unless the benefits of any such measures are outweighed by the burdens, risks, or side effects from their administration. "Comfort care" protocols should meet this standard as well.

In addition, the assertion that feeding should be withdrawn because its administration creates disproportionate burdens to the baby should only be made following an appropriate medical evaluation. The typical infant who vomits following a feeding isn't then routinely denied any additional feedings.

To this extent, the living baby with a prenatal diagnosis (i.e., a significant disability) should be treated like any other infant. The rights of parents to provide for the basic needs of their child with a disability should be respected. Medical conditions that impact feeding should be discussed fully with parents, and all remaining options for the provision of hydration and nutrition should be explained to them.

Lethal language and the corresponding judgment against life-limiting conditions which may be characterized as uniformly "lethal" by medical providers, can impact the care of an infant in NICU. Medical providers may decide that the provision of supportive measures is futile in spite

of the wishes of parents. The placement of formal DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) orders in an infant's chart without parental consent violates the patient-doctor relationship in which the parent is presumed to speak on behalf of their child. A physician-initiated DNR denies parents informed consent and autonomy in decision-making regarding the care of their baby and may violate the parents' religious beliefs. It is also possible that an unofficial or verbal DNR order or not acting quickly if an infant is in crisis constitutes what some would term a "slow code." This is another means by which a medical team may disregard parental rights.

Relative to securing life-sustaining or restorative treatment, an understanding of the pediatric concurrent care provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) may also be helpful for parents in advocating for their child. The ACA requires that all state Medicaid programs pay not only for hospice services for children under the age of 21 who qualify but also for treatment and care which is curative and therefore related to treatment of the child's condition. Section 2302 of the ACA provides a new standard of care wherein parents who accept pediatric hospice services can also pursue surgeries and other therapies for their child.

Finally, Be Not Afraid (BNA) offers links to medical journal articles related to prenatal diagnosis and the information shared in this newsletter. Visit the "Research" page at www.benotafraid.net. In addition, in cases in which there is any concern regarding morally appropriate care and treatment, BNA recommends that parents be referred to The National Catholic Bioethics Center (NCBC), which provides free consultations to individuals seeking guidance on the appropriate application of Catholic moral teachings regarding ethical issues arising in health care and life science. Visit the NCBC website at www.ncbcenter.org.

Is Carrying to Term Psychologically Safe for Me?

Again, yes. Grief is a natural response experienced by all parents who have lost a baby due to a medical condition. However, ***studies show that mothers who chose to carry their baby to term recover their baseline mental health more quickly than those who aborted due to fetal anomaly.***

(<http://www.perinatalhospice.org/faqs.html>)

Terminating the pregnancy does not shorten the grieving process or allow you to "put it behind you," on the contrary, abortion complicates healing.

"Women who terminated [following prenatal diagnosis of a life-limiting fetal anomaly] reported significantly more despair, avoidance, and depression than women who continued the pregnancy. ***There appears to be a psychological benefit to women to continue the pregnancy following a... fetal diagnosis.***" (2)

What Do I Do Next?

Slow down and ensure you have all the information you need regarding your options. Seek out services that will support you in carrying to term and parenting your baby to the best of your ability.

For resources and referrals to support in your area, visit www.prenataldiagnosis.org.

Lived Stories of Families Who Experienced Prenatal Diagnosis:



www.benotafraid.net

Resources:

Prenatal Diagnosis www.prenataldiagnosis.org

Resources and referrals to support

Be Not Afraid www.benotafraid.net

Research on diagnoses and professional training

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If You Have a Prenatal Diagnosis...



Abortion Isn't Your Only Option

Facing a Prenatal Diagnosis: You Are Not Alone

Expectant parents have many hopes and dreams for their baby, and the news of a prenatal diagnosis can come as a shock. Parents often feel as though their entire world has been turned upside down, and suddenly the joy of pregnancy is affected by grief and worry. Doctors, friends, or family may have even urged them to terminate the pregnancy quickly and "try again."

If this sounds like you, know that you are not alone. Other parents have walked this path before you, and compassionate, practical support for parents who carry to term is available. **Your baby has not changed as a result of this diagnosis;** you just have more information about their needs. (1) Continuing this pregnancy and carrying to term will allow you to honor your child's life and cherish the time you will have together.

What Do Other Parents Do?

Most parents experiencing a prenatal diagnosis want a better option than abortion, and 80% choose to carry to term when offered comprehensive support. (2) In addition, after carrying to term and giving birth, these parents reported that they were glad they chose to carry to term with support and would encourage others to do the same. (2) (4)

Have You Been Offered the Option of Carrying to Term?

Your doctor may not have offered you the option of carrying to term because they may not understand the benefits it provides to parents experiencing a prenatal diagnosis. Remember that your doctor's relationship with your baby differs from your relationship with your baby.

Parents who have carried to term report that the experience of the diagnosis is the hardest part of the journey -- even if the birth results in loss. (1) Ending your pregnancy now at diagnosis can be emotionally and physically traumatic. Don't allow yourself to be rushed into making a decision about your baby's life before you understand all the options. Take time to make an informed decision.

"Looking back, I know I would never trade his 9 months in my belly...We don't regret anything and we would do it all over again...We just can't imagine our lives without knowing him."

~ Mom to Baby Joel, diagnosed prenatally with anencephaly

What Help Is Available If We Receive a Prenatal Diagnosis?

Parents carrying to term with a prenatal diagnosis benefit tremendously from comprehensive, life-affirming care that provides practical, emotional, and spiritual support. (2) In reframing the experience, parents honor the child's life and are empowered as parents as they prepare for their baby's birth and whatever follows.

Comprehensive support helps parents find ways to cherish and celebrate the baby's life no matter the diagnosis. It ensures they are fully prepared for all possibilities after birth with no regrets. (3) You will be assisted in obtaining appropriate prenatal and neonatal referrals and preparing a plan for your baby's birth.

Is Carrying to Term Medically Safe for Me?

Yes. Studies have found **no increased medical complications for the mother** associated with carrying to term a baby with a prenatal diagnosis. (2) Carrying to term also allows you to avoid the risks to future pregnancies associated with abortion, including premature birth and low birth weight. (2)



Knights of Columbus

Wyoming State Council



Special Olympics reporting guild lines:

Councils should report any Special Olympics activities on the 10784 reporting form. This includes helping out at events, fundraising for Special Olympics. To report your Special Olympics event go to the Supreme website, click on the red box "for members", then click on the Faith in Action Programs under Forms. Then report your activity under the 10784 form. Special Olympics is under the Life category. Click on it and it will bring up another page which will ask how many participated, how many hours, and any donations.

Supreme donates to the States Special Olympics programs based on this reporting. So if your Council does any events or fundraising please report. This is a calendar year reporting program. Supreme decides how much monies to disburse to the States on January 31 each year. Thank you.

The Knights of Columbus Charitable Trust was established in May of 1991. It has been amended once in 1999 to change the Corporate Trustee First Interstate Bank to Hilltop National Bank. Over the years the Trustees have changed and perhaps with out proper resignations and appointments and we varied from the Trust in purchasing of policies of less than \$150,000 and on individuals rather than priests. The insurance department of the Knights of Columbus would not sell us more insurance as we had not acted within the scope of the Trust. The current Trustees are in the process of bringing the Trust back into alignment with the original Trust document and need to amend it to facilitate current insurance products.

The Trust was set up to purchase 9 year vanishing premium policies, which are no longer available. We need to amend the Trust to allow us to purchase current whole life products. We also had a cumbersome process for the Bishop to appoint a 9 member board for the selection of a priest to be insured. We would like to amend this so the Bishop or his representative can make the recommendation. Once we have the motions to amend, we will have our attorney, Cameron Smith codify (put into legal language) the amendments for inclusion into the Trust Document.

1. Motion to affirm the appointment by the elected Officers of the Wyoming State Council Knights of Columbus of Ken Stockwell as Trustee for the Knights of Columbus Charitable Trust.
2. Motion to amend Section I and Section III to allow the Trustees to purchase current whole life policies offered by the Knights of Columbus or other reputable insurance companies.

3. Motion to amend Section VI to allow the Bishop of the Diocese of Cheyenne or his representative to designate a willing priest or other willing individual on whose life the Trust will use the funds to purchase an insurance policy.
4. Motion to clarify and revise Exhibit A with the help of an attorney and the approval of the elected officers of the Wyoming State Council