



# Cowboy Bulletin

## Wyoming Knights of Columbus



August 2023

### From Your State Chaplain

The Transfiguration is one of our great Church Feasts, and it has special meaning for me. It is a great gift that God has given us. Peter, James and John received that gift for us. They had the opportunity to see Jesus in his glorified state for a brief time while they were together with him on earth. It is a preview of what we can become if we keep the faith as dedicated disciples of Jesus Christ. I had a life changing experience on August fifth and sixth. My dad, Fr Pat Shea, who many of you may know, for those of you who do not know him; he entered the seminary after my mom died and was ordained at the age of sixty-eight. At his funeral liturgy Fr. Mike Carr reminisced about dad's ordination day saying that he was thinking "Are we out of our minds, he won't have any time to minister at his advanced age, and he served as pastor here at St. Leo's for 20 years." To no one's surprise it took an ambulance to get him away from the parish at the tender age of eighty-nine. He had a bad fall that caused paralysis. After two successful surgeries there was an unfortunate malfunction of his feeding tube on April fifth, and he had to be taken back to the ICU. Because of this, that night I prayed intensely on the vigil of the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. It helped me move forward the next day and act with courage and confidence as I was challenged with the difficult decisions that needed to be made about how we should move forward with his ongoing treatment: I was transformed. It was not a transfiguration like the one Jesus had on the mountain that day, but it was great in my life. I have to keep transforming. When you look at the example of Peter on the mount, he goes out and asks the Lord if it would be okay for him to build three tents, one for Elijah, one for Moses, and one for the Lord. We can only imagine the human reaction of excitement and awe that he was feeling. The joy that he was experiencing must have been overwhelming. In that joy though he is showing that he doesn't really understand who Jesus is. He is happy because he thinks that his teacher is as important as Moses and Elijah. He knew that Jesus was important, but apparently, he was still grossly underestimating Him. He clearly has not yet realized the immensity of the power of Jesus. However, the father declared from the cloud that Jesus is his Son. We hear of this experience that St Peter had in our second reading today as he tells us to be attentive to the words of the Father that came down from heaven on that wonderful day. Peter came to understand more and more the power of Jesus and what it can mean for his life as well as for all of our lives. Jesus tells them on the way back from this experience not to tell anyone yet because they are not ready to understand. People need to slowly come to know Jesus. We all need small transformations in our lives to accomplish this, lots of them, so that we can become like Jesus!

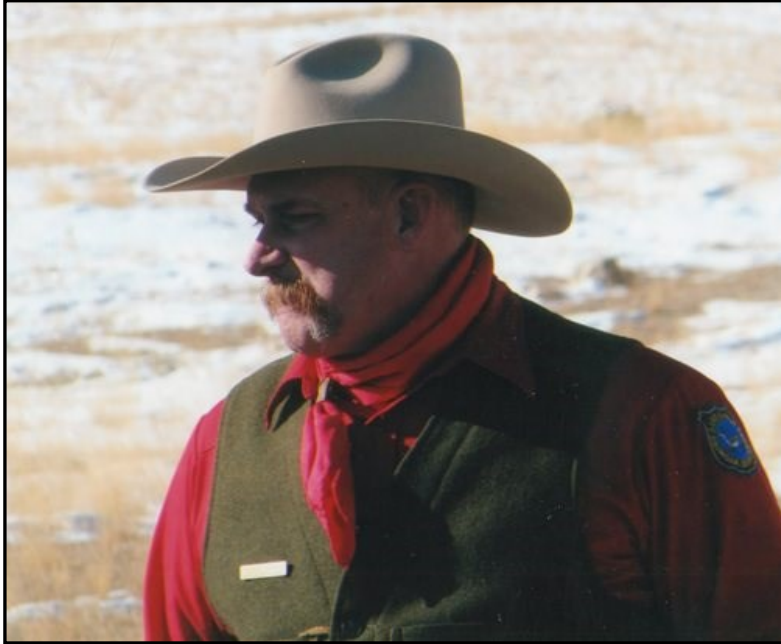
Fr. Louie Shea

Wyoming State Chaplain



Congratulations to our very own Tom Ryder on his upcoming induction into the Wyoming Outdoor Hall of Fame. Tom is a proud member of Lander Council 5447-and Assembly 1291. He is a Past District Master and currently serves as District Marshall for the Fourth Degree. He also serves as District Deputy #4.

When Tom was not serving the Knights, he found time for a career. His accomplishments are highlighted in this excerpt from Wyoming Game and Fish Hunting Update:



*Thomas Ryder of Lander is a retired Game and Fish biologist who served the State of Wyoming for 29 years. Ryder began his career with Game and Fish in 1985 and climbed the ranks from a volunteer game warden to deputy chief of wildlife. In November 2014 he was chosen by former Gov. Matt Mead to serve as his wildlife policy advisor. During his career Ryder served as the chair for the Pacific Flyway Council and Yellowstone Ecosystem Grizzly Bear Committee. Ryder has written approximately 190 technical reports, 20 peer-review publications and one book.*

[Click here for the entire article in “Wyoming Game and Fish Dept Hunting Updates.”](#)

**SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

Please feel free to make any submissions to [w yoknews@gmail.com](mailto:w yoknews@gmail.com). I will do my best to put out an issue of The Cowboy Bulletin every month, but I need your help to know what’s going on out there. Upcoming events, council projects, and sharing ideas that could benefit other councils are all things we as Knights are interested in hearing about. Remember that we are Brother Knights, united in one cause.

Vivat Jesus

Steve Grapes

There is a wealth of information on our State Council web site. Check out [www.wyomingkc.org](http://www.wyomingkc.org). All members are encouraged to check it out.



**CODY KNIGHTS IN ACTION**

Council 4031 in Cody, Wyoming trimmed trees and bushes around the rectory and the Saint Anthony with Knights Father Vijay D'Costa, Father Richard Malloy, S.J., Deacon Jerry Boydston PGK, and council members.



Live Generously!

Ken Stockwell

Cody Council 4031



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## SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE AUGUST 2023

**But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." (Gospel for Aug. 20, Mt 15:25-27)**

Jesus heals the daughter of a Canaanite woman and speaks of her great faith. Our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, was an advocate of strong, faith-filled families. Do we share our Catholic faith with our own families and friends, or do we neglect this vital responsibility? May we commit ourselves to building strong families and friendships in faith by our word and deed.

### **Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

This month, I challenge you to introduce devotions to Blessed Michael McGivney — such as the Blessed Michael McGivney Novena — into your prayer life. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Family Prayer Night program, incorporating devotions to Blessed Michael McGivney such as the Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour.

### **Questions for Reflection:**

Do you seek to share your faith with others? What are some practical things you can do to strengthen the faith life of your family and friends? Do you talk about the Catholic faith with your friends and family so as to help strengthen their belief?

## FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS

### CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST (COMMUNITY)

#### **A HIGHER PURPOSE**

Encourage youth to become citizens grounded in their faith through creative writing. Open to all qualifying Catholic students.

#### **OVERVIEW**

This contest encourages today's youth to be more connected to their community and their faith. The goal of this program is to involve young Catholics in grades 8 to 12 (public, private, parochial or home schools during the current school year) in civic discourse and instill in them religious and life-affirming values. The essay should be 500-750 words on a specific topic, changing every other year. Entrants will be judged on grammar, style, and how clearly they present the theme in a way that showcases creativity, imagination and overall development of the topic.



**SEMINARIANS OF THE DIOCESE OF CHEYENNE**

**Lee Noel**



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**Daniel Simon**



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**Dokken Malmberg**



Please welcome our newest Semarian!

More info to follow

Home Parish: Holy Name, Sheridan

**Anthony Richter**



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Home Parish: St. Matthew's, Gillette



## Wyoming Knights of Columbus—For the Good of the Order

### Deceased Knights

- [James J. Connor](#) of Council 4031 in Cody passed away September 29, 2022.
- [George Francis Kohl III](#) of Council 9917 in Casper passed away October 10, 2022.
- [Ignatius “Tony” Maiorana Sr](#) of Council 1563 and Assembly 1224 in Casper passed away November 2, 2022.
- [John Bustos](#) of Council 3043 in Powell passed away on November 5, 2022.
- [William Meehan Jr](#) of Council 6558 in Douglas passed away December 15, 2022.
- [David Yearout](#) of Council 6558 in Douglas passed away December 19, 2022.
- [Ray Haydel](#) of Council 9917 in Casper passed away on January 15, 2023.
- [Jim Spaulding](#) of Council 9917 in Casper passed away February 10, 2023.
- [Neal Forbes](#) of Council 11291 in Saratoga passed away January 20, 2023.
- [Bob Otero](#) of Council 6623 in Torrington passed away February 5, 2023.
- [Carl Joe Welte](#) of Council 6623 in Torrington passed away March 10, 2023.
- [Rev Fr. Robert Fox](#) of Council 6558 in Douglas passed away March 28, 2023.
- [Neil Obrigewitch](#) of Council 6558 in Douglas passed away May 12, 2023.
- [Marty Connolly](#) of Council 2578 in Thermopolis passed away March 1, 2023.
-  [Alfirio “Al” Martinez](#) of Council 1563 in Casper passed away July 7, 2023.

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Please pray for our Brother Knights:

Brian Dever Family, Council 9917, Casper

Glenn Scheuler, Council 7453, Green River

Please send any future prayer intentions to  
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## Blessed Father Michael McGivney



### Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

*Founder of the Knights of Columbus*

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (*here make your request*). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Please report all favors received:** The Father McGivney Guild  
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[www.fathermcgivney.org](http://www.fathermcgivney.org)

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### *A Prayer for Study*

Lord, give us a mind that is humble, quiet, peaceable, patient and charitable, and a taste of your Holy Spirit in all our thoughts, words and deeds.

O Lord, give us a lively faith, a firm hope, a fervent charity, a love of You. Take from us all lukewarmness in meditation and all dullness in prayer. Give us fervor and delights in thinking of You, Your grace and Your tender compassion toward us.

Give us, good Lord, the grace to work for the things we pray for.

— Saint Thomas More (1478-1535)

To aid blind or low vision members in your council or parish, direct them to [xaviersocietyfortheblind.org](http://xaviersocietyfortheblind.org) for audio and braille versions of many Catholic books and references.

If any member of the Knights of Columbus (or anyone else, for that matter) missed the beatification Mass of Father McGivney, you can still view it at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=TMF2aOZBQ3M](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TMF2aOZBQ3M).

### Join the Father McGivney Guild

As the sainthood process for Blessed Father Michael McGivney continues, it becomes ever more important to increase membership in the Father McGivney Guild. Membership stands at over 171,000, but only 464 listed to be from Wyoming. There are 2600 members shown in Wyoming.

Please encourage every Knight in your council, and their families, to join the McGivney Guild. Membership is open to everyone, not just Knights and families. It is easy to sign up at <http://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/index.html>. And please continue to pray the canonization prayer for Father McGivney.

Shawn Moody

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