



# Cowboy Bulletin

## Wyoming Knights of Columbus



October 2023

### “INTO THE BREACH” UPDATE

The Knights of Columbus is excited to announce the release of its new *Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family* video series. This dynamic five-part series proclaims the truth and beauty of Catholic family life and seeks to inspire viewers to live it in the modern world. All five episodes can be viewed on the *Into the Breach* website at [kofc.org/missionofthefamily](http://kofc.org/missionofthefamily).

Each 12-minute episode of *Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family* focuses on a different aspect of Catholic marriage and family life and features expert interviews with well-known Catholic commentators, as well as the powerful personal story of a Catholic couple who has lived the theme of the episode in their own marriage. The series follows the Knights of Columbus' highly successful *Into the Breach* video series, which has been viewed nearly 1.5 million times.

Included among the series' prominent speakers are:

Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly

EWTN host Dr. Ray Guarendi

Augustine Institute President Dr. Tim Gray

Sister of Life Sr. Maris Stella

Speaker and author Sarah Swafford

Major League Baseball player Trevor William

Former Major League Baseball player Mike Sweeney

Former Major League Baseball player Darrell Miller

Please help spread the word by sharing this message with your councils, and please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you!

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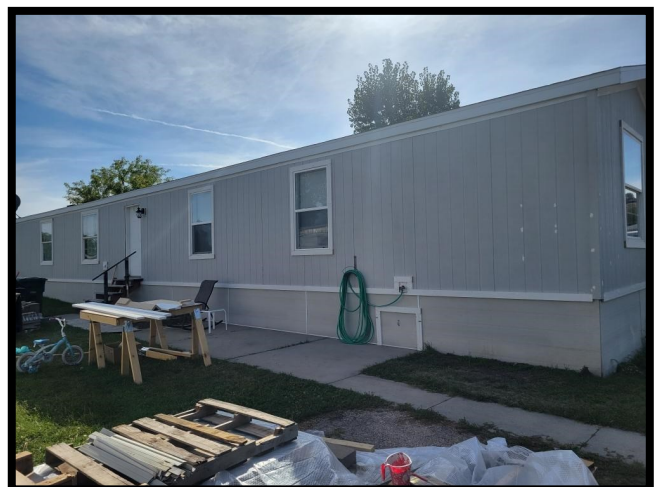


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home with new siding,  
trim and skirting before  
the cold weather ar-  
rives.

John Cosner  
Grand Knight





## 2022 Tax Information for KofC Councils, Assemblies, & Chapters

**This memo, which was previously distributed in February 2023, provides guidance for complying with your federal tax filing obligations.**

**If your council's tax-reporting year is January 1 through December 31 and you have already filed your council's 2022 Form 990, please disregard this memo. If your council's tax-reporting year is January 1 through December 31 and you have *not* already filed your council's 2022 Form 990, please do so as soon as possible.**

**If your council's tax-reporting year is July 1 through June 30, please remember that you are required to file your council's 2022 Form 990 on or before November 15, 2023.**

This notice is to remind councils, assemblies, and chapters in the United States of their legal obligation to file an IRS Form 990 (informational tax return) for the 2022 tax year, and to provide detailed instructions on how to comply with this obligation.

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

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

### What's New

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

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

### Deadline to file annual return (all forms)

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

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**Need more time to file a Form 990?**

Although the IRS does not grant extensions for filing the Form 990-N (e-Postcard), the IRS will accept late filings if the tax return is received within three years of the due date. While the IRS will accept late filings of Form 990-N (e-Postcard), please note that filing late, even within a three-year period, is still considered a missed filing by the IRS and may trigger a revocation of a council's tax-exempt status if for three consecutive years the council files late or fails to file a return. The IRS does grant extensions to organizations filing Forms 990-EZ and 990. If a council needs more time to file Form 990-EZ or 990, it must request an extension by the due date of the return for which it is requesting an extension. Federal law imposes a penalty for late or incomplete filings. If an organization fails to file a required return by the due date (including any extension of time), it must pay a penalty of \$20 a day for each day the return is late. In general, the maximum penalty for any late return is the lesser of \$11,000 or five percent of the organization's gross receipts for the year. In order to request an extension, councils must submit Form 8868, which is available on the IRS website: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8868.pdf>. For councils reporting gross receipts of more than \$50,000, we recommend using a qualified tax professional to file Form 8868.

**Where to file**

*Form 990-N (e-Postcard)*

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

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

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

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

*Forms 990-EZ and 990*

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

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

**PRACTICE TIPS:**

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

At the top of the Form 990-EZ and Form 990, enter the Knights of Columbus group number (0188), tax exempt status (Section 501(c)(8)), and form of organization (Association). You may find e-filing instructions for the Form 990-N e-Postcard here:

<https://www.irs.gov/e-file-providers/e-file-for-charities-and-non-profits>

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

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

**Information Available on IRS Website**

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

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

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

More information is available on the Knights of Columbus website. Sign in under "Officers" and click on the "Forms" tab. By clicking on the icon next to "Form 990 Information" you will find a detailed memorandum on tax compliance, along with attachments

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**Compliance Guide for Tax Exempt Organizations**

In addition to the annual filing requirement, each council is responsible for conducting its affairs in a manner that is consistent with what is expected of tax-exempt organizations. Failure to do so may result in a council losing its tax-exempt status. In this regard, councils may wish to consult an IRS publication entitled *Compliance Guide for Tax Exempt Organizations*, which provides helpful guidance: <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p4221nc.pdf>

**Conclusion**

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

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

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**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

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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.



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## SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

OCTOBER 2023

**He said to them, “Whose image is this and whose inscription?” They replied, “Caesar’s.” At that he said to them, “Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”** (Gospel for Oct. 22, Mt 22:20-21)

Above all things, we have a duty to do as Christ enjoined us and give “to God what belongs to God.” However, Catholics also have a moral duty to be good citizens and take part in their communities. As good citizens, we must work peacefully to ensure our laws are just. Let us never approve or ignore injustice in our societies, especially when human life or dignity is at stake.

This month, I challenge you to make some specific effort to defend human life in your nation or your community — whether through charitable work, writing a letter, or praying outside an abortion facility. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Novena for Life program.

### Questions for Reflection:

Have you become complacent about defending human life? Do you recognize the tragedy of legal abortion, but fail to do much about it? Do you remember in prayer those whose lives and dignity are compromised by unfortunate circumstances or the oppression of bad laws?

## FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS

### INTO THE BREACH

RESOURCES VIDEO SERIES

### A HIGHER PURPOSE

Form men in spirituality and the Catholic vision of marriage and family life with the highly-acclaimed Into the Breach series and discussion. View the original Into the Breach or the new Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family with a group from your council or parish community.

### OVERVIEW

Into the Breach is a call to battle for men which urges them to embrace masculine virtues in a world at crisis. The original Into the Breach video series, inspired by the Apostolic Exhortation of Bishop Thomas J. Olmstead, outline the challenges faced by men of faith in the world today. The new Into the Breach: The Mission of the Family series presents the Catholic vision of family life and inspires them to incorporate it into daily life. By viewing and discussing these inspirational series, and using their accompanying study guides, men as well as couples, will be equipped with the wisdom and practical tools they need to better lead themselves and their families in living out the Faith. Resources for the new series are available at [kofc.org/intothebreach](http://kofc.org/intothebreach).





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

### Deceased Knights

- [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.
- [Dennis Eckhardt](#) of Council 4031 in Cody, passed away June 8, 2023
- [Ken Piazza](#) of Council 4031 in Cody, passed away July 12, 2023
- [Fr Tom Ogg](#), past Wyoming State Chaplain, passed away August 23, 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.

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