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Wyoming Knights of Columbus



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FROM YOUR STATE DEPUTY



Knights of Columbus Wyoming State Council



Brother Knights

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Greetings to all Brother Knights. As the Christmas Season approaches, we must all remember the REASON FOR THE SEASON, **JESUS**. I would hope that all of you take an active part in your Parish and Council volunteering at Mass and activities that your Council may be doing. We had the State winter meeting during the 1st weekend of December. Your District Deputy will be making visits and updating you with what's happening with the Knights in Wyoming.

As the new year approaches, we all will be getting our annual dues letter. Please pay promptly so our Financial Secretaries can process the monies. This makes life easier for him and save your Council monies. Also remember January is a month to remember LIFE. Take an active part in marches or take the initiative and schedule one in your town or Parish. Another activity is to perform a fundraiser for your local Pregnancy Resource Center. And Supreme will also donate monies to them. Just ask your Financial Secretary or District Deputy about the ASAP program, which stands for Aid and Support After Pregnancy.

Once again, have a Blessed and Holy Christmas this year.

Brian Duyck



On Monday, November 6, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly celebrated the donation of **one million coats** through the Knights' *Coats for Kids* program, with the distribution of nearly 1,000 new coats to children in need in five Denver, CO Catholic schools. In recognition of the historic milestone, Supreme Knight Kelly also announced the donation of \$10,000 on behalf of the Knights of Columbus to each school, for a total of \$50,000.

The donation of the one-millionth coat received both local and national media coverage — you may view coverage [here](#) from FOX News.

This historic milestone wouldn't be possible without your tireless work in your communities. Since *Coats for Kids* launched in 2009, Knights have distributed coats in 49 U.S. states and all 10 Canadian provinces — including on U.S. military bases and Native American and First Nation reservations in the U.S. and Canada.

As we set our sights on Giving Tuesday — we're asking for your assistance once again!

This year, to celebrate reaching the one millionth coat milestone, Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. is seeking to raise **\$1 million** to continue to support *Coats for Kids*. We'll ask both members and donors to support *Coats for Kids* through a Giving Tuesday donation.

[Please click here](#) to help us raise \$1 million to celebrate our one millionth coat milestone — and the future of this great Knights program!

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SUBMISSION INFORMATION

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

Vivat Jesus

Steve Grapes



IN APPRECIATION



Immediate Past State Deputy ,Ron Morris, receives his award for Appreciation of Service from Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly. (above)

Supreme Representative, Iaian Blamey, presents Past State Deputy Ron Morris and Mike Pexton (membership director at the time) the Circle of Honor award at the State Winter meeting in Casper . Congratulations on a great year. (below)





COMMUNITY NEWS

With winter now here and the Christmas Season upon us, now is the time for our Brother Knights to step up to the plate. This is our opportunity to conduct Food For Families Food Drives. This is the time to participate in the Coats For Kids Program and give the youngsters in our parishes and communities a warm winter coat for those who are in need. This is the time where the elderly need their sidewalks and driveways shoveled, groceries picked up, rides to church, etc. This is the time to purchase gifts for children (Giving Trees) of families that can't afford presents for their children. This is the time to help with your parish's church environment by decorating the church/grounds for the Advent Season. If you've never tried, how about starting a "Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest" for the youth in your parish? There's a lot we can do to "Leave No Neighbor Behind". THIS IS THE TIME!!

COUNCIL 7453 KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Council 7453 in Green River has had a busy couple of months. We held an exemplification for 2 new Knights in September. Members of the Council participated in the Life Chain event on Uinta Drive in October followed by Immaculate Conception's 1st Trunk or Treat event held at the Parish. Of the 21 vehicles, Knights/Families participated with 8 vehicles and 1 booth. Brother Knights/Spouses helped provide raffle prizes and specialty dinner items for the "Share the Harvest" dinner/auction sponsored by the CCW. Council 7453 recently concluded our Food For Families Food drive prior to Thanksgiving and donated the food to the Green River Food Bank. Once again, our Council purchased coats from Supreme and are working with The Radio Network to distribute coats to children in Sweetwater County in need of winter coats. Our Council recently finished selling raffle tickets for a beautiful Nativity set with proceed going to the Capital Improvement Fund at ICC. Knights/Spouses decorated trees around the Parish Grounds with solar operated lights which will be lit up on December 1. We wish ALL Councils a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and Advent Season. Vivat Jesus!!!

COUNCIL 3477 KNIGHTS IN ACTION

Gillette Council purchased four cases of coats from proceeds donated by generous individuals. Our project coordinators organized the coats and distributed them after our Hispanic mass on Sunday.





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SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

DECEMBER 2023

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples ...” (Gospel for Dec. 31, Lk 2:29-31)

The Jewish people had waited many centuries for God’s promise of a Savior to be fulfilled. Here, Simeon realizes the wait is over. Like Simeon, we can count ourselves among the fortunate ones who “have seen [God’s] salvation” in Christ, and we must proclaim this good news of salvation as he did. May we seek to share the gift of Christ with others in a particular way this Christmas.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to reach out to others — family, friends, acquaintances — and invite them to a celebration of Christmas, especially Christmas Mass. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Keep Christ in Christmas program.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you share the true joy of Christmas with others? Do you take time to invite others to deeper faith in the Christ Child? Do you speak of and celebrate the Advent and Christmas seasons in a way that reminds those around you of their true significance?

FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS

GLOBAL WHEELCHAIR MISSION (FEATURED)

The goal of this initiative is to provide aid to those who lack the freedom of mobility in our communities and around the world.

A HIGHER PURPOSE

Help change the lives of people with disabilities worldwide by having your council donate at least \$150USD in the US and \$195CAD in Canada for a wheelchair. Through partnerships, councils can purchase a large container of 280 wheelchairs for their own donation sites. A featured program, Global Wheelchair Mission, counts for two credits toward the Columbian Award.

The Order's wheelchair program reached a major milestone in late 2020, surpassing more than 100,000 wheelchairs since the first donation 18 years ago. [Click to read more.](#)

OVERVIEW

The Knights of Columbus has been partners with the [American Wheelchair Mission](#) since 2003 and [Canadian Wheelchair Foundation](#) since 2006, under the umbrella of the Global Wheelchair Mission. This initiative provides aid to those who lack the freedom of mobility in our communities and around the world. Whether councils are presenting wheelchairs to local veterans and neighbors in need or donating funds to benefit those abroad, mobility brings with it independence and dignity. Obtained at discounted prices, these wheelchairs change the lives of their recipients. Working with the Global Wheelchair Mission is a perfect opportunity to put your faith into action and involve the entire community in the rewarding charitable work done by your council.



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Wyoming Knights of Columbus—For the Good of the Order

Deceased Knights

- [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 Obrugewitch](#) of Council 6558 in Douglas passed away May 12, 2023.
- [Marty Connolly](#) of Council 2578 in Thermopolis passed away March 1, 2023.
- [Alfario “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.

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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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 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.

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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