



Cowboy Bulletin

Wyoming Knights of Columbus



March 2024

FROM YOUR STATE CHAPLAIN

Worthy Brother Knights and Worthier Ladies,

Well, we are now celebrating our Easter season. Soon our leaders from around the state will be gathering in Cheyenne for our state convention. We are blessed to be in the season of Easter as we gather, so beautifully reminded of the resurrection of our Lord. In this tumultuous world we can lose sight of that beautiful reality. Recently, we heard of the Risen Jesus appearing to the disciples in our Gospel reading from St. Luke. The chaos of His arrest, torture and execution had the disciples in turmoil. They were more willing to believe that He was a ghost than He has really risen from the dead. Jesus reacts with understanding and helps them to know that He is truly there. He asks them to touch Him and give Him something to eat, to show that He is still truly human. He explains to them that this is what was called for in the scriptures, and what he had told them would happen. He tells them that they are witnesses to all of these things and that they are now called to bring this good news to the world. Although we were not there to witness it, we know of it from the those who were there and we are called to share this good news, the gospel, with those that need to hear it, which is everyone, so let's get busy. I look forward to being with those of you that can join us at the convention. See you soon!

Vivat Jesus

Fr. Louie





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WYOMING STATE COUNCIL



2024 Official State Convention Notice

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

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

- Knight: \$125 (before April 1st)
- Spouse/Guest: \$100
- Late registration fee: \$150 (postmarked by April 15th)
- Adult, attending Saturday evening banquet only: \$50.00

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

Registration forms are due no later than April 1, 2023. They can be emailed to the registration chairman, John Hunter at jthunter0329@gmail.com (his phone number is 970.381.2143) or mailed to:

Bishop P. A. McGovern Council #801
507 W. 28th Street
Cheyenne, WY, 82001.
Make checks payable to: K of C Council #801.

Reservations for lodging can be made at:

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

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

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

Vivat Jesus!

Approved

Brian Duyck
Wyoming State Deputy

Jim Larscheid
Wyoming State Secretary



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Addendum to 2024 Official State Convention Notice

- Councils and individual Knights are asked to bring items to donate to a silent auction to benefit Saint Joseph's Food Pantry
- Council Delegates will need to be prepared to say **YES or NO** for State Liability Insurance
- For the **Change From Heaven**, Councils are asked to bring a check from their Council, rather than their loose change
- During Saturday's meeting, we will be having a **4th Degree Exemplification** at Casey's Hall beginning at 1:30 pm. This will be the new procedure approved by Supreme and will be open to the public. This is an excellent opportunity to gain new 4th Degree members in the State! The cost for the candidates is \$70 and they will receive a service baldric and 4th Degree pin. Candidates should also plan to wear a dark suit and tie.
- Delegates should read the minutes from the 2023 State Convention (see www.wyomingkc.org) prior to the convention
- **Councils need to bring:**
 - 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, 2024**. Reports will be available to view at www.wyomingkc.org.
- State award forms should be sent to the Awards Chairman with copies to the State Secretary:

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

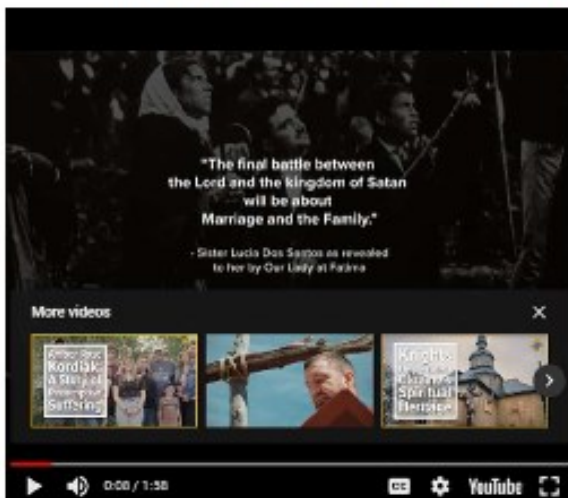
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ON A MISSION FROM GOD

Knights train to bring *Cor*, the Order's new evangelization effort, to 40 more jurisdictions



By Cecilia Hadley

Knights converse after a Cor training session Aug. 27 at the Omni New Haven Hotel in New Haven, Conn. (Photo by Paul Haring)

"In this new era, forming Catholic men must be our top priority," Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly told Knights at the 141st Supreme Convention in early August. "I have said it before and I will say it again: If we get the man right, we get everything right — the marriage, the



family, the parish, the community. We need men who say ‘yes’ to their God-given vocation.”

Within a month of the convention, scores of Knights met in New Haven, Connecticut, to discuss this priority and learn how to implement *Cor*, an Orderwide initiative focused on prayer, formation and fraternity, and the Knights’ most important new tool for strengthening men in their faith.

Twenty-one K of C jurisdictions participated in *Cor*’s pilot phase over the past year; representatives from 40 additional jurisdictions took part in training Aug. 24-27 and will introduce *Cor* in their jurisdictions in the coming months. About 100 Knights from the U.S., Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, Poland and the Dominican Republic gathered in person for the training, and more than 500 others joined online.

Sean Pott, senior director of evangelization and education, emphasized to participants that *Cor* is not one more Knights of Columbus program among others.

“This isn’t just a ‘Supreme’ initiative,” Pott said. “This is something we want each of you, each of us, as Knights, to own. Because this is the call and duty of our baptism — to holiness and mission. ... None of this is possible without our Lord, and we need to stay focused and committed to him.”

Cor has two goals: to help men develop a strong relationship with God rooted in prayer and the sacraments, and to give them ongoing formation within a dynamic brotherhood. Open to non-Knights and even non-Catholics, *Cor* groups meet regularly to talk, pray and study together.

For more information, visit kcofc.org/cor.

AWARDED 2024 MASTER AGENCY AWARD – ANDREW WHEATON

We are thrilled to announce that Andrew Wheaton has been awarded the prestigious Master Agency Award for our exceptional standards in production, recruiting, and retention!

At Knights of Columbus, we pride ourselves on setting the bar high and continuously striving for greatness. This award reaffirms our position as a leader in our industry and motivates us to push even further.

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our clients, partners, and everyone who has supported us on this journey. Your trust and collaboration have been instrumental in our success.

This recognition is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and passion of Andrew. We are deeply honored to be acknowledged for our commitment to excellence in every aspect of our operations. Thank you Finseca for this recognition.





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The Knights of Columbus offers a full-line of quality, flexible products backed by our highly-rated financial strength* to help protect your Catholic family.

Permanent Life Insurance — Our signature product. Insure your life for life.

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SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Please feel free to make any submissions to wyo kcnews@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



TO: State Deputies, State Secretaries, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Faithful Navigators and Faithful Comptrollers in the United States

FROM: Knights of Columbus Legal Department

DATE: February 2024

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 2023 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 the 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.

REMINDER

The IRS 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 or 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 calendaryear.

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 the 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 \(e-Postcard\)](#)

The Knights of Columbus Form 990-N e-Postcard filing instructions are located on Officers Online (go to Officers' Desk Reference, Tax Issues, #6 Federal Tax Returns). For your convenience, here is a pdf version of the instructions.

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. 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.

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

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.

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>



SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

APRIL 2024

“By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.” (Gospel for April 28, Jn 15:8)

Have you noticed the progression in the challenges over the past months? If we recognize who Jesus truly is, we must listen to him and serve him. We have St. Joseph as a true model of that faithful service and discipleship. Now we are told that the Father is glorified through our discipleship and the fruit we bear. By being faithful disciples of Christ, may we bear much fruit and so glorify the Father.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to prayerfully ask yourself if you are bearing much fruit as a disciple of Christ and then identify and undertake one way you can be more fruitful.

Questions for Reflection:

What fruit do you currently bear — in your marriage and family, in your relationships at work or among friends, and in the broader community? Are you mindful of the needs of those around you and the opportunities they present to bear fruit? Are there things you can do to become still more fruitful in your Christian witness?

FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS

SACRAMENTAL GIFTS

A HIGHER PURPOSE

Support families during the most important events in the life of the domestic church: the sacraments. Councils will play an integral role in these momentous faith events and the lives of our families and parish community through prayer and the presentation of symbolic gifts.

OVERVIEW

The sacraments stand as the most significant events in the life of the domestic church. The Knights of Columbus will be there to support and embrace our parish families at these essential moments of encounter with Christ. As children and adult members become more integrated into the life of the church and their parish, they should know that members of the Knights of Columbus will always be present in a tangible and meaningful way.



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Wyoming Knights of Columbus—For the Good of the Order

Deceased Knights

- [Neil Obrigewitch](#) of Council 6558 in Douglas passed away May 12, 2023.
- [Marty Connolly](#) of Council 2578 in Thermopolis passed away March 1, 2023.
- [Alfrio “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.
- [Mike Varney](#) of Council 6623 in Torrington, passed away May 3, 2023
- Andrew Stropka of Council 2578 in Thermopolis, passed away June 4, 2023.
- [Cole Fitsimmons](#) of Council 6623 in Torrington, passed away December 23, 2023.
- [Gary Klispie](#) of Council 8635 in Worland passed away January 6, 2024
-  [Robert Johnson](#) of Council 11292 in Saratoga passed away on December 28, 2023

Please pray for our Brother Knights:

Please send any future prayer intentions to
wyokcnews@gmail.com



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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New Haven, CT 06510-3326 • USA
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 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.

Shawn Moody

Father McGivney Guild Chairman

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