



Worthy Grand Knight and Program Chairmen,

The Fraternal year is proceeding as you have planned, I trust, and while the year is not over it is time to reflect and choose the activities you want to showcase. Our Wyoming Councils have been as active and vibrant this year as of any of the last 100 years that Wyoming has had Knight of Columbus Councils. It is truly exciting to be part of a Brotherhood in which we share common beliefs and excitement for our Faith. We do this through our Council activities based in our Faith in Action.

The Faith in Action program sections have given you a guide for using and demonstrating those time-honored gifts of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. First and foremost, the Council completed activities needs to be told in the reports you submit for the Columbian Awards Application (#SP-7). You will find that form and the others that I will reference throughout this letter listed below.

You now also have the opportunity to submit your Council's activities to the State for consideration for the State Awards. As you fill out those award forms, use the **FAITH IN ACTION** guidebook from the Supreme website as a guide. The **Fraternal Programs Report Form** will also help guide you through the process.

Once you have completed that process, please do us the honor of submitting your single best program or activity in each of the four (4) categories: Faith, Family, Community, and Life to the State Council for judging **before** the Wyoming State Convention being held in Cheyenne, April 26th through the 28th.

Award nominations are due to April 12th!

The Form **State Council Service Program Awards Entry Form** (**#STSP**) is the proper way to submit each of these entries for four categories. You are also encouraged to submit **Wyoming State Family of the Year (form #10680)** and the **Wyoming State Knight of the Year (**no form as it is a State Program). The links for the forms are listed below.

For the 2nd straight year the Knights are accepting the **State Blessed Michael McGivney Award** (form #SBMMA). A matter of courtesy and protocol it would probably be best to obtain the Priest's permission to nominate him.

We need to have the entries in early to judge the **Faith, Family, Community and Life** entries plus the **Wyoming State Family of the Year** and the **Wyoming State Knight of the Year**.

The Past State Deputies will conduct an on-line review and judging as we did last year. We found that the ability to see, read, and review the submissions with more time was beneficial. In the past when having to do these on an early Friday morning, many times we ran into and over some of the opening ceremonies at the Convention. Please note again the due date is April 12th.

I am excited to see the entries that will be submitted. You must always remember that when you spread the word about what you do, it is an encouragement to others. We do many good works for Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Please celebrate and share that Columbianism.

Links referenced above:

Columbian Award link: <u>https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/columbian_awardap_p.pdf</u>

State Service Award link: https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/state_serviceaward_p.pdf

Fraternal Reports form link: <u>https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/council-forms.html</u>

State Blessed Michael McGivney Award: <u>https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/state-blessed-michael-mcgivney-award.pdf</u>

Family of the Year: <u>https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-</u> programs/family/family-of-the-month-year/10680-family-of-year-form.pdf

Tootsie Roll & Lifesaver report link: <u>https://www.wyomingkc.org/forms.html</u>

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2017-lifesaver-report.pdf (wyomingkc.org)

To ensure that the entries will be there to be judged for the awards please submit them to me, **PSD Bret Ladenburger by April 12th.** You can email them to me at <u>ladenburgerkofc@gmail.com</u>. Please make sure they are in PDF format. If you are mailing them **allow enough time to have them delivered by April 12, 2024** to:

Bret Ladenburger 6638 Mustang Trail Evansville WY 82636

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

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