



Cowboy Bulletin



Wyoming Knights of Columbus

"I am my brother's keeper"

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Fr. Tom Ogg
State Chaplain

LENT – Plenty of Graces – Plenty of Choices

We are only a few weeks from Ash Wednesday. Without prayer, reflection, and decision the following 40 days of Lent will be no different from the 40 days before. And the result will be: NO rising from the ashes.

Our Lord puts no limits on the ways we can grow in holiness. For most of us, there is no limit to the need to be more: more patient, more kind, more knowledgeable, gentler, etc. So we are given a huge PRAYING field. We can sow crops that will produce abundant fruits of countless varieties.

I will address only one. Can we grow in FORGIVENESS this Lent? I believe forgiveness is a gift from God. **See Fr. Ogg Page 2**

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Knights of Columbus from Assemblies throughout Wyoming lead the March for Life up Capitol Avenue at Cheyenne on January 21th. Photos courtesy of Tom Schreder. Additional photos on page 3



Don Scott
State Deputy

Dear Brother Knights,

Greetings Brother Knights and families! January has been a busy month for me. If the rest of the year goes as fast as January, we will be at Christmas before we know it.

The events of life just keep coming around. We mourn the loss of our Brother, MSgt. Matthew Schwartz in early January and pray for his wife Jennifer and their 3 girls. We must be there for the Schwartz's as they go forward. I know that Council 801 has already taken steps to honor our fallen brother. Brother Ernie, the field agent for Cheyenne is working with Jennifer and the girls. The Knights of Columbus was founded for **see State Deputy page 2**

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FR. OGG

A gift given to oneself. It's what Jesus came to do. It's what He asks us to do.

Forgiveness is an act of the will, a decision to let go of the desire to get even with someone who has hurt us. It does not approve of the behavior of the other. It does not result in forgetting. Forgiveness is not easy and is not the normal human reaction. It takes courage.

I believe there is a difference between forgiveness, reconciliation, and justice. I believe forgiveness can take away our anger and is the only solution to violence in our world. Have you noticed that those who are able to forgive are happy and more at peace?

Please be more reflective (or careful) when praying the Our Father!

So why forgive? Because we have to!! It's the Golden Rule. It's a gift you give to yourself. It's healing and we all need to be healed. It's the essence of the Judeo-Christian tradition. It's entering into the deepest mystery of God's love. Jesus taught us to forgive so that we could even love our enemies.

Some of my beliefs were clarified and strengthened by Brother Loughlan Sofield, ST, who spoke to the Wyoming priests recently. May your hearts be torn open this Lent and become fertile soil to grow spiritual fruit that will feed you, your families, and our Church. Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Tom Ogg, State

REPORTS DUE and OVERDUE

1/31 – Form 1728 – Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity.

1/31 – Form 4584 – Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics.

2/15 – Semi Annual Council Audit Report (covering period 7/1 through 12/31/2011).

All forms available on line at www.kofc.org

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situations such as these.

We had a good response from the 4th degree honor guard members, on that cold windy day, at the memorial service at Francis E. Warren Air Force Base. Thank you, Brother Knights from Colorado for joining us to show support for your friend and brother.

We also had a great showing at the March for Life in Cheyenne on the weekend of January 21st. Deacon Vernon Dobelmann spoke at the Friday night banquet. The talk was inspirational. What a gift he is to our diocese and to pro-life efforts in our state. There were over 600 marchers on Saturday that prayed and brought attention to the issue of "respect for and protection of all life from conception through natural death." Thanks to Paul and Pat Novak for heading our Pro-Life effort for the Wyoming Knights of Columbus

We are getting ready for the upcoming State Knights of Columbus Convention to be held in Rock Springs on April 27th-29th. The council from Rock Springs is working hard to make this convention a huge success.

Please start thinking about your attendance at and electing the delegates who will represent you. I am looking forward to a great convention. A good turn-out will show your dedication and support.

Thank you for all of the good works you do in each of your parishes. There are great ideas in the Cowboy Bulletin for recruiting the members who, along with us, will make the future bright for the Knights of Columbus in Wyoming.

I continue to travel around the state to attend meetings or celebrations at your local councils. If you have some activity that I can help with, please ask. If you have a social or special occasion that you are going to celebrate, please let me know in advance. I would very much like to share in your successes.

Vivat Jesus, *Donald J. Scott, State*

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CELEBRATE LIFE

The “Weekend for Life” held on January 20-21 was truly a beautiful celebration. The Laramie County Right to Life chose “Celebrate Life” for this year’s theme. It seems we did a phenomenal job in striving to live up to the theme.

It was 1973 when the Roe versus Wade court decision was made. In these past 39 years an estimated 50 million lives have been ended through abortion. That is certainly a tragedy of epic proportion. We did not gloss over this horrible injustice as we celebrated life, but we looked at the injustice in a way that could give us hope for the future. We focused our attention on Jesus Christ. As Fr. Frank Pavone stated in his book *Ending Abortion*, “The seriousness of my reflections of this tragedy are combined with the immense joy that comes from acknowledging that we are celebrating the victory of life. **Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, and the entire kingdom of death has been robbed of its power.**”

On Friday evening over 200 people gathered for the annual banquet. That was almost double the usual crowds. We had representation at the banquet from many different parts of the state, Cody, Gillette, Casper, Wheatland, Torrington, Rawlins, and Cheyenne. A couple of people also joined us from Colorado. This important fund-raiser will enable the Laramie County Right to Life to continue its good work.

Saturday was packed with activity. We began with Mass at the Cathedral of St. Mary at 9:00 A.M. with Bishop Etienne presiding. The number of people who came to pray together was truly uplifting. Last year we had fewer than 100 people present for Mass. This year we were pushing 300. Wow! Breakfast was available immediately after Mass in Hartmann Hall.

The pre-march program began at the Depot at 11:00 A.M. and the march to the Capitol began at noon. The Knights of Columbus once again led the march. That is always a beautiful sight to behold at the beginning of the march. Approximately 636 people participated in the march this year. That is up from 248 participants last year. The Knights of Columbus served lunch after the march as usual, and the increased numbers this year definitely made them work a little harder.

It was an awesome weekend, and it was truly heartwarming to see such an increase in the number of people participating. However, this is just the beginning of our renewed efforts. The real work continues day in and day out. Our crisis pregnancy centers throughout the state can always use your help. Our legislators need to hear from you. The 40 Days for Life Campaign during Lent can certainly use additional prayer warriors. Find a way to get involved. Praise God! Celebrate Life!

Deacon Vernon, Director of Pastoral Ministries, Diocese of Cheyenne



Marchers for life, led by Knights of Columbus 4th degree Sir Knights, extend the length of Capital Avenue in Cheyenne.



Marchers for Life arrive and gather at the Wyoming State Capitol during the March for Life held on a balmy Saturday in January 21st.

All march photos courtesy of Tom Schroeder.

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**2012's MEMBERSHIP GOAL:
One NEW Member
per Council per Month.**

WYOMING MEMBERSHIP 365+1

My goodness, Tempus Fugit! How time flies. Looking at the calendar we only have five more months left in this fraternal year. In less than three weeks we'll be starting our Lenten journey with Christ.

I'm still encouraged by the enthusiasm seen at the winter meeting. I recently saw the results of that enthusiasm at the recent 2nd and 3rd degrees held in Cheyenne on January 28. Included in the class of 17 new 3rd degrees members were several new members (see picture below.) I hope that this trend will continue and that all districts will meet their goals by the end of the fraternal year. I pray that this enthusiasm shared at the winter officers meeting spreads to every council.

Our membership campaign (365+1) plan for 2012 is designed so that each council brings in 1 new member per month for the remainder of the fraternal year. This is the **POWER OF ONE**. Use all the resources at your disposal to meet your membership and insurance goals.

Starting today, one per month would mean five new members by July to help with your council's programs. This might result in your council's revival instead of just survival.

Thanks to those councils who have initiated new members this year. Let's not let them carry the load alone. Somewhere in your parish or mission, there has to be one more eligible man.

2011/2012 CALENDAR

JUL	AUG	SEP
OCT	NOV	DEC
JAN	FEB	MAR
APR	MAY	JUN

Y.T.D STATE MEMBERSHIP

Source: Supreme reports Feb 3, 2012

Total: 2807

Gain: 45

Loss: 16

Net: 29

Goal: 193

**Circle of Honor
105 needed**

2010/2011 Membership Status

Source: Supreme Council as of Feb 3, 2012

District # & goal	Gain	Loss	Net Gain	% of Goal
1 - 35	1	0	1	3%
2 - 13	5	-1	4	31%
3 - 20	8	0	8	40%
4 - 19	7	-3	4	21%
5 - 15	3	-9	-6	0
6 - 33	20	-3	17	52%
7 - 10	0	0	0	0
8 - 9	1	0	1	11%

I hope one of your New Year's Resolutions, as a fellow Knight, is still to bring one new member into the order. Perhaps that former member is now ready to return. Offer him and his family a fresh new look at your council. They may be just waiting to be asked to join the Order.

*Raoul Laganière,
Membership Director*



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DUES

– Their Importance to your Council.

On December 1st my mother passed away after a short illness. Although she lived to be 90 years old, her final years were very active for a woman her age. As the family gathered together last week to go through her collection of “stuff,” I found my grandfather’s Knights of Columbus membership card dated 1930.

He was a member of Council 782 out of Fargo ND. I couldn’t help but think of all the charitable activities he did for his council, especially during the great depression and WW II. I remember him as a grandfather and now I can remember him as a brother Knight. He recruited my father, who recruited me.

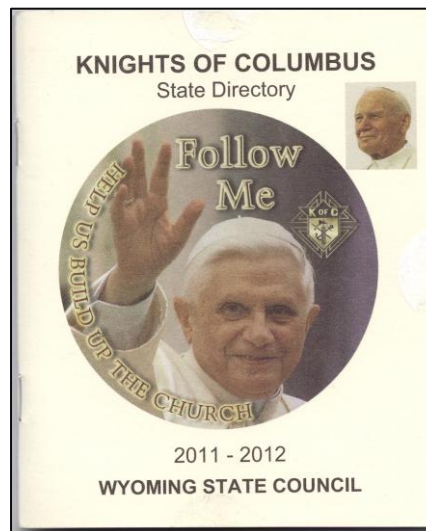
This is the time of year for dues collection, a time Financial Secretaries and Grand Knights really hate because they hear all the excuses not to pay dues and have to provide all the reasons why dues are necessary. I too have heard them all and would like to say “just pay the dues.”

Many of our members are not active and that’s their excuse, but the council keeps them active through their dues with charitable activities. By keeping his membership dues current, the member in good standing also has free life insurance.

At times suspensions are necessary but they must be done correctly. The member MUST BE CONTACTED personally and it would be best done by a convincing friend. If all our brother Knights knew the importance of dues and where the dues went, they would more freely pay up.

You can run but you can’t hide from a persistent financial secretary, so please leave a forwarding address when you move. This may help in membership transfers if you so desire to transfer membership to a different council. I have chased members all over the U.S. to get their dues money. Your dues are very important and needed by your council to function.

Terry Archbold, PSD, Former Supreme Warden



Correction to the State Directory

At press time, the following corrections were received and should be included in your copy of the State Directory.

Page 5 – Diocesan Vocations Director change telephone number to read 307-745-5461

Page 10 – State Deputy – Change email address to read: dscottkofcwysd@bresnan.net

Page 13 – Membership Director – Change email address to read: w yokcmd@gmail.com

Page 17 – Public Relations Chairman/News Letter Editor – Change email address to read: w yokcnews@gmail.com

Page 28 – Council 3551 Financial Secretary – Change First Name to read Mark.

Page 32 – Chaplain – Change name to Rev. Kevin Koch and email address to: stpaulchurch@rconnect.net

MEMBERSHIP 365 / PROGRAM RESOURCES

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February, 2012 -- Membership 365

- Verify that 2nd quarter membership Contact List has been cleared. Ensure it is!
- Create 3rd quarter Membership Contact List:
 - Contact Supreme for former member list.
 - Have Financial Secretary compile inactive insurance member list.
 - Challenge every member to be membership active.
- At business meeting, hand out index cards & ask those present to write name of a friend who would/should be a Knight but isn't. Challenge them to ask him to join before the end of May.
- Host a First Degree. Advertise in bulletin, and at Mass for anyone who wishes to join.
- Promote Supreme/State promotions and incentives.
- Schedule with Pastor a Church Membership Drive for March.
- Grand Knight, and Membership Director: Communicate a strong positive membership message at business meeting.

February, 2012 -- 365 Programs

- Execute the event that was planned during the January meeting.
 - Add non-members present during the event to the Membership Contact List.
- Work with Pastor to organize a Lenten retreat for the parish (to be executed in February or March).
 - Include all organizations in the parish.
 - Invite notable guest speakers.
 - Advertise the event within the parish.
 - Include an event for children
 - Ask the youth to assist.
- Add non-members to the Membership Contact List.

March, 2012 -- Membership 365

- Third contact – GK, FS, and membership director to re-review the council roster and identify anyone not personally known or who has not been active and to make sure they are personally called (not emailed) and welcomed back to a special event. **DO NOT ASK THEM FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN ATTENDANCE AT THE EVENT.**
- Work Membership Contact List and invite families to an information session.
- Execute the Parish Membership Drive/Information Sessions/Open houses and First Degrees that were planned in February.
 - Update Membership Contact List
 - Identify those who do not want to join & save their data for future contact.
 - Invite Field Agent to assist.
 - Have wives entertain new wives during the degree.
 - Have children entertain children during the degree.
- Communicate a strong positive membership message at business meeting (GK or MD).
- Plan to host a 2nd or 3rd degree in April..

March, 2012 -- 365 Programs

- Execute the event that was planned During February's meeting.
- Create a program or partner with the parish to create a program that honors those receiving sacraments during the Easter Season.
 - Identify RCIA candidates & add them to the Membership Contact List.
 - Identify Parents of children making Holy Communion in April and May.
- Create a program to honor the youth moving on in life (Graduation)..
 - Identify graduation seniors, aging-out Squires, Eagle Scouts within the parish.
 - Identify the Fathers of this age group.
- Work with Father to identify new parishioners since January and send "Welcome to the Parish" letters.
- Add all to the Membership Contact List.

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**2ND & 3RD DEGREE
CONFIRMED**

Event Times:

- 10:00 a.m. First Degree
- 11:00 a.m. Lunch
- 12:00 p.m. 2nd Degree immediately followed by 3rd Degree

When: February 18, 2012

Where: Casper

Contact Persons:

- Bret Landenburger, tel.: 307.760.1003
- Steve Graves, tel.: 307.277.0515

When: February 18, 2012

Where: Green River

Contact Person:

- Jim Borzea, tel.: 307.350.7472

When: March 10, 2012

Where: Worland

Contact Person:

- Jack Rogers, tel.: 307.527.7726

**2nd & 3rd Degrees
Planned for the Future**

April 14, 2012 (2nd & 3rd) -- Riverton

Contact: Ron Pieracini, tel.:
307.332.9314

NOTES: All planned degrees listed in this section are **tentative** until confirmed by Degree Chairman Jerry Hoefler. To Schedule future degrees, please contact the Degree Chairman at: Tel. Nos.: (800) 799-3169 or (307) 401-0399
Email: j1051hoef@yahoo.com

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**4th DEGREE
INFORMATION**

EXEMPLIFICATION PLANNED

When: March 10th, 2012

Where: Green River

When: March 31st, 2012

Where: Cody

All planned degrees are tentative until confirmed by the District Master.

For further information on these or to sponsor an exemplification please contact: District Master, Richard Adamski

Tel.: 307.875.5265 (home)

307.871.5048 (cell)

Email: erndud@gmail.com

CHAPLAINS FOR OUR MILITARY

Due to the shortage of Catholic Priests in the military service, a new initiative has been established to assist seminarians who decide to become a Catholic Chaplain in the military service. This program is an order-wide program for councils as well as assemblies. For further information on this program and how you can participate, please contact your Wyoming District Master, Richard Adamski at: erndud@gmail.com.

**COWBOY BULLETIN SCHEDULES
Next five publication months**

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