



# **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WYOMING STATE COUNCIL**



## **Official State Convention Notice**

**February 9, 2021**

Notice is hereby given that the 101<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Wyoming State Council of the Knights of Columbus will convene with an opening Mass at 12:00p.m., Friday, April 23, 2021, **St Margaret's School, Riverton, WY**. A first degree is scheduled immediately after the opening Mass.

All general sessions will be held at **Holiday Inn, 900 E. Sunset, Riverton, WY** with Wyoming State Deputy, Bret Ladenburger, presiding.

Convention Booklet:  
Troy Corbett  
307-540-8031  
E-mail: troyc@wyoming.com

State Convention Chairman:  
Jeff Schieffer  
307-851-5816  
E-Mail: topofthehillauto70@hotmail.com

The host council is Wind River Council 3237, Riverton, Wyoming.

The host council has mailed or will be mailing registration forms and additional information to the individual councils. The convention registration fees are as follows:

Adult: \$115.00  
Spouse: \$75.00  
Adult, attending Saturday evening banquet only: \$30.00  
Child care for Saturday evening banquet: \$5.00  
Late registration (After April 15<sup>th</sup>): \$130.00

Registration for State Officers, District Deputies, Directors/Chairman and Past State Deputies will be paid by the State.

State Officer will be held at 9:00 on Friday morning.

Registration forms are due no later than April 1, 2019. Submit to: Wind River Council 3237, 252 Teacher Rd. Pavillion, WY 82523.

### **Reservations for lodging can be made to:**

Holiday Inn Riverton  
900 E. Sunset Dr.  
Riverton, WY 82501  
Phone: 307-856-8100

Comfort Inn Riverton  
2020 N. Federal Blvd.  
Riverton, WY 82501  
Phone: 307-463-4115

Mention the Knights of Columbus State Convention when making reservations. Reservations must be made directly through the hotels. Rooms are held until April 1, 2021.

Convention check-in will begin at 8am, Friday, April 23, 2021, at the Holiday Inn, 900 E. Sunset, Riverton, WY.

The Wyoming State Convention is scheduled to adjourn at noon on Sunday, April 25, 2021.

**Vivat Jesus**

  
Ron Morris  
Wyoming State Secretary

Approved

  
Bret T. Ladenburger  
Wyoming State Deputy



# **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

## **WYOMING STATE COUNCIL**



### **Addendum to Official State Convention Notice**

**All items in the Convention Packet are available in electronic form at www.WyomingKC.org, along with any updated convention information.**

- There will be an opening Mass at 12:00 p.m. Friday at St. Margaret's Church, 620 E. Fremont Ave.
- An evening meal and social will be held Friday at 6:00 p.m. at St. Margaret's School Gym, 220 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St. E.
- A Memorial Mass will be celebrated Saturday, 5:30 p.m. at St. Margaret's School Gym, 220 N. 7<sup>th</sup> St. E.
- Registration fees for State Officers, District Deputies, Directors/Chairman and Past State Deputies will be paid by the State.
- Councils and individual Knights are asked to bring items to donate to a silent auction.
- Council Delegates must be prepared to say **YES or NO** for State Liability Insurance.

#### **Councils need to bring:**

Council Banner  
Necrology report covering two years  
Grand Knight Report  
Delegates bring your credentials  
Change from Heaven

State Officers, Directors, Chairmen and District Deputies should bring their reports and be ready to present them. All reports should be submitted in electronic form by emailing them in either MS Word or PDF format to Ronald M. Morris, State Secretary ([ronmorris8@bresnan.net](mailto:ronmorris8@bresnan.net)) before April 15, 2021.

Council Necrology reports must be submitted before Friday night, April 23, 2021. (You are welcome to submit additional names of any brother that may have passed after you first filed the form.)

**State service award forms should be sent to the State Awards Chairman with copies going to the State Secretary:**

#### **AWARDS CHAIRMAN**

Donald J. Scott  
2210 S. Gillette Ave.  
Gillette, WY 82716  
[dscottkofcwysd@bresnan.net](mailto:dscottkofcwysd@bresnan.net)

#### **STATE SECRETARY**

Ronald M. Morris  
4572 New Market Circle  
Casper, WY 82609  
[ronmorris8@bresnan.net](mailto:ronmorris8@bresnan.net)

#### **ENCLOSURES:**

Official State Convention Notice  
Convention Registration Form  
Council Necrology Report Form  
Blank State Letterhead  
State Service Award Form

Addendum to Official State Convention Notice  
State Convention Agenda  
Delegates Credentials Form  
Interest in Serving Wyoming K of C Form  
State Liability Insurance Form



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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## STATE CONVENTION

APRIL 23, 24 & 25, 2021  
Riverton, WY 82501

KNIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ COUNCIL # \_\_\_\_\_  
SPOUSE/GUEST \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE: Early registration must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2021**

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Total</u>
Early Registration Fee	_____	\$ 115.00	_____
Late Registration Fee	_____	\$ 130.00	_____
SPOUSE/GUEST Fee	_____	\$ 75.00	_____
Saturday evening Child Care	_____	\$5.00 child	_____
		Total enclosed	_____

**Registration fees include the following:**

- Friday evening social – Social, Dinner included – St. Margaret’s School Gym
- Breakfast Saturday and Sunday mornings – St. Margaret’s School Gym
- Saturday Lunch – St. Margaret’s School Gym
- Saturday Banquet - Holiday Inn – 900 E. Sunset Dr.
- Meal Choice: \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Cordon Bleu \_\_\_\_\_ Roast Loin of Pork

**Saturday Activities**

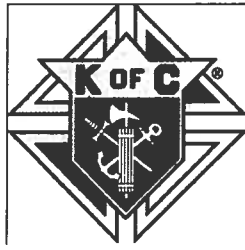
- Saturday Morning – 10 AM - Wind River Heritage Center; 1075 S. Federal Blvd, Riverton, WY \_\_\_\_\_ # Attending
- Saturday Afternoon – 2 PM – Rustic Acres Crafting Corner – St. Margaret’s School in Pat Hall \_\_\_\_\_ # Attending

**We ask Each Council to bring a silent auction item for Friday Nights Social. Proceeds will be donated to priest retirement fund.**

*Please make all registration checks payable to "Council #3237" and sent to Jeff Schieffer, 400 S 4<sup>th</sup> St. W., Riverton, WY 82501.*

You are responsible for your own room reservations. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn at a rate of \$99 per room for Friday and Saturday night. Holiday Inn Phone Number to make reservations is 307-856-8100. There will be a few rooms available at the Comfort Inn, Phone Number to make reservations is 307-463-4115. Tell the clerk you are with the Knights of Columbus for the preferred room rate. Rooms must be reserved by April 1, 2021 to obtain this rate.

If you have questions, please contact Jeff Schieffer at 307-851-5816 or email to [topofthehillauto70@hotmail.com](mailto:topofthehillauto70@hotmail.com).



# **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.**

Dear fellow Knights of Columbus Councils,

The 2021 Knights of Columbus State Convention is going to be hosted by Wind River Council #3237. The Council is compiling the convention booklet to assist the delegates and attendees with what is happening and where it is happening. The Convention is going to be held April 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> with General Sessions at the Holiday Inn, 900 E. Sunset Dr.

We would like to invite you to purchase an ad in the booklet. The booklet is going to be half page (5 ½ x 8 ½) in size. The ads will be in two sizes of full page and half page.

The ad price are as follows:

Full page (5 ½ x 8 ½) black and white at \$100.

Half page (5 ½ x 4 ¼) black and white at \$50.

We ask that you submit the ad in print ready pdf format.

Ad deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup> to ensure enough time for production.

Please send the ad to me at [troyc@wyoming.com](mailto:troyc@wyoming.com). If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 307-540-8031.

Make your check payable to Council 3237 and mail it to Troy Corbett, 252 Teacher Rd., Pavillion, WY 82523.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to presenting the booklet with your ad in it to you when we get closer to the event.

Troy Corbett  
307-540-8031  
[troyc@wyoming.com](mailto:troyc@wyoming.com)

# **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

## Wyoming State Council

### Standing Committee Assignments

#### 2021 State Convention - Riverton, Wyoming

<b>Audit Committee</b>	<b>Memorials Committee</b>
<b>Advisor: Immediate Past State Deputy</b>	<b>Advisor: State Chaplain</b>
<b>Chairman: GK Green River 7453</b>	<b>Chairman: GK Lander 5447</b>
GK Casper 9917	GK Worland 8635
GK Saratoga 11291	GK Casper 1563
GK Thermopolis 2578	GK Kemmerer 2337
GK Buffalo 3332	GK Powell 3043
GK Newcastle 6334	GK Wheatland 3551
<b>Budget Committee</b>	<b>Mileage and Per Diem Committee</b>
<b>Advisor: State Treasurer</b>	<b>Advisor: State Warden</b>
<b>Chairman: GK Douglas/Glenrock 6558</b>	<b>Chairman: GK Torrington 6623</b>
GK Pine Bluffs 7789	GK Greybull/Basin 7214
GK Cheyenne 801	GK Thayne 16510
GK Laramie 2720	GK Sheridan 2104
GK Gillette 3477	GK Riverton 3237
	GK Cody 4031
<b>Credentials Committee</b>	<b>Resolutions Committee</b>
<b>Advisor: State Secretary</b>	<b>Advisor: State Advocate</b>
<b>Chairman: GK Jackson 9431</b>	<b>Chairman: District Deputy 3</b>
GK Pinedale 9756	District Deputy 4
GK Fort Bridger 10027	District Deputy 5
GK Rawlins 2128	District Deputy 6
GK Rock Springs 2441	District Deputy 7
	District Deputy 8
	District Deputy 1
	District Deputy 2





# **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

## **Wyoming State Council**



**Credentials for delegates to State Convention in Riverton, WY  
April 23 - 25, 2021**

**Send one copy to State Secretary and BRING one copy to the Convention**

**Ron Morris, State Secretary  
4572 New Market Circle  
Casper, WY 82609**

Council Number & Name \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate \_\_\_\_\_

**Council Seal**



# ***Knights of Columbus*** **WYOMING STATE COUNCIL**



## **Interest in Serving on the Wyoming State Council:**

**State Officer** positions are elected each year at state convention. Normally each office is held for two (2) years, in this order: State Deputy, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate and State Warden. The Immediate Past State Deputy (2) years and the State Chaplain is appointed with the Bishop's approval each year.

Every year following elections at the State Convention, the State Deputy has the task of filling the **District Deputy** (currently 8 districts) and the **State Directors and Chairman** (currently 18 to 26, see list below) positions for the coming Fraternal Year. These appointments must be completed as quickly as possible, and in the case of the District Deputies, forwarded to the Supreme Knight for approval. All positions are for a one-year period, July 1 to June 30 annually. Grand Knight experience is preferred, especially for the District Deputy position, but it is not essential. Council/Assembly leadership experience (Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Faithful Navigator, Faithful Captain, Faithful Comptroller) together with an in-depth knowledge of the Knights of Columbus and our programs is acceptable. You may have held one of these positions last fraternal year and want a new challenge for this upcoming year.

To assist the State Deputy, Grand Knights are requested to reproduce and distribute this interest survey to all interested Knights in their Council.

Completed submissions provide the State Deputy with a pool of interested and capable candidates to fill the appointments. This, however, does not in any way limit his choices for those appointments to those who have expressed an interest.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Council: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Positions of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Experience:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Completed forms should be forwarded to the State Secretary as soon as possible.  
Ron Morris, 4572 New Market Cir., Casper, WY 82609 or [ronmorris8@bresnan.net](mailto:ronmorris8@bresnan.net)



**District Deputies: one year appointed position for up to four (4) years**

District #1	Cheyenne-801, Wheatland-3551, Torrington-6623, Pine Bluffs-7789
District #2	Casper-1563, Douglas/Glenrock-6558, Casper-9917
District #3	Rock Springs-2441, Evanston-6216, Green River-7453, Fort Bridger-10027
District #4	Thermoplois-2578, Riverton-3237, Lander-5447
District #5	Powell-3043, Cody-4031, Greybull/Basin-7214, Worland-8635
District #6	Sheridan-2104, Buffalo-3332, Gillette-3477, Newcastle-6334
District #7	Rawlins-2128, Laramie-2720, Saratoga-11291
District #8	Kemmerer-2337, Jackson-9431, Pinedale-9756

Descriptions for each position below is available upon request for State level, which mimics council level positions, soon to be posted on the state website.

**List of Director and Chairman Positions**

1	Program Director*
2	Faith Director*
3	Community Director*
4	Life Director*
5	Family Director*
6	Youth Director*
7	Council/Retention Director*
8	Awards Chairman*
9	Report Forms Chairman*
10	Membership Director*
11	Membership Retention Chairman*
12	Council Retention/Reactivation/Development Chairman*
13	Online Membership Chairman*
14	Hispanic Growth Coordinator*
15	Ceremonial Chairman*
16	Insurance Promotion Chairman*
17	Round Table Chairman*
18	Vocations Chairman*
19	Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities*
20	Special Olympics Chairman*
21	McGivney Guild Chairman*
22	Newsletter / Public Relations Coordinator*
23	St Joseph's Society Retired Priests**
24	Webmaster**
25	Food for Families Chairman**
26	Keep Christ in Christmas**
27	Disaster Relief Chairman*
28	Charitable Trust Chairman**
	<b>Supreme Programs * / State programs **</b>

Completed forms should be forwarded to the State Secretary as soon as possible.  
 Ron Morris, 4572 New Market Cir., Casper, WY 82609 or [ronmorris8@bresnan.net](mailto:ronmorris8@bresnan.net)



Worthy Grand Knight,

It is time to tell your council's story. You and your members are completing a year of Faith in Action using and demonstrating those time-honored gifts of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. The story now 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 at: [Council Forms | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](#)

I realize that this fraternal year has been one of the most different and challenging year of my 48 years in the Knights of Columbus, but it has also brought some of the most interesting and urgent needs for our charitable outreach. I am sure that even though we have not been able to be physically fraternal, we have rallied to fulfill our mission.

As you fill out those reports, use that **FAITH IN ACTION** guidebook that was presented to you from your District Deputy at your organizational meeting or when they met with you early in the Fraternal Year. The **Fraternal Programs Report Form** will 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 Riverton, April 23<sup>th</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>. The Form **#STSP State Council Service Program Awards Entry Form** found at the website: [https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/state\\_serviceaward\\_p.pdf](https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/state_serviceaward_p.pdf)

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):**

[Family of the Year Awards Entry Form \(kofc.org\)](#)

and the **Wyoming State Knight of the Year** (no form as it is a State Program), plus **Wyoming State KofC Priest of the Year** (no form as it is a State Program). As a matter of courtesy and protocol it would probably be best to obtain the Priest's permission to nominate him.

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 the due date is April 10<sup>th</sup>.

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 (form #10680)**

[Family of the Year Awards Entry Form \(kofc.org\)](#)

and the **Wyoming State Knight of the Year**.

To ensure that the entries will be there to be judged for the awards please submit them to me, **PSD Don Scott**. If you are mailing them (*which is the preferred method*) **allow enough time to have them delivered by April 10, 2021** to:

Donald J. Scott, 2210 S Gillette Ave, Gillette, WY 82718

Email: [dscottkofcwysd@bresnan.net](mailto:dscottkofcwysd@bresnan.net) Make sure the entry is printable.

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.

[tootsie-roll-reporting-form.1.1 \(wyomingkc.org\)](#) [2017-lifesaver-report.pdf \(wyomingkc.org\)](#)

Vivat Jesus,

Donald J Scott, PSD, Awards Chairman

# State Council Program Awards

## Entry Form

THIS REPORTING FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY EACH COUNCIL AND FORWARDED TO THE STATE COUNCIL.  
(A separate reporting form should be completed for each program category.)

CATEGORY (MARK ONE):  Faith  Family  Community  Life



### COUNCIL INFORMATION:

1 Council Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Council Members: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grand Knight: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### PROGRAM INFORMATION (complete all sections):

2 Program Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Program Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Participation: \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_  
Members Non Members Total Participants Total Participants Hours Total Volunteer Hours

Program Planning: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ Members Recruited: \_\_\_\_\_ Donations: \_\_\_\_\_  
Costs Time Local Currency

3 Describe program in detail. Use additional paper if necessary. Supplementary material may be submitted along with the nomination. Accompanying materials can include letters, testimonials, news clippings, photographs, pamphlets, etc. Do not submit tapes, videocassettes, DVD's, display materials, films, etc., as they will not be considered in judging the nomination.

3a) In the space provided below, briefly describe the purpose and goals of this program. This section must be completed.

**DO NOT SUBMIT THIS REPORT FORM TO SUPREME COUNCIL**

**ENTRY MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE STATE COUNCIL  
TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE COMPETITION**

MAIL ORIGINAL TO: State Deputy or State Program Director

COPY TO: Council File

Available in electronic format at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)



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3b) Whom does this program benefit?

3c) What problem or need did this program resolve?

3d) Why did the council select this program?

3e) Describe the success of the program:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
State Deputy Grand Knight



***Knights of Columbus***  
**WYOMING STATE COUNCIL**



***Council Insurance Request for State Convention  
in Riverton April 23 - 25, 2021***

**Send one copy to the Secretary and bring one copy to the Convention**

**Ron Morris, State Secretary  
4572 New Market Circle  
Casper, WY 82609**

**COUNCIL: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Indicate whether this Council requests liability insurance through the program offered by the Wyoming State Council:**

Yes

No



# Knights of Columbus

## Wyoming State Council

2021 Wyoming State Convention

April 26 – 28, 2021

Riverton, Wyoming

### MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS



#### Friday Convention Proceedings:

Following the welcome video from Patrick Kelly, Supreme Director Ken Stockwell discussed the coming new Kelly administration. Carl Anderson will continue as a member of the Board of Directors. Ken reviewed various new personnel in the Supreme Council. He expects Mr. Kelly's leadership to reflect his Theology studies at the John Paul Institute at Catholic University, as well as his young family.

Father Louie Shea, Chaplain, discussed the order's need for not only respect for, but solidarity, with our bishop.

GA Andrew Wheaton emphasized the importance of Fraternal Benefit Nights. It's not necessarily the number of attendees that is important, but also how the nights are marketed by councils.

#### Saturday Council Proceedings:

Following individual presentations by Chairmen and motions to approve, the following standing committee reports were adopted:

- Memorials
- Credentials
- Audit
- Mileage/Per Diem (with no changes to existing rates)
- Budget

The Awards Luncheon guest was Jennifer Hanes, of Wyoming Special Olympics, Casper. Buddy Cater, Tootsie Roll Chairman, and Marty Martinez, Special Olympics Chairmen, were among those making presentations.

Warden Mike Pexton requested that his Eucharistic miracles poster project become a state-sanctioned program. The matter was taken under advisement to be considered at the summer meeting.

FA Leo Klatka advised that Wyoming Catholic College in Lander has facilities available for use by the State Council. Tom Zimmer, who teaches at the college, mentioned that the college has another facility ideal for retreats.

Nomination speeches were given as follows:

Warden

Brian Duyck nominating Rick Hannon

Norm Long nominating Rod Birkle

Advocate

Don Scott nominating Mike Pexton

Treasurer

Don Scott nominating Jim Larscheid

Secretary

Don Scott nominating Brian Duyck

State Deputy

Bill Fehringer nominating Ron Morris

**Sunday Convention Proceedings:**

Minutes of the 2020 Convention were approved as read. The Resolutions were individually presented by the State Advocate and, upon motion, approved.

The following State Council officers were elected:

State Deputy Ron Morris by unanimous ballot

Secretary Brian Duyck by unanimous ballot

Treasurer Jim Larscheid by unanimous ballot

Advocate Mike Pexton by unanimous ballot

Warden Rod Birkle by vote 23-15

The following were elected as alternates to the Supreme Convention:

Jim Venjohn 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate

Don Scott 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate

The site selected for the 2023 State Convention is Frank Plemel Council #2441 in Rock Springs.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Ron Morris, State Secretary





# Knights of Columbus

## Wyoming State Council



### Credentials Committee Report

The Committee having reviewed the council credentials reports submitted to the State Secretary and finding them proper, hereby approve the 2021 Credentials submitted by the councils and delegates specified on the attached schedule.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Ron Morris'.

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Ron Morris, State Secretary  
Chairman

April 25, 2021

**OFFICIAL ROLL CALL April 25, 2021**

801	Bishop McGovern	Vincent Krolkowski ✓	Brandon Maynard ✓				
1563	Mons. O'Reilly	Norman Long ✓	Rod Birkle ✓				
2104	Phil Sheridan	Anthony Garber ✓	Ralph Blommel ✓	Jon Deutscher			
2128	Mons. Meyer						
2337	Mons. O'Connor						
2441	Frank Plemel	Brad Bettolo ✓	Jim Borza ✓	Leopold Klatka			
2578	Mons. Krass	Dennis F. Weyer ✓	Tom J. Atwood ✓				
2720	Laramie						
3043	Shoshone	Dan Rodriguez ✓	Rick Hannon ✓	Shawn Moody			
3237	Wind River	Thomas Corbett ✓	Norman Moss ✓	Larry Higgins	Mike Mellado		
3332	Fr. DeSmet						
3477	Mons. Ruddy	Don Scott ✓	<del>AB</del> Buddy Cater ✓	John Cosner	Ken Svalina		
3551	Mons. Sullivan						
4031	Bishop Burke	John W. Robb, Jr. ✓					
5447	Fr. Kennedy	Raymond Malek	Mark Peterson ✓	Daniel Spenst	Jacob Foster		
6216	Fr. Cassidy						
6334	Corpus Christi						
6558	Converse Co.						
6623	Mons. Kimmeth	Larry Espelage ✓	Mark Miller ✓	Dan Gaukel	Mike Pexton		
7214	Mons. McBride						
7453	Mons. Godley	Michael Dahl ✓	Glen Schueler ✓				
7789	Columbia						
8635	Worland	Shawn Ala ✓	<del>David</del> Mischke ✓	<del>See Attached</del>			
9431	Fr. Bartek						
9756	Fr. Pierre Desmet	Ralph Trotter ✓					
9917	St. Patrick	William Fehring ✓	James T. Corkery Jr.				
10027	Cletus Bindl						
11291	Snowy Range						
16510	Fr. Doudican	Mike Wellmann ✓	(total: 32 votes)				

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# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## Wyoming State Council



**Credentials for delegates to State Convention in Riverton, WY  
April 23 - 25, 2021**

**Send one copy to State Secretary and **BRING** one copy to the Convention**

~~Ron Morris, State Secretary~~  
**4572 New Market Circle  
Casper, WY 82609**

Council Number & Name 8635 Worland

Delegate Shawn Ala #04892338

Delegate David Mischke #04431432

Alternate \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate \_\_\_\_\_

**Council Seal**

4-24-21 David Mischke denies being a delegate. He confirms this was done in error and that he is present only in his capacity as DD.

Ronald M Morris  
Chairman credentials



Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplin, Worthy Supreme Guest, State Officers and Brother Knights,

The Budget Committee met on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. We reviewed last year's budget and took into account the request from the Mileage and Per Diem Committee to raise the Per Diem amount to \$70 per day.

It appears that the budget of the last 2 years could have easily handled the increase of \$7 per day. All of the other proposals in this proposed budget are in line with the performance of the past budgets.

We as a committee ask that you approve the budget we set before you.

Vivat Jesus,

Donald J Scott, PSD, Chairman of Budget Committee, Council 3477

# Wyoming State Council Knights of Columbus

Budget Overview: 2021-2022 FY 21 - FY22 P&L

July 2021 - June 2022

	TOTAL
<b>Revenue</b>	
Change From Heaven	2,000.00
Christ In Christmas	2,000.00
Liability Insurance Revenue	5,000.00
Lollipop Sales	200.00
Miscellaneous Income	200.00
Per Capita	31,000.00
Pro-Life Revenue	400.00
Pro-Life income from Councils	100.00
<b>Total Pro-Life Revenue</b>	<b>500.00</b>
race to finish	100.00
St Conv Raffle Income	2,000.00
Tootsie Roll Income	6,000.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$49,000.00</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$49,000.00</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
01. State Officers Allowance	300.00
03. Priests, Deacons, and Seminarians Honorarium and Vocations	500.00
04. State Convention Mileage and Per Diem	12,000.00
05. State Convention- Clerical	300.00
06. State Convention Registration	2,800.00
07. State Officer Meetings/Membership	5,000.00
08. State Council Expense	1,000.00
Equipment	200.00
mileage	250.00
Postage	250.00
Printing	250.00
Supplies	100.00
<b>Total 08. State Council Expense</b>	<b>2,050.00</b>
09. State Deputy's Expense	500.00
10. State Deputy- Supreme Convention Expenses	1,800.00
11. Supreme Convention Expense	3,500.00
14. Audit	2,500.00
15. Pro-Life Chaircouple	200.00
17. State Council Travel	1,500.00
18. Keep Christ in Christmas	1,800.00
21. Insurance	5,000.00
22. Miscellaneous/Non-Budgeted Items	1,000.00
23. Pass Through Monies	
Tootsie Roll 10% state chair	600.00
<b>Total 23. Pass Through Monies</b>	<b>600.00</b>
23. Pass Through Monies raffle proceeds	2,000.00
24. Change From Heaven	2,000.00

# Wyoming State Council Knights of Columbus

Budget Overview: 2021-2022 FY 21 - FY22 P&L

July 2021 - June 2022

	TOTAL
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$45,350.00</b>
NET OPERATING REVENUE	<b>\$3,650.00</b>
Other Revenue	
Interest Earned	40.00
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>
NET OTHER REVENUE	<b>\$40.00</b>
NET REVENUE	<b>\$3,690.00</b>



# Knights of Columbus

## Wyoming State Council



### Memorials Committee Report

The Committee having reviewed the council necrology reports submitted to the State Secretary and finding them proper, hereby approve the 2019-2021 State Necrology Report attached hereto..

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Raymond Malek'.

Raymond Malek, Grand Knight #5447  
Chairman

April 25, 2021



# **Knights of Columbus**

## **Wyoming State Council**



### **NECROLOGY REPORT FOR 2019-21**

#### **Clergy Knights of the Diocese**

Monsignor James O'Neill

Father Tom Sheridan

Father Ronald Stolcis

Father Carl Beavers



**Bishop P.A. McGovern Council #801, Cheyenne**

Ronald John Schumacher, Jr.

George F. Kroman

Francis Charles Robert "Bob" Hollmann

Maynard J. Richmeier

Marion Francis "Bud" Shrove

William "Bill" Ferdinand Sherman

Elmer William "Bill" Rodeout

Charles Chapman

Donald Sanchez

Anthony Reed

James Acher

Mike Cooley

James Key

**Mon. Thomas F. O'Reilly Council #1563, Casper St. Anthony**

Dennis Noonan

Henry Rudolf

Clayton Stepp

**Phil Sheridan Council #2104, Sheridan**

Alvin Dorin McChesney

Carl William Hermanson

Garey E. Ketcham

Willis W. Burke

James N. Nipps

**Frank Plemel Council #2441, Rock Springs**

David Yori

**Monsignor Philip Krass Council #2578, Thermopolis**

Harold J. Bendlin

Jim V. Leseburg

Thomas E. Ryan

**Shoshone Council #3043, Powell**

Marlowe Halber

George Ribble

Larry Stricker

**Wind River Council #3237, Riverton**

Dan Ackerman

Robert Luoma

**Father DeSmet Council #3332, Buffalo**

Arthur "Coog" Myers

William Kingsley Huddleston

**Monsignor James Ruddy Council #3477, Gillette**

Darwin L. Bowker

Dale L. Thompson

William R. Hays

Joseph A. Slattery  
Anthony J. Polanchek  
William C. Laughlin

**Bishop Maurice F. Burke Council #4031, Cody**

Edgar Erickson  
Nicodemus R. Paul  
Ronald G. Spomer, Sr.  
Thomas N. Imburgia  
Eugene J. Bertsch  
Bernard P. Majusiak  
Michael J. Becker  
James T. Woodward, Jr.  
Richard B. Henderson

**Father Martin Kennedy Council #5447, Lander**

Rodolph C. Ramirez

Dean V. Spriggs

Lawrence C. Englert

Donald F. Morrow

**Monsignor Fred J. Kimmett Council # 6623, Torrington**

Kent Becker

Vern Modine

Don Brooks

Manuel Zamora

Sam Cochran

**Monsignor James McBride Council #7214, Greybull**

Timothy Nolan

David Larchick

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Kenneth Jeziorski

Fred Billick

**Monsignor James Godley Council #7453, Green River**

Donald F. Cywinski

Paul F Shablo

**Worland Council #8635**

Val Crumley

**Father Pierre DeSmet Council #9756, Pinedale**

James W. Malkowski

**St. Patrick Council #9917, Casper**

Joseph R Maixner

William F. Brownell

Roland F. Schroeder

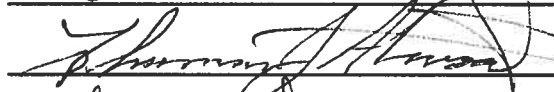
Audit Committee

We of the audit committee have reviewed the financial report issued by Grooms and Harkins, P. C.. Based on the report, we recommend the State Council continue periodic reviews of the financials of cash accounts.


Signed:

  
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Wyoming State Council Knights of Columbus  
Mileage and Per Diem Committee

The costs of doing business are continuing to rise. Costs to stay in our communities are becoming more expensive. There must be incentives to participate in these conventions. This committee therefore recommends that mileage reimbursement remain at \$0.35. This committee also recommends a "do pass" to raise the per diem to \$70.00 effective July 1, 2021.


Signed:

  
\_\_\_\_\_ April 23, 2021

Tony Garber, Chairman

  
\_\_\_\_\_ April 23, 2021

Mark Miller

  
\_\_\_\_\_ April 23, 2021

John Robb

  
\_\_\_\_\_ April 23, 2021

Mike Wellmann





# **Wyoming State Council**

**of the**

## **Knights of Columbus**

### **101<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting**

# **RESOLUTIONS**

**April 23 - 25, 2021**

The Resolutions Committee has reviewed all resolutions submitted by the Wyoming State Council, its committees and its subordinate councils.

The Resolutions Committee recommends the following actions:

Committee's Recommendation	Adopt	Reject	No Action	Refer to Ex Comm
Resolution Number 1	x			
Resolution Number 2	x			
Resolution Number 3	x			
Resolution Number 4	x			
Resolution Number 5	x			
Resolution Number 6	x			
Resolution Number 7	x			
Resolution Number 8	x			
Resolution Number 9	x			
Resolution Number 10	x			
Resolution Number 11	x			
Resolution Number 12	x			
Resolution Number 13	x			
Resolution Number 14	x			
Resolution Number 15	x			
Resolution Number 16	x			
Resolution Number 17	x			
Resolution Number 18	x			
Resolution Number 19	x			
<del>Resolution Number 20</del>				

Respectfully submitted,



Sean Sherwin, District Deputy #3  
Resolutions Committee Chair

Attest,



James Larscheid, State Advocate  
Committee Advisor

## **Resolution 1**

**WHEREAS**, Carl A. Anderson served as the Order's 13<sup>th</sup> Supreme Knight;  
and

**WHEREAS**, Carl A. Anderson retired February 28, 2021 after more than 20  
years of service as Supreme Knight; and

**WHEREAS**, Carl A. Anderson leaves a legacy of Christian witness and  
service to the Catholic Church, to the Knights of Columbus and to  
communities throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wyoming Knights of Columbus appreciates the hard work,  
dedication and leadership that Carl A. Anderson provided during his tenure  
as the Order's 13<sup>th</sup> Supreme Knight,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wyoming State Council convey  
its fraternal appreciation to Past Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson for his  
outstanding leadership and untiring dedication to the Knights of Columbus  
and to the Church.

[Submitted by the Wyoming State Council of the Knights of Columbus]

**Resolutions committee recommendation: Adopt**

## **Resolution 2**

**WHEREAS**, the Wyoming Knights of Columbus wishes to congratulate Patrick E. Kelly who was elected by the Knights of Columbus Board of Directors to become the Order's 14<sup>th</sup> Supreme Knight; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wyoming Knights of Columbus relies on the unwavering good advice and counsel from the Supreme Knights of Columbus,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wyoming State Council convey its fraternal appreciation to Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly, the Supreme Officers and the Supreme Board of Directors for their outstanding leadership and untiring dedication to the Knights of Columbus and to the Church; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Wyoming Knights of Columbus hereby reaffirm its pledge of continued loyalty and support to the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus.

[Submitted by the Wyoming State Council of the Knights of Columbus]

**Resolutions committee recommendation: Adopt**

## **Resolution 3**

**WHEREAS**, the Wyoming Knights of Columbus is honored to be a part of the great organization of the Knights of Columbus; and

**WHEREAS**, the joy of being part of the great organization includes the blessings of fraternity,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wyoming State Council extends to Supreme Director Kenneth E. Stockwell and his lovely wife, Lesa, Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, our sincere appreciation for their attendance and participation in state meetings held at various intervals throughout the year; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Wyoming Knights of Columbus pray that God continues to grant Supreme Director Kenneth E. Stockwell and Lesa, the needed strength and vision to guide and administer the charitable and fraternal works of the Order.

[Submitted by the Wyoming State Council of the Knights of Columbus]

**Resolutions committee recommendation: Adopt**

## **Resolution 4**

**WHEREAS**, the Wyoming Knights of Columbus believes that Blessed Michael J. McGivney was a truly Blessed Priest inspired by God; and

**WHEREAS**, the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source of information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession, and oversees the distribution of relics; and

**WHEREAS**, the Knights of Columbus founded the Guild in 1997 concurrently with the archdiocesan phase of Father McGivney's cause for canonization; and

**WHEREAS**, the Guild asks Knights to pray for Father McGivney's canonization, report favors received, and assist in the advancement of the cause.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wyoming State Council urges Brother Knights in Wyoming to pray for Father McGivney's canonization, report favors received and otherwise assist in the advancement of the cause.

[Submitted by the Wyoming State Council of the Knights of Columbus]

**Resolutions committee recommendation: Adopt**

## **Resolution 5**

**WHEREAS**, the Knights of Columbus respects life from conception to natural death; and

**WHEREAS**, the Knights of Columbus stands firm against taking the life of a human being, by abortion, euthanasia or capital punishment,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wyoming State Council continue its opposition to abortion, euthanasia and the death penalty.

[Submitted by the Wyoming State Council of the Knights of Columbus]

**Resolutions committee recommendation: Adopt**

## **Resolution 6**

**WHEREAS**, members of the Knights of Columbus believe that Blessed Michael J McGivney was a truly Blessed Priest inspired by God; and

**WHEREAS**, through his example the Knights of Columbus are the protectors of the Roman Catholic Faith and its Priests without whom there would be no Holy Eucharist and therefore no Catholic Faith,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wyoming State Council continue to encourage every local council to endeavor to support the retirement of our Wyoming clergy through the St. Joseph Society Retirement Fund.

[Submitted by the Wyoming State Council of the Knights of Columbus]

**Resolutions committee recommendation: Adopt**



## **Resolution 7**

**WHEREAS**, the Knights of Columbus is an organization of Catholic Gentlemen pledged to support and care for the Church; and

**WHEREAS**, funds donated to the annual Bishop's Appeal, "Living and Giving in Christ: Unity Through Diocesan Ministries", help finance diocesan activities; and

**WHEREAS**, many Catholics are unaware of the benefits received in their parishes from services provided through the appeal,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Faith Director of each council in the state take responsibility for encouraging the Knights of his council to actively promote greater participation in the annual Bishop's Appeal, Living and Giving in Christ: Unity Through Diocesan Ministries.

[Submitted by the Wyoming State Council of the Knights of Columbus]

**Resolutions committee recommendation: Adopt**

## **Resolution 8**

**WHEREAS**, the subordinate councils of the Wyoming State Council participated in the 2020 Keep Christ in Christmas Religious Christmas Cards program to spread the message of the true meaning of Christmas and to raise funds for council charities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wyoming State Council receives a profit from the 2020 Keep Christ in Christmas Religious Christmas Cards program; and

**WHEREAS**, the delegates of the 2021 state convention determine by a majority vote to approve the charity or charities chosen by the host council to receive the Wyoming State Council's profit from the 2020 Keep Christ in Christmas, be selected by the convention host council,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wyoming State Council donate the profits from the 2020 Keep Christ in Christmas Religious Card Sales to the charity chosen by Council 3237.

[Submitted by the Wyoming State Council of the Knights of Columbus]

**Resolutions committee recommendation: Adopt**

## **Resolution 9**

**WHEREAS**, current provisions specify that the Wyoming State Council pay for the Bishop of the Diocese of Cheyenne to attend Supreme Convention;  
and

**WHEREAS**, our Bishop is held in the highest esteem by grateful members of the Diocese; and

**WHEREAS**, every effort should be made to continue to afford him distinguished status within the Knights of Columbus,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wyoming State Council reimburse travel expenses to attend the 2021 Supreme Convention to the Bishop of the Diocese of Cheyenne.

[Submitted by the Wyoming State Council of the Knights of Columbus]

**Resolutions committee recommendation: Adopt**

## **Resolution 10**

**WHEREAS**, the "Traveling Door" is an important part of the history and tradition of the Knights of Columbus in Wyoming; and

**WHEREAS**, space on the door is precious; and

**WHEREAS**; the story of the traveling door has been around for a year less than the door itself, and

**WHEREAS**; the story and the door are passed on year after year, resolutions have been passed concerning how the past host council was to add their name to the door.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that if the "Traveling Door" does not appear at any given state convention, the previous council or councils, which hosted the convention shall be levied a fine of one hundred dollars, and that such fine be donated by the Wyoming State Council to the Charitable Trust; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if any council's sign on the third door exceeds three inches in height, the council in violation shall be levied a fine of twenty-five dollars for every inch or fraction thereof over the three-inch limit, and that such fine be donated by the Wyoming State Council to the Charitable Trust. This fine shall only be assessed once.

[Submitted by the Wyoming State Council of the Knights of Columbus]

**Resolutions committee recommendation: Adopt**

## **Resolution 11**

**WHEREAS**, the Wyoming State Council is grateful to the host council of the 101<sup>st</sup> annual Knights of Columbus state convention,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the officers and delegates here assembled recognize Wind River Council 3237, Riverton, Wyoming and their families, for their excellent efforts in planning the 2021 State Convention;  
and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Wyoming State Council expresses its thanks to Council 3237 and congratulates it for upholding the honor and dignity of this organization of Catholic Gentlemen.

[Submitted by the Wyoming State Council of the Knights of Columbus]

**Resolutions committee recommendation: Adopt**

## **Resolution 12**

**WHEREAS**, the Wyoming Knights of Columbus passed Resolution 25 at the 2006 Convention to invest in the Christopher Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 11 was passed at the Wyoming Knights of Columbus 2019 Convention to provide that 100% of the proceeds from the Christopher Fund be given to the Wyoming Knights of Columbus Charitable Trust,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that 100% of the proceeds from the Christopher Fund continue to be given to the Wyoming Knights of Columbus Charitable Trust.

[Submitted by Wyoming State Council of the Knights of Columbus.]

**Resolutions committee recommendation: Adopt**

## **Resolution 13**

**WHEREAS**, Special Olympics of Wyoming provides year around competition and training for Special Olympic athletes in Wyoming at no charge to the athletes with training for some of the athletes to become coaches also provided; and

**WHEREAS**, this competition provides for social interaction and camaraderie for all athletes and a sense of accomplishment; and

**WHEREAS**, Wyoming Special Olympics offers 16 sports to athletes in Winter, Summer and Fall Games and the training and preparation for the competition provides activity for all involved with all funding coming from donations from generous supporters; and

**WHEREAS**, the Knights of Columbus are proud supporters of Special Olympics on an International level,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wyoming State Council donate the 2020-2021 fraternal year proceeds from the Manuel Michael Davila Fund for Charities to Wyoming State Special Olympics.

[Submitted by Wyoming State Council of the Knights of Columbus]

**Resolutions committee recommendation: Adopt**

## **Resolution 14**

**WHEREAS**, the Knights of Columbus is an organization that believes in electing morally upright leaders who will vote to uphold moral values; and **WHEREAS**, the Knights of Columbus encourages its knights, their families, and fellow Catholics to take morally correct positions on ballot issues; **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Councils of Wyoming be encouraged to hold all-night adorations of the Blessed Sacrament on the eve of national and state elections, praying that the Holy Spirit will guide Brother Knights, their families, and fellow Catholics to vote for morally upright candidates and to support moral positions on ballot issues; and **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the State Council provide reminders in advance of an election to local councils requesting that they conduct this important spiritual activity.

[Submitted by Wyoming State Council of the Knights of Columbus]

**Resolutions committee recommendation: Adopt**



## **Resolution 15**

**WHEREAS**, the Knights of Columbus consistently and unanimously encourages the "Culture of Life" publicly opposing abortion, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, euthanasia, assisted suicide, and offenses against life; and

**WHEREAS**, "For Life" billboards installed on local roadways in and near council locations in all States of the United States according to billboard regulations in each respective State will have a meaningful impact in defending and promoting the "Culture of Life" in the United States,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that it is encouraged that all Knights of Columbus Councils throughout all 50 States and territories in the United States construct, install and maintain billboards according to billboard regulations in their respective state on their local roadways including interstate roadways for optimum exposure. The message, sign size and locations of billboards are to be determined by each local Knights of Columbus Council.

[Submitted by Wyoming State Council of the Knights of Columbus]

**Resolutions committee recommendation: Adopt**

## **Resolution 16**

**WHEREAS**, the Knights of Columbus has been present in the State of Wyoming for 118 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wyoming State Council has been in existence for 101 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wyoming State Council is currently made up of 28 subordinate councils,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the officers and delegates here assembled congratulate Monsignor John J. O'Connor Council 2337, Kemmerer, Wyoming for upholding the honor and dignity of this organization of Catholic Gentlemen for 100 years of existence as a subordinate council of the Wyoming State Council.

[Submitted by the Wyoming State Council of the Knights of Columbus]

**Resolutions committee recommendation: Adopt**

## **Resolution 17**

**WHEREAS**, the Wyoming State Council initiated the Change from Heaven Program prior to the 2008 Wyoming Knights of Columbus State Convention; and

**WHEREAS**, subordinate councils collect change throughout the year at their council meetings and any other functions they deem appropriate and bring the change they collect to the annual Wyoming Knights of Columbus State Convention; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Change from Heaven Program is to assist the Wyoming Knights of Columbus Michael J. McGivney Burse for Seminarian Education,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that 100% of the proceeds collected from the Change from Heaven Program at each Wyoming Knights of Columbus State Convention be given to the Wyoming Knights of Columbus Michael J. McGivney Burse for Seminarian Education.

[Submitted by Wyoming State Council of the Knights of Columbus.]

**Resolutions committee recommendation: Adopt**

## **Resolution 18**

**WHEREAS**, the subordinate councils of the Wyoming State Council participated in the 2020 Life Saver Lollipop/Respect Life Sunday Program to raise funds for council prolife charities; and

**WHEREAS**, the subordinate council keeps 70% of the profit from the subordinate council 2020 Life Saver Lollipop/Respect Life Sunday Program to help fund local prolife activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wyoming State Council receives 30% of the profit from the subordinate council 2020 Life Saver Lollipop/Respect Life Sunday Program to help fund State prolife activities,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wyoming State Council donate the Wyoming State Council's share of the profits from the 2020 Life Saver Lollipop/Respect Life Sunday Program to the Wyoming State Council Prolife fund.

[Submitted by the Wyoming State Council of the Knights of Columbus]

**Resolutions committee recommendation: Adopt**

## **Resolution 19**

**WHEREAS**, fines can be levied against any Knights of Columbus member at the 2021 Wyoming State Convention for infractions such as not wearing the Knights of Columbus Emblem of the Order pin, not possessing a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree membership card, not carrying a rosary, talking during the meeting, etc.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wyoming State Warden can levy and collect such fines for the infractions listed above or other infraction(s) deemed appropriate by the State Officers; and

**WHEREAS**, the delegates of the 2021 Wyoming State Convention determine by a majority vote to approve the charity or charities chosen by the host council to receive the funds collected from the fines,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wyoming State Council donate the funds collected from fines assessed at the 2021 Wyoming State Convention to the charity or charities chosen by Council 3237.

[Submitted by the Wyoming State Council of the Knights of Columbus]

**Resolutions committee recommendation: Adopt**



# **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WYOMING STATE COUNCIL**



## **Immediate Past State Deputy April 2021**

**Worthy State Chaplain, Priest, Religious, Supreme Director, Regional Training Director, General Agent, State Officers, District Deputies, Directors, Chairman, and Membership all.**

**As the Immediate Past State Deputy my obligations are few in a normal term. This being anything from a normal year, I have little to report. So I'll give you a report of my ten years as a State Officer.**

**I'd like to say that when I started, as an Officer, I had a full head of hair. But your memories are better than that. Having served 20 years in many of the Chair and Director positions I had a pretty good understanding of what the Knights are about. Well, that was going to change.**

**When I started my first year as State Warden I found out what a council roade was all about. You are storage manager, room organizer, the procurement officer, the chief law enforcement officer all rolled into one. It was fun. Even collecting fines. PSD Don Scott was an easy touch, all you had to do was call him on his cell phone. A quick five'r.**

**I was never the State Advocate, as we had a resignation, and all the chairs moved up. So waiting in my cross hairs was the office of State Treasurer. Or was it the other way around. It all became a little blurry.**

**At that time the Treasurer had two checking accounts to manage. Both of which did not balance. After having our accountants' do a closer look at what was there, and our bank to do the same. In consultation with the State Officers it was decided to close the tootsie roll checking account. Move that accounting into our chart of accounts, and open up a new general checking account. The silver lining in all this was the errors were in our favor. It was determined that for some time, membership would at times, not cash their checks. Thinking they were donating them back. Going forward, they are asked to donate them to a pacific group, i.e. right to life, Priest retirement, youth programs, buy raffle tickets – anything. We do not want to spend \$25.00 per check to stop payment. But, that was the least of our troubles. As it was also learned that the IRS was charging us about \$35,000.00 for late fees and non-filing charges. As they were not always done. After many, many Maya copes and much prayer, they forgave us. We offered the conditions we appoint an Executive Secretary to oversee the**

timely filing of 990s for State, 4<sup>th</sup> degree assemblies, and subordinate councils. Change our accounting to Quick Books, and we hired a new accounting firm. I trust all is as planned and stays that way.

Moving on as State Secretary we saw our new Regalia introduced. The closing of home associations, and the removal of signage for many of the councils and assemblies. These were large and hard pills to swallow. E-membership was becoming the new thing. The shorting of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> installations is now the norm. Some would argue that these were long over do. Others would argue that tradition was so important. Good, bad, or indifferent, I believe God is with us through it all. We were not without some scandal as our State Treasurer quit in the middle of our State Convention. Thank God for Past State Deputies who were knowledgeable and willing to step up and help out with writing checks for mileage and per diem. Thanks again gentleman.

As I moved on to the Office of State Deputy, my first duty was to appoint a new State Chaplain. I found that man in Father Louie Shae. He has given great guidance and inspiration. He's also fun to be around. Thank you Father for your many Blessings. We started our New Priest of the Year award. As it is with all awards programs, it only works if the councils participate. You're doing the work, now do the paper work and reward your councils. We had an ongoing concern with our retired Bishop. Made worse by a Past State Deputies letter to the membership. Fueling the flames on an already heated debate. Again I believe God was right by our sides. Thank You Jesus.

Through all the traveling, meetings, webinars, reports, great meals, ceremonies, Masses, more airports, hotels, taxi cabs or uber rides, hugs and handshakes, did I mention the great meals. So many great people and many new friends. It was a ride well worth the time and effort. I would recommend to any one of you. I thank my wife Nina and family. I am so grateful you were with me for the trip. May God Bless You now and always.

Immediate Past State Deputy  
James L. (Jim) Venjohn  
2017-2019



# Knights of Columbus

## Wyoming State Council



Worthy State Deputy, State Chaplain, State Officers, District Deputies, Supreme Director, Program Directors and brother Knights,

It has been a pleasure serving as a State Officer these past two years – as State Warden for fraternal year 2019/20 and as State Advocate for fraternal year 2020/21.

As State Warden, I did not get the opportunity to set up for a state convention and attend to the warden's list of responsibilities as last year's convention was virtual, but I was able to set up for the summer and winter meetings in 2019. One of the joys of being State Warden is collecting fines during a state convention and while I was deprived of that last year, I was able to collect a fine during the 2019 winter meeting. A certain Supreme Director, who shall remain nameless, was called out by a certain State Chaplain, who shall also remain nameless, for talking during a video presentation. The agreed upon fine was \$20 which I held onto and am happy to add it to this convention's fine collection. ☺

As for not being able to set up for a state convention, State Warden Pexton did "allow" me to help set up for this year's convention so I wouldn't feel left out.

As State Advocate, I also served as the State Membership Director and liaison to our District Deputies and Grand Knights for council compliance with the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program. Membership growth for the State has been challenging this past year as local churches and councils have been slowed down due to the pandemic. I have heard from many and can definitely vouch from my own experience in my council, that recruiting new members is difficult when Knights activities are slowed down or even halted altogether. I appreciate the hard work of our District Deputies and local council leaders and I am looking forward to things "opening back up" in 2021 – it should help us all in our recruiting efforts.

As for the Safe Environment Program, I have to say that Wyoming, overall, is doing pretty well. The April report I reviewed from Supreme shows we are at around 70% compliant, overall, with all of our councils, which is an increase of over 10% since last December. I am confident that we will continue to improve on our SEP compliance!

My two years as a State Officer has enlightened me to the tremendous work that is accomplished not only by my fellow State Officers, but also our District Deputies and Program Directors. It truly takes the combined effort of all these men along with the support and hard work of the leaders at the local council level to not only keep the ship afloat, but floating in the right direction.

I am humbled to be a State Officer and honored to be a part of this great organization!

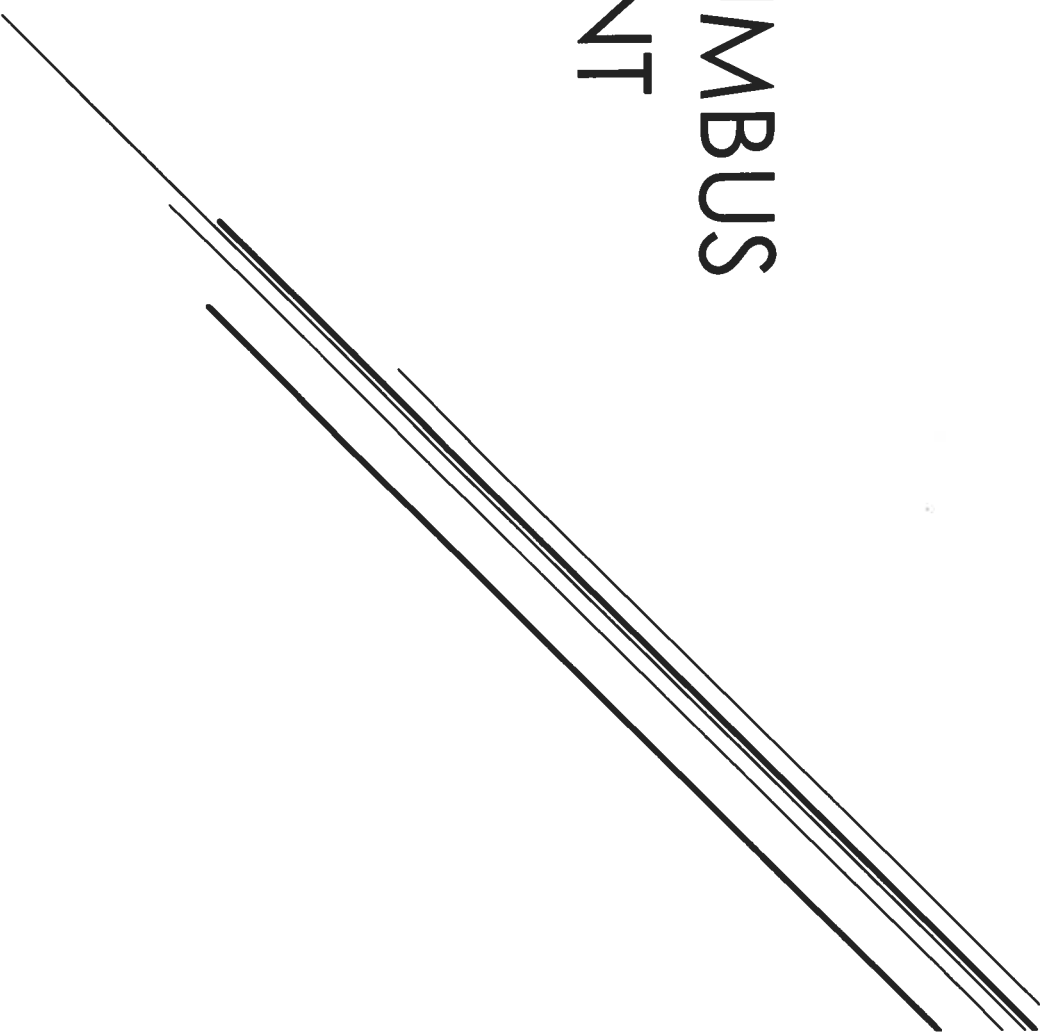
Vivat Jesus,

  
James A. Larscheid  
Wyoming State Advocate



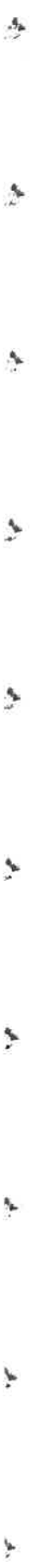
# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

2021 Wyoming State Convention



## Knights of Columbus SEP:

- ▶ Safeguards children and other vulnerable persons
- ▶ Assures members and their families that we maintain a safe environment for all those whom we serve
- ▶ Protects members from awkward situations, misunderstandings and appearances of impropriety
- ▶ Builds trust with arch/dioceses and parishes
- ▶ Protects the good name of the Knights of Columbus



Training

Background Check

Grand Knight



Program Director



Family Director

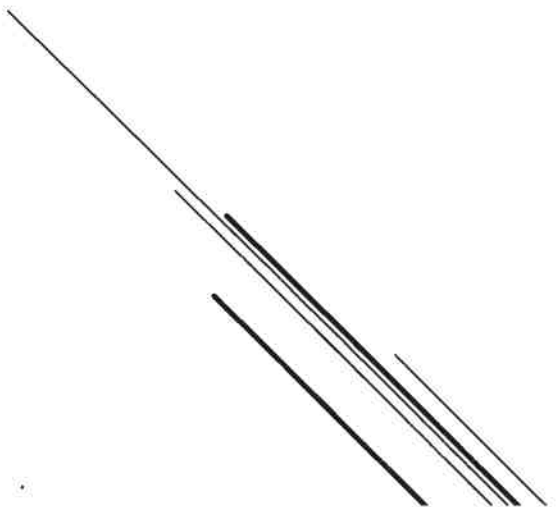


Community Director



AT A MINIMUM, TWO (2) FULLY COMPLIANT MEMBERS (ONE OF WHICH WHO HAS BEEN BACKGROUND CHECKED) MUST BE PRESENT AT ALL EVENTS WHERE YOUTH OR OTHER VULNERABLE PERSONS MAY BE PRESENT

COMPLIANCE IS VALID FOR THREE (3) YEARS



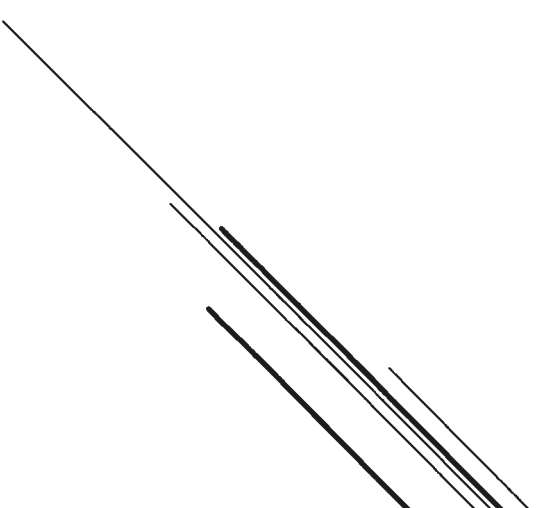
# CHANGES NOW IN EFFECT:

- Email addresses are now mandatory for all members holding safe environment roles to retain access to, and be counted towards, a council's SEP compliance
  - Generic email addresses (eg. gkcouncil1@gmail.com) are no longer allowed
- Directors are automatically removed from their roles once they become non-compliant; councils then have to resubmit an updated form 365 or reappoint in member management to restart the process
  - Non-compliance means training was not completed within 45 days of being assigned
- Grand Knights holding all 4 positions are NOT considered compliant



## SUGGESTIONS:

- Supreme pays for the background check for the FD and CD; since the background check is good for 3 years, councils can appoint new a FD and CD each year or every other year – this will increase the number of background-checked members and help ensure you have at least one background-checked member at your events
- For this fraternal year 2020-21 ONLY, having 2 different members appointed into the 4 required roles will be allowed
  - If the GK is also going to hold a director role, it should be either the FD or CD, but not both



**Mike Pexton**  
**State Warden**  
Report for State Convention 2021

Worthy State Deputy, State Chaplin, Supreme Director, State Officers, Brother Knights and all,

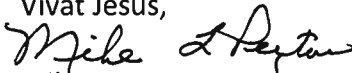
I was elected at the 2020 State Convention to serve a 1 year term as State Warden. I was excited about the chance to serve our jurisdiction as a warden. I looked forward to a year of learning what it takes to complete the role successfully. Unfortunately, our convention last year was a virtual meeting due to the Covid restrictions so there was not a chance to network. That was a chance lost to talk to members who previously had held the position. Now here we are at the end of my one-year term.

It has been a great experience getting to know the current slate of officers and observing their roles. I was given a carload of totes and canvas bags by Worthy Past State Warden Jim Larscheid upon the beginning of my term. Unfortunately, due to the covid restrictions and the virtual meetings, I did not have the opportunity to unpack it until this convention.

I thank each and everyone of you for giving me this opportunity to serve you in this role and, hopefully, will have the opportunity to advance to the next level.

May God bless you and your families!

Vivat Jesus,



Mike Pexton  
State Warden

Worthy State Deputy, Supreme Representative, Father, State Officers and Brother Knights:

As the fraternal year comes to an end, there are four Councils that, year after year, participate in the "Manual Davila Fund for People with Intellectual Disabilities". In the past, I have not done the job of pushing this program; and I apologize for that.

I encourage all Councils to take a look at what this program can do for charities in your area. This program is an easy program to run. Small Councils can go together with other Councils in their district to participate.

I have listed some suggestions that have worked well for my Council. In the past, I have chaired this program for 10 years in my council. This program has been an inspiration for our members and when it is time to run the drive, there is no shortage of volunteers to help.

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## Suggestions to help run a successful Tootsie Roll Drive

...Order forms can be found on State web site. Just go to Forms and Reports to find the order form which gives you the information needed to order. A new form will be updated on the State Web Site. Also, new forms will have to be signed by your Financial Secretary. These new forms can be filled out and e-mailed.

...Set a date when you order the Tootsie Rolls for your Tootsie Roll Drive.

...Contact banks, businesses, etc. As a corporate sponsor. (example: Sell each case for \$100.00 each) . Make sure you let sponsors know that money raised is split 90% for your Council to use for the charity of your choice, and 10% goes to the State Special Olympics

...When the date for the drive is set, do a radio interview with local stations and ask your Pastor to talk at Mass about the drive and how the money is distributed. Pass out Tootsie Rolls after Mass's the weekend of our drive. Some Councils will have different ways to run the drive. EX: When I chaired our drive for 10 years, and on your set date, the times of 10 to 2 were the best times to be at local stores and businesses.

The above suggestions sound like a lot of work, but it is really a simple process and program to run. If you have a member that is in the financial district, he could be your Corporate "go to" guy. By e-mailing your members and asking for 2 guys for each two-hour shift at the businesses and stores, it should be easy to fill your schedule slots.

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# Knights of Columbus



## ORDER FORM

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED 30 DAYS PRIOR TO SHIPMENT - SEND NO MONEY WITH THIS ORDER**

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Drive: \_\_\_\_\_

SHIP TO ADDRESS - This MUST be a BUSINESS ADDRESS with a daytime phone number  
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS WILL NOT BE SHIPPED

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

BILL TO ADDRESS - This MUST be a COUNCIL

Council #: \_\_\_\_\_

Council Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

### ORDER INFORMATION

**DO NOT SEND TO TOOTSIE ROLL IF LESS THAN 18 CASES ARE ORDERED**

→Orders of 33 cases or more will be shipped without freight charges.

→Orders of 18 - 32 cases will be subject to freight up-charge of 5% of the total order.

→Orders of 17 cases and under will not be accepted or shipped unless combined with other Councils for a total of 18 cases or more to the same shipping location, shipped at the same time. Each Council order must be 5 cases or more.

Item	Description	Quantity	Cost	Total Cost
914	K OF C TOOTSIE ROLL 300 CT		\$19.50	
9690	K OF C TR BANK/HAT 12 PAK			
Item 9690 - Indicate the number of K/C Caps and Collecting Canisters needed. There are 12 to each case, one case with every 16 cases of candy ordered. <b>NONE</b> will be shipped if left blank.				
<b>Totals</b>			-----	

### AGREEMENT OF SALES

I agree to pay the invoice amount within 30 days after the completion of the drive unless I request and am granted additional time by you in writing.

Financial Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### COMBINED COUNCIL INFORMATION

Council #: \_\_\_\_\_ Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

Council #: \_\_\_\_\_ Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

Council #: \_\_\_\_\_ Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

Council #: \_\_\_\_\_ Qty: \_\_\_\_\_

### FORM DISTRIBUTION LIST

Three Copies Required

- 1.) Retain copy for your COUNCIL FILES
- 2.) Mail or email copy to Tootsie Roll K/C Program, PO Box 633, Oak Lawn, IL 60454 - or - aandkmaureen@gmail.com
- 3.) Mail copy to : Regional CO - ORDINATOR

Email or call with questions to: aandkmaureen@gmail.com - or - (708) 423-5193



WYOMING STATE COUNCIL Knights of Columbus  
Wyoming State  
Member Retention / Withdrawal  
Guidelines

Hello, I am Brian Duyck, the State Member Retention Chairman. Growth of the Knights of Columbus depends not only on recruiting new or former members, but keeping current members in the Knights. Longstanding members must be kept enthused and involved about the Order. Retention starts immediately after the 1<sup>st</sup> degree. Below is an outline of ideas to help keep members in the Order.

- 1) Give the new or former member a branded gift, a Knights hat, shirt or another gift with our Order of the Emblem. Let him wear it with pride.
- 2) Get the new or former member involved. Have the proposer bring him to meetings! The proposer can introduce the new or former member to others. Encourage him to come and help with Knights functions.
- 3) Have the new or former members fill out a Member Interest Survey. Find out what his abilities are. Also, send out the survey to existing members, maybe include it in the membership dues statements. Recommend him to committees that he has interests in. This will help to keep existing members excited with the Knights. Have work parties become a social event instead of a job, they must be fun!!!, social!!!, and rewarding!!!
- 4) Promote the Knights. We need to make the Knights more visible in the Parish and community. Have a spot in the weekly bulletin just for the Knights. Have the Grand Knight (GK) or Financial (FS) continually putting Knights events in the bulletin. Not only

Knights. Find out why? Lots of times I will here a member say "My kids are small and I don't have time for the meetings or functions. Tell him that's OK, family first, stay a member, someday your kids will be older and you will have time." Or you hear that a member had a disagreement with another Knights member or Parish staff and wants out of the Knights. I have reminded them that Catholics are very forgiving, Jesus forgave his persecutors and we can do the same. Remember it is easier to be reinstate a member, if you get a note from the member stating why he wants out.

8) Of course, if you are unable to contact a member because he moved away, and/or you cannot get any response from him, still keep him on for 3 years. I had a member move to Riverton area and never heard from him, after 3 years I sent him the Intent to Suspend letter, he sent monies and an extra donation! Also, sometimes you have members that just want out. Maybe a local person who still attends Church. You can still keep him on in hopes that he may change his mind about the Knights and become a valuable member again. But when you know a member has quit the Catholic Church and is attending another church, you should suspend him since he is not a practicing Catholic.

These are some good ideas to keep members in the Order. If you have any other ideas that work, I need to know so I can get them out to the other Councils. Brian Duyck 307-272-7779

Our goal is to have no suspensions or withdrawals, 100% retention. Keep up the good work! Vivat Jesus.

Please deliver to your Financial Secretary



## Retention Procedures Timeline for Financial Secretaries

- 1) The computer program allows you print out bills after December 15th. Mail out first notices
- 2) Then if needed 2nd notices can be printed after January 15th (or 30 days after the 1st billing) Print and send out 2nd notice billing.
- 3) You can print Knight Alerts after February 15<sup>th</sup> (again 30 days after the 2nd notice) After you have printed and sent out Knight Alerts the next step is to start the Wyoming Retention Procedures.
- 4) Use the Wyoming State request for Retention fill-able form. Fill it out with members name, address, phone number, membership number etc.. This is an excellent form for tracking the progress of the Retention Committee.
- 5) Fill in when you sent bills, the date, were they paid? Were they returned? Or new address.
- 6) Either you as the Financial Secretary or Retention Committee or Grand Knight need to attempt to make contact with the delinquent members. Fill in the date when attempting to make contact and comments from the member. **Get the Grand Knight and Retention Committee involved.** NOTE: The Retention Committee may take an unlimited period of time to conduct retention efforts and are encouraged to take at least 30 days.
- 7) After the Retention Committee and finished their work then send the form to the District Deputy in your District. He will review the members, attempt to make contacts, then he will forward to me, the State Retention Chair. All with recommendations to either retain member or dismiss.

***Lawrence A. Heintzman***  
Wyoming State Keep Christ in Christmas Chairman  
3400 Carmel Drive  
Casper, Wyoming 82604  
307-251-5345

[larry.heintzman.homes@gmail.com](mailto:larry.heintzman.homes@gmail.com)

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April 23, 2021

Bret Ladenburger.  
Wyoming State Deputy  
6638 Mustang Trail  
Evansville, WY 82636


Subject: Keep Christ in Christmas State Program Report—April 23, 2021

Three (3) councils participated in the program this year. They were: 801, 1563 and 2104.

The Council sales were \$754.50. The Wyoming State Council Charges was charged \$684.00  
with profit of \$170.00

Enclosed are Wyoming State Council Invoices and from Christ in Christmas for the products order and shipped this year.

Vivat Jesus,

  
Lawrence A. Heintzman,  
State Keep Christ in Christmas Chairman

Enclosures

# "Christ is Christmas"

P.O. Box 20716  
 Roanoke, VA 24018  
 1-800-722-5032  
 vcancic@aol.com

# STATEMENT

Wyoming State K of C  
 c/o Larry Heintzman  
 3400 Carmel Dr.  
 Casper, WY 82604

DATE
3/19/21

AMOUNT REMITTED

\$

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Activity From: 2/4/21

To: 3/19/21

Balance Forward: \$441.50

DATE	REF. NO.	DESCRIPTION	CHARGES	PAYMENTS	BALANCE
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3/19/21

\$441.50

CURRENT	30 DAYS	60 DAYS	60+ DAYS	AMOUNT DUE
			\$441.50	<b>\$441.50</b>

Terms: Net 30 Days. 60 Day Charges will be charged a late fee of 1 1/2% per month (18% annually)

DATE	REF NO	DESCRIPTION	CHARGES PAYMENTS	BALANCE	CHK NO.	DATE	REF.NO.	CHARGES	PAYMENTS	Csh On Csh
Start										
6/23/2020		Statement Activity from 4/1/20 to 6/23/20		\$ -		06/23/20	Credit	\$ (10.00)		
7/22/2020	801-20-01	CIC-2020A Assorted Case	\$ (168.00)	\$ 168.00	5115	08/23/20	WY-085-0	\$ 143.00	\$ 168.00	\$ 25.00
10/1/2020	1563.01	Assorted Magnets	\$ (350.00)	\$ 350.00	420	10/10/20	WY-251-0	\$ 250.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 100.00
10/17/2020	1563.02	Spanish KCIC Magnets	\$ (87.50)	\$ 87.50	8928	10/17/20	WY-305-0	\$ 62.50	\$ 87.50	\$ 25.00
10/22/2020		CR-0111695 Payment WYO State		\$ -		01/20/21	Payment	\$ (133.00)		
11/12/2020	2104-01	24 Boxes of Christmas Cards	\$ (149.00)	\$ 149.00	10330	11/12/20	WY-419-0	\$ 129.00	\$ 149.00	\$ 20.00
1/20/2021		Statement Activity from 9/1/20 to 12/20		\$ -		01/26/21	Expense	\$ (441.50)		
				\$ -						\$ -
				\$ -						\$ -
				\$ -						\$ -
				\$ -						\$ -



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

## WYOMING STATE COUNCIL

### Expense Account Form

Date Submitted: January 26, 2021

Print Payee Name: Christ is Christmas

Title or Position: CIC Vendor

Expense Item Activity From: 9/1/2020 To: 12/20/2020 Amount (\$)

1.	Christ is Christmas Statement Dated: 01/20/2021	\$441.50
2.	Last Item	
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		

Total Expenses \$441.50

Signature: *L. A. Weinberger*

Mail receipts and completed form to State Deputy for Approval:

**Bret Ladenburger**  
 State Deputy  
 6638 Mustang Trail  
 Evansville, WY 82636

Mail reimbursement check to:  
Christ is Christmas, LLC  
P.O. Box 20716  
Roanoke, VA 24018

**For Administrative Use Only**

Approved by State Deputy	_____ Signature	_____ Date
Approved by State Secretary	_____ Signature	_____ Date
	_____ Voucher No.	_____ Date
Check Written by State Treasurer:	_____ Signature	_____ Date
Check number: _____	State Expense Account Number: _____	



# WYOMING KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE COUNCIL

## 2021 STATE CONVENTION-COMMUNITY DIRECTOR ANNUAL REPORT

Worthy State Officers, Father Louis Shea, Supreme Representatives and Brother Knights:

As your Community Director, I'd like to start by listing the Order's community programs that new Council officers may not be aware. Supreme has many resources on the home page that can guide us through these programs. If you haven't done so in the past, please take some time and look through these resources.

The main Community Programs are as follows:

**Helping Hands**-this program is designed to care for the most disadvantaged members of our communities including the homeless, the addicted, the elderly and many others. Projects can include working in soup kitchens, repairs to homes and facilities, delivering food to those unable to go out shopping, yardwork and general tasks community members in need can't accomplish on their own.

**Coats for Kids**-this program is to provide warmth for deserving children during cold winter months. Coats can be purchased at a discount from Supreme or you can request coats from stores in your area or ask your parishioners for donations. This is a very successful program and truly helps those children in need. Our Council has teamed up with a local radio station (The Radio Network) to broaden our coverage in Sweetwater County. Well over 150 coats were distributed in 2020.

**Global Wheelchair Mission**-this program helps to change lives of people with disabilities world-wide. Councils are requested to donate at least \$150 for a wheelchair. Contact the Wyoming State Deputy or myself to get started.

**Habitat for Humanity**-this program is to help build homes for families in need. Councils are requested to donate a minimum of \$1000 or 200 hours of service to projects in their community.

**Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest**-this program is designed to encourage our youth grades 8-12 to become citizens grounded in their faith through creative writing. The essay should be 500-750 words on a specific subject (should be different each year). You can determine what you want for prizes or awards.

**Disaster Preparedness**-this program is to prepare your community before a disaster happens. Councils should engage their parish and community in disaster preparedness by organizing training, fundraisers and awareness activities.

**Free Throw Contest**-this program is to provide an athletic outlet for youth ages 9-14 in a free throw competition. Again, this program promotes good sportsmanship and the spirit of competition.

**Soccer Challenge**-this program is to provide an athletic outlet for youth ages 9-14 to encourage sportsmanship and healthy competition. The basic competition is kicking accuracy on a penalty kick.

**Leave No Neighbor Behind**-this program evolved as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic. Our Knights of Columbus focus involves our duty to lead our families, to protect our parishes, to serve our

communities, to feed the hungry and to participate in blood drives. As has been the case, Brother Knights must always consider your own health and safety first. Wear your masks and exercise social distancing where required.

Consider these programs in the upcoming year. Most councils do some of these programs and don't take credit for their good works. Fill out your paperwork and pat yourselves on the backs for a job well done!! Serve those in need with care, compassion and charity!

Vivat Jesus!!

Michael Dahl  
Community Director

# **WYOMING KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE COUNCIL**

## **2021 STATE CONVENTION-CEREMONIALS REPORT**

Worthy State Officers, Father Louis Shea, Supreme Representative Ken Stockwell and Brothers all:

During the past fraternal year, it appears at least 12 new members were brought into the order either on-line or through the efforts of a local Council. 6 members were brought in using the on-line exemplification, 4 members were brought in through the use of a degree team using a new degree team/new exemplification and 2 members brought in using the old 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. This is the information I received after requesting information via email from each Council's Financial Secretary. Responses were from Thayne, Torrington, Lander, Casper, Powell, Laramie, Cody, Green River and Greybull. No other Council's responded as of April 20. The Supreme report I have is the same as last summer and has not changed. My report indicates 2 exemplifications using the new Degree format and 9 members receiving their 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. All 9 of these new members should be 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knights if the new format was used.

From what I can tell, a couple of different things are going on. (1) Councils are not submitting the paperwork to Supreme the State deputy or myself, or, (2) I have not been added to Supreme's list as Ceremonials Chairman.

I want to again emphasize that the paperwork is important and takes a minimal amount of effort to complete. Please fill out the report with comments and recommendations so the degrees can be improved upon. I realize the past year has been different and more difficult with the pandemic and reduced activities by Councils, however, in order to keep things moving in the right direction, we need to pay attention to our reports and get them submitted to the proper people in a timely manner. Wishing you all a successful convention and blessed, productive new year!

Vivat Jesus!

Michael Dahl  
Ceremonials Chairman

## Roundtable report for 2021

Round tables reporting were:

St. Leo's #6623. Lusk

Our Lady of Fatima. #1563. Casper

Holy Family. #801. Air Force base. Cheyenne

St. Joseph. #801. Cheyenne

Holy Trinity. #801 Cheyenne

St. Mary's Cathedral. #801 Cheyenne

No report for Lander college, Sundance, Moorcroft or Guernsey.

The hours reported on 2630 form I'm sure we're for the earlier part of 2020 due to restrictions of the pandemic.

I have tried to make contact with the newer roundtable coordinators and get some information to them as to what is expected of them and to make them aware of the annual report that is required. I sent packets to Moorcroft and Sundance. No contact with Lander or Guernsey.

I have a copy of the information I sent if you would like to review it.

There seems to be a problem with the college in Lander keeping a coordinator in place as the students graduate and move on, and that keeping a roundtable there isn't a very practical idea.

We are still working on Coordinator for Guernsey.

Respectfully submitted

Dan Gaukel

Roundtable chairman

### Public Relations Chair Report – Convention 2021

- Well, another year, another dozen issues of the Cowboy Bulletin. I want to thank you all for contributing to our monthly newsletter.
- Without all of your ideas and submissions there wouldn't be much in there.
- I, myself, don't have a lot to say, but I do know how to Copy and Paste.
- Even though I've been doing the Bulletin for a while now, I still think of our late friend Raoul Langenier when I sit down each month to work on a new issue and of Jerry Hoefler for his continual contributions to what was once his project.
- I can always use more submissions for our Knights in Action section. We really do want to know what our Brother Knights are doing around the state.
- Also, the only way I get information about our deceased Knights for the Good of the Order page is through communication from you.
- Thank you to the councils that regularly send information my way.
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- Thanks go out to Andy Wheaton for being our email distributor for the Bulletin each month.
- Using his email database, he has the means to get the Cowboy Bulletin into the hands of every Wyoming Knight that has an email address.
- We've been doing this for most of a year and it seems to work very well.
  
- We do have a new avenue of communication. The Wyoming State Council now has a Facebook page. It doesn't look like a lot of people are seeing it, so check it out. Search for us @Wyostatekc.
- I'm looking forward to an active 2021-22 fraternal year with lots of great council activities to report on.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Grapes  
Public Relations Director  
Wyoming Knights of Columbus



# Knights of Columbus

## WYOMING STATE COUNCIL



Patrick Doherty, PSD  
Charitable Trust Chairman  
900 N. Elm Ave  
Gillette, WY 82716

April 18, 2021

Worthy State Deputy, Supreme Representative, State Officers, Brother Knights all

The Charitable Trust has seen an interesting year and not just due to Covid 19. In June, Past State Deputy Doug Gasseling resigned as the Charitable Trust Chairman having served five years and as a result I was appointed to the position in late October. Thank you, Doug, for your many years of service to the Knights in many capacities. We have had two of the original three insured die; Father Carl Beavers and Father Ron Stolcis. May perpetual light shine on them dear Lord.

Now with the first two policies paid out and the proceeds (\$261,429.34 and \$252,661.50) placed in the insurance side of the trust, we are now on the threshold of being able to start paying to our charities. We are not quite there yet; this will happen after the third policy death benefit is paid out. When we receive the proceeds of the third policy these funds will be the start of the investment side which will annually pay out the proceeds to our designated charities.

After we receive the third policy payout it is my vision that we as members could donate to the investment side – don't do this yet please; we need the stability of a sizable corpus which a policy benefit would provide in order to realistically move forward.

With the influx of monies from the two policies this past year the trustees are reviewing the current policies to see if we want to make changes in the payment schedules such as prepay those that we can.

In the future we may look into prepayment options on the new policies as we receive them.

I did not do a mailing this year, nor do I plan to next year. I would like to look at moving into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and pursue an email campaign and we have been discussing the possibility of setting up an e-pay option on our website.

The Tax return, form 990 has been completed and is currently under review before being submitted.

In summary, it is my opinion that the future for the Charitable Trust appears to be good; we have some decisions to make that will hopefully bring our dream of a perpetual trust fund to help seminarian education and priest retirement in the Diocese of Cheyenne.

If you would like to donate, please make your check payable to Wyoming Knights of Columbus Charitable Trust; and mail it to K of C Charitable Trust in care of Patrick Doherty, 900 N. Elm Ave., Gillette, WY 82716

Vivat Jesus

Patrick Doherty, PSD  
Charitable Trust Chairman



# Knights of Columbus

## Wyoming State Council



Worthy State Deputy, State Chaplain, State Officers, District Deputies, Supreme Director, Program Directors and brother Knights,

Fraternal year 2020/2021 has proven to be a challenging year for membership growth in our local councils. With churches limiting attendance and canceling activities, our local councils have followed suit by eliminating and/or postponing most activities.

When Supreme launched their virtual degree exemplifications and eventually even an "on-demand" exemplification, I thought recruiting would be easy. After all, who wouldn't want to take advantage of being able to attend an exemplification and become a Knight of Columbus in the comfort of their own home and with their family present, rather than having to travel somewhere? What I discovered, however, was that was not the case.

Our local council in Saratoga is small and most of the eligible men are either members of the Knights or have been asked and have decided not to join for various reasons. We do, however, have several "snow birds" who are members of our parish but only spend their summers here. My goal was to concentrate on this group along with the regular parishioners who have been asked before. Each time a new virtual exemplification was scheduled by Supreme, I would forward the invite to this group (13 or so) along with 1<sup>st</sup> degree members in our council who may want to advance to the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree. I followed this procedure numerous times with very little success – no new members, but we did have three of our 1<sup>st</sup> degree members advance to the 3<sup>rd</sup> degree.

I tried the same thing when the "on-demand" exemplification was made available and again, had no luck. I discovered recruiting new members and their families proved to be very difficult when activities were stopped and the Knights presence was not as visible in the church. I am not sure if this is similar to the experience other councils are seeing, but this was the case for our council.

On a state level, we did have a good number of men join on-line as E-members (the last count was 28), but only 6 of these men have so far joined a local council. Granted, we will not get all the E-members into a local council because some men prefer not to join a local council, but I think we could get more than these 6.

On a positive note, we have several reasons to remain optimistic regarding member recruitment:

- The diocese is starting to relax their COVID restrictions, which hopefully means an increase in Mass attendance, resuming more activities and increased enthusiasm
- Our recent Easter Vigil services resulted in several new Catholic men joining our parishes; these men are fired up right now and should be contacted about membership
- Supreme has rolled out a new COVID recovery plan, which should help councils get rolling again and assist with recruitment activities
- New member quotas have been reduced for this fiscal year; there is still plenty of time to meet these and qualify for Star Council

State Online Membership  
Mike Pexton

Worthy State Deputy, State Chaplin, Supreme Director, State Officers, Brother Knights and all,

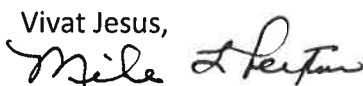
As of April 13, 2021 Council 98049, Wyoming, had 27 members which includes 1 inactive. 22 of these members joined during the current fiscal year. The current member's residence includes:

Casper	5
Cheyenne	8
Cody	2
Lander	1
Laramie	3
Ranchester	1
Riverton	2
Rock Springs	2
Sheridan	1
Thermopolis	1
Torrington	1

I have worked with some of our Councils within these communities to contact the e-members to welcome them into the Knights and invite them to transfer to the local council if so desired. We also want to invite them to participate in our programs even if they do not wish to transfer at this time.

I encourage all councils to use member management to process your transfers from ememberships to councils rather than sending in a Form 100 via usps mail. I will be happy to show anyone how to do that if you will get with me this weekend.

May God bless you and your families!

Vivat Jesus,  
  
Mike Pexton  
State Coordinator





# MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

**Council: WY - 98049, Wyoming**

**Date: 04/13/2021**

Member Number	Member Name	Street Address	City, State, Zip	First Degree	Second Degree	Third Degree	Reentry Date	YRS SVC	Birth Date	MBR Type	MBR CLS	ASSY	EXM
05190950	AXTELL, MR SPENCER P	PO BOX 267	THERMOPOLIS WY 82443-0267	12-31-2020				0	09-22-2001	A			
04867020	BENNETT, MR CLIFF A	681 LAFAYETTE BLVD	CHEYENNE WY 82009-2009	05-16-2016	05-16-2016	05-23-2016	07-31-2020	1	01-09-1972	A			
05074118	BROWN, DUSTIN	5717 BOURNE PL	CHEYENNE WY 82009-4352	03-12-2019				0	03-07-1984	N			
04685222	DANIELS, MR JEREMY L	5139 MAPLE WAY	CHEYENNE WY 82009-5224	09-24-2013			02-28-2021	0	11-07-1984	A			
04530034	GALLO, TRAVIS A J	110 DUPONT DR	LANDER WY 82520-3055	01-16-2012				9	09-26-1979	A			
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District Deputy #1

Mike Pexton

Cheyenne, WY 82009

### 2021 State Convention Report

District 1 is made up of 4 councils which are #801 Cheyenne, #7789 Pine Bluffs, #3551 Wheatland and #6623 Torrington. I try to attend most all the monthly meetings for each council.

801, Cheyenne, represents 4 parishes with a Roundtable in each parish. Due to the lockdown mandate with covid-19 the council was unable to conduct many of their fund raisers that they normally do. However, they did get their bingo fundraiser started again. They also conducted their annual fish dinners on each of the Fridays of this past Lenten season with the proceeds going to 4 different beneficiaries in the community and 1 going to our Adopt a Parish initiative. They also conduct a **40 Cans for Lent food drive** for St Joseph's Food Pantry each year which is a big success. The council started a "Into the Breach" weekly study group this past February. Approximately 15 men participate in the video series and discussions.

6623, Torrington, has held their monthly meetings virtually since the covid pandemic. Unfortunately, their main fundraiser – bingo – has not been able to be resurrected yet due to issues beyond the council's control. They have two roundtables – St Leo's in Lusk and St Anthony's in Guernsey. They have been inspired by the two priests, Father Ray Moss and Father Drew Duncan who regularly conduct adult educational programs for all members and parishioners. The council has been able to help the parishes financially as they deal with the low Mass attendance.

3551, Wheatland, has a highly active core of members who are dedicated to their parish and council. Thanks to their creative thinking they have been able to successfully raise the funds needed to support their charitable organizations in the community. Their faith seems to be what their projects are fundamentally based on and it is this faith that helps draw support from the community. I feel they are building a council that will be a force in the parish for the future.

7789, Pine Bluffs, has probably the most challenges of all the councils in District 1 due to the fact that they are a very small community and parish. They did not hold any meetings until February of this year because of several reasons. They had to cancel their main fundraiser last summer which is the golf tournament. For the most part, they have been inactive but hopefully will see things improve.

I am proud of all four of these councils for the work they do for their communities. They all are unique in their abilities due to the size of the communities they serve, and it is interesting how each has used that uniqueness to help bring the common philosophy of Father McGivney to help spread the faith in their communities.

Vivat Jesus,  
  
Mike Pexton

District Deputy #1

### **District Deputy #2 Report – Convention 2021**

It was a pretty quiet year in District 2, much like it was with most of our councils. We learned that a Zoom meeting was ok, but not the same as seeing our brothers face to face.

Councils 1563 and 9917 performed amazingly well during our shutdown period, but they really started to show their desire to serve as options began to open up. 1563 did an especially good job of keeping their Faith in Action programs moving. Both councils dabbled in the takeout food field, finding it both challenging but still rewarding to be serving our parishioners and reminding them that the Knights of Columbus are still there for them.

Unfortunately, Council 6558 in Douglas is still floating without leadership. Dick Fulton, their long time Financial Secretary, passed away last October. They have been unable to recruit anyone to step into this position. 6558's future is a little uncertain right now, but I am working on plans, with the help of a lot of you, to ease them into whatever their future holds. There are a lot of very faith filled men in their council, so I pray that God's plan for them will be fulfilled.

Respectfully Submitted

Steve Grapes

District Deputy #2

Wyoming Knights of Columbus

## 2021 Convention Report of District Deputy #3 Sean Sherwin

The difficulties of the last year struck southwest Wyoming no different than the rest of the state, but I am proud to report that the Knights of Columbus in southwest Wyoming were not deterred.

Frank Plemel council 2441 in Rock Springs is led by Grand Knight Eric Urlacher. Council 2441 organized and hosted their 3rd annual 10k run where they also collected non-perishable food items for the Stagecoach Elementary School backpack program. 50% of proceeds from the race were donated to the school and the other half was used to purchase the coats in their Coats for Kids program. 2441 hosted a memorial mass for Fr Beavers. They cooked and served 150 prime rib dinners all packaged to go to meet distancing requirements. In January they held a March for Life and a retreat for the confirmation candidates. Within church They lead stations of the cross during Lent, act as ushers, and organize the Parish Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest. Even though this was Grand Knight Eric's first year, his enthusiasm and energy is infectious, and it will be fun to watch what they accomplish in the coming year.

Monsignor James Godley Council 7453 in Green River is led by the state's most experienced Grand Knight, Michael Dahl. To say that Mike is the heartbeat behind all that 7453 does would be a monumental understatement, we are lucky to have him, and I am proud to call him friend. Council 7453 also adapted to distancing standards by cooking to go style meals including a spaghetti dinner for Election Day, fish po' boy sandwiches and a sloppy joe night. 7453 organized a memorial mass honoring Fr Tom Sheridan, complete with Irish Stew using the recipe from Fr Tom's mother and Irish coffee. With attendance at mass picking up, I see 7453 being a strong candidate for STAR Council this coming fraternal year. Within the parish, Knights of Columbus are ushers, lectors, a deacon, and parish council members.

The Cletus Bindle council #10027 is led by Grand Knight Pete Roitz. The entire Ft Bridger parish has slowed almost to a stop by COVID. When I talk to Grand Knight Roitz about the Ft Bridger council, he is frustrated but he sees an end to the pandemic and is hopeful the Ft Bridger council will soon get rolling again.

It has been my honor to serve as the Deputy for District #3. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with State Deputy Ladenburger and the rest of the State Council. To my Brother District deputies, I say thank you for your friendship and camaraderie. They are a fantastic group of men and I have enjoyed getting to know each of you.

Faithfully submitted,  
Sean Sherwin  
District Deputy

## DISTRICT 4 DEPUTY REPORT 2021

The year 2021 was a good year despite the pandemic for District #4. All of the councils (2578, 3227 and 54470) were able to hold meetings through out the year in person. Some in not so normal places like city parks and members B&B.

I personally was able to make almost all of their meetings. I was therefor able to discuss things with the Grand Knights before meetings. Our biggest problem in Area 4 was getting forms and reports to Supreme. The trouble was –like me—not proficient with E-mailing.. In the end we made it and now don't have ant red marks on the Star Tracker.

Many good things did happen through out the year. Lander Council 5447 with not the number of Knights at their meeting was able to do and complete a number of programs and projects. To name a few—their tootise roll sale for Special Olympics, Christmas goodies/gifts for the children after mass, Keep Christ in Christmas, Easter egg hunt, the right to life billboard sign, Support of Samaritans through the RSVP, Scholarships for High School graduates, and many hours of service to the parish and community.

Riverton Council 3227 with only 5 or 6 members at their meetings got a lot done. It seems to that members come out of the wood work to do and complete projects—(as you can see here at the Convention—their big project has been supporting ABBA House pregnancy center with large fund raising of about \$63,000 to help them buy a mobile ultra sound unit. A large amount of their energy the past few months was put into organizing the State Convention, and they gave out scholarships money to the RSVP program, co-sponsored the Right to Life March, and untold number of hours of service to their parish and community.

My home council # 2578 missed only one meeting through-out this past year. We were able to hold meetings in the city park ( Lots of space to spread out) members B&B. Our annual Beef Raffle(the beef and parts of the processing were donated by members) was our main money maker.(no fish fries or breakfasts) that supports the programs that we invest in. They include a local cancer group that help cancer victims with support to travel for treatments, Back—Pack program to help feed needy children over the week end, Hope Agency which reaches out to woman in crisis, the Cookie Jar auction which supports people in need of medical treatments—even a boy who needed a dog to detect seizures, Road side clean up done with about 50% of our members participating, support of the RSVP program and many hour of service to our parish and community. Respectfully submitted---Maynard Bills, Jr. DD



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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## Grand Knight Report for Council #1563 – Casper

Dear Wyoming K of C State Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to share a year-in-review from Casper Council #1563. The last fraternal year has been a challenge with Covid-19 restrictions, but we have been able to safely perform numerous Faith in Action programs.

We kicked off the Faith in Action programs in July by developing a council calling tree with phone numbers and emails. We split up our membership between ten brother knights to call all local members to see if they needed assistance during the Covid-19 challenges. We also used the opportunity to personally invite them to our annual council picnic. We provided rosaries to a couple of Knights that needed one and we had our largest council picnic in many years.

In August, eight member Knights volunteered to paint the back side of two Choose Life signs on the property of Our Lady of Fatima. The front of the signs had been replaced and the back of them needed paint to help make them last longer. Both parish priests also helped us paint the signs. We also reported the round table coordinator at Our Lady of Fatima which we have sixteen members attend.

We held the Delta Church Drive the weekend of October 10 and 11 using the material supplied by the Supreme office. We received 3 registration cards from Catholic men that showed an interest in learning more about the Knights. From the Church drive, we had one man join the Knights, a brother Knight transferred into the council and one that is still interested but has not joined yet. We restarted the Holy Hour program in October at St. Anthony's church after it had been stopped due to Covid-19. We are covering the Holy Hour from 5:00 to 6:00 each Monday in the Adoration Chapel. We are also reciting a rosary for the unborn at 5:30. We also choose Lee Noel as a seminarian under the RSVP program and provided \$500 to support his journey of faith.

In November we handed out 35 entry forms to high school youth to participate in the Catholic Citizenship Essay contest. We only had two youth that participated but this was the first time our council has participated in the contest for many years. We also ordered Holy Family vehicle magnets for Keep Christ in Christmas. The weekend of November 28 and 29 we gave away the English and Spanish magnets at St Anthony's and Our Lady of Fatima parishes.

Preparing for the March for Life event on January 23, 2021 kept us busy in December with the many different city applications, etc. We used bulletin announcements and handed out Consecration to the Holy Family prayer cards leading up to the Masses the weekend of December 26 and 27.

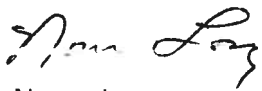
We continued preparing for March for Life with bulletin announcements in all three parish bulletins, flyers, pulpit announcements and media contacts. Fr. Ray Rodriguez celebrated a Mass for the unborn at 8:00am before the March for Life at 9:30am and council Knights provided ushers, readers, servers, and song leaders for the Mass. The March for Life was attended by approximately 75 and was a good success considering the snowy weather. Both Council #1563 and #9917 worked together on this Faith in Action program.

Since we were not able to provide our normal Friday fish dinner during Lent due to the virus, we decided to try a Potato to Go bar. People picked up their potatoes in the alley behind church along with the condiments and we also took orders before Stations of the Cross. It turned out to be a nice success as we averaged around 40 potatoes to go each week and left overs were delivered to St. Anthony's Manor.

We participated in the Good Friday Family promotion with posters and bulletin announcements to encourage attendance at the Triduum services. We will be participating in the Holy Spirit Novena for Life between Ascension Thursday and Pentecost Sunday and will encourage parishioners by having the Novena for Life placed in the bulletin. We have worked throughout the year on the Pregnancy Center Support program including the Mass for the unborn, weekly rosary for the unborn, March for Life and hopefully the annual "Walk for Life" on June 5<sup>th</sup> if they are able to hold the event.

It has been a rewarding year and I believe our Council made a difference in our Catholic parishes, community, and the Knights of Columbus.

Sincerely,



Norm Long  
Grand Knight  
Council #1563

April 20, 2021

**Grand Knight's Report**  
**Phil Sheridan Council 2104**

**Worthy State Deputy,**

I humbly prepare this report to you in regard to the activities of Phil Sheridan Council 2104, Sheridan, Wyoming. I have had the honor of serving this council as Grand Knight for the past two years with my term ending in July 2021.

I must begin this report in the fraternal year of 2019-2020. Our council was selected and poised to host the 2020 State Convention in Sheridan which was to commemorate not only the 100 year anniversary of the State Council but also for Council 2104. The program was sure to be memorable for all and many manhours were expended in the planning of the convention. Unfortunately, the COVID 19 Pandemic raised its ugly head and the world as we knew it went into hibernation. This included the activities of our parish and council such as our weekly Bingo and other events we were planning. The convention was cancelled much to the disappointment of all who worked so hard in the planning of that event. We had held our first of two fish fries and the second was cancelled two days after the day of the first recorded COVID case in Sheridan (and Wyoming) on March 11, 2020.

Our council was fortunate in that we have our building corporation as well as a successful Bingo program, and over the years we have been able to set aside money and establish a cash savings that certainly benefitted us during this past year. Having no income and no fundraising could have been financially devastating to us. Fortunately, we were able to maintain our budget and continue to contribute to such things as the Holy Name Scholarship Fund and the RSVP program. Proudly we have not missed a \$500 contribution to our adopted seminarian, Seth Hostetler, who has been very grateful for the money he has received from our council.

Essentially, our council went into hibernation. We still held meetings via Zoom, which were well attended but our usual activities were put on hold for a while. Council 2104 has been very active in the past several years so this was hard on our members and the parish and community, who looked forward to many of the activities we sponsored such as the parish picnic and the Legacy Spaghetti Supper.

Early in the pandemic I approached Father Glen Whewell and offered the services of the Knights in any way we could and implored him to call upon us when he felt the need. As you know, Masses were shut down for some time, so really, there was not much we could do. We also called upon several of our members who we felt may have required some assistance. We made sure they were fine and not in need of any assistance.

On June 1, 2020 Holy Name was able to have public masses with a limited number of mass goers with several restrictions in place. Father Whewell called upon the Knights to be ushers for these masses and to ensure protocols were followed. Members were contacted and organized. We have continued



to act in this capacity to the present time with the current group of ushers, primarily being Knights of Columbus.

On June 3, 2020, the first of our two blood drives were held. It was a very successful event with numbers higher than in the past. A second blood drive was held on January 30, 2021 with similar results. Many thanks to Brother Ken Weber for chairing these two events.

Due to our inability to host the State Convention, the State Officers agreed to have their annual summer meeting in Sheridan on June 27 and 28. They used our council hall to conduct their two day meeting and Council 2104 hosted a catered prime rib roast dinner for the State Officers, members of our council and their families. It was a wonderful evening to be recognized and to visit.

In August 2021 we were notified by Supreme Council and our District Deputy that Council 2104 had achieved Star Council status for the 2019-2020 fraternal year. We were very proud to achieve this award given the challenges placed upon us due to COVID 19.

On October 11, 2020, Council 2104 was called upon to participate in the Rosary Coast to Coast program where catholic parishes and groups simultaneously recite the rosary at the same time that day to pray for our country. We were one of several parish groups to participate in this event and we prayed on Coffeen Avenue (the busiest street in Sheridan) in front of the Legacy Pregnancy Center. We had several Knight and family members participate, with ours being the largest group to participate.

In October we also began our sponsorship of the Five First Saturday Devotion in Holy Name Parish. Members of the Knights led the Rosary at 7:20 am each 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday. We passed out rosary booklets and assorted prayers, to include the Prayer to End the Pandemic published by the Knights of Columbus. Our priests heard confessions before and after Mass. This event is always enlightening and fruitful.

After a seven month hiatus, we resumed our weekly Bingo on October 26, 2020. The participants were so happy when we did this as this is very much a social event for many of the players and they had been denied this for some time and were ready to get out and about and to return to some sort of normalcy. We opened our Bingo with a well thought out plan with protocols in place, then we gradually eased these as the State mandates eased as well. Our numbers still are not where they should be but we continue to work toward achieving our previous success.

In November 2020 we began our annual Christmas card sale after each mass. We also had some pre-sales via Facebook too and were able to sell nearly our entire inventory. This continued until two weeks before Christmas.

On December 19, 2020, a large contingent of Knights met at Holy Name Church and performed maintenance on the pews and kneelers that had become loose after years of not being worked on. We secured anchors to the floor and tightened the kneelers. We also spliced a few significant cracks in some pews to keep them from spreading further. Given the number of men helping, we were able to complete these tasks in a relatively short period of time.

Finally on February 25 we were able to do once again, what we love to do. We had the first of our three fish fries. We were not able to do a sit-down dinner as in the past so we changed things up and offered take-out only. No knowing what to expect we were conservative with our goals. We

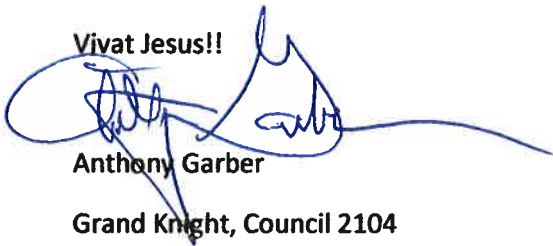
exceed that goal however and the success of the event was way more than we expected. A second fish fry was held on March 12 which equal success. There was no shortage of help and we ran out of food. These first two fish fries were fund raisers for Holy Name Catholic School and we earned \$5,000 for the school. Due to our success, we decided to have a third fish fry to benefit Legacy Pregnancy Center. This was to make up for the Spaghetti Supper we had to cancel in the fall. Again, the event was successful and in one fish fry we earned \$3,750 for that organization. That far exceeds what we would have made at the spaghetti supper.

In the remaining fraternal year, we hope to have a membership dinner and on June 5 we will be having our Youth Fishing Day for parish and community youth at the private pond of one of our members. That is always a fun event. We also hope to have a parish clean up day.

Overall, despite the barriers presented to us, Council 2104 had a successful year. We learned a lot about ourselves, our resolve and our faith in God and in one another. We learned about Zoom meetings and in fact 3 months ago we began offering a Zoom option in conjunction with our in-person meeting. This allows our members who live on the outskirts of town and who still have COVID related concerns, to join us in our meetings. We continue to progress in making our council more "user friendly" to increase participation and visibility. We acquired 4 new transfers and one new member this year. We hope to improve our recruitment and membership numbers in the future.

Thank you.

Vivat Jesus!!



Anthony Garber

Grand Knight, Council 2104

Sheridan, WY

KoFC Yearly Summary – 2020  
Frank Plemel Council # 2441  
Rock Springs, WY 82901  
Grand Knight: Eric Urlacher

It has been a year of new beginnings and Grand Events for council #2441! We kicked the year off with the transition from the sale of our Hall last January. We held a delicious Prime Rib dinner for our Knights and their families (50 souls) that ushered in a new era for #2441! I was elected as the Grand Knight in June (after being Deputy GK in 2020). Our new philosophy and approach has been Faith in Action! More Service / Community events (Once a month) in lieu of a "social meeting." We have been tremendously successful! Here is a brief list of the events we have endeavored:

**Jackalope Jump for Special Olympics:** Feb. 2020 (and now again in March 2021) KoFC #2441 has created a team "The Crusaders" for the Jackalope Ice Jump raising money for Special Olympics! We jumped in with old Knight's robes and pole axe's (With Fr. Bill!).

**Desert Clean Up:** Cleaning up / recycling junk for our public lands in Sweetwater County!

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Coats and Cans for Kids 5k/10k trail run:** We raised 1,500 dollars in addition to food/clothing donations for Stagecoach Elementary Backpack Program. I was the race director and the Knights helped me fund prizes and handle registration / set up.

**Prime Rib Fundraiser!** A HUGE first annual (Carry Out due to c-19) Prime Rib (and other menu items) event rose \$3000 dollars. Tons of work, tons, of fun, we have an excellent Prime Rib pit boss (Michael Boren, our Knight recorder).

**First Annual March for Life:** Planned by our Life Committee (Leo Klatka and Jim Borzea) had around 50 participants including speakers from our local pregnancy resource center and the Mayor!

**Deck Re-Build:** A project of around 100 man hours of skilled labor captained by our Knight of the Year nominee John Nelson and Edgar Alcavar.

**Faith Events:** Including Into the Breach bible study, Knights leading Stations of the Cross, and Rosaries before meetings.

**Coats for Kids/Food for Families:** Large donations to Sweetwater County School District #1 and our local food banks.

Aside from this, we have had some great fraternity including ice fishing days and summiting Mt. Nystrom in the wind Rivers! We have added several new members and hosted an exemplification.



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**Edgar Alcivar and John Nelson pose after completing the K of C project for use by Deacon Luis Hernandez and his family.**

**November 2, 2020**

Jackalope Jump



## Council 3043, Powell, WY Grand Knight's Report

The pandemic greatly disrupted council activities all over the world and Powell council 3043 was equally affected. We were unable to complete many of our usual food events like the harvest dinner and dessert auction and monthly breakfasts after the 09:00 Sunday masses. Our Lenten non-meat soup suppers before Stations of the Cross could not occur. We did manage to put together a couple pandemic style box lunches distributed to funeral families and guests.

The two audits were completed on time in July and January.

In August, we joined forces with Cody members and our District Deputy to distribute a large semi of assorted food items and groceries to several hundred cars. This same month we also helped facilitate the donation of a car. We selected a young expectant family as recipient in need of transportation. Our council college scholarships were awarded to four winners attending classes in the fall.

Council 3043 provided volunteer knights to patrol the hall and parking lot for the faith formation students and teachers every Wednesday night. We also did a BBQ of hotdogs and burgers for the 9/16 faith formation open house.

The knights volunteered at masses for altar servers, readers and ushers. Donations were made to several charities including the Powell Christmas Basket program and the parish food fund. The Serenity program dessert fundraiser was attended by the council knights and guests, who made donations. There was also a Serenity Donation Basket from November to March which resulted in substantial donations for that cause. The college Newman Center needed an old garage building removed and a volunteer force of knights spent most of the morning demolishing and removing it. There was a knight sponsored all-night adoration before the National election. A council committee organized and participated in the 12/12 Lady of Guadalupe mass. Sadly, there was no reception due to the pandemic.

In January we made a large donation to the RSVP cause for a new novitiate. There were two Choose Life events attended by several knights and their families, one in Cody (Walk for Life) and one in Powell (Stand for Life).

The council volunteered services to parishioners and neighbors for carpentry of a side rail, snow shoveling of driveways and sidewalks.

One knight organized a virtual nightly rosary for 3 months until the church was allowed to open its doors and another rosary during and through this Lent. There is a knight led rosary prior to Saturday and Sunday masses. The knights have been giving out prayer cards after the masses during this Lent. A different card every week. We are planning the annual knights' yard cleanup for April 3 for those needing such help this spring. Our numbers were increased by three transfers and one e-member.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Daniel Rodriguez  
Grand Knight

Grand Knight Report  
Council 3237  
2020-2021

State Deputy, State Chaplin, State Officers, Supreme Delegate, Brother Knights Greetings

I hope you all enjoyed the first in person convention since the pandemic started.

The past year was different to say the least, trying at times. Some struggled with situations that they never imagined could happen. Most of us preserved some weren't so lucky.

As a council what was the usual also changed and weren't able to do our normal activities, parish dinners, Lenten breakfast, all those types of gathering for fellowship in the parish had stopped.

3237 was on the home stretch for our fundraising of our mobile ultrasound, to fulfill the project with supreme. We were waiting for a large pledge that arrived in June; paperwork was signed by state deputy, and sent to supreme. September 1<sup>st</sup> we presented Abbas House with a \$65,000 check. Abba's House received an additional \$29,000 from Supreme. Lander and Thermopolis also helped with a couple of our fundraisers. Thank you guys.

In June, 3237 played a role in getting us back to in person Mass once again, by helping out with usher detail and keeping social distant.

Also in June, I got a call from Fr. Louie from the summer meet about 3237 hosting this year's convention. I volunteered immediately for lack of better words.

We rode out the rest of the year without doing much do to restrictions. We tried an outdoor Mass and Picnic in August. But in mid-November, as we should have been gearing up for our craft fair to kick off the Christmas season, after a lot of thought on logistics we decided to cancel.

We had been talking about ideas for convention, thinking it could end up like in Sheridan. Early January I called the State Deputy and he assured me we were having it.

We weren't able to host our Chili Cook-off, so Lander got to keep the traveling Council Trophy for another year (we will be taking that back in January of 2022).

It has been enjoyable being Convention Chairman, Corresponding with State Officers and Grand Knights around the state. I hope the summer of 2021 is filled with activities and programs not only in Council 3237 but also around the State and Country.

God Bless you all, Thank you for coming.

Attested by Jeff Schieffer, Grand Knight Council 3237

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Schieffer GK C3237". The signature is written in a cursive style with some loops and flourishes.



## **Cody K of C Council 4031 Activities From 3/31/20 to 3/31/21**

### **Faith**

**Hospitality Greeters Program (ushers)**

**Priest Retirement Program donation \$500**

**St. Anthony of Padua Pre-school donation \$1500**

**Sacred Heart Catholic Co-op (homeschool) \$2975**

**Men of the Cross virtual retreat for parish with breakfast and lunch (donated)**

**Live Stations of the Cross project (build and assemble platforms) \$420**

**Christmas gifts to parish priests \$352**

**Donation to parishioner in need \$277**

**Chris Maslak nominated for Knight of the Year**

**Donation to clergy for transportation need \$400**

### **Life**

**Pregnancy Center Support \$6081 (6 projects)**

**Novena for Life**

**March for Life \$500**

### **Community**

**Helping Hands - Help Rocky Mtn Food bank distribute food 3/9/21**

**Helping Hands - Help Rocky Mtn Food bank distribute food 5/9/20**

**Helping Hands – Help distribute food through Cody Cupboard 12/19/20, donated \$500**

**Holiday Helpers – donated \$500 toward homemade and purchased Christmas gifts**

**Meals on Wheels – donation \$500**

**Heart Mtn Free Medical Clinic – donation \$500**

**Crisis Intervention Services – victims of domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, etc. \$500**

**CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for Children \$500**

**Hope House – Outings, meals, and care to mentally challenged individuals \$500**

**Keep Christ in Christmas Billboard in Cody \$792**

**K of C Blood drive initiative – 8 knights each donated 1 pint**

**Keep Christ in Christmas Float in Cody Christmas Parade**

**Food for Kids ( weekend food program for needy kids) \$500**

### **Family**

**No Neighbor Left Behind – parish out-reach especially for those not leaving home**

**Manna House – Food donation to needy families in 4 counties \$1100**

**Morales family Won State and International “Family of the year” in 2020**

**Consecration to the Holy Family – Preparation instructions and prayer cards distributed.**

**Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest with prizes for 3 age groups \$200**

**BBQ for Fr. Clark’s 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination, \$315 plus potluck and Knights help**

## Grand Knight Report for Council 6623 of Torrington

As this has been a year of many changes, like most councils, we have had many changes and cancellations of our normal activities. However, the restriction of gathering has forced our council to try some activities in a new way and we have learned to do some things differently than before.

The pandemic has made it a challenge to keep membership active in meetings and activities. We have held meetings on Zoom each month, but meeting attendance has declined. Our challenge has been to reach out to members who are more isolated, not able to get on the computer for a meeting, and need the social interaction an in-person meeting requires.

Because we could provide few if any in-person council or faith activities, our council purchased a subscription to FORMED for the parish. If you have never heard of FORMED, I highly recommend looking at it. The Augustine Institute in Denver provides this online content, and a subscription includes access to videos, Bible studies, Catholic books, and material for all the faithful. During the time of a pandemic, a parish Formed subscription is one way to offer families and individuals in a parish with Bible studies and religious content to feed souls that may be in need of these great resources.

Our council also looked at ways to participate in the Leave No Neighbor Behind Initiative. One of our activities at Christmastime was to deliver fruit baskets to widows of deceased knights from our council. There were smiles of appreciation as baskets were delivered!

In January our council typically hosts a pro-life breakfast, with proceeds going to the local Goshen County Right to Life organization. This year we organized a pro-life raffle, hoping we could raise about the same amount as our breakfast had previously raised. Instead, our community and council knights came through with a profit of three times the normal amount. We missed the socializing of a breakfast, and hope to continue that tradition again next year, but learned that there was strong support in our community for this great cause!

David Bloemker  
Grand Knight Council 6623

## **2020-2021 GRAND KNIGHT ANNUAL REPORT**

Monsignor James Godley Council 7453-Green River, Wyoming  
Grand Knight Michael Dahl

Worthy State Deputy Ladenburger:

Council 7453's main mission in the past fraternal year was to continue supporting Immaculate Conception parish, our Priest Father Denis D'Souza, our Seminarian Seth Hostetler and helping our community where possible during this year of Covid 19.

Council 7453 participates in many activities which include church, council, community and youth programs.

**Church** activities include leading the Rosary and/or the Chaplet of Divine Mercy before weekend masses. Brother Knights also serve as Lectors, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, Confirmation Teachers and help with church repairs. Brother Knights set up the outdoor manger scene each year and decorate many of the trees on the church grounds with Christmas lights annually. Brother Knights also serve on the Parish Council and Finance Committee. In spite of the pandemic, Council 7453 continued to host dinners to go by holding an Election Day Spaghetti Dinner, Sloppy Joe Saturday Dinner, Father Tom Sheridan Irish Stew Dinner and a Catfish Poor-boy Sandwich dinner after selected Saturday evening Masses.

**Council** activities include monthly meetings, Election Day Spaghetti Dinner, RSVP (sponsor Seth Hostetler), Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, Keep Christ in Christmas Banner and Aaron Palm Scholarship. Each year the Knights organize, judge and conduct an awards presentation for graduating seniors who enter and win our Essay Contest on "What It Means to Me to Be a Catholic". As stated earlier, Council 7453 supports our Priest in most of his requests for our service.

**Community** activities were somewhat limited in the past fraternal year. We did hold an Election Day Spaghetti Dinner to go for voters that was a good success. We also teamed with The Radio Network in providing Coat For Kids in Green River. Council 7453 did hold our annual Highway Cleanup at the west Green River exit on I-80. We encourage our parish family to attend the Rosary prior to our monthly meetings and before Masses on weekends.

**Youth** activities were limited in 2020-2021 due to the pandemic. We did however hold our annual Aaron Palm Essay Scholarship, Coats for Kids program and Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest.

**Culture of Life** activities included participating in the Baby Bottle Campaign, 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Sweetwater County Right to Life march in Rock Springs and a silent gathering on Uinta Drive with signs to "Support Life" and "Protect the Unborn".

In closing, Council 7453 was still active during the Covid 19 pandemic and will continue to support our Priest, Council, Community, Youth, Parish and support life. We wish you the very best as the State Deputy and hope your State Convention goes well.

Sincerely and Vivat Jesus,

Michael Dahl  
Grand Knight Council 7453



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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT

Summary of Council Activities for 2020:

March )

) Cancelled two recurring events due to Covid concerns and following

May ) diocesan protocols.

July

Sponsored the "Pie-In-July" Community Blood Drive with United Blood Services.

September

Canceled annual steak dinner for all priests and deacons attending the annual Melchizedek Open Golf Tournament held in Saratoga; event was canceled this year.

Continuing Activities

- Sponsor a seminarian through the RSVP program
- Maintain a billboard on highway into Town with Right-To-Life, Easter, 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Keep Christ In Christmas signs
- Collect aluminum cans from community and sell them once or twice a year - this is our primary fund raiser
- Collect donated wild game meat from the local meat processors, and transport church food donations to the food pantry in Saratoga.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen M. Kerpan  
Grand Knight