CONVENTION 2025

The Wyoming State Knights of Columbus Convention will be held in Lander April 25-27, 2025.

For all convention documents and updated information, go to wyomingkc.org.

FAITH IN ACTION-COMMUNITY

In this "Jubilee Year of Hope", Councils may want to try having members donate food to your church pantry or host a food drive for your local Food Bank. Sponsor an hour of Adoration service in your parish community to pray for the sick, the lonely, the disabled and the unfortunate in your community. Now is the time to help your neighbors with lawn care and yard clean-up work if they need help.

GREEN RIVER KNIGHTS ACTION

Council 7453 kicked off Lent with a Fat Tuesday Chicken/Sausage Gumbo dinner with rice, garlic bread, fruit juice and King Cake for dessert. We followed that with the start of our Friday Fish Fries and a St. Patrick's Day Irish Stew dinner. We have one fish fry to go and then our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on the parish grounds. Our Council wishes all of our Brother Knights a blessed Holy Week and a Happy Easter!!

SHERIDAN KNIGHTS IN ACTION



*Above- Brother Knight leaders left to right: (front row) Robert Monroe, Ken Weber, Greg Hampson, James Themig, (back row) Dan King, Deacon Greg Marino, Chuck Magera, Jim Haenl (not pictured) Jeff Welsh

Right- St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon



*We hosted and led a St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service *for families* on St. Joseph's Feast Day, March 19, 2025. Nine Knights led the service and 52 other parishioners and Knights attended. *Prior to the prayer service, from March 10th thru the 18th, we prayed the USCCB Novena to St. Joseph which included praying the novena prayers and a video reflection by a different Bishop each

*We sent it out early each morning to all our members. We also arranged to have it posted on Holy Name Parish's App and Facebook page each morning.

*We are not sure how many participated. We do know that 20 members reported back that they, and some family members, participated (20 members and 5 family members).

*Greg Hampson, chairman of the event, and eight brother Knights volunteered 32 hours to this effort.

Greg Hampson Sheridan Council 2104

JACKSON KNIGHTS IN ACTION



The Jackson Council works hard and plays hard! Here we are providing our Friday fish fry during Lent at Our Lady of the Mountains (OLM) church. Proceeds go to support our Wyoming seminarians. The fish fry is a popular tradition at OLM and both the Knights and our parishioners have a fun time.

Knights of Columbus Council 9431



NEWS FROM THE FOURTH DEGREE



Above: The Honor Guard that was assembled for the Fourth Degree exemplification in Gillette on March 29.

Right: This is the coin that will presented to all new Fourth Degree member Exemplified at the State Convention in Lander. The degree will be the new Revised Exemplification and will be considered a 125th Anniversary Ceremony.

Recent Exemplifications welcomed 7 new Sir Knights in Gillette, 8 in Torrington and 6 in Rock Springs.

Upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification dates:

April 26, 2025, in Lander at the State Convention 1:00

May 17, 2025 in Casper (confirmation pending)

More information to follow.

God Bless,

Ray Malek

Wyoming District Master



SUBMISSON INFORMATION

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

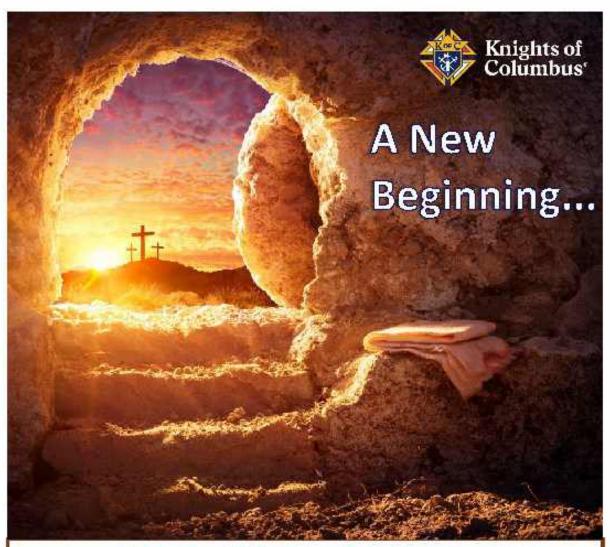
Vivat Jesus

Steve Grapes

There is a wealth of information on our State Council web site. Check out www.wyomingkc.org. All members are encouraged to check it out.







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Worthy Grand Knight and Program Chairmen,

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

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

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

Once you have completed that process, please do us the honor of submitting your single best program or activity in each of the four (4) categories: Faith, Family, Community, and Life to the State Council for judging before the Wyoming State Convention being held in Lander, April 25th through the 27th.

Award nominations are due to April 11th!

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

For the 3nd straight year the Knights are accepting the **State Blessed Michael McGivney Award** (form #SBMMA). A matter of courtesy and protocol it would probably be best to obtain the Priest's permission to nominate him.

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

The Past State Deputies will conduct an on-line review and judging as we did last year. We found that the ability to see, read, and review the submissions with more time was beneficial. In the past when having to do these on an early Friday morning, many times we ran into and over some of the opening ceremonies at the Convention. Please note again the due date is April 11th.

More...





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

Links referenced above:

Columbian Award link: https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/columbian awardap p.pdf

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

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

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

award.pdf

 $\textbf{Family of the Year:} \ \underline{\text{https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/family-of-the-month-}\\$

year/10680-family-of-year-form.pdf

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

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

To ensure that the entries will be there to be judged for the awards please submit them to me, **PSD Bret Laden-burger by April 11**th. You can email them to me at ladenburgerkofc@gmail.com. Please make sure they are in PDF format. If you are mailing them allow enough time to have them delivered by **April 11, 2025** to:

Bret Ladenburger 6638 Mustang Trail Evansville WY 82636

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

Vivat Jesus.

Bret Ladenburger, PSD

Wyoming State Awards Chairman

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

FROM: Knights of Columbus Legal Department

DATE: February 2025

RE: 2024 Tax Information for KofC Councils, Assemblies, & Chapters

This notice is to remind councils, assemblies, and chapters in the United States of their legal obligation to file an IRS Form 990 (informational tax return) for the 2024 tax year, and to provide detailed instructions on how to comply with this obligation.

The Knights of Columbus, including all subordinate councils, assemblies, and chapters (collectively referred to as councils), is a tax-exempt organization, recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a fraternal benefit society under Section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code. This tax-exempt status requires each council to file an annual Form 990 with the IRS.

Councils reporting gross receipts of \$50,000 or less with less than \$200,000 in assets may comply with their obligation by filing the Form 990-N electronic postcard (also known as the e- Postcard). Councils reporting gross receipts of more than \$50,000 and less than \$200,000 with total assets of less than \$500,000 must file the Form 990-EZ. Councils with gross receipts of

\$200,000 or more and total assets of \$500,000 or more must file the Form 990.

REMINDER

The IRS requires electronic filing for **all** tax-exempt organizations, regardless of which form they use. The online filing system, also known as "E-Services", requires **all new users** to register or sign in with LOGIN.GOV or ID.me, the current IRS credential service providers.

There are two ways to access the Form 990-N Electronic Filing system: (1) Sign in with your active IRS username; or (2) Sign in/create an account with LOGIN.GOV or ID.me. Form 990-N filers who have an existing IRS username and register for a new Login.gov or ID.me account must use the email address associated with their IRS account. Refer to User Guide for the IRS Form 990-N Electronic Filing System. Instructions are available on the IRS website, links to which are in the Where to File section, below.

During this tax season, we would like to remind you to beware of scams and fraud. The IRS has published information on how to identify scams and fraud and what you can do to protect yourself. Recognize tax scams and fraud | Internal Revenue Service

Deadline to file annual return (all forms)

Each council must file its own tax return; there is no group or consolidated Form 990 filing. The returns must be filed by the fifteenth day of the fifth month following the end of the council's annual accounting period. For example, if a council's accounting period ends December 31, it must file a tax return by May 15 of the following year; if a council's accounting period ends June 30, it must file a tax return by November 15. Please note that **the IRS assigns the accounting period to each council based on its Employer Identification Number** (EIN). The IRS **will not** notify the council of the accounting period. To determine the accounting period assigned to your council's EIN, sign into the IRS system with your user ID and password. For most councils, the assigned accounting period corresponds to the calendar year.



Need more time to file a Form 990?

Although the IRS does not grant extensions for filing the Form 990-N (e-Postcard), the IRS will accept late filings if the tax return is received within three years of the due date. While the IRS will accept late filings of Form 990-N (e-Postcard), please note that filing late, even within a three-year period, is still considered a missed filing by the IRS and may trigger a revocation of a council's tax- exempt status if for three consecutive years the council files late or fails to file a return. The IRS does grant extensions to organizations filing Forms 990-EZ and 990. If a council needs more time to file the Form 990-EZ or 990, it must request an extension by the due date of the return for which it is requesting an extension. Federal law imposes a penalty for late or incomplete filings. If an organization fails to file a required return by the due date (including any extension of time), it must pay a penalty of \$25 a day for each day the return is late. In general, the maximum penalty for any late return is the lesser of \$12,500 or five percent of the organization's gross receipts for the year. In order to request an extension, councils must submit Form 8868, which is available on the IRS website: http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8868.pdf. For councils reporting gross receipts of more than \$50,000, we recommend using a qualified tax professional to file Form 8868.

Where to file

Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

The Form 990-N (e-Postcard) must be filed online.

The User Guide for the IRS Form 990-N Electronic Filing System is available here: USER GUIDE Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

The Form 990 e-Postcard Electronic Filing System is available here: CLICK HERE TO FILE Form 990-N (e-Postcard)

The Knights of Columbus Form 990-N e-postcard filing instructions are located on Officers Online (go to Officers' Desk Reference, Tax Issues, #6 Federal Tax Returns).

If you use the above link to file the Form 990N (e-Postcard) there is no filing fee, as it connects directly to IRS.gov.

Forms 990-EZ and 990

Forms 990-EZ and 990 must be filed online. The IRS website provides instructions for electronic filing of Forms 990-EZ and 990: https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/current-form- 990-series-forms-and-instructions

Any council reporting gross receipts of more than \$50,000 is strongly urged to consider using a qualified tax professional to prepare and file its tax return.

PRACTICE TIPS:

When filing, bear in mind that text fields cannot exceed 35 characters and must contain only numeric, alpha or hyphen characters. Periods, slashes and so on will cause filing errors.

At the top of the Form 990-EZ and Form 990, enter the Knights of Columbus group number (0188), tax exempt status (Section 501(c)(8)), and form of organization (Association). You may find e-filing instructions for the Form 990-N e-Postcard here: https://www.irs.gov/e-file-providers/e-file-for-charities-and-non-profits

If the IRS website will not allow you to file a Form 990-N

The electronic filing system for the Form 990-N (e-Postcard) may reject a council's return if: (1) the council's EIN has been revoked for failing to file for three consecutive years; (2) the council's EIN has recently been reinstated; (3) it is a new council; or (4) the council is not on the Supreme Council's Group Exemption List (updated continually by the Knights of Columbus Legal Department). If you are unable to e-file, please contact the Legal Department by email at tax.ein@kofc.org. You can also contact the IRS customer service at 1-877-829-5500.

Information Available on IRS Website

We suggest you visit the IRS home page for tax-exempt organizations. It is an excellent resource for council officers who have questions or need information regarding their federal tax obligations: https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits

We also suggest you visit the IRS web page explaining the annual electronic filing requirement for small exempt organizations:

https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/annual-electronic-filing-requirement-for-small- exempt-organizations-form-990-n-e-postcard

Compliance Guide for Tax Exempt Organizations

In addition to the annual filing requirement, each council is responsible for conducting its affairs in a manner that is consistent with what is expected of tax-exempt organizations. Failure to do so may result in a council losing its tax-exempt status. In this regard, councils may wish to consult an IRS publication entitled *Compliance Guide for Tax Exempt Organizations*, which provides helpful guidance:

https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p4221nc.pdf

Conclusion

If you have questions relating to your council's tax reporting obligations, please contact the Knights of Columbus Legal Department by email at tax.ein@kofc.org.

Additional materials relating to United States federal tax compliance as well as many other topics affecting your council or assembly can be found on the Officers' Desk Reference (ODR). For a username and password to the ODR, please contact Customer Service at 1-800-380-9995.

All Councils and Assemblies

Please send a completed copy to:

John Benedik 1208 Mill Street Laramie, WY 82072-1826

(307) 760-4455 johnb8021@gmail.com





A Message from the Supreme Knight



As Knights, we're on a mission – called to center ourselves, our families and our parishes in Jesus Christ and to serve our neighbors, as he mandated.

This past August, at our 142nd Supreme Convention in Québec City, I delivered my annual report spotlighting the remarkable accomplishments of brother Knights around the world, along with the business milestones that make our mission-focused initiatives possible.

Celebrating these achievements is always a high point of the year. With the "Year in Review" booklet in your hands I hope to share the story of our past year's accomplishments with an even wider audience.

Last year alone, those accomplishments included more than 47 million volunteer hours and more than \$190 million donated to charity – testimonies of the Knights' well-known dedication of putting faith into action.

This report likewise brings well-deserved attention to the strength of our business and the quality of our products, What I hope is apparent is the unified mission of the fraternal and financial aspects of the Knights of Columbus. It's a mission rooted in Blessed Michael McGivney's zeal for protecting families and encouraging Catholic men in their faith. It's a mission that is thriving and it's making a difference.

When members purchase insurance policies, it's with the satisfaction of knowing that surpluses from our business operations support works of charity. When clients do business with Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors, it's with the assurance that their funds are invested according to Catholic guidelines. And when donors give to the United in Charity Annual Appeal or open an account with Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund, it's with the gratification that they're continuing Father McGivney's legacy of generosity toward the most vulnerable among us.

As Knights, our call is to serve the Lord in all we do. This past year was no exception, and I'm profoundly thankful for the fruits of our mission and your participation in it.

With deep gratitude,

Yatish E. Kelly

Patrick Kelly Supreme Knight







Extended Care Planning

The Knights of Columbus can help your family recover from an extended care event, whether it results from a chronic illness requiring long-term care or a move to a nursing home or assisted-living facility. The cost of an extended care event could significantly impact your ability to meet your retirement income goals. Your asset accumulation plan contributes to the income required to live comfortably during your retirement and provides extended care protection should you or a loved one ever need it.

Cost of Long-Term Care

Annual Costs - National Average 2019



Key questions to consider when it comes to extended care:

- · Who will pay for the care?
- Who will provide for the care?
- Where will the care be provided?



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SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

April 2025

She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." (Gospel for April 6, Jn 11:27)

These words belong to Martha, sister of Lazarus, as she and Jesus speak outside her brother's tomb. Her choice of words is important: "I have come to believe." This suggests her belief has evolved, that her previous uncertainty or ignorance about Jesus has blossomed into faith. Growing in faith is usually a process of moving from questioning or doubt to illumination and trust. How do we come to faith and then grow deeper in it? We do so through prayer, study and reflection. Let us continually deepen our faith in this manner.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to take part in a Catholic faith formation course, event or opportunity offered through your local council (such as *Cor*), your parish or diocese, or online.

Questions for Reflection:

Looking at the development of your own faith, how have you "come to believe" truths about Christ and/or the Catholic faith? What teachings do you still have questions about? What areas of your faith would you like to develop further? Where can you find resources — or whom can you ask for resources — to help you deepen your faith and understanding?

FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS

HOLY HOUR

Organize a regular Holy Hour or host a Eucharistic Procession.

A HIGHER PURPOSE

Encourage deep personal encounters with Christ through Eucharistic adoration in the form of Holy Hours and Eucharistic Processions. As Catholics, we believe in the Real Presence: that Jesus Christ is truly present – body, blood, soul, and divinity – in the Eucharist. As such, we are compelled to grow in our devotion to Jesus in the Eucharist and to share His presence with the world.

OVERVIEW

Holy Hours feature the exposition and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and can also include a reflection, communal rosary, prayers for intercession by Blessed Michael McGivney or St. Joseph, and other devotions as decided by the council and pastor. Eucharistic Processions provide an opportunity to walk with the Blessed Sacrament through your community, bringing Jesus to everyone along the route.



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Wyoming Knights of Columbus—For the Good of the Order

Deceased Knights

- —<u>Lewis Landkamer</u> of Council 6623 in Torrington, passed away April 15, 2024
- —Karl Hornick of Council 6658 in Douglas, passed away July 4, 2024.
- Deacon Phil Wanek of Council 16510 in Thayne, passed on August 3, 2024
- Deacon Michael Burke of Council 1653 in Casper, passed away August 29, 2024
- —<u>Carl Bozner</u> of Council 2441 in Rock Springs, passed away August 28, 2024
- —Bob Vesco of Council 2441 in Rock Springs, passed away September 3, 2024
- —George Burns of Council 3237 in Riverton, passed away October 10, 2024
- —Bill Arner formerly of Council 9917 in Casper, passed away November 1, 2024.
- —<u>Dr. Joseph Russo</u>, of Council 2578 in Thermopolis, passed away February 12, 2025.

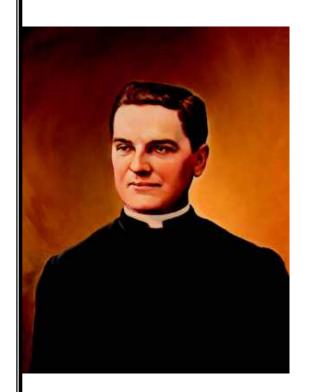
Please pray for our Brother Knights:

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





Blessed Father Michael McGivney



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Founder of the Knights **of Columbus**

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please report all favors received: The Father McGivney Guild 1 Columbus Plaza
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Join the Father McGivney Guild

As the sainthood process for Blessed Father Michael McGivney continues, it becomes ever more important to increase membership in the Father McGivney Guild. Membership stands at over 171,000, but only 464 listed to be from Wyoming. There are 2600 members shown in Wyoming.

Please encourage every Knight in your council, and their families, to join the McGivney Guild. Membership is open to everyone, not just Knights and families. It is easy to sign up at http://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/index.html. And please continue to pray the canonization prayer for Father McGivney.

Shawn Moody

Father McGivney Guild Chairman

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First Class Relic of Blessed Father McGivney that toured the State of Wyoming in March 2025