



Cowboy Bulletin

Wyoming Knights of Columbus



June 2025

.FROM SEMINARIAN TO PRIEST



Congratulations to Reverend Lee Noel.

The Diocese of Cheyenne is blessed to have you in our family.

The Knights of Columbus will continue to support you!

Vivat Jesus



I would like to thank all of you, my brother Knights, for all your prayers and words of support for my wife, Marlene. She struggled with some painful health issues, and, at the end of the day, God relieved her of her pain and called her home to spend eternity with Him. It is because of you and our catholic community that we are so fortunate to be a part of that we are still able to walk the path that our Father wants us to continue.

I also want to apologize for not being with you at our annual meeting in Lander. I am humbled by your confidence in choosing me as your next secretary. I hope to live up to your expectations and am looking forward to this next journey that God is leading me on.

Thanks so much!

Mike Pexton
Wyoming Knights of Columbus

CASPER KNIGHTS IN ACTION



Members from Casper Councils 9917 and 1563 provided a pancake and sausage breakfast for the participants in the annual Walk For Life, a function of TrueCare Pregnancy Resource Center in Casper. About 200 folks participated on a beautiful Saturday morning on May 31.



BUFFALO KNIGHTS IN ACTION



On May 10, 2025 Buffalo Council 3332 held an Exemplification Ceremony that brought in 6 new Knights from 3332 Buffalo and 2 from 2104 Sheridan.

(photos, clockwise, from left) Ross Elliot, primary recruiter of the Buffalo candidates, pictured holding the cross, presents the lesson on charity.



DD Greg Hampson, Presiding Officer and recruiter of the Sheridan candidates, present the promises.



Buffalo GK Bob Fox, assisted by DGK Adam Schimmel as Warden, present rosaries to the candidates.



Buffalo Council Chaplain Fr. Bryce Lungren, welcomes and thanks the candidates. He reminded them how the world needs men, especially men of faith, to step up, be visible, serve, and lead.

The eight new members are: Buffalo...Byron Geis, Joe Hall, Devlin Heffron, Ben Hostetler, James Kozisek, and Terry Urruty. Sheridan...Bill Hampson and Steve Wilcock.



Council #3332 served our church's youth group's their final dinner of the school year.



Council #3332 provides scholarships for graduating Catholic Seniors. The top scholarship was \$1000, Second \$750, Third \$500. We had a tie for first!



Welcome To Our Newly Elected State Officers for 2025-26

STATE DEPUTY

James Larscheid—Saratoga

STATE SECRETARY

Mike Pexton—Cheyenne

STATE TREASURER

Rodney Birkle—Casper

STATE ADVOCATE

Sean Sherwin—Green River

STATE WARDEN

Raymond Malek—Lander

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Please feel free to make any submissions to wyokcnews@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

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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.



FROM OUR REGIONAL GROWTH DIRECTOR

Brothers and Leaders,

As we start to wind down another Fraternal Year and look forward to what comes next, I would like to take a moment to discuss an impediment to our success. Every year as we work to continue the momentum that we have created, we hear from Council after Council “see you in the fall.” Many of our Councils follow an age-old custom of shutting down when school lets out and not starting up again until school starts. We hear things like “everyone is on vacation” so we can’t meet, we can’t hold functions, and we can’t invite new families to join our family.

Certainly, summers are a time to take a vacation, one week, even two weeks but three full months?

I have a few questions for those members and Councils who “take the summer off”: Are the hungry less hungry during the summer? Do the thirsty stop needing drink? Do the sick and the imprisoned stop needing consoled? Is blood still needed, do Pastors still need support, what about Seminarians and Pregnancy Centers and . . . and . . . and?

Another thought: is it easier to keep momentum going or to have to get it going again? Once you get a car rolling, does it take less energy and effort to keep it going or to let it stop then start pushing again?

As we approach the end of the Fraternal Year, let me implore the members and Councils – Keep the momentum going! Keep saving lives and changing lives! Keep praying and participating in COR activities! When we do what we do at full steam, we are unstoppable unless we stop ourselves.

Let us make a New Year Resolution.

Thank you for all you have done this year and thank you in advance for all you continue to do.

Fraternally,



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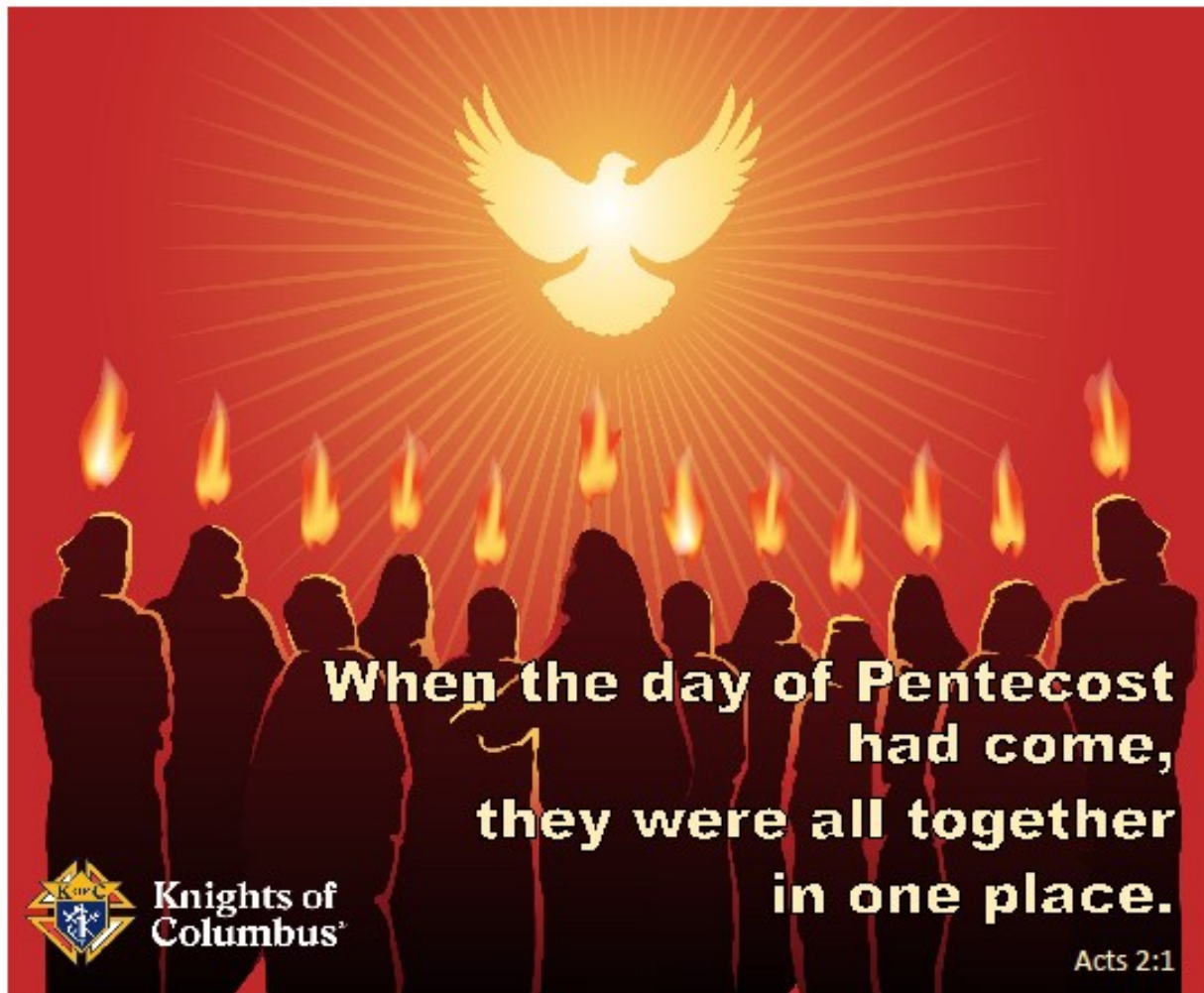
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But the truth is, now is a great time to think about your retirement goals and how to meet them. If you haven't started preparing for retirement, don't worry. It's not too late – and certainly not too early – to begin.

Let's look at what you can do to start the process. We'll cover what questions you need to ask yourself and what to do to reach your retirement goals.

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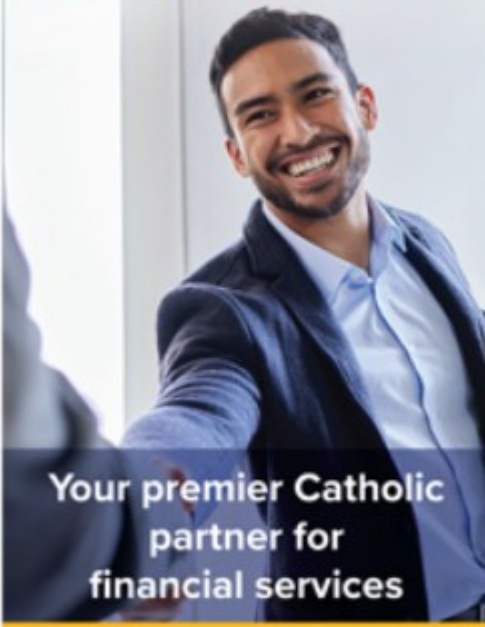
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SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

June 2025

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always." (Gospel for June 8, Jn 14:15-16)

Last month, we reflected on how Jesus probed Peter three times with the question "Do you love me?" Here we have an answer to what it means to truly love Jesus — by keeping his commandments, as expressed in Scripture and in the teachings of the Church. The monthly challenge for March underscored how our faith bears fruit in what we do. Let us remember that to keep the commandments for love of Christ is to allow the Holy Spirit to bear good fruits in our lives.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to use the Catholic Information Service[®] resource *A Guide to Confession*, which is organized around the Ten Commandments, to examine your conscience and then go to confession.

Questions for Reflection:

What is your response to Jesus' question, "Do you love me?" Do you show your love for Christ in how you live? In what ways do you need to become more attentive to the commandments and the teachings of the Church?

FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS

Family Prayer Night

A HIGHER PURPOSE

Strengthen the bonds within our parishes and build faith-filled families. This is an opportunity for council members, their families, and the whole parish community to come together once a month for an evening of prayer, dinner, and fellowship.

OVERVIEW

Catholics often struggle with the reality that they do not have the opportunity to socialize and/or pray with other faith-filled Catholic families. It can be quite a challenge to raise our children in the faith when their only exposure comes from Mom and Dad. Put plainly, the majority of our time can easily be spent in secular circles unless we intentionally create ways to live out the domestic church.

Family Prayer Night is an opportunity for children to be exposed to regular people living their faith in a casual setting. Families of council members, as well as other Catholic families within the parish and community, will gather for prayer, dinner and fellowship. Multiple groups can be formed and families are encouraged to rotate between these groups.



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Wyoming Knights of Columbus—For the Good of the Order

Deceased Knights

- [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
- [Carl Bozner](#) 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.
- [Dr. Joseph Russo](#), of Council 2578 in Thermopolis, passed away February 12, 2025.

Please pray for our Brother Knights:

Please send any future prayer intentions to
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Blessed Father Michael McGivney



Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Founder of the Knights of Columbus

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

Please report all favors received: The Father McGivney Guild
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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

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