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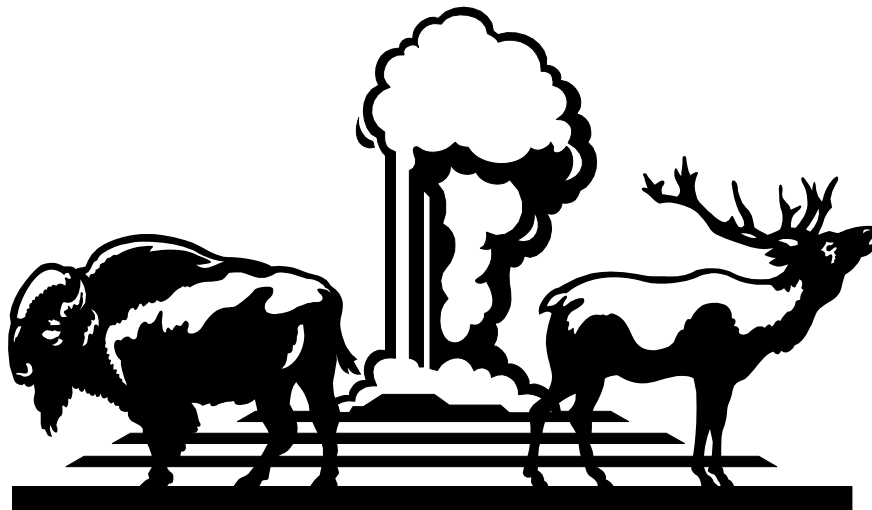


COLUMBUS

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING
CONVENED IN GILLETTE APRIL 25 - 27

2008



WYOMING STATE COUNCIL



Knights of Columbus

WYOMING STATE CONVENTION

APRIL 2008

Friday, April 25

St John Paul Catholic School, 1000 Butler Spaeth Road, Gillette

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| 8:00 am | Registration desk opens –(St. John Paul II Catholic School) |
| 10:00 -11:00 | State Officers and District Deputies Meet (St. John Paul II Catholic School) |
| 10:00 -? | Awards Committee meets – Ken Dugas, Chairman, all state Deputies in attendance (St John Paul II Catholic School) |
| 12:00 – 1:00 | Lunch on your own |
| 1:00 – 1:30 | Lady of Charity Marion Hour of Prayer (St Matthew Catholic Church, 1000 Butler Spaeth Road, Gillette) |
| 1:45 – 3:30 | Open Session ((St John Paul II Catholic School))
<i>Opening Prayer – State Chaplin Bishop Hart</i>
<i>Pledge of Allegiance – District Master Jim Hasquet</i>
<i>Opening Ode – George Burns or Don Scott</i>
<i>Welcome and Introductions – State Deputy Doug Gasseling</i>
<i>Mileage and Per Diem Committee Meet Seperately</i>
<i>Special Olympics Report and Presentation</i>
<i>Pro-Life Chaircouple Report – Dale and Eve Thompson</i>
<i>Family Activities Directors Report – Dave and Dolores Langerman</i>
<i>Closing Prayer</i> |
| 3:30 – 4:30 | Fourth Degree Meeting, Jim Hasquet, District Master |
| 4:30 – 5:30 | Standing Committee Meetings (Audit, Resolutions, Memorial, Credentials, Budget) |
| 6:30 PM | Dinner (Knights of Columbus Hall, 4905 Hitt Blvd) |

Saturday, April 26, 2008

- 6:30 – 8:00 Breakfast (Knights of Columbus Hall, 4905 Hitt Blvd)
- 8:00 Late Registration
- 8:00 – 9:30 General Session (Closed Meeting)
 Opening Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, Opening Ode
 Roll Call (All Officers, Directors, Chairmen)
 Credential Committee Report and Roll Call
 State Program Director Report – John Benedict, Jr.
 State Membership Report – Jim Venjon
 State Chaplin Report – Retired Bishop Hart
 Supreme Representatives comments – John Harrison
 Bishop Ricken's Address
 Change from Heaven Roll Call for Collection of Change
 State Deputy Report
- 9:30 – 9:45 Break
- 9:45 – 11:30 General Session (Continued, Closed Meeting)
- 12:00 – 2:30 Awards Luncheon (St. John Paul II Catholic School)
- 2:30 – 3:30 General Session (Closed Meeting)
 Officer Nomination Speeches
 Charitable Trust Report and Discussion
- 3:30 – 3:45 Break
- 3:45 – 4:00 General Session (Continued, Closed Meeting)
 Fund Raiser for State Budget
 Closing Prayer
- 5:00 PM Memorial Mass
- 6:45 Convention Social/Banquet (Knights of Columbus Hall, 4905 Hitt Blvd)

Sunday, April 27, 2008

- 6:30 – 8:00 Breakfast (Knights of Columbus Hall, 4905 Hitt Blvd)
- 8:00 – 9:30 General Session (Closed Meeting)
 Opening Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, Opening Ode
 Standing Committee Reports
 Credentials
 Audit
 Mileage and Per Diem

9:30 – 9:45	Break
9:45 – 11:30	General Session (Continued, Closed Meeting) <i>Budget</i> <i>Resolution</i> <i>Election of Officers</i> <i>Selection of Alternates to Supreme Convention</i> <i>Selection of 2011 Convention Site</i> <i>State Officers Closing Remarks</i>
11:30 – 12:00	Closing Session (Open Meeting) <i>Host Grand Knight Comments/Report</i> <i>Report on 2009 Convention</i> <i>Supreme Representative Closing Remarks</i> <i>Closing Prayer – State Chaplin Ret. Bishop Hart</i> <i>Closing Ode</i>
12:00	Lunch (St. John Paul II Catholic School)



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WYOMING STATE COUNCIL

2007 State Convention, Lander Committee Assignments

Audit

Advisor: Immediate Past State Deputy
Chairman: Grand Knight 2720
Grand Knight 801
Grand Knight 1563
Grand Knight 2104
Grand Knight 7214
Grand Knight 8635

Budget

Advisor: State Treasurer
Chairman: Grand Knight 6334
Grand Knight 2337
Grand Knight 3332
Grand Knight 3477
Grand Knight 4031
Grand Knight 10773

Credentials

Advisor: State Secretary
Chairman: Grand Knight 6216
Grand Knight 2441
Grand Knight 3043
Grand Knight 3551
Grand Knight 5447
Grand Knight 6558

Memorials

Advisor: State Chaplain
Chairman: Grand Knight 2578
Grand Knight 7453
Grand Knight 7789
Grand Knight 8542
Grand Knight 9917
Grand Knight 11291

Mileage and Per Diem

Advisor: State Warden
Chairman: Grand Knight 6623
Grand Knight 2128
Grand Knight 3237
Grand Knight 9431
Grand Knight 9756
Grand Knight 10027

Resolutions

Advisor: State Advocate
Chairman: District Deputy 1
District Deputy 2
District Deputy 3
District Deputy 4
District Deputy 5
District Deputy 6
District Deputy 7

2008 Wyoming State Knights of Columbus Convention
April 25, 2008

1pm

Prayer service for Our Lady of Charity at St. Matthews Church.

2pm Open Session

Opening Prayer lead by State Deputy Doug Gasseling

Pledge of Allegiance lead by State Deputy Doug Gasseling

Opening Ode lead by State Treasurer, Don Scott

The Mileage and per-diem committee was dismissed to meet at this time

The president of Wyoming Special Olympics and James Grabrick, a member of Council 3477, spoke about Special Olympics; they thanked the Knights of Columbus for their time and support. State Deputy, Doug Gasseling presented a check to Special Olympics from Supreme for \$1,000.

Supreme Guest, Supreme Director John A. Harrison addressed the council.

Pro-Life Directors, Dale and Eve Thompson gave their report (see report in proceedings book). Right to Life Lolly Pop participation certificates were presented.

Family Life Directors, Dave and Deloris Langerman gave their report (see report in proceedings book).

State Deputy Doug Gasseling commented on the Family of the Month Program.

Break

2:50 pm

State Deputy Doug Gasseling announced that Wyoming has second insurance agent.

Jerry Hoefler reported on Knights of Columbus Insurance.

State Deputy Doug Gasseling introduced the Past State Deputies in attendance: George Burns, Don Stewart, Tom Enright, Ken Dugas, Terry Archbold, & Jim Hasquet who is currently serving as District Master for the 4th degree.

State Deputy Doug Gasseling talked about being able to attend recent the Papal Mass in New York, as the Wyoming State Deputy.

3:10 pm

Committee assignments were given (see proceedings book).

(Meeting was opened in the 4th section by District Master Jim Hasquet.)

Saturday, April 26, 2008

8:07 am

Meeting called to order by State Deputy Doug Gasseling

Opening Prayer offered by Bishop David Ricken

Pledge of Allegiance lead by State Deputy Doug Gasseling

Opening Ode lead by Past State Deputy George Burns.

State Chaplin Bishop Joseph Hart addressed the State Council.

State Secretary Patrick Doherty conducted a roll call of the state officers, district deputies, program directors and chairmen. (See proceedings book).

Credentials committee report given by Grand Knight of Council 2441, Jim Borzea. (See proceedings book).

Motion was made to seat the councils, passed on voice vote.

State Deputy Doug Gasseling introduced the new Keep Christ in Christmas Chairman, Mel Mollendor.

Program Director John Benedik reported. (See proceedings book).

State Secretary Patrick Doherty conducted the temporary roll call of delegates. (See proceedings book).

Membership Director / Retention Chairman, Jim Venjohn reported (see proceedings book).

Viewed a DVD from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson; a welcome to the state convention.

Supreme Director John Harrison addressed the council.

State Deputy Doug Gasseling announced that the money collected from fines during the convention will be donated to St. Joseph's Society for retired priests.

Break at 9:20

9:30 Fines collected

Bishop Ricken addressed the council and closed with a Blessing.

Change from Heaven was collected by roll call of councils conducted by State Secretary, Patrick Doherty. This program was instituted by the state council this past year where knights voluntarily gave pocket change throughout the year and this was dumped into a trash barrel at this time. (Approximately 18 gallons of money was collected (\$1,460.16).

State Deputy, Doug Gasseling gave his report (see proceedings book).

State Deputy, Doug Gasseling reported on liability insurance; a carrier has been found, the cost is \$2 per member, councils can “opt out”, will not cover beer sales.

State Advocate, Joe Welte brought up a change in the State By-laws to include Article VIII, Liability Insurance (see copy in proceedings book), discussion was held, roll call was taken by State Deputy, PASSED.

10:50 am Break

11:05

Ed Miller of Sheridan Council 2104 delivered a thank you from the widow of Dr. Ferrari for the fund drive and the Knights of Columbus in general for being able to see Mass on Television on EWTN; especially the Pope’s television appearances.

Past State Deputy, Charitable Trust Chairman, Deacon Don Stewart gave a report on the Charitable Trust and handed out participation plates to councils. Past State Deputies challenged all state officers to contribute \$120.

Jerry Hoefler, Insurance Promotion Chairman addressed how members can give insurance policies and premiums to the Charitable Trust.

Don Stewart and Jerry answered questions from the floor. Individual council packets were reviewed.

Bishop Ricken addressed the council about the Bishop’s Appeal, there will be a short video shown at Mass on one of the next 2 weekends. Viewed the video.

Adjourn for Awards Luncheon

2:00 Call to order;

Officer nomination speeches; the following were nominated for office:

State Deputy, Douglas A. Gasseling

State Secretary, Patrick J. Doherty

State Treasurer, Donald J. Scott

State Advocate, Joe Welte

State Warden, Paul Puebla & John Benedik Jr.

Brian Gray of Council 7789, Pinedale recognized several individuals for their help in getting the Pinedale council back on its feet.

State Deputy, Doug Gasseling noted that the convention in 2011 will need to be moved either up or back one week due to Easter falling on the normal weekend.

Deacon Don Stewart reported that \$1,235 had been paid by the state officers and past state deputies; he also received \$1,200 from Pinedale council for the Charitable Trust. At this point Deacon Don addressed the council as a Past State Deputy; He reminded us that “none of us is good as to not need some help”. Areas of concern for the past state deputies: “Bringing up and developing next generation of leaders” and only 5 councils submitted award applications.

Jerry Hoefler presented the answers to the insurance quiz from yesterday.

State Deputy Doug Gasseling lead a discussion on fundraising; including selling tickets and raising per-capita.

Dick Adamski, Ceremonials Director; called on all District Deputies to form a 2nd Degree Team. Dick requested commitments for degrees in the Northeast and Central parts of the state and talked about how to pay for the degrees; possibly commission another team, maybe in a central area.

State Deputy Doug continued the discussion on the degrees.

Closing Prayer was lead by Past State Deputy, Deacon Don Stewart
3:20 pm AJOURN

Sunday, April 27, 2008

8:08 am

Meeting called to order by State Deputy Doug Gasseling

Opening Pray offered by Deputy Doug Gasseling

Pledge of Allegiance lead by State Deputy Doug Gasseling

Opening Ode lead by State Treasurer Don Scott

State Secretary Patrick Doherty conducted the Roll Call of Permanent Delegates, State Program Directors / Chairmen, District Deputies, and State Officers.

Report of Audit committee by Don Viktorin

Motion to accept findings of audit committee PASSED

Report of Mileage and Per-Diem Committee by State Warden Paul Puebla.

Recommend 35cents per mile and \$63 per day.

Motion to accept report: PASSED (1 dissenting vote).

Report of Budget Committee by Jack Rogers

\$3000 deficit, propose \$4 per person dues increase. Discussion; TABLED till after resolutions.

Report of Resolutions Committee by District Deputy 1, Raoul Laganière

Resolutions were voted upon at this time, (with the exception of resolution #10 which was voted on later) (see resolutions in proceedings book)

9:45 Break

10:05

State Deputy Doug Gasseling lead discussion on adding more money to the Christopher Fund (\$2.50 per member, which is left over from the budget). Motion, PASSED

Resolution #10 (Mileage and per-diem) was taken up. Discussion was held, Committee recommended Do Pass; Question was called, vote by show of hands; PASSED

Opened up discussion on Fund Raising

Motion was made to raise per-capita by \$4 per year per member. Discussion was held, vote by show of hands; PASSED (unanimous)

Supreme Director John Harrison gave his closing comments:

Accept the challenge of Holy Father to make this a cross roads in time;

Make the future better than the present and better than past

Make Catholic men knights and knights better Catholics.

State Deputy Doug Gasseling discussed recruitment. Recruit good men, not numbers; work toward the goal, but do so with good recruits that will stay.

Election of Officers:

State Secretary Patrick Doherty conducted the election of State Deputy; all other elections were conducted by State Deputy Doug Gasseling. Results are as follows:

State Deputy, Doug Gasseling

State Secretary, Patrick Doherty

State Treasurer, Don Scott

State Advocate, Joe Welte

(All were elected by unanimous ballot)

State Warden Nominations:

Paul Puebla (Elected by ballot)

John Benedik Jr.

Nomination and Election of Alternates to Supreme Convention:

Deacon Don Stewart (1st alternate)

Tom Enright (2nd alternate)

2011 State Convention Site (Jackson and Riverton) (vote conducted after report on 2009 convention):

Riverton (elected)

2009 Convention report given by Past State Deputy Tom Enright; The convention will be held in Cheyenne, April 24 – 26, 2009. Convention hotel has not been selected at this time.

Motion to open doors, PASSED

District Master Jim Hasquet challenged us to meet in Cheyenne in January at the March for Life.

Hasquet also announced that Fathers Ogg, Stolcis, Beavers, and Carr are celebrating 40th anniversaries to the Priesthood this year.

State Officers made closing comments

Closing Prayer and Grace was lead by Past State Deputy Deacon Don Stewart.

Closing Ode was dispensed

Adjourn at 12:18

Attest:

Recorded by:

Douglas A. Gasseling
State Deputy

Patrick J. Doherty
State Secretary



Knights of Columbus

STATE DEPUTY, ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 26, 2008

Most Rev. Bishop David Ricken; State Chaplin, Retired Bishop Joseph Hart; Fathers; Deacons; Supreme Guest John Harrison; Immediate Past State Deputy William Briere; State Officers; District Master Jim Hasquet; District Deputies; State Directors and Chairman; General Agent, Doug Parsons, Field Agents Jerry Hoefler and Ben Cressler, and Assembled Delegates.

It is indeed an honor and privilege to welcome you to this 88th Annual meeting of the Wyoming Knights of Columbus State Council. It is my hope, that you will be inspired and motivated as a result of your participation at this annual meeting, and that you will lead your councils with renewed enthusiasm as you spread the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism through the program that your Council will sponsor during your term of office.

As State Deputy it is my responsibility to report on the State of Columbianism in Wyoming. I report on behalf of my fellow State Officers, District Deputies, and State Chairmen. Loyalty and dedication of our members in the State Family is instrumental in achieving the goals set forth by the State Council. Please read all reports that were submitted by the State Officers, Directors, and Chairmen, which will be on the Wyoming home page.

MEMBERSHIP

I am pleased to report that during the past Columbian year we had 2 Councils attain the coveted Star Council Award. These councils not only achieved the programming requirements sent out by the Supreme Council, but also met their membership and insurance quotas.

I was elected as State Deputy last April, and one of my goals at that time was for that we sign up at least 140 new members which would have put us at 3,000 members and allowed Wyoming a 3rd Delegate to Supreme. Our goal as set forth by the Supreme Council was for 100 new Knights during this 125th Celebration of the Knights of Columbus fraternal year. This would also put Wyoming in the Circle of Honor. Has this goal been met? I will let each of you answer that in your own hearts. The actual figures will follow.

Such was not the case. My challenge to the membership was an enormous challenge. We did not meet the challenge entirely. But the work my Brother Knights from throughout the state have done is noticeable. And, we have time to meet the challenge. My first full term as State deputy is not complete until June 30. If you are one of those who made the commitment in your heart or at last summers officers meeting, there is still time. We will accept new Brother Knights at any time of the Columbian Year.

Since July 1, 2001, we have exemplified into the 1st degree 55 new members. These practical Catholic men from your church and your community are now able to go forth themselves and recruit new members. That is an average of 6 new knights per month. To meet our goal we must exemplify 48 fellow Catholics into our councils by the end of June.

Suspensions have been a major hurdle to overcome, but with the help of you Brother Knights, we can still meet our State Council goal as set forth by the Supreme Council. I do realize that suspensions are something that cannot be avoided entirely but on the other hand it is evident that some councils do not follow the procedures as set forth for suspending members of their council. The Supreme Council also sends the State Deputy a list of all Notice of Intent to Suspend Forms that they have received. As Council Officers, and council leaders please send the appropriate forms to the State Deputy, it is impossible to prevent suspensions when we have no notice of brother knights who are about to lose their membership, and worse yet lose their Fraternal Benefits, which go with their dues payment.

A brother knight, who is going through very tough times, should never receive a Form 1845. The local retention committee should speak to these members and through their conversation, become aware of his plight. The local council then should have taken the appropriate steps. Suspension should not have been one of the options in these cases.

Membership in the Wyoming State Council stood at 2,862 on July 1, 2007. Our goal for the Columbian Year was 100 members, which would have set our total membership at 2,962 on July 1, 2008. When we take into account the members who have been suspended and the members who have passed on to date, our total intake should have been 118 members. We fell short of our goal, but our efforts, your efforts are very commendable. Our goals are very attainable. But, to achieve these goals, membership must be our number one topic of discussion at each and every council meeting.

At this writing we have 3 councils that have met their membership goals. We also have 1 council that has reached their insurance quota. There are three councils sitting at 60 per cent of their membership goal.

PROGRAM

Today we will be attending the awards ceremony, in which our Brother Knights and their councils will be recognized for the dedication and the accomplishments this past year. We know that each and every Council is eligible and could take home any of the awards that were given. Why are some of your councils taking home more awards than others? I am sure that the number of projects that were carried out may be the same. Reporting, Reporting, Reporting. Paperwork is the key. To receive the awards, to get the recognition you must do the paperwork! I realize that many of your councils would like to carry out the projects and go unrecognized. But, your church, community, and your neighbors should be aware of the many good things that you, as Knights of Columbus provide to your community.

Just think of the many projects that you carry out for the Church, Community, Family, Youth, and your Council. Projects, which are large or small, deserve recognition. Those Councils which did not submit a project should set a goal of reporting each and every project starting Sunday evening. You carry out the projects, now do the paperwork, and see what a difference it will make in the moral of your council membership to know that you are now submitting project at the state level and possibly being the #1 council in Wyoming. Give it a try. You may be surprised at the outcome.

It is hard for your councils to be active when key reports are not submitted to Supreme. As I write this report, there are 3 councils who have not submitted the Report of officers chosen, and 9 councils who have not submitted the Service Program Report. Without these reports, Supreme has no idea of who to send information to.

I was very disappointed in that last winter I offered to allow time for Financial Secretary and Grand Knight training and there was not enough interest to justify spending the time, yet the next 2 weeks I received several calls asking questions on items we would have covered at the training sessions.

NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT

The goal for Wyoming was one new council. This past year the State Council discussed if there was any parishes that we could start a new council and the decision was that we really had no parishes that could support a new council.

Since we met during the last State Convention, the Pinedale council has been reinstated by Supreme. The re-instatement was effective in November of 2007.

The State Council decided that maybe we should concentrate more on roundtables. With 36 parishes and only 29 councils, 36 mission parishes in Wyoming, we have the ability to have 65 round tables. We should have at least 20 roundtables in the state. It is sad that I report that at this time we have only 4 roundtables reported to Supreme.

FRATERNAL SURVEY

Each and every Council and Assembly is asked to complete a Survey of Fraternal Activity by January 31 of each fraternal year. This is the most important report that any Knights of Columbus entity can complete. Without this report the Tax Exempt status of the Knights of Columbus would be in jeopardy. This form is important to our continued success as a charitable organization.

I am pleased to announce that we had 26 out of 29 Councils and XX Fourth Degree Assemblies submitting this form (some with a little aid from the State Council), and filed it with the State Deputy and the Supreme Council. The deadline date was not met, but reports were submitted. Thank you to all who had a part in getting these forms completed.

Total Charitable Disbursements for this fraternal year were \$292,013. We also contributed over 96,400 hours of time. Seminaries and other Vocation Programs received over \$9,000. What a testament to you brother knights these figures are. Though the monetary figures are always staggering, they are nothing compared to the hours of volunteer service that brother knights and your families provide. Thank you to each and every brother knight who served a breakfast, attended a rosary or prayer service, or helped with any Church, Council, Community, Family or Youth program during the past year. Share these statistics with your friends. It is with your support that these astonishing figures are possible. Thank you.

INSURANCE

Wyoming is fortunate to have two Field Agents in the Order. Brothers Jerome Hoefler, and Ben Cressler. They are dedicated to promoting the ideals of the Knights of Columbus and have the welfare of our members and our families in mind. Their assistance in membership recruitment and retention is very noticeable each fraternal year. I wish to thank Field Agent Jerome Hoefler, and just recently appointed Ben Cressler out of Denver, Colorado who has been assigned the Cheyenne council.

Here is Wyoming with about 40% of our membership being insured. The Knights of Columbus has a product that is second to none, and our continued insurance growth here in Wyoming is

due to the tremendous work by our agent. At this time would our Insurance Field Agent please stand and be recognized. Thank you for the support you give to each and every Council that you serve. And serve you do. You serve in so many ways. You not only work for the Councils, but with the Councils on so many projects. Thank you.

VOCATIONS

Today our Christopher Fund stands at \$7192. With the Supreme Council matching monies, we earn interest on \$14,385. At this years convention the delegates, will vote where the interest from the fund will be presented to for future years. The delegates will also be voting on investing more money into the Fund so that we can maximize Wyoming State Council contributions. After the resolution is passed for the charity the interest is to go to, we will distribute \$591 from the interest earned.

We also continue to support our Seminarians and Religious in the RSVP Program, with 6 scholarships and over \$9,000. Since I received this information, I believe there have been at least 2 more scholarships handed out through the RSVP program.

Vocations are very important to us here in Wyoming and I am thankful to Rev. Ray Rodriguez as Vocations Director of the Cheyenne Diocese. Your efforts have proven very fruitful, which is evident when we ask for the names of seminarians each year for our RSVP program. To you my Brother Knights, I thank you for your continued support of our Seminarians and Religious.

I wish to report that the Charitable Trust is doing well. Over the past two years we have been able to purchase 12 new policies.

GRATITUDE

As this report comes to a close, I would like to extend my appreciation to those who gave of themselves to promote the good works of the Knights of Columbus. The success of any State Deputy is dependent on the team with whom he serves.

Without the support of you Council Officers, the State Family and all brother Knights in Wyoming, the duties of the State Deputy would be overwhelming. Your support and your dedication are much appreciated. Thank you for being faithful and dedicated to your positions as leaders of the Knights of Columbus. Thank you for sending in the needed paperwork. The never-ending paperwork. Many times we need to be reminded of the paperwork being overdue, but you came through and the coming year will go easier, as we all know what is expected of us now.

I especially want to thank District Deputy Raoul Laganieri, District Deputy #1 for saying yes when I asked him if he would be the editor for a state newsletter. Raoul, would you please stand up and let us recognize you for a job well done.

To Rod Hofschulte, PSD of Nebraska, who is our Regional Program Consultant. Thank you for the time you gave to the Wyoming State Councils will be remembered by all who attended. Planning our future is important for our survival. Thank you Rod for making us aware of our need to plan for the future.

To Bishop David L. Ricken, for your support and the time you continue to give to the Knights of Columbus is greatly appreciated. Your support makes our task much easier to accomplish.

To State Chaplain, Retired Bishop Hart. We appreciate the time you are able to spend with us, your spiritual guidance and dedication to the Order is a key to the success of our Knights of Columbus efforts in Wyoming. I personally want to thank you for your services to the State Council during this fraternal year. As State Deputy, you play an important part in decisions made by a State Deputy.

To my fellow State Officers. Your support and your dedication to the State Council and your councils, along with your friendship have made the past year a very memorable and rewarding experience. I appreciate all the time you have given to me, making ourselves available whenever the need arose. Thank you very much.

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To District Master James Hasquet. You have done an excellent job as District Master. You are truly dedicated to promoting the Fourth Degree and its growth. Thank you for your efforts in making the Principle of Patriotism available to our third degree members.

To my 7 District Deputies. Your assistance in promoting the programs and membership recruitment goals of the State and Supreme Council is greatly appreciated. When I have called for your assistance in obtaining reports from your councils, you responded in a timely and professional manner. Thank you for your dedication to the works of our Order.

To all of my Program Chairmen. Thank you for carrying out the programs set forth by the State Council. Thank you for your support, and eagerness to further the works of the Knights of Columbus.

To the Green River, Cheyenne and Henery M. Cavanaugh Degree Teams. I have truly enjoyed joining you at your respective exemplifications this past season. Your dedication is very evident in the countless hours you have given to the Wyoming Knights of Columbus. Hundreds of Catholic men have had Knighthood bestowed upon them using the current ritual. You truly exemplify the principles of the Knights of Columbus each time you work as a team. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your respective teams.

To Past State Deputy Tom Enright and your wife Verona. Thank you for the advice and allowing me to use you as a sounding board on different ideas. Thank you for your advice, guidance, encouragement and support you have given to Cristie and I. Your friendship is un-measurable. Thank you both.

To General Agent Doug Parson and your agents. Thank you for your efforts in membership growth as you go about your work. Thank you for the work you have done to spread the word about the good works of our Order.

To the Grand Knights, Council Officers and members. The accomplishments we will celebrate today would not have been possible if it were not for your dedication. Your leadership and participation in State Council Programs and local programs is very commendable. Thank you for being a part of our organization. Our success depends on YOU and the work YOU do in your church, council and each and every project YOU conduct. YOU, are the Knights of Columbus.

YOU are the example that is out in the public each and every day. YOU are what the Knights of Columbus is measured by.

To my wife, Cristie. You have seen the amount of time the State Deputy position requires. I have spent many, many nights in my home office working on the computer, making phone calls, or on the road visiting councils at their meetings. Thank you for your patience. You were not only alone when I was working out of town with NRCS the first 6 months of my tenure as State Deputy, but you are alone when I am home. Thank you for being there for me. Your support, your help, your patience, and most importantly, your love has made the past year as State Deputy enjoyable, as only you know. Thank you, for trying to schedule around my commitments, even though some times you have had to go to functions alone. Thank you for being in this with me. I could not do it alone. Cristie, I Love You.

CONCLUSION

My Brother Knights, we have only 10 months behind us in this Fraternal Year. Already I see things that I would have done differently. I see things that I will not be able to accomplish by June 30. My goal to visit each council in the state may not be realized.

I would have liked to see each and every Council active in Membership Recruitment. It is hard to reach our goals when only 16 of the 29 councils have recruited a new member this year. Each and every Council represented at the State Convention, was a goal of mine. Having each and every Council submit their Form 185, Form 365, Semi-Annual Audits, and Fraternal Surveys on time will not be a reality. But Brother Knights, just because this was not possible during this fraternal year, does not mean that I will not have the same goals tomorrow or for the next fraternal year. Yes. Now, each and every one of you is aware of some of my goals for the coming year.

Oh, I have more goals, such as each and every Council meeting their membership goals. Each and every Council should attain their insurance goals. Each and every Council should achieve Star Council status. Each Grand Knight should join the Fourth Degree. Each and every Council officer should be insured with the Knights of Columbus.

These are not dreams. Each and every goal I just listed is possible. Each and every goal is attainable. Together you and I can reach these goals. You and I have much the same goals. My goals are for the Wyoming Knights of Columbus. Your goals are for your individual Knights of Columbus councils.

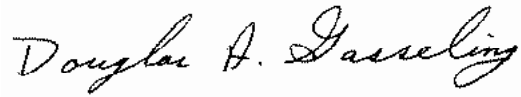
How do we reach these goals? We must work with our priests, and in some cases that will be Putting Out Into The Deep. That will be going where they have not gone. Some of our councils still do not consult or work with their parish priest. Without continued growth, without new members, how will we reach these goals? Membership is the key to achieving your goals. Membership is the key to achieving the goals I have. Begin next week. Begin by visiting with your parish pastor. Allow YOUR pastor to be involved in our council and in your membership drive. Plan activities for your members. Make calls and get more members involved. Get the word out that the Knights are active in our church. Let your community see what you do as knights. Be visible. Ask each and every eligible Catholic man to join. Membership. Membership. Membership is the key to our success. Make it a priority when you get back to your council. You are the future. You can determine the future of your council. I ask you to do what you can.

Words can not describe what an honor it is to represent you, as State Deputy. It is indeed an honor and a privilege for Cristie and I to travel as your representatives. Our travels have introduced us to many fine Knights of Columbus members as we attend functions throughout Wyoming. We wonder at the accomplishments of the councils. Your dedication is unbelievable. Continue to support our Order.

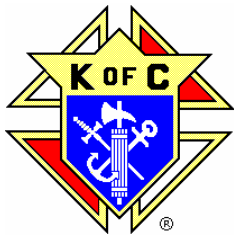
Thank you, for giving me the opportunity to serve as YOUR State Deputy. May God Bless You All.

Thank You.

Vivat Jesus

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas A. Gasseling". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Douglas" being more prominent than the last name "Gasseling".

Douglas A. Gasseling
Wyoming State Deputy



Knights of Columbus

Patrick Doherty
State Secretary
900 N. Elm Ave.
Gillette, WY 82716

April 26, 2008

Worthy State Deputy, State Chaplin, Supreme Representative, Reverend Fathers, Brother Knights,

Welcome to the 88th Annual State Convention in Gillette. It is my privilege to say that I am quite proud of the work done by my brother knights in this my home council. The host Grand Knight, Scott Hungerford, Convention Chairman Don Scott, the many committee chairmen and workers have done a wonderful job. We (and I) hope that your stay in Gillette is both enjoyable and spirit filled.

As of the end of March 2008, there were 2862 members in 30 councils. One council is suspended, Wright. During this fraternal year, one council was reactivated, Council 9756, Pinedale. Membership is broken down as follows:

Associate Members – 1917
Insurance Members – 943
Sub-categories
 Inactive Members – 142
 Honorary Members – 70
 Honorary Life Members – 375
 Disabled Members – 10

Finances for the State Council, all but one council have paid their per capita, which is Wright and it is still suspended. Billing of councils for insurance did not occur this fraternal year due to not having coverage in place. The State Treasurer will report on the status of the Wyoming State Council finances.

May God bless you and your families.

Vivat Jesus,

Patrick J. Doherty
State Secretary



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Donald J. Scott
Wyoming State Treasurer
2210 S. Gillette Ave.
Gillette, WY 82718

April 24, 2008

Worthy State Deputy and Wyoming Brother Knights,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the State Treasurer this year. The challenge of learning this new job has been very rewarding. The opportunity to see where the money is spent as I received and processed the bills has been an invaluable learning experience.

One change that we have instituted in 2007-2008 has been a voucher system to trace spending for auditing. Although cumbersome at times it is a good check and balances procedure especially in light of the fact that the banks have removed their double signature service for written checks.

The following is a snapshot of our finances as of April 10, 2008

General Fund:

Beginning Balance 7/01/07	\$20,841.37
Income:	
Per-capita	\$28,290.00
Interest	\$ 89.99
Lifesaver Lollipops	\$ 383.10
Keep Christ in Christmas	\$ 0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Sub-balance Income	\$28,763.09
 Disbursements	 <u>\$14,103.25</u>
 Balance as of April 10, 2008	 <u>\$35,501.21</u>

Tootsie Roll Fund

Beginning Balance:	\$ 216.49
Income:	
Interest	\$ 18.63
Tootsie Roll Deposits	<u>\$17,467.31</u>
Sub-balance Income	<u>\$17,702.43</u>
Disbursements	<u>\$15,720.59</u>
Balance as of April 24, 2008	\$ 1981.84
6 month CD maturity date 05/20/08	Balance: \$16,137.11
24 month CD maturity date 11/26/08	Balance: \$11,162.42
Christopher Fund	\$ 7,177.50
Total Net-worth	\$71,960.08

As of this date the report appears to show a positive balance, but I must note that the largest expenditures will occur at this convention with the mileage and per-diem totaling \$11,000 and printing plus registration in the amount of \$1093.01 with State Officer meetings and Ceremonials already over budget, we will be very close to budget.

We have the pleasure of two disbursements that we will make at the convention:

First:	\$1981.84 for the Tootsie Roll Drive
Second:	\$ 383.10 from the Lollypop Drive

Respectfully submitted,

Donald J. Scott
Knights of Columbus State Treasurer



Knights of Columbus

WYOMING STATE COUNCIL

Carl Joe Welte
State Advocate
PO Box 576
Lingle, Wy 82223

April, 25, 2008

Worthy State Deputy and Brother Knights:

During the past year this office dealt with just one request for a raffle. We did meet with the County Attorney on the possibility of holding a state wide fund raising program that will make money for the State Council.

I would like to thank my predecessors for getting the by-laws up to par. The by laws are in very good shape. We have added one new by-law, this is in regard to the insurance, and we will discuss it at the convention.

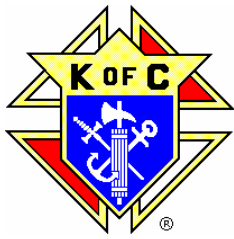
I received resolutions for the state convention. I am looking forward to my first committee meeting with the district deputies. We have 25 resolutions to discuss and decide upon.

We have had a productive year. I am looking forward to serving you another year as your Advocate.

I would like to thank the State Officers, all of the members at the convention, the members of my home council 6623, and especially my wife ,Sally, who gets the job of proof reading all of my correspondence.

Vivat Jesus

Carl Welte State Advocate



Knights of Columbus

Patrick Doherty
State Secretary
900 N. Elm Ave.
Gillette, WY 82716

April 26, 2008
NECROLOGY REPORT

Bishop Patrick A. McGovern Council 801, Cheyenne

- Aime G. Dugas
- Claude D. Waits
- Jack B. Grandpre
- James J. Schaefer
- Joseph D. Selby
- Joseph M. Adragna
- Norman J. Williamson
- Robert J. Sieminski

Monsignor Thomas F. O'Reilly Council 1563, Casper

- James R. Harris
- Girado J. Ramirez
- M. Joseph Burke
- Robert J. Dehler

Phil Sheridan Council 2104, Sheridan

- Thomas J. Lopez
- John D. Fradet

Monsignor John F. Meyer Council 2128, Rawlins

- Bernard (Jerry) Michie

Kemmerer Council 2337, Kemmerer

Frank Plemel Council 2441, Rock Springs

- John Sulenta
- George Giovanini
- Victor Magana

Monsignor Phillip Krass Council 2578, Thermopolis
St. Laurence O'Toole Council 2720, Laramie
Shoshone Council 3043, Powell

Wind River Council 3237, Riverton

- Dennis B. Stack
- Dave McDonald
- Spence Connell
- Frank J. Appelhans

Father DeSmet Council 3332, Buffalo

- Ray Thorborn

Monsignor James Ruddy Council 3477, Gillette

- James Bridges
- Del Courtney
- Kenneth Jackson

Oregon Trail Council 3551, Wheatland

Bishop Maurice F. Burke Council 4031, Cody

Father Martin Kennedy Council 5447, Lander

- William L. Hines

Father Ed Cassidy Council 6216, Evanston

Corpus Christi Council 6334, Newcastle

Converse County Council 6558, Douglas/Glenrock

Monsignor Kimmett Council 6623, Torrington

Monsignor James McBride Council 7214, Greybull/Basin

Monsignor James Godley Council 7453, Green River

- Stephen L. Beck
- Charles R. Maggio
- Jose A. Vasquez

Columbia Council 7789, Pine Bluffs

- Frederick J. Joska
- George C. Razor

Worland Council 8635, Worland

Father Charles A. Bartek Council 9431, Jackson

Father Pierre DeSmet Council 9756, Pinedale

Father James F. Power Council 9917, Casper

- Robert J. Deimer
- Melvin J. Moser
- John Dever

Bindl Council 10027, Fort Bridger

- William A Roitz
- Joseph V. Purdy

University of Wyoming Council 10773, Laramie
Snowy Range Council 11291, Saratoga



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WYOMING STATE COUNCIL

Report of the Committee on Credentials

April 26, 2008

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, and Brother Knights:

The credentials committee has reconciled the delegates' and state secretary's copies of the credentials forms. The results are in agreement with the state secretary's temporary roll of delegates.

The committee's findings may be summarized as follows:

- The following council is suspended and is not entitled to representation:
Wright Council 8542
- The following councils did not have a seal affixed to their credentials and will need a vote of the State council to be seated:
2578, Thermopolis
5447, Lander
And 9756, Pinedale, which was reinstated this year and do not own a seal at this time, one is on order.
- Delegates from the following councils are absent and are not entitled to vote:
Kemmerer Council 2337
Evanston Council 6216
Greybull Council 7214
Fort Bridger Council 10027
Saratoga Council 11291
- 42 delegates from 24 councils are present. Each council is entitled to cast two votes, for a total of 48.
- There are 7 state officers eligible to vote, all of whom are present and entitled to cast a single vote each.
- The total of votes that may be cast by delegates and state officers is 55.

Respectfully submitted,

James Borzea

Grand Knight

Council 2441, Rock Springs

Chairman, Committee on Credentials

		2008-2009			
		Budget			
Account	CATEGORY	Committee Proposal			
1	State Officers Allowances	\$225.00			
2	DeSmet Mass	\$100.00			
3	Religious Honoraum	\$400.00			
4	State Convention M&P	\$11,500.00			
5	State Convention Clerical	\$1,000.00			
6	State Convention Registration	\$2,500.00			
7	State Officer Meeting/Membership	\$5,000.00			
8	State Council Expenses	\$2,000.00			
9	State Deputy Expenses	\$500.00			
10	State Deputy - Supreme Convention	\$1,400.00			
11	Supreme Convention	\$2,300.00			
12	College Council Rebate	\$600.00			
13	Morality in Media	\$0.00			
14	Audit	\$2,000.00			
15	Pro Life Chair Couple	\$300.00			
16	K of C Chairitable Trust	\$100.00			
17	State Council Travel	\$500.00			
18	Keep Christ in Christmas	\$1,000.00			
19	Special Projects	\$50.00			
20	Ceremonial Expenses	\$200.00	\$0.00	Keep Christ in Christmas	
21	Insurance	\$750.00	\$89.99	Interest	
22	Miscellaneous Non Budget	\$100.00	\$383.10	Lollipops	
23	Pass Through Funds	\$0.00	\$28,290.00	2395	12
TOTAL		\$32,525.00	\$28,763.09		
Total Income Received July 1 to April 21		\$28,763.09			
Beginning Balance as of April 21 2006		\$35,501.21			

John W. Regan Budget Committee
Chairman

MMIP pointed out that these deficiencies are not unusual for an organization of our size with members serving only 1 or 2 years, in an office.

They also identified another control deficiency that does not constitute a significant deficiency or material weakness. They do not consider it a major issue. They noted that some checks were written without supporting invoices. This procedure leaves the Council without documentary evidence to support such disbursements and could lead to duplicate payments or other problems. The original invoice should always be retained as supporting documentation for any disbursement. If it is necessary to return a copy of the invoice to a vendor, a copy of the original should be used. The procedure of requiring supporting documentation for all expenses paid can reduce the risk of occurrence of fraud, and, as such, they recommend the Council observe this procedure.

The audit committee feels that this recommendation is viable and not out of control.

Basically what MMIP is saying is that we need a paper trail. Always ask for a voucher or receipt. If you don't have an invoice, make up one. You may need to go back to the chair person and get a voucher.

Just make sure you have something to back up the

McGee, Hearne & Ruiz (MHR) - certified public accountants and consultants, performed an audit of the Wyoming State Council, Knights of Columbus for the fraternal years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006. They identified 2 control deficiencies as significant deficiencies:

1. The volunteers of the council have limited experience with the cash basis of accounting, therefore this deficiency exists because the limited experience does not allow officers or volunteers to prevent or detect misstatements of the Councils financial statements prepared on the cash basis of accounting in a timely manner.

2. Internal controls are designed to safeguard assets and help prevent losses from volunteer dishonesty or error. This is best done by segregation of duties. A small number of persons have the primary responsibility for performing most of the accounting and financial duties. As a result, some of the aspects of internal accounting control, which rely upon adequate segregation of duties, are missing in the Council. The periodic review procedures currently in place help mitigate the lack of proper segregation of duties and should be continued.

check that was written. If you want reimbursement,
submit a voucher.

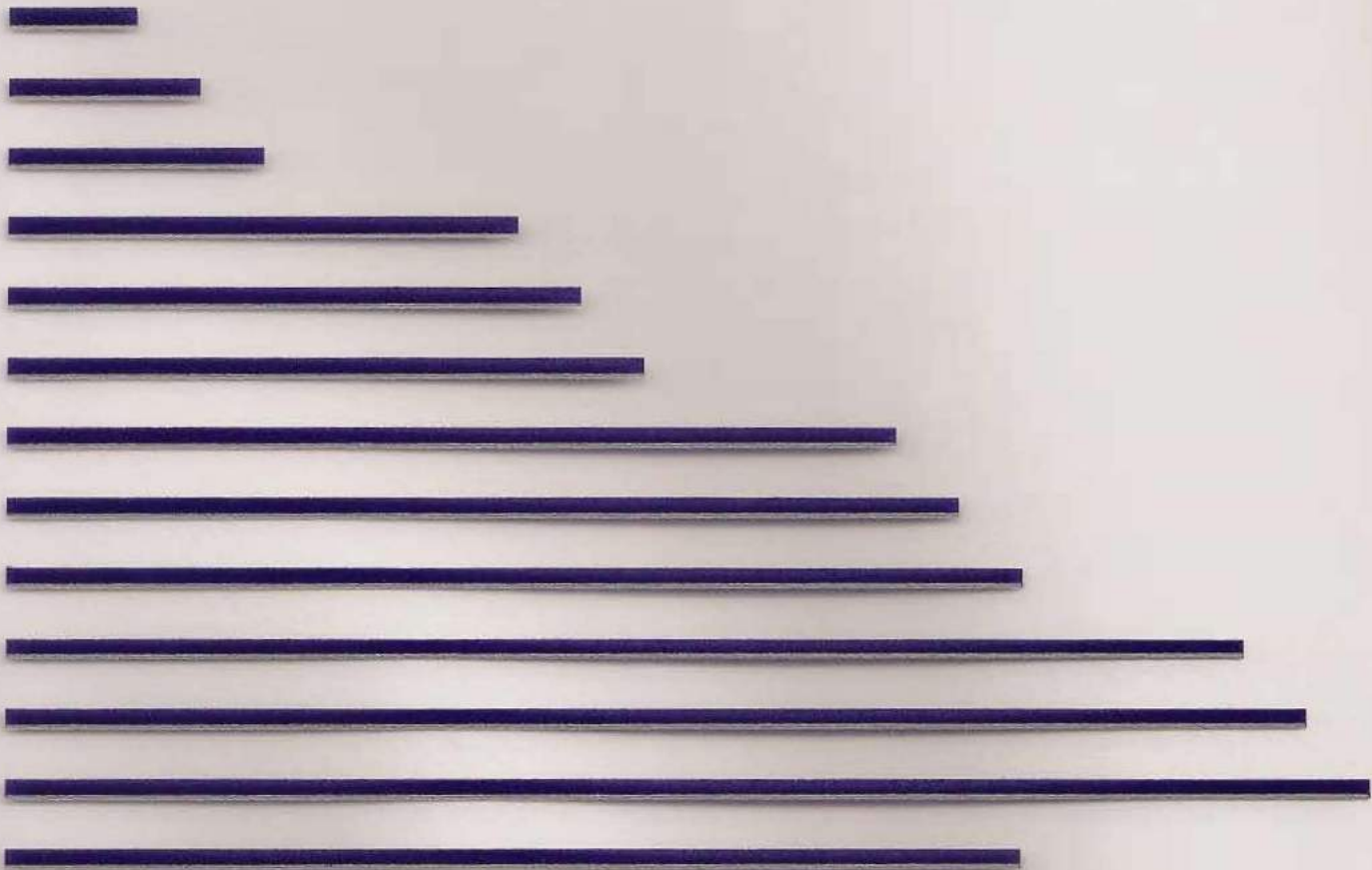
The audit committee recommends accepting the
Audit Report and agrees with ~~the~~^{the} recommendations
of MHP

David J. Vickson

**WYOMING STATE COUNCIL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

FINANCIAL REPORT

JUNE 30, 2007



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McGee, Hearne & Paiz, LLP

Certified Public Accountants and Consultants

314 West 18th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001-4404

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Wyoming State Council
Knights of Columbus
Gillette, Wyoming

We have audited the accompanying statements of cash receipts and disbursements of the Wyoming State Council, Knights of Columbus for the fraternal years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Council's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, these financial statements were prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash transactions of Wyoming State Council, Knights of Columbus for the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

McGee, Hearne & Paiz, LLP

Cheyenne, Wyoming
January 30, 2008

WYOMING STATE COUNCIL, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

STATEMENTS OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

For the Years Ended June 30, 2007 and 2006

	2007			
	General Fund	The Manual Michael Davila Fund for Charities	Christopher Fund	Total
Receipts:				
Investment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,178	\$ 7,178
Tootsie Roll sales	-	18,324	-	18,324
Interest income	1,172	25	-	1,197
Local council dues	28,674	-	-	28,674
Lollipop sales	316	-	-	316
Christmas card sales	2,624	-	-	2,624
Miscellaneous	1,408	-	-	1,408
Total receipts	34,194	18,349	7,178	59,721
Disbursements:				
Mentally handicapped expense	-	18,582	-	18,582
State officer allowance	225	-	-	225
De Smet Mass	100	-	-	100
Priests and seminarians	934	-	-	934
State convention expense	12,298	-	-	12,298
State officers' meeting	1,152	-	-	1,152
State council expense	2,980	-	-	2,980
State deputy expense	293	-	-	293
State deputy, supreme convention	1,065	-	-	1,065
Supreme convention expense	2,434	-	-	2,434
College council rebate	579	-	-	579
Professional fees	-	-	-	-
Pro-life chair couple	171	-	-	171
State council travel	465	-	-	465
Keep Christ in Christmas	2,624	-	-	2,624
Ceremonial expenses	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	9,098	-	-	9,098
Pass through funds	608	-	-	608
Insurance	611	-	-	611
Total disbursements	35,637	18,582	-	54,219
Increase (decrease) in cash during the year	(1,443)	(233)	7,178	5,502
Cash balance, beginning	49,602	450	-	50,052
Cash balance, ending	\$ 48,159	\$ 217	\$ 7,178	\$ 55,554

See Note to Financial Statements.

2006

The Manual Michael Davila		
General Fund	Fund for Charities	Total
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
-	16,682	16,682
833	34	867
28,308	-	28,308
663	-	663
2,765	-	2,765
2,333	-	2,333
34,902	16,716	51,618
-	21,462	21,462
225	-	225
100	-	100
1,024	-	1,024
13,499	-	13,499
4,529	-	4,529
2,819	-	2,819
281	-	281
678	-	678
4,505	-	4,505
-	-	-
1,300	-	1,300
-	-	-
399	-	399
2,765	-	2,765
846	-	846
3,327	-	3,327
2,198	-	2,198
-	-	-
38,495	21,462	59,957
(3,593)	(4,746)	(8,339)
53,195	5,196	58,391
\$ 49,602	\$ 450	\$ 50,052

**WYOMING STATE COUNCIL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

NOTE TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Nature of Activities and Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of activities: The Wyoming State Council, Knights of Columbus is the state administrative body for the Knights of Columbus, a nonprofit association exempt from income tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(8). Its activities are principally fund raising and conducting an annual convention and meeting of members within the state of Wyoming.

Accounting policy: The Council's accounts are maintained on a cash basis. The statements of cash receipts and disbursements reflect only cash received and disbursed. Therefore, receivables and payables, long-lived assets, accrued income and expenses and depreciation, which may be material in amount, are not reflected and these statements are not intended to present the financial position or results of operations of the Council in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. In order to ensure observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources available to the Council, its accounts are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting. Resources for various purposes are classified for accounting and reporting purposes into funds established according to their nature and purposes. Separate accounts are maintained for each fund. Accordingly, all financial transactions have been recorded and reported by fund group.

The Council has three funds – the Manual Michael Davila Fund for Charities, the Christopher Fund and the general fund. The Manual Michael Davila Fund for Charities accounts for monies that are restricted to benefit the mentally handicapped and developmentally challenged. The campaign disbursements are principally grants to other organizations that administer programs for the mentally handicapped and developmentally disabled. The Christopher Fund's accrued interest shall be used for a charity or charities based upon a resolution passed at the annual state convention. All other activity is accounted for in the general fund.



McGee, Hearne & Paiz, LLP

Certified Public Accountants and Consultants

314 West 18th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001-4404

Wyoming State Council
Knights of Columbus
Cheyenne, Wyoming

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Knights of Columbus as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered the Knights of Columbus' internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected. We consider the following control deficiencies to be significant deficiencies:

1. The volunteers of the Council have limited experience with the cash basis of accounting. Under our professional standards, the inability to ensure the propriety and completeness of the Council's financial statements, including footnotes, is considered a significant deficiency. The control deficiency exists because the limited experience relative to the cash basis of accounting does not allow officers or volunteers, in the normal course of performing their functions, to prevent or detect misstatements of the Council's financial statements prepared on the cash basis of accounting in a timely manner.
2. Internal controls are designed to safeguard assets and help prevent losses from volunteer dishonesty or error. A fundamental concept in an adequate system of internal control is the segregation of duties. A small number of persons have the primary responsibility for performing most of the accounting and financial duties. As a result, some of the aspects of internal accounting control, which rely upon adequate segregation of duties, are missing in the Council. The periodic review procedures currently in place help mitigate the lack of proper segregation of duties and should be continued.

The Council should note that the auditor cannot be part of your internal control system.

Following is a description of another identified control deficiency that we determined did not constitute a significant deficiency or material weakness:

During the audit, we noted checks that were written without supporting invoices. This procedure leaves the Council without documentary evidence to support such disbursements and could lead to duplicate payments and other problems. The original invoice should always be retained as supporting documentation for any disbursement. If it is deemed necessary to return a copy of each invoice to the vendor, a copy of the original should be used. Also, the procedure of requiring supporting documentation for all expenses paid can reduce the risk of occurrence of fraud and, as such, we recommend the Council observe this procedure.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Council and others within the organization and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

McBee, Heavner & Paig, LLP

Cheyenne, Wyoming
January 30, 2008



Knights of Columbus

Community Activities Director

24 April 2008

Worthy State Deputy, State Chaplain, Supreme Representative,
Brother Knights all;

I apologize for being absent in my duties so far during this year's tenure. My job here became a 24 hr. seven days a week job, leaving very little time for other activities. This has been changed now do to the hiring of one more individual to cover for me.

I look forward to serving you more completely in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene A. Baenler

Community Activities Director



Knights of Columbus

Wyoming State Convention April 2008
State Program Director
John E. Benedik Jr.

Worthy State Deputy, State Chaplain, Supreme Representative, Brother Knights and all;

Programs in the State were all off to slow starts this year, mostly due to new chairman of each program and unsure as what to do.

A few Brother Knights had contacted me to give them an insight as to what they need to do.

Most programs have done well in the State this year.

Thank you for allowing me helps out this year as State Program Director.

Respectively submitted,

John E. Benedik Jr.
State Program Director



Knights of Columbus

STATE PRO-LIFE CHAIRCUPLE ANNUAL REPORT 2007-2008 *Dale and Eve Thompson*

Bishop Ricken, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Officers, Worthy Supreme Representative, Ladies and Brother Knights: Thank you for this opportunity to serve as Pro-life Chaircouple this year for the State of Wyoming.

Respect Life Packets were sent to all Councils this last fall and according to our records 8 Councils participated. Councils participating included the following: Council 3477 Monsignor James Ruddy, Gillette; Council 2441 Frank Plemel, Rock Springs; Council 9431 Father Charles A. Bartek, Jackson; Council 2720 St. Laurence O'Toole, Laramie; Council 9917 Father James F. Power, Casper; Council 3332 Father DeSmet, Buffalo; Council 9756 Father Pierre DeSmet, Pinedale; and Council 5447 Father Martin Kennedy, Lander. In appreciation for their dedication to Respect Life Sunday, these councils will be awarded with certificates. Thank you for your dedication to help God's most innocent children.

The Right to Life March in Cheyenne was held on January 20. Council 801, Bishop P.A. McGovern helped sponsored this. Thank you to everyone who attended, to Bishop Ricken and the Cheyenne Council for committing to this march this year. We could always use more attendance from Knights and their families, especially the pro-life chaircouple from each council. We encourage each council to help their pro-life chaircouple attend this event. Due to very bad weather, we had to cancel our plans to attend this march. Many of these babies are our children and grandchildren. We as Catholics need to let our own children know that they will be helped and encouraged to give life to their babies.

There were no new bills introduced in the Wyoming Legislature this year since it was a budget year. However, new legislation will be submitted next year. We sent out several Life Alerts to the Grand Knights and/or Financial Secretaries to be distributed to the Pro-life Chaircouples in each council.

The State Fair was held in Douglas the week of August 13-18. We traveled to Douglas on Saturday to help in the booth with Council 6558 Chairman, Bill Meehan. The set of baby models showing the growth of the child was given to Bill and also lots of literature, pins, balloons and baby feet. Please consider attending the State Fair next year and helping in the booth. The baby models can be loaned out to councils needing them for a presentation, fair or health fair. Younger children are always interested to see how small they were before they were born.

Since this is an election year, let us continue to see that pro-life people are elected in our state and nation. Support our pro-life candidates by calling them to thank them for voting pro-life. In areas where we have lost pro-life candidates, please prayerfully consider running for office so there are pro-life candidates! Thank you to all who pray daily for the end of abortion so that no more women, men and children are hurt by Planned Parenthood and the abortion industry.

You can reach John Barrasso (202-224-6441), Mike Enzi (202-224-3424) and Barbara Cubin (222-225-2311) to thank them for supporting life in the Senate and House of Representative.

We invite all councils to come to our pro-life table and pick up literature we have ordered for you to take back to your councils at no charge to you. Thank you for your dedication to life and your support.

Fraternally,

Handwritten signatures of Dale and Eve Thompson in cursive script.

Dale and Eve Thompson
State Pro-life Chaircouple



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Newsletter Editor & Public Relations Chairman, Raoul A. Laganière

2007 – 2008 Fraternal Year – Report to the State Convention

April 4, 2008

Worthy State Deputy, State Chaplain, Supreme Representative, and Brother Knights:

The concept of a monthly information newsletter was introduced at the July 2007 State Convention. Format designs were presented for review as well as requested from the members present. An article sign-up was obtained with several members indicating their intention to submit articles in future publications. "Wyoming Knights of Columbus - **COWBOY BULLETIN**" was selected and approved as the official name for the publication by the State Deputy. An email account (wyokcnews@gmail.com) was also established with *Google* as an information source.

The first was published the last week in August 2007. Subscribers included: State Officers and District Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Chaplains, Faithful Navigators, Past State Deputies, Program Administrators, Degree Teams, and others who indicate they would like to receive this monthly publication.

Distribution is primarily through email. Forty Five (45) newsletters are also mailed monthly to those who neither have email nor have provided email addresses to the State Secretary or the Newsletter Editor. "Cowboy Bulletin" is also available for viewing and download, in Adobe Acrobat Format, on the Wyoming State Website, thanks to the William Briere, P.S.D.

Plans for the future include:

- Continue to accept articles, events schedules, and publish the *COWBOY BULLETIN* as directed by the State Deputy.
- Attempt to obtain an information source (reporter) in each subordinate council.

Vivat Jesus,

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Knights of Columbus

CAMPAIGN FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES CHAIRMAN

It is my pleasure and privilege to report to the Wyoming State Council's 88th State Convention on the Manual Michael Davila Funds for Charities.

In the calendar year of 2007, the Manual Michael Davila Funds for Charities had a net revenue of \$19,664.31. The State Council received 10% or \$1,966.43. The total return to the Councils were \$17,697.88. There were 439 cases of Tootsie Rolls bought and 436 cases sold. Cheyenne Council #801 sells Tootsie Roll Pops.

Since this programs inception in Wyoming in 1975, sales have fluctuated from year to year. In 2006, eight councils participated. In 2007, six Councils participated.

There is no better time than now to thank the Councils for supporting the Manual Michael Davila Funds for Charity. Too often, we become so involved with day-to-day business that we neglect to thank you, the members, who make our very existence and our every achievement possible.

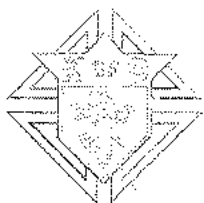
RECAP: One letter of appeal was sent to each Grand Knight, Program Chairman and State Officers. The letter was to be read by the Grand Knights at their council meeting and was informative for the State Officers and Program Chairman's. The letter of appeal was sent out in January. A packet was also sent to the Grand Knights in January. This packet contained forms and instructions. Another letter of appeal was given to the Grand Knights, State Officers and Program Chairman, along with a complimentary Tootsie Roll at the 87th State Convention.

In contention for the Manual Michael Davila Funds for Charities award were Gillette and Torrington. First place was Gillette Council #3447 with a net revenue of \$9,272.21. Torrington Council #6623 came in second with a net revenue of \$3,290.25.

It has been a joy working for you and with you.

Fraternally yours,

Roland "Nick" Eckes
Intellectual Disabilities Chairman



Knights of Columbus

WYOMING STATE COUNCIL

MANUAL MICHAEL DAVILA FUNDS FOR CHARITIES 2007

COUNCIL	CASES BOUGHT	CASES SOLD	TOTAL REVENUE	LESS EXPENSE	NET REVENUE	STATE 10%	RETURN 90%	90% DONATED AS FOLLOWS:
Buffalo					0.00	0.00	0.00	
Casper #1563					0.00	0.00	0.00	
Casper #9917					0.00	0.00	0.00	
Cheyenne	0	0	2,399.11	135.26	2,263.65	226.39	2,037.47	Sacred Heart/ARC/East High School/Magic City
Cody					0.00	0.00	0.00	
Douglas/Glenrock					0.00	0.00	0.00	
Evanston					0.00	0.00	0.00	
Ft Bridger/Mt View					0.00	0.00	0.00	
Gillette	45	42	9,272.21		9,272.21	927.22	8,344.99	Campbell County Special Olympics
Green River					0.00	0.00	0.00	
Graybull/Basin					0.00	0.00	0.00	
Jackson					0.00	0.00	0.00	
Kemmerer					0.00	0.00	0.00	
Lander	120	120	4,267.00	2,070.00	2,197.00	219.70	1,977.30	Senior Special Olympics of Lander
Laramie					0.00	0.00	0.00	
Laramie UW					0.00	0.00	0.00	
Newcastle					0.00	0.00	0.00	
Pine Bluffs	34	34	1,170.50	649.00	521.50	52.15	469.35	Laramie County School District #2
Pinedale					0.00	0.00	0.00	
Powell					0.00	0.00	0.00	
Rawlins						0.00	0.00	
Riverton					0.00	0.00	0.00	
Rock Springs					0.00	0.00	0.00	
Saratoga					0.00	0.00	0.00	
Sheridan	70	70	3,327.00	1,207.50	2,119.50	211.95	1,907.55	RENEW & Council 2104
Thermoplis					0.00	0.00	0.00	
Torrington	170	170	6,222.25	2,932.00	3,290.25	329.03	2,961.23	Wy Child & Family Develop St. Josephs & D.S.I.
Wheatland					0.00	0.00	0.00	
Worland					0.00	0.00	0.00	
TOTALS	439	436	\$26,658.07	\$6,993.76	\$19,664.31	\$1,966.43	\$17,697.88	

Roland "Nick" Eckes

Intellectual Disabilities Chairman



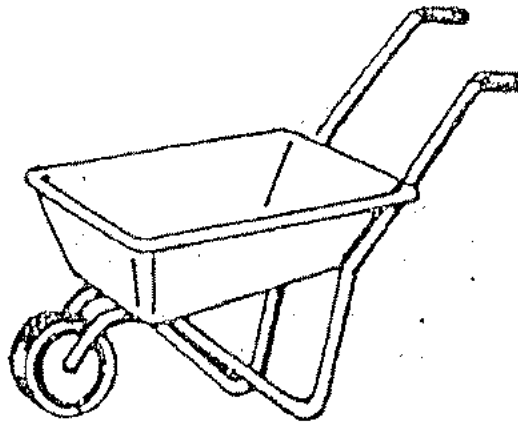
Knights of Columbus

WYOMING STATE COUNCIL

HELPING THE INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED IS LIKE A WHEELBARROW

It won't go unless

YOU



PUSH IT!



Knights of Columbus

WYOMING STATE COUNCIL

Brother Knights,

Thank you for your continued and additional support of the Manual Michael Davila Funds for Charities. Your generosity and prayers are so important to our work. It is clear to me that you understand how important it is that we help those in need. That's why I feel I can ask you, my brother Knights, once again, to respond to this appeal on behalf of the intellectually disabled.

This appeal is on behalf of those **whom we haven't reached yet**. I firmly believe that Knight's like you will want to help people with intellectual disabilities.

I am hoping you will find it in your heart to answer this appeal by doing a candy drive to help the intellectually disabled in your community.

People with intellectual disabilities is the largest disability population in the world.

In Wyoming about 9,200 people are intellectually disabled. Only about 95 of the 9,200 live in institutions. Special Olympics currently provide year-round sports training and competition to over 900 adults and children with intellectual disabilities throughout Wyoming.

Fraternally yours,

Roland "Nick" Eckes
Campaign for People with
Intellectual Disabilities Chairman



Knights of Columbus

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Roland "Nick" Eches

Intellectual Disabilities Chairman

MANUAL MICHAEL DAVILA FUNDS FOR CHARITIES

State of Wyoming

NET REVENUE

(unofficial tabulation)

Council	CY1996	CY1997	CY1998	CY1999	CY2000	CY2001	CY2002	CY2003	CY2004	CY2005	CY2006	CY2007	CY2008	CY2009	CY2010
Buffalo				611.42	792.64	1,181.16	1,572.98	1,000.00	1,169.00	1,000.00					
Casper #1563															
Casper #9917															
Cheyenne	601.60		723.46	692.13		835.26	962.50	943.40	1,144.08	1,317.78	1,270.61	2,263.85			
Cody															
Douglas/Glenrock															
Evanston	643.79		1,332.00	1,822.25											
Fl Bridger/Mt View	102.19														
Gillette	2,612.33	919.18	2,400.00	2,051.75	1,952.19	3,119.32	4,331.05	4,911.31	6,140.56	7,701.33	9,462.02	9,272.21			
Green River			991.25												
Greybull/Basin	942.50	663.25	983.75	721.50	1,075.50										
Jackson		501.00	1,662.49		3,505.00	2,222.00									
Kemmerer															
Lander	1,701.00	2,148.50	1,887.00	2,013.55	2,133.25	2,112.50	2,261.00	2,111.75	2,120.00	2,473.00	2,525.00	2,197.00			
Laramie			390.00												
Newcastle			453.75												
Newman Center															
Pine Bluffs	386.00	391.00	484.70	598.35	628.12	833.50	681.75	671.25	636.90	668.40	579.75	521.50			
Powell															
Rawlins					1,173.50	770.00			692.50		341.00				
Riverton	1,213.52		382.28			492.71	210.00	172.50							
Rock Springs			328.65	487.00	593.00	178.00									
Saratoga	610.54	515.60	618.75	1,019.50	715.75	707.13					661.00				
Shendan	1,911.01	1,287.50	797.75	1,173.84	1,345.00	1,140.00	1,331.00	1,413.75	1,362.38	1,411.50	1,848.50	2,119.50			
Thermopolis			53.25		170.00										
Torrington	3,109.70	3,109.70	3,240.00	3,125.07	3,341.25	3,341.25	3,353.75	2,477.00	1,601.25	2,726.50	1,964.00	3,290.25			
Wheatland															
Worland			175.00												
Totals	13,834.18	9,535.73	16,904.08	12,302.81	17,425.20	16,732.83	14,704.03	13,700.96	14,866.67	17,298.51	18,651.88	19,684.31	0.00	0.00	0.00

Change from Heaven

The purpose of the program is to assist the Wyoming Knights of Columbus Michael J. McGivney Burse for Seminarian Education.

How the Program Works

1. Councils collect pocket change throughout the year at council meetings and any other function they deem appropriate to collect change.
2. Change is brought to the state convention by the delegates.
3. Saturday morning, roll call will be taken and as the council number is called, the delegates will come forward with the change they have collected.
4. Change will be placed in a suitable container (barrel, wheelbarrow, etc.)
5. After all councils have been called and deposited the change they collected throughout the year, the change will be removed, and counted.
6. After counting of change is completed, the amount collected will be reported to those present at the meeting.
7. Change will be deposited to the Wyoming Knights of Columbus Michael J. McGivney Burse for Seminarian Education.



Knights of Columbus
Membership Director/Retention Chairman
WYOMING STATE COUNCIL
Report 2007/2008

Dear State Secretary,

As reported at the 2007 Summer meetings and at the 2008 Winter meetings, I would like to report that I have no numbers to report. It is my hope that the councils around the state did not need any help. And that their membership numbers were reported to the District Deputies and the State Deputy. I would like to thank Regional Program Consultant, Mr. Rod Hofschulte, for his reports, up-dates and inspiration. I have no doubt his efforts have greatly helped our State Council.

As a reminder to all Council Grand Knights and Membership Directors. I believe it is our duty, to all Catholic gentleman, to offer this stewardship of service the Knights of Columbus offers. With our Church, Youth, Family, Council and Community programs there are many areas of service available to all of us. All of what we do is a recruitment opportunity. Weather we are handing out lollipops or hosting a state convention, we are Knights of Columbus. Be proud of it. Have council achievements on display. When appropriate, set out pictures, scrap books, awards, thank you letters, hand out Knights of Columbus literature. Don't throw out your old Knights of Columbus magazines, rather put your telephone number by your name and hand those out as well. What a great way to show who we are, and what we do around the world. Get with your Knights of Columbus insurance agent and hold a membership blitz. Be sure to invite wives and entire families if possible. And the most important thing is to ask them to join. Welcome these men, and get them busy. Think back, is that not how you started.

Vivat Jesus,

Jim Venjohn / Membership Director – Retention Chairman



Knights of Columbus

Multilingual Operations Chairman
Fr. Charles A. Bartek Council, 9431
Jackson, Wyoming

April 22, 2008

REPORT TO THE KofC STATE CONVENTION - Gillette 2008

Worthy State Deputy Doug Gasseling and Brother Knights all:

Last year I reported to you that the Hispanic population in the Diocese of Cheyenne was growing significantly. I also explained that this historically Catholic segment of our population was being encouraged by a host of other local community religious denominations to leave their Catholic roots. They were being enticed with offers of jobs, monetary support and alternative religious fulfillment. We know that there is no substitute for the Catholic religion, yet the other denominations are confusing the Hispanics with Spanish language services and religious statues including the Image of the Virgin Mary (Our Lady of Guadalupe) as part of their services.

Last Fall, I did a survey for Bishop Ricken that identified a lack of many religious educational material in our parishes for the first generation immigrant Hispanic families. Later this spring, we hope to remedy this need with a source of books on the catechism and other educational materials that will enable religious education in the Spanish language. We have to reach the immigrant in their native language. As Knights, you can do your part to encourage your pastor(s) to reach out to the Hispanic families in your community. These families are culturally Catholic, but they will not remain of the Catholic religion if we allow other religions to supercede our efforts. We must remember that we want them to remain Catholic and the boys and their fathers to become men of the Knights.

I continue to encourage us to reach out to the immigrant population, foster the pro-life and family values that are the basis of our mission. Bishop Ricken is working hard to bring in outside priests to augment our complement of Diocesan priests who are stretched thin when it comes to ministering to the non-English speaking immigrant. As Knights, we can open our councils to new membership. Find the immigrant leaders, secure their presence in our parishes and work through them to reach the immigrant families. While

presence in our parishes and work through them to reach the immigrant families. While I've encouraged inner-parish activities like family gatherings, mentoring of old parish members with new parish families, youth activities like Cub Scout soccer packs, I see great opportunities in Bishop Ricken's new Diocesan programs that will bring the immigrant to church before another denomination pulls them away.

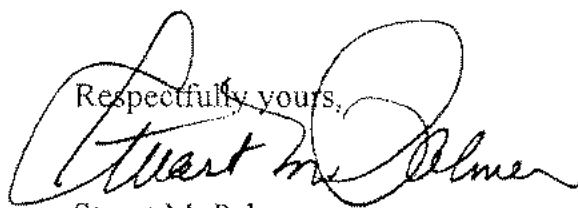
In Jackson Hole, we have been blessed with a bilingual pastor specifically assigned to minister to the needs of our Hispanic parishioners. As I've said, the Hispanic population in Wyoming is rapidly growing. There are places like Wamsutter, east of Rock Springs that has a new population of Spanish speaking oil field workers. This can be found across the state. Thanks to Fr. Beavers in Rock Spring, his parish is reaching out to Wamsutter with periodic Spanish masses that did not exist a year ago.

Last year, I reported to you about the crisis of marriage within the Hispanic population. With 2 of every 3 couples living together without marriage, we have a challenge before us. With over 50% of immigrant births illegitimate, we have a crisis. We want them to be Catholic and the boys to become men of the Knights.

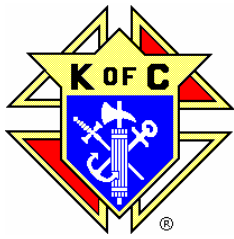
Pastors can not do it all. It is up to us as Knights of Columbus to reach out to the first generation immigrants in our midst. They will assimilate quickly, especially with their children learning English in our schools. We have the values and morals that must be shared in order to ensure a stronger and better informed Catholic population.

If your parish hasn't a strategy to reach out to the immigrant, please consider helping your pastor and parish council develop the means to help Bishop Ricken accommodate the changing face of the Catholic population within the Diocese of Cheyenne. Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stuart M. Palmer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Stuart" being more prominent and the last name "Palmer" following in a similar style.

Stuart M. Palmer
Director of Multilingual Operations
Knights of Columbus - State of Wyoming



Knights of Columbus

Family Activities Directors, David and Dolores Langerman

April 22, 2008

Worthy State Deputy, State Chaplain, Supreme Representative, Brother Knights All:

Our complements to the Councils in Sheridan, Rock Springs, Laramie, Riverton, Gillette, and Green River for their participation in the Knight Family of the Month program. Our congratulations to the families of Kevin and Kara Montez, Laramie Council 2720 and Joseph and Pamela Welter, Riverton Council 3237 for having been recognized by the Supreme Council as June 2007 Families of the Month. And our congratulations to the family of Ralph and Regina Blommel of Council 2104 in Sheridan for having been recognized as November 2007 Family of the Month by the Supreme Council.

We introduced ourselves to the Councils in a letter sent last July. In that communication we emphasized the importance of family in the Knights of Columbus, and the importance of recognizing Knight families and reporting on family events. In that letter we pointed out that the family is the cornerstone of society and the basic unit of the church. We informed the councils that last year only one council reported conducting a family event, and while we were sure that most councils held such events they just went unreported. We followed up with two E-mails to all the Councils for which we could get addresses. In one of those E-mails we suggested that councils include designating a recorder to document the activity as part of the planning. I spoke with some of the Worthy District Deputies asking that they inform me of any Family Activities reported via them.

We have it on good authority that August saw a variety of family events such as socials and picnics throughout the Knights community of Wyoming. However, the details and their amusing anecdotes must go without recounting here, as they were never shared with the Family Activities Directors. We have to believe that they were similar to the family picnic enjoyed by the parish family of Holy Rosary in Lander. The Knights grilled up lots of burgers and hot dogs to go with the vast variety of salads, side dishes and deserts brought by parishioners. The horseshoe pits rang with ringers and banter while kids squealed happily as they ran by in a blissful blur. New parishioners were introduced and made to feel welcome. News was shared with neighbors where the sad were comforted with hugs of consolation and happiness was met with hugs of joy.

We have two challenges ahead of us. First, involvement within the Church as a family has to compete more and more with secular pursuits such as intramural sports and other interests of our children. The Holy Father's cautions about relativism is no less relevant when comparing Church based family activities and secular pursuits. The other challenge is our fraternal reluctance to share our experiences and accounts of those family activities we do have with the rest of our order.

We are honored to have been selected to serve as your Family Activities Directors. Please feel free to contact us directly. We look forward to a new Columbian year filled with family oriented Knights activities.

God Bless our families.

April 2008

Wyoming State Deputy
Douglas A Gasseling
P O Box 20243
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003

Worthy State Deputy, District Deputys and State Officers:

Father Michael J McGivney was an idealist, he was a man whose youthful vision and creativity expanded and matured even as his physical well being diminished. Father McGivney born 1852 died 1890, apostle to the young protector of family life and founder of the Knights of Columbus.

The order of the Knights of Columbus has established the Father McGivney Guild to promote the canonization of our founder. The goal of the guild is to spread the good word about his holiness, and to seek intercession before the throne of god. The sainthood cause of the founder of the Knights of Columbus has taken a major step forward. On March 15 Pope Benedict XVI approved a decree of heroic virtues for Father Michael McGivney, a US priest who after establishing the Knights of Columbus, worked as pastor until his death at age 38. Father McGivney can be beatified if a miracle is attributed to his intercession. Canonization—a declaration of sainthood—requires an additional miracle.

Membership is open to any one who wishes to share the mission to his memory and prays for Father McGivney's Canonization. As a member of the Guild you will receive a news letter every three months. It is free to any one that inroles in the Guild.

Membership at the supreme level is 126,000. The roman process of investigating his holiness is nearing completion. Our guild membership in Wyoming as of 318. The spritual heritage of Father McGivney is his precious gift to the Knights of Columbus, we owe it to him and the church to share his gift with those we meet. 2

Fraternally Yours
Father McGivney Guild Chairman

James C Walport



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88th Annual Meeting
Of the
Wyoming State
Council
Of the
Knights of Columbus

April 25-27, 2008
Gillette, Wyoming

Resolutions

Resolution 1

Whereas the Knights of Columbus has pledged loyalty to the hierarchy of the Catholic Church; and

Whereas the delegates to the state convention have been honored by the annual attendance of the Bishop of the Diocese of Cheyenne at their annual meetings;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Wyoming State Council extend its appreciation and best wishes to Bishop David L. Ricken with prayers for continued good health, wisdom and inspiration for leadership of the Catholic Church in Wyoming.

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

Resolutions committee recommendation. Do pass

Resolution, Passed

Resolution 2

Whereas the Wyoming Knights of Columbus relies on the unwavering good advice and council from the Supreme Knights of Columbus:

Therefore be it resolved that the Wyoming State Council convey its fraternal appreciation to the Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, 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

Be it 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. Do pass

Resolution, Passed

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 the Supreme Representative and his lovely wife, its sincere appreciation for their attendance and participation in this state convention: and

Therefore, be it further resolved that the Knights of Columbus pray that God continues to grant John and Anne Harrison, 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. Do Pass
Resolution, Passed

Resolution 4

Whereas the Wyoming State Knights of Columbus believes that Father Michael J McGivney was and is a truly Blessed Priest inspired by God.

Therefore be it resolved that the Wyoming State Council continues to pray that the will of God may prevail in the cause for the beatification of Father Michael J, McGivney, founder of the Knights of Columbus.

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

Resolutions committee recommendation. Do Pass
Resolution, Passed

Resolution 5

Whereas the Knights of Columbus respects life from conception to natural death; and

Whereas the Knights of Columbus stands firm against taking of a 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. Do pass
Resolution, Passed**

Resolution 6

Whereas the fight to save our unborn children had been, and continues to be one of our Order's most important projects; and

Whereas we hold dear to our hearts the blessed teachings of our Holy Catholic Church; and

Whereas we will always strive to do whatever we can to protect the lives of our unborn brothers and sisters; and

Whereas we honor our country and show respect for our flag at each meeting, by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance;

Therefore, be it resolved that, at each meeting of the Knights of Columbus, we show our support of the unborn and our confirm our commitment to their aid and to each other by adding, at the end of the Pledge of Allegiance, after "LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL", these words "BORN AND UNBORN".

[Submitted by Wind River Council 3237 Riverton]

**Resolutions committee recommendation. Do pass
Resolution, Passed**

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 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 Church 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.

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

Resolutions committee recommendation. Do pass

Resolution, Passed

Resolution 8

Whereas the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus had recognized the risk that full-time policemen, firefighters and emergency medical technicians undertake on a daily basis in the course of their work; and

Whereas the Supreme Council had in place a compensation package, the Matthews and Swift Educational Trust Fund, for the next of kin of the Knights of Columbus killed in the line of duty; and

Whereas there are Knights of Columbus who serve as volunteer emergency response personnel, all heroes who place their lives on the line every time they are called to duty; and

Whereas these men risk their lives and livelihoods for rural communities that depend on volunteer services;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Wyoming State Council submit a resolution to the Supreme Council that these volunteers receive the same compensation afforded the Knights of Columbus who are full-time emergency response personnel.

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

Resolutions committee recommendation. Do pass

Resolution, Passed

Resolution 9

Whereas the subordinate councils of the Wyoming State Council participated in the 2007 Keep Christ in Christmas/ Send Religious Christmas Cards program to spread the message of the true meaning of Christmas and to raise funds for specific council charities; and

Whereas the Wyoming State Council receives a profit from the 2007 keep Christ in Christmas/Send Religious Christmas Cards program; and

Whereas the delegates of the 2007 state convention determined 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 2007 Keep Christ in Christmas, be selected by the convention host council.

Resolutions committee recommendation. Do pass

Resolution, passed

[Submitted by the Wyoming State Council]

Resolution 10

Whereas the Mileage and Per Diem Committee has determined it is worthwhile to promote attendance at the state officer meetings and state conventions;

Therefore, be it resolved that delegates to the state convention be reimbursed **Sixty three** dollars per diem, and that local councils be encouraged to pay the balance of expenses for their own state convention delegates; and

Be it further resolved that state officers, district deputies, state committee chairpersons, and past state deputies receive reimbursement of **thirty-five** cents per mile and **sixty three** dollars per diem

[Submitted by the mileage and Per Diem Committee]

Resolutions committee recommendation. Do pass

Resolution, Passed

Resolution 11

Whereas current provisions specify that the Wyoming State Council pay for the bishop of the Diocese of Cheyenne to attend Supreme Convention, without reference to retired bishops of the diocese; and

Whereas retired bishops are held in the highest esteem by grateful members of the diocese; and

Whereas every effort should be made to continue to afford them distinguished status within the Knights of Columbus;

Therefore be it resolved that the Wyoming State Council reimburse airfare to attend the 2008 Supreme Convention to any retired bishops of the Diocese of Cheyenne who are members of the Knights of Columbus.

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

Resolutions committee recommendation. Do pass

Resolution, Passed

Resolution 12

Whereas the Wyoming State Council annually appropriates funds to send the diocesan bishop and state chaplain to the Supreme Convention; and

Whereas the success of the Wyoming State Council relies upon its knowledge of the Supreme Council functions; and

Whereas it would be appropriate to afford the opportunity to attend supreme conventions to as many knights as possible;

Therefore be it resolved that, in the event the diocesan bishop and /or state chaplain is/ are unable to attend a supreme convention, the remaining state officers in succession from the state secretary to the state warden be afforded the opportunity to attend with the appropriated funds.

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

Resolutions committee recommendation, Do pass

Resolution, Passed

Resolution 13

Whereas the fight to protect the lives of the unborn children has been, and continues to be one of the most important efforts of the Knights of Columbus; and

Whereas the Knights of Columbus holds dear the teachings of the Catholic Church; and

Whereas the Knights of Columbus stands firm against taking the life of a human being by abortion;

Therefore be it resolved to support the March for Life in Cheyenne, Wyoming and a pro-life chair couple should be appointed and sent to the March for life from the state council and one from each Knights of Columbus council in Wyoming; The State Council shall pay mileage and one day per diem for the State Pro-Life couple from their home council, and each local council will be encouraged to pay one day per diem and mileage to their pro-life chair couple to attend the March for Life.

[Submitted by Council 3477 Gillette]

**Resolutions committee recommendation. Do pass
Resolution, Passed**

Resolution 14

Whereas over 100,000 people in the United States of America are on waiting lists for organ and tissue transplantation, and more names being added to the list daily and with similar numbers in other countries where the Knights of Columbus is active; and

Whereas that number most certainly includes a percentage of members of the Knights of Columbus in the United States and other countries; and

Whereas the transplantation list included men, women, and children waiting for liver, lungs, heart and heart valves, kidneys, pancreas, corneas, skin, tendons, and veins; and

Whereas his Holiness Pope John Paul II, called organ and tissue donation “An Act of Charity and Fraternal Love,” with transplantation morally and ethically acceptable to the Vatican.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Wyoming State Council, Knights of Columbus hereby proposes that the /Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus create an Organ Donor Awareness program to educate members worldwide of the importance of becoming organ and tissue donors.

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

Resolutions committee recommendation. Do pass

Resolution, Passed

Resolution 15

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;

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;

Be it further resolved that, every council sign on the third door shall be no larger in height than three inches;

Be it further resolved that, if any council 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 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]

Resolutions committee recommendation. Do pass

Resolution, Passed

Resolution 16

Whereas the Most Reverend David Ricken, Bishop of Cheyenne, is on the Project Moses Advisory Board; and

Whereas the Wyoming Knights of Columbus are the right hand of our Bishop; and

Whereas Project Moses is a non-profit organization providing 10 commandments and beatitudes monuments to faith communities.

Therefore be it resolved, that the Councils of Wyoming are urged to take the lead in fulfilling our Bishop's goal of a monument in every parish, mission parish and Catholic School.

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

Resolutions committee recommendation. Do pass

Resolution, Passed

Resolution 17

Whereas the Wyoming State Council is grateful to the host council of the 88th annual Knights of Columbus state convention;

Therefore, be it resolved that the officers and delegates here assembled recognize Monsignor James Ruddy Council 3477 of Gillette, Wyoming and their families, for their excellent efforts in planning and hosting the 2008 state convention , and be it further resolved that the Wyoming State Council thank Council 3477 for their hospitality and congratulate 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. Do pass

Resolution, Passed

Resolution 18

Whereas Special Olympics of Wyoming provides year around competition and training for Special Olympic 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 2007-2008 fraternal year proceeds from the Manual Michael Davila Fund for Charities to Wyoming Special Olympics.

[Submitted by Council 3477, Gillette, Wyoming]

**Resolutions committee recommendation. Do pass
Resolution, Passed**

Resolution 19

Whereas the Wyoming Knights of Columbus passed Resolution 25 at the 2006 Convention to invest in the Christopher fund; and

Whereas Supreme matched the Funds the Wyoming Knights of Columbus invested in the Christopher fund; and

Whereas Supreme will issue a check after April 1 each year of the interest earned, to the charities named by resolution by the Wyoming Knights of Columbus; and

Whereas the charities named by such resolution must be tax exempt in accordance with IRS rules and such documentation will need to be sent to Supreme.

Therefore be it resolved that 60 percent of the interest be given to the St. Joseph's society and 40 percent be given to Wyoming Knights of Columbus Michael J. McGivney Burse for Seminarian Education. These two charities shall remain as the benefactors of the Christopher fund until such time that a different charity is designated by resolution.

[Submitted by the Wyoming State Knights of Columbus]

Resolutions committee recommendation. Do Pass

Resolution, Passed

Resolution 20

Whereas the Knights of Columbus is an organization that believes in electing Moral Leaders that will vote for moral issues; and

Whereas the Knights of Columbus support leaders that believe in moral issues;

Therefore be it resolved that the Councils of Wyoming State Council and worldwide councils hold a 24 hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the eve of National and State Elections. Asking the Holy Spirit to guide Brother Knights and Catholics to vote for moral candidates and moral issues that are pending.

[Submitted by Council 3034 of Powell, Wy]

Resolutions committee recommendation. Do pass

Resolution, Passed

Resolution 21

Whereas the Knights of Columbus is an organization that needs membership to survive; and

Whereas a member needs to be a third degree to hold office in the Council and needs the experience of the second and third degree; and

Whereas the expense of bringing a 2nd and 3rd degree team is getting higher;

Therefore be it resolved that when there is a degree to be held, The hosting council needs to make sure that there is at least 10 candidates. These candidates will be charged a \$25.00 initiation fee per candidate payable to the hosting council. (This should be paid by the candidates home council.) It will be the hosting council's responsibility to see that the degree team is paid.

[Submitted by the Wyoming State Council]

Resolutions committee recommendation. Do not pass

Resolution, Did not pass

Resolution 22

Whereas the first Catholic mass was offered on July, 5, 1840 by Father Pierre-Jean DeSmet at a site along the Green River near Daniel, Wyoming; and

Whereas it takes a certain amount of funds to maintain the monument;

Be it further resolved that at said time if and when Council Father Pierre DeSmet Council shall decide to take this activity over. All moneys shall be transferred to the Father Pierre DeSmet Council's DeSmet account as well as any future payments thereof.

[Submitted by Frank Piemel Council 2441]

Resolution withdrawn by council 2441

Resolution 23

Whereas the Knights of Columbus prides itself on respecting and promoting life; and

Whereas birthmothers are or will be seeking to reenter, or enter a career field, or continuing their education, career or vocational counseling; and

Whereas there is a fund set up for scholarship's for these birthmother's needs,

Therefore be it resolved that the Knights of Columbus support the above premise by encouraging subordinate councils and individual Knights to support the scholarship fund that is administered by Catholic Charities and distributes the scholarship's as to the needs of the applicant.

[Submitted by Council 6623 Torrington, Wyoming]

Resolutions Committee recommendation. Do pass

Resolution, Passed

Resolution 24

Whereas the Knights of Columbus is an organization that is founded upon the principal of Charity; and

Whereas at the State Convention we are asking for the council's to participate in a program called **Change from Heaven** ; and

Whereas this is a program that will be done from now on at future State convention's

Therefore be it resolved that the money's collected from the Council's at a roll call vote, will be distributed to the Knights of Columbus Fr McGivney Burst for seminarian education, and the Charitable trust at a even split. The council with the most change in dollars will be recognized at the convention.

[Submitted by the Wyoming State Council]

**Resolutions Committee recommendation. Do pass
Resolution, Passed**

Resolution 25

Whereas the Wyoming Knights of Columbus supports the church and priests in Wyoming; and

Whereas the Charitable Trust is set up to support future seminarians and our retired priests in the distant future; and

Whereas our current current priests and seminarians need our support now ; and

Whereas we are establishing a new program Change from Heaven;

Be it resolved that the proceeds from this new program go directly to support the Wyoming Knights of Columbus Michael J. McGivney Burse for Seminarians Education and the St Joseph's Society, Clergy Retirement fund of the Diocese of Wyoming. To support our current seminarians and priests, and those priests that have served us faithfully in the past, and on into the future

[Submitted by Phil Sheridan Council 2104 Sheridan, Wyoming]

Withdrawn by council 2104

	Do Pass	Do not pass
Resolution 1	X	
Resolution 2	X	
Resolution 3	X	
Resolution 4	X	
Resolution 5	X	
Resolution 6	X	
Resolution 7	X	
Resolution 8	X	
Resolution 9	X	
Resolution 10	X	
Resolution 11	X	
Resolution 12	X	
Resolution 13	X	
Resolution 14	X	
Resolution 15	X	
Resolution 16	X	
Resolution 17	X	
Resolution 18	X	
Resolution 19	X	
Resolution 20	X	
Resolution 21		X
Resolution 22	Withdrawn	
Resolution 23	X	
Resolution 24	X	
Resolution 25	Withdrawn	

Respectfully Submitted

Carl Joe Welte
State Advocate



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Monsignor Thomas F. O'Reilly Council 1563
Grand Knight Michael R. Vick

April 1, 2008

Worthy State Deputy, State Chaplin, Supreme Representative, Brother Knights all;

We the Knights of council 1563 respectfully present the list of activities for the last year.

In July we cleaned the play area of Saint Anthony's Tri parish school, then the brother knights and family members went out for pizza.

In August we put on a picnic for our knights and their families.

In September we had a spaghetti dinner in support of the Priests, unfortunately the turn out from the parish was only enough to break even.

In October we put on an Ocktoberfest with real German foods, again in support of the Priests, unfortunately the turn out from the parish was not enough to cover our costs.

In November we cooked meals for the Fall conference; Meals for the R.A.D. retreat (Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday); we also held a Life Saver Sunday at St. Anthony's and Our Lady of Fatima.

In December we set up the Nativity Scene in the Grotto at St. Anthony's.

In January we took down the Nativity Scene in the Grotto at St. Anthony's. We also participated in the Church breakfasts after the 8:30 mass.

In February we participated in the Church breakfasts after the 8:30 mass, cooked breakfast for the Youth Retreat, and began our annual Lenten Fish Dinners.

In March we participated in the Church breakfasts after the 8:30 mass, and finished our annual Lenten Fish Dinners, held annual Lenten Raffle of handmade Crucifix and three other prizes, cooked breakfast for the Youth Retreat Amazing (G)Race.



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**James M. Borzea, Grand Knight
Frank Plemel Council #2441
Rock Springs, WY**

Grand Knight's Report for 2007 – 2008

This past year has been a very busy and rewarding year for Frank Plemel Council #2441. We began the year with our annual DeSmet Mass in Daniel, Wyoming. Bishop Ricken usually celebrates this Mass but was unable to do so this year. Rev. Robert Lynch from Pinedale celebrated the Mass this year at the DeSmet Monument, approximately 15 miles Northwest of Pinedale. The Mass was followed by a picnic in the Pinedale Town Park which was prepared by members of our Council. Members of Father Pierre DeSmet Council #9756 from Pinedale assisted us with this event this year and are anticipating taking this over sometime in the future.

Many members got together for several weekends this summer to remove and install a new roof on our Council Hall. This was a project that has been needed to be accomplished for some time now and through the help of many dedicated members along with assistance from the building community we were able to accomplish this large job with no expenses to our Council.

On August 25 members of our Council with their families together with widows of deceased members joined together to celebrate Mass at S.C.M. Parish Center. After Mass everyone went over to the Parish Center and had a wonderful spaghetti dinner. This was followed by presentation of many awards to our membership including Knight of the Year, Family of the Year, Officer Pins, 1st degree Team certification cards, Knight in Shining Armor award, Top Recruiter plaque, 25 and 50 year pins, and certificates of appreciation. Widows of deceased Knights were given corsages at Mass and were our special guests. Lydia Giovanini, widow of George who had been an officer in our Council for many years and had recently died, was presented with a memorial plaque. John Case who is our current lector and past Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, and long time officer was presented with an embroidered K of C jacket. Special guests for the event included our 2 priests, Rev. Car Beavers and Rev. Killian Muli, our Deacon and Past Grand Knight Charles Lux and his wife PhilAnn, our State Deputy Doug Gasseling and his wife Christy, and our District Deputy Stephen Allen and his wife Rachelle. Our priests were presented with engraved letter openers. Attendance was great for this event.

A Parish picnic and Mass was held at our local downtown Park which our Council cooked for. Each month on the 1st Sunday members of our Council put their tuxedos on and serves at a Mass at O.L.S. and S.C.M Church. We alternate Masses each month in order that our presence will be seen at all Masses throughout the year. We serve as altar boy, Eucharistic ministers, lector, and ushers. We also served the Christmas Midnight Mass this year once again. This year we began serving fish dinners on the 1st Friday of each month for the Parish Community. This has been a good fundraiser and Community booster for us.

For the past several years we have served the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner for the community. This was once again a great success. We served Lenten fish dinners on alternating Fridays with the C.C.W. preparing dinner on the other Fridays. We continue to sponsor a seminarian each year and donated \$500 to the RSVP program again this past year. We also donated money to our Parish's Youth group as well as our local Boy Scout Troop. We distributed right to life lollipops after all Masses in October and were able to donate to right to life charities as a result. Many of our members attend the Pro-Life Rosary and Benediction on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

We helped out our local Catholic School this year by soliciting donations for their annual auction and fundraiser. Members helped out during the auction by tending bar and by being spotters during the auction. This was a great fundraiser for our school. We participated in the State K of C Marian devotion by joining with our local Pro-Life group and holding a prayer service for parishioners. Each year on Mother's Day our members hand out carnations to all the mothers in our Parish after Masses.

Our Council was the only one in the state to have achieved Star Council status this past year and we are hoping to do so again this year. We held a 2nd & 3rd degree exemplification in March which was well attended. We conducted a membership blitz in October which resulted in a couple new members and we are planning on having another 1st degree exemplification prior to State convention which will hopefully meet our membership quota. Thanks to help from our insurance agent Jerry Hoeffler we have reached our insurance quota for the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

James M. Borzea, Grand Knight Council 2441

Knights of Columbus
#2578
Thermopolis, Wyoming
2007-2008

Activities

- New fishing equipment and license were presented to new pastor, Father Hugo Blotsky, OSB. Several Knights took him fishing to break in the equipment.
- The Knights cooked for dinner after a special outdoor Mass
- 8 Knights and friends cleaned the assigned highway section
- The First Annual Knights Yard Sale is planned for May 3 to raise funds for high school senior scholarships and other activities
- Knights provided music and served at fourth of the month Sunday Mass from July through February.
- Knights provided alter servers for several funerals

T.J. Schoenewald, Grand Knight



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St. Laurence O'Toole Council 2720

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April 2008

Worthy State Deputy, State Chaplain, Supreme Representative, Brother Knights and all;

RE: 2007-2008 Grand Knight Report

My Brother Knights, as Grand Knight of St. Laurence O'Toole Council 2720, it has been my honor to serve and be deeply involved in numerous activities. With my Brothers, I have helped our priest, parish, parishioners, the Catholic school and our community. I am also on the Parish Council and a scribe for our 4th Degree Assembly 2872.

First and foremost, I would like to thank all of my officers that helped me make it through another year. We hold a meeting every third Wednesday of the month. We start every meeting by praying the rosary at 6:30 with the meeting to follow after the ode has been sung and the Pledge of Allegiance been said. Our meetings are small but effective.

We donate to R.S.V.P., Morality to Media, Heart to Heart Pregnancy Center, Special Olympics, and this year we had a fellow brother down on his luck.

Our brothers have helped out this year with things such as ushers, lectors, Eucharist Ministers, CCD, confirmation classes and RCIA candidates.

May 2007:

Pancake breakfast for Mother's Day

Family of the Month – John Van Heule

June 2007:

Highway cleanup with council 10773

Family of the Month – Frank Heck

July 2007:

1st Degree - 3 new members – Steven DeKlyen, Ernie Karch Jr., James Sanchez

Start Change for Change – Charitable Trust

Helped a brother knight down on his luck that was passing through

Wyoming Special Olympics

Family of the Month – James D. Bublitz

August 2007:

Parish Picnic-for about 300 of our parishioners from St. Laurence and St. Paul Newman Center

1st Degree - 2 new members – Blake Hunkins and Daniel Poelma

Set up for a formal dinner – Ray Aguilar

Family of the Month – Rev. James Schumacher

September 2007:

Highway cleanup - 1st half

Pancake breakfast

Family of the Month - Lee Marchant

October 2007:

Highway cleanup- 2nd half

Pancake breakfast

Right to Life Lollipop Drive - all month long

Family of the Month – Floyd E. Whiting

November 2007:

Sold Advent Candles, Keep Christ in Christmas cards and Project Moses plaques after all masses

Marion Hour of Prayer at St Laurence School and Church

Feast of St. Laurence O'Toole Dinner

Pancake breakfast

Family of the Month – Joe Wojton

December 2007:

Sold Advent Candles, Keep Christ in Christmas cards and Project Moses plaques after all masses

French toast breakfast

Honor Guard for Christmas midnight mass

Family of the Month – Bill Voldrich

January 2008:

Pancake breakfast

Family of the Month – Blake Hunkins

February 2008:

Breakfast on the 10th, 17th, and 24th

Setup for Anointing mass in school gym

Family of the Month – Joseph Coffman

March 2008:

Breakfast on the 2nd and 9th

Honor Guard for Easter Vigil

Family of the Month – Steven DeKlyen

April 2008:

Breakfast

Honor Guards for Confirmation and 1st Communion

Family of the Month – Robert Frausto

Thank you

Respectfully Submitted

Timothy T. Trujillo
Grand Knight



Knights of Columbus

Shoshone Council 3043

April 25th, 2008

Grand Knight's Report

Worthy State officers and Brother Knight, Jesus is Risen! Truly He is Risen! We have been greatly blessed since April 2007. We have the honor of hosting the 2010 KC State Convention in our Parish's Centennial year! Our Lord blessed us with Fr. Glen as our new Chaplain; his guidance is needed and appreciated! We started having Theology Thursdays every last Thursday of the month and we are getting to know God a little better.

Our KC scholarships are helping 4 local students in their efforts. We continue to feed the hungry with pizza, soup, breakfasts and cinnamon rolls. Our KC gift shop continues to feed the spiritual hunger of our Parish and community with Parish Priest and other great books. We are helping to feed, clothe and educate Wilson, our sponsored child. We continue to fight for life along with Catholics United for Life and Park County Teens for Life. Our Boy Scouts troop continues its work in our community.

We had our Our Lady of Guadalupe statue refurbished in time for our annual procession, Mass and dinner.

We had a huge fish fry in Lent and raised \$2000.00 for our Parish centennial!

On Founder's Day, March 29th we hosted a 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree initiation and gained 5 new members. The following Saturday, we had the best turnout for our annual yard clean up EVER!



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We are serving a Mother's Day Breakfast and putting together a softball team for a tournament in August.

We voted to support Seminarian Bob Rodgers through RSVP this year and we will put on Our St. Barbara's Parish Picnic in 2008.

On a personal note, our family was on the receiving end of a tremendous outpouring of love, prayers and charity from my Brother Knights. In November 2007, I was hospitalized and out of work for 2 months. My Brother Knights prayed for, visited and sacrificed, through personal donations for me and my family. They gave us almost \$4,000.00 to cover our health insurance deductible, and turned a disaster into a great blessing!

I am so honored to have led such great men and I am in awe of God's grace at work in our council.

Fr. Michael J. McGivney please continue to pray for us! Vivat Jesus!

Grand Knight, Thomas J. Spiering

**Knights of Columbus
Wind River Council #3237**

April 26, 2008

**Worthy State Deputy, State Chaplain, Supreme Representative
and Brother Knights all:**

**GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT
2007/2008**

My first year as Grand Knight has been marked by me gaining an appreciation of just what an awesome responsibility the Office is. We have recruited two new members, but are having difficulty in getting a First Degree accomplished for them. This is mostly because of continued scheduling conflicts. I hope to have them in the Order and active within 60 days. I have received tremendous support from my District Deputy and Past Grand Knight.

As a Council, we continue to be very active in our parish. I attribute our success in this area to the open channels of communication we have with other parish organization. I am particularly pleased that we have begun to work more actively with the Riverton Council of Catholic Women; an area where we have been lacking.

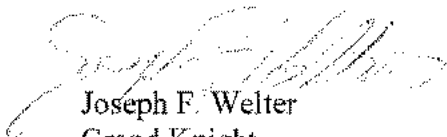
The following is a partial list of our Council's activities and projects for 2007/2008:

- 1) **Project Moses:** The Ten Commandment monument is in place. This was a parish project which was spearheaded by the Council. We are selling memorial bricks for the base of the monument, so that parishioners can remember loved ones.
- 2) **300 Club:** This is a major fundraiser for Wind River Council. Tickets are \$100.00 each, with only 300 tickets available for sale. Monthly drawings are held from June through March, alternating between cash prizes one month and a trip on the next. The fundraiser is co-chaired by Tom Atwood and Jim Barber, assisted by Chris Jones.
- 3) **Craft Fair:** The annual Craft Fair continues to be a highlight of the Christmas Season at St Margaret's Parish. George Burns puts in many hours on organizing it, and sells out all of the tables every year. At the same time, Bill Liss does a wonderful job of providing our Famous Chili Lunch at the Fair. Come early, the cinnamon rolls sell out quickly!

- 4) **Monthly Stipend to St. Margaret's School:** Our fund raising this past year has been very successful. The council voted to double our monthly donation to the school to \$200.00 per month. The money is used at the discretion of Sister Florence, the principal. She also uses some of the money for scholarships for needy students.
- 5) **St. Margaret's Staff Appreciation:** Each member of the staff received a \$25.00 gift certificate as a token of the Knight's appreciation of all that they do to help educate our students.
- 6) **Boy Scouts:** A Boy Scout Troop has been established at our Parish. The Council is the Troop's Sponsor, and some of our membership serves on the Troop Committee. We fund the needs of the troop.
- 7) **Lenten Breakfasts:** One of the parish's favorite functions is the K of C Lenten Pancake Breakfasts. They are held each Sunday during Lent beginning with the first Sunday after Ash Wednesday, with the last being on Palm Sunday. It's a very labor intensive endeavor, and we bring in Knight who may not be active during the year. Besides being a great fund raiser for the Council, it's a wonderful time for the Parish family to catch up after a long winter.
- 8) **Free Throw Contest:** An annual event chaired by Steve Gresbeck. Steve is able to reach out to all of the county schools for participants. He is assisted by six to eight Knights. Some of our past participants go on to do great things in College, and we have one "alum" in the Women's NBA.
- 9) **Family of the Month:** Chaired again this year by George Burns, Families of the month are chosen at each Business meeting. There are always deserving candidates, due to outstanding contributions made to the Council and Parish.
- 10) **Family Social Night:** We hold our Family Social Night on the fourth Monday evening of each month. We rotate the cooking duties among the Council member's families. Occasionally we have special guests on an informal basis, including recently, the State Deputy and State Insurance Representative.
- 11) **Life Saver Sunday:** The Council sells Life Saver suckers after masses the week of Right to Life Sunday.
- 12) **Gavin's Fund:** This fund was established to provide assistance to family members of parishioners who must travel for medical treatment out of town. The fund is named after the Grandson of one of our Brothers, a boy who will need a liver transplant within 5 years. While we can't do much in the way of hospital bills, we can provide his parents with "pocket money" while in St. Louis for his check ups.

- 13) **Mass in the Park:** Every August the Parish celebrates an open air Mass in Jaycee Park. The Knights provide an Honor Guard for the Celebrant, and also cook a barbeque for the parish after Mass. It is a well attended Parish outing each year.
- 14) **Catered Dinners:** Another of our fundraisers is the catering of several Christmas Parties for local organizations. Tom Atwood is graciously continuing to organize these events. The groups that we cater for include Riverton Memorial Hospital's Employee Appreciation Dinner and then their Christmas Party. We also cater the Community Entry Services' Christmas Party and the Central Wyoming College Christmas Party. All of these organizations come back year after year.

Respectfully submitted this 26th day of April, 2008.



Joseph F. Welter
Grand Knight
Wind River Council #3237



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GRAND KNIGHT
Council 3332
Buffalo, Wyoming

21 April 2008

Worthy State Deputy, State Chaplain, Supreme Representative,
Brother Knights all;

I offer you greetings from Council 3332, Buffalo Wyoming. This has been a very busy and good year. I submit the following report.

The council conducted their annual Lollipop sale, for respect life weekened, collected \$500.00. Funds were distributed between the Family Crisis Center, and the Right to Life.

A lamb dinner was served in honor of the Past Grand Knights, and the guest speaker was Jim Hasquet, Past State Deputy. The council has also held a recognition and awards gathering, where the wives are were also invited.

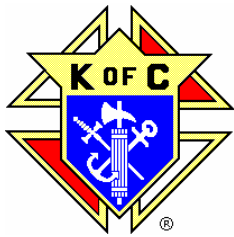
The knights held their annual Ash Wednesday Fish Fry and served over 750 people, this was the 24th Fish Fry, and it is some thing the community looks forward to very much. Our Tootsie Roll Drive raised \$900.00, the proceeds were donated to the Special Olympics here in Buffalo.

In February the Free Throw competition was held at the local level, and several individuals also competed at the state level. At present we are waiting for scholarship applications to come in from deserving Catholic Youth in our parish, the scholarship given this year will be \$1000.00.

I look forward to finishing the year on a positive note. I pray that we will have the spirit to go forward in implementing our goals and keeping our hearts in the right place.

Respectfully submitted

Arlis W. Bolinger
Arlis W. Bolinger
Grand Knight



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Grand Knight's Report for Council 3477

April 27, 2008.

Another year has come and gone. Time just seems to be flying by. It seems that just yesterday we were in Lander for the Wyoming State Convention. There is an old saying, "The busier you are the faster the time flies." Council 3477 has had a very busy year. Here are some of the activities that our council has been involved with in the past year.

- May- *We had our first annual Blue Mass and breakfast for our public servants who serve Campbell County.
*We were invited to help celebrate Sr. Carol's 50th Jubilee. We honored her with the Fourth Degree Honor Guard at her celebration mass.
- July- *Our charity bingo and our fifth Sunday breakfast proceeds went to John Paul II School to purchase athletic equipment for their physical education department.
*Our Financial Secretary, Don Scott, resigned his position to move on to new things at the state level. Our new Financial Secretary is Randy Lang.
- Aug- *Members of our council moved all of the cupboards and countertops from one work area to another work area for John Paul II School.
*We also had some members design and put new countertops in all of the classrooms and the computer lab in John Paul II School.
*We had our Fourth Degree Honor Guard present for the dedication of John Paul II School.
- Sept- *We were the cooks for the church picnic. We were also the cooks for the breakfast for the Time and Talent Search for the church.
*This was also the month for the Tootsie Roll Drive, and we collected \$9,100.
- Oct- *The Lollipop Drive was held, and we collected \$998.
- Dec- *We had our annual Thanksgiving/Christmas social.
*We catered the 1st National Bank's Christmas party. We served 120 people prime rib dinner in about 20 minutes.
- Jan- *We served breakfast for the Search Retreat for our On Solid Ground program. There were about 75 kids there.
*We hosted the district deputies' meeting for our district.
- Feb- *We hosted our Wives Appreciation and Awards Banquet. This year we showed our appreciation to our wives by giving them white Knight of Columbus rosaries.

I would like to thank Council 3477 for giving me the opportunity to serve as our Grand Knight. We have an unbelievable group of guys. I was out of commission for about three to four months over the summer, and Council 3477 never missed a beat. That just shows you that our council will be going strong and hard in the future years to come.

Grand Knight of Council 3477

Scott Hungerford

Grand Knight's Report Cody Knights of Columbus Council 4031

Worthy State Deputy, State Chaplain, Supreme Representative, Brother Knights all;

This year marked my inaugural term as Grand Knight for Council 4031. As I began the year learning the "ropes" of Grand Knight I had many great mentors helping me lead the way.

The council began the year with many undertakings in the form of charity and church works. On August 11th numerous Knights showed up to lend a hand with one of our local Habitat for Humanity houses. In September we hosted a dinner for a number of State Deputies from throughout the United States who were in Cody for a conference. The council then moved into the month of October with sponsoring an Oktoberfest which proved to be a huge success. The polka band was great and has already been booked for next year's event. During that same month we also sponsored a Halloween carnival for all the children in the parish.

Moving forward, we once again undertook one of our big fund raisers this year with the Vacation Benefit Raffle which proved successful again. Once we finished collecting raffle tickets it was time to plan for our second major fund raiser and community service projects -- the Buffalo Bill Birthday Ball. As we were working up the details for the Ball, we took some time out to organize a Christmas parade float, give money to numerous local families, and recruit a few new members. After completing these side projects, we put on another hoopin' hollerin' tribute to Cody's founder, raised awareness of Cody's history and raised some \$ for our favorite charities. The Ball proved to be our most successful to date with a profit of over \$13,000.

After completing the Ball, we decided we had not done enough cooking yet, so we cooked and sponsored a steak & salmon dinner to honor all marriages within the parish, cooked up a few Lenten breakfasts after masses, and hosted a 4th degree exemplification in April. With those culinary events over, we are now getting hungry once again and starting to plan for our parish picnic in June. Looking back it is nice to say that we supported many local charities and families in need this year, to the tune of over \$10,000.

What a great bunch of guys in Cody I had the honor to serve this year. I have graciously agreed to serve a second term and will be reporting back to everyone once again next year. Have a great State Convention and may God bless all our brother Knights for the good works you do!

Fraternally,

Alex H. Sitz III – Grand Knight Council 4031 – Cody, Wyoming 2007/8



Knights of Columbus

FATHER MARTIN KENNEDY COUNCIL, No. 5447
Lander, Wyoming 82520

Grand Knights Report 2007-2008

We have two meetings a month. The first and third Monday, starting at 7:30 PM in the basement of the C C D building. The first monthly meeting is our business meeting, and the second meeting is a social gathering.

Our primary fund raiser continues to be Bingo, which takes place every Thursday evening, starting @ 7:00 PM in the basement of the C C D building. This would not be possible without each and every volunteer giving his time to insure the success of this program. As with any volunteer program we can always use more volunteers to help spread out the workload.

Profits are returned back to the community through charitable contributions.

Contributions and services from our council have also been made as follows

CHURCH

- Greeter/ Usher at Saturday evening, and Sunday morning Mass has always been a proud and visual contribution to the church, many members of our council are also lectors, choir members, Eucharistic ministers, and altar servers.
- During Lent, breakfast was served in Boeseke Hall following the 10:00 Sunday Mass, and with the parish, a soup supper was provided for all comers on Wednesday evenings.
- An appreciation splash at the Thermopolis hot pools, with pizza and pop were donated by the Council for all altar servers and parents.
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COMMUNITY

- Twice a year, spring and fall, members of the council and parish members participate in the highway clean-up program, policing a two mile section of Highway 789 east of Lander, followed by burgers and hot dogs supplied and cooked by the council.
- We sponsor the Relay for life team which consists of parishioners of Holy Rosary Church and our council.
- Every Christmas season a billboard on Main Street in downtown Lander is posted with the "Keep Christ in Christmas" message.
- In partnership with the Lander Elks lodge # 2317 and the Holy Rosary Catholic Church, food baskets are prepared and distributed to needy families during the Christmas season.



Knights of Columbus

FATHER MARTIN KENNEDY COUNCIL, No. 5447
Lander, Wyoming 82520

COUNCIL

- Every year finances are sent for sponsorship of an orphan in India.
- Participation in the Tootsie Roll Drive to help people with intellectual disabilities.
- Participation in the Lollipops for the "Right for Life"

YOUTH

- Every year four college scholarships of \$750.00 is presented to qualified individuals.
- Help with funding for the Lander Valley High School project graduation.
- Fund raiser for the youth group, the council helps with the concessions at the 4th of July rodeo which is made possible by hundreds of man hours in setting-up, cooking burgers and hot dogs, and the distribution of food and drinks.
- Volunteers help at the local USS swim meet with cooking pancakes and bacon for breakfast, and hamburgers and hot dogs for lunch.
- Hats and gloves are purchased for the Head Start Program in Lander.
- We donated time and supplies along with the profits generated from the Lenten breakfasts to the parish youth group who are going to the World Youth Days in Australia in.
- Provide treats at the end of the year to CCD program.

FAMILY

- On Mother's Day flowers are available at Sunday Mass which are handed out to all Mothers.
- Easter Egg Hunt following Easter Sunday services for the children of the parish.
- Brunch is served for graduation students and their parents following the Sunday Mass.
- Every Summer a family pot luck picnic for all of the parish to get together is held at one of the Lander Parks were the Knights supply, and cook, the meat and serve beverages.
- Assist Santa Clause after the youth Mass, passing out bags of candy.

Our council will continue to aid those in need through the generous efforts of our membership.

Faternally,

Ronald M J Pieracini
Grand Knight
Council # 5447
4th Degree

COUNCIL 6334 NEWCASTLE WYOMING

Council 6334 began its year by hosting the spring state officers meeting. Hosting the meeting was an honor for our council, as well as being good exposure for the Knights Of Columbus here in the northeast corner.

Our council hosts a breakfast each month to finance our annual scholarship fund. This year we extended an invitation to the Catholic high school graduates in the mission parish's to participate in the scholarship application process.

The council awarded two five hundred dollar scholarships. One to a deserving student from St. Anthony's and one to a student in our home parish Corpus Christi.

The scholarship was renamed this year to the Carl Hinz Knights of Columbus Memorial Scholarship in honor of our founding member and long time financial secretary.

Our members are being good stewards in the church. We have members on the parish finance council; the parish council, the building committee, CCD programs, and we are active in the general maintenance of the parish buildings and grounds.

Each year council 6334 hosts the parish picnic for Corpus Christi and all of the mission parishes. We furnish the meat and drinks and do the cooking.

We also host a mothers day breakfast in honor of all mothers in the parish. A knight presents each mother a carnation and an invitation to breakfast.

The council had members and their families present at the Right to Life march in Cheyenne this past January.

Our council is blessed to have two deacons who are members. The deacons are very active in council activities along with their busy schedule in parish ministries. The council has extended an invitation to the mission parish men to join our council or be a round table.

We are looking forward to the many challenges ahead for the knights both inside and outside our parish.

Respectfully Submitted: G.K. council 6334



Knights of Columbus

CONVERSE COUNTY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 6558

S. Richard Fulton, Grand Knight

April 23, 2008

Worthy State Deputy, State Chaplain, Supreme Representative, Brother Knights all:

The Converse County Knights of Columbus supports two Parishes: St. James Church in Douglas and St. Louis Church in Glenrock. Due to the distances involved we have continued the monthly postcard mailings to keep members informed of activities and upcoming events. This process was instituted last year and continues to be well received by members and their wives. We were able to conduct fundraising benefit breakfasts, a Lenten Fish Fry and Christmas tree sales in both parishes. The majority of proceeds from these and other events will be used to provide four scholarships for graduating practicing Catholic Senior students; two from each Parish. Last year we were able to grant \$750 scholarships and expect to do the same this year. The scholarship committee will make their selections the first week in May.

Due to many of the members working in the mines, railroad and oil fields outside of the local area, most of the active participation remains with a group of 10 or 12 Brother Knights. In an effort to increase active participation, we are conducting a combined member Appreciation Dinner and new member Recruitment Open House in May.

Following is a general summary of Council activities this past year:

- Sponsored a spring and fall Highway cleanup along a two-mile stretch of 125.
- Held several Pancake Breakfast and Supper fundraisers as well as free breakfast for 1st Communion. Held two Lenten Fish Fry's. Sold and delivered Christmas Trees for our annual Tree sale.
- Actively participated in Church Ministries including Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Greeter, Usher, Alter Server, Music, Religious Education, and Prayer Chain.
- Providing planning, coordination, and labor for extensive kitchen renovation in St. James Unity Hall. Assisted widowed parishioners by making needed repairs on their homes and with household moving.
- Made donations to the D.A.R.E. Senior Sendoff and to the Special Olympics in addition to four K of C Scholarships.
- Knights again delivered food baskets for the annual community Christmas Food Basket Program.

I would like to express appreciation for the continued support provided by District 2 Deputy, Ron Knievel. With his assistance, we hope to have St. Louis Parish set up as a K of C Roundtable this coming year.

Respectfully Submitted


S. Richard Fulton
Grand Knight, Council 6558

Grand Knight's Report Council 6623

Monsignor Kimmett Council 6623 of Torrington had another great year in 2007-2008. We are able to fund and support many events and causes thru our primary fundraiser which is Monday night bingo. We donated over \$17,000 the past 6 months in support of our church, families, youth and community.

Our tootsie roll drive was successful as we recently distributed over \$2600.00 to three organizations in Goshen County. We are preparing for another drive May 15th. This involves 15-20 knights.

Our youth director, Stephen Vetter, chaired a committee to visit the local Senior Center at Christmas time to bring a little cheer into their lives as we have done in the past. This was very well accepted by the residents.

We supported our parish by furnishing and cooking the meat for the annual parish picnic. We had entertainment and games for the kids as well. We hosted a parish clean up day where we trimmed the trees, picked up garbage and striped the parking lot. We also continued our support of the religious educations of St Rose's youth by donating another \$2800 to purchase educational materials. In addition, we also purchased all of the catechism books for the youth education classes this year.

We continued our strong support of the Families again this year. We contribute to the domestic violence task force thru a sponsorship of a table for 6 at the annual banquet for \$1000.00. Last year we started a scholarship fund to provide birth mothers funds for their continued education and challenged the councils in Wyoming to assist in the funding of this much needed fund. We again gave monies this year to help reach the anticipated goal of \$20,000. For all those councils that supported this fund we thank you.

We recognize a family of the month from St Rose as well as from our round table parish, St Leo's, monthly. We then celebrate all of the families of the month with a lavish dinner held in February both at Torrington and Lusk, our roundtable parish.

As a council, we held an appreciation dinner for all Knights in January. We also hosted a dinner in March for the benefit of the St. Josephs Society at which we were successful in raising over \$3500.00. We then agreed to give a total of \$ 5000.00 to the St Joseph's Society. We hope to make this an annual event.

Along with the Guadalupe Society and the Catholic Women we take turns hosting coffee and donuts after the Sunday Masses where we welcome newcomers to our parish and also recruit new members.

We also, as a council, hosted the Marian hour of Prayer in honor of "our Lady of Charity" with the delivery of the icon of "Our Lady of Charity of Cobre." This was well attended by our parish members along with the youth of our religious community.

One of our popular events for the community is the annual Right to Life Breakfast fundraiser that we hold each year in February. This year we raised over \$1200. We also continued our Blessing Bag project which we provide to adoptive parents and children.

Torrington council 6623 is proud to be a strong supporter of our church, our community, our youth, our families and of the Knights of Columbus.

Respectfully Submitted
Grand Knight #6623
Roger Coulson



Knights of Columbus

Monsignor James Godley Council 7453

WYOMING STATE COUNCIL
Grand Knights Report
2008

I am pleased to report Council 7453 is alive and doing well. This is a credit to the hard work and dedication of the Members of our Council to the Knights of Columbus, Immaculate Conception Parish, and the Catholic Church in Wyoming.

Council 7453 participated in the seminarian program (RSVP), supporting and encouraging our seminarian to continue his education to Priesthood in Wyoming. Council 7453 participated in many fundraisers in support of the parish and its members. This year our own deacon Wes Nash attended the meeting's and assisted our members to enriching our spiritual life by providing and explaining various prayers of our faith. We started our fraternal year with the River Festival where members of the council cooked and sold Breakfast and Lunch for the artist's and the community that attended this event. The Knights provide the manpower to cook lunch at our annual parish picnic and then in September the council provided (for a fee) showers for those attending the Fort Bridger rendezvous. For thanksgiving the council donated to the poor fund that provides meals for the less fortunate in our community. We provided Ushers, Eucharistic ministers and Lectors for our parish not only for the holiday season but through out the year. This year the council hosted a family dinner before a meeting and encouraged members to bring their family and enjoy each others company before the formal meeting began this event was well received and plans are to continue this into the future. During the Lenten season we were busy with a fish fry on each Friday and breakfast every Sunday. The proceeds from these events are used to support our seminarian, provide needed supplies for our parish and religious education program, and fund the Aaron Palm memorial scholarship. This scholarship is available to two graduating seniors from Immaculate Conception parish, we provide these scholarships annually. On Holy Saturday we conduct an Easter egg hunt for the parish community. This is an especially popular event among our youth. The final event for this year will be the Flaming Gorge day's flea market where members of the council will sell meals to the public.

With many members of our parish attending the trip to Rome we held a steak dinner and auction to assist with the expenses for our youth and their chaperones to attend this important event.

Our council has gained three members and once we re-establish the 1st degree team we will make our quota of 5 new members.

Again it is important to note that none of this is possible without the hard work of our council members. I want to thank the officers and members of Monsignor James Godley Council 7453.

Respectfully Submitted

John M. Hastert
Grand Knight



Knights of Columbus
Columbia Council No. 7789
Pine Bluffs, WY

Knights of Columbus State Convention Gillette, Wyoming

April, 2008 Grand Knight Report

On behalf of Columbia Council 7789 I submit the following report:

Two of our Columbia Council members are currently serving our country on active military duty. Both are serving at war, and are in need of our prayers.

U.S.A.F. Lt. Colonel Earl Culek is in Afghanistan.

U.S Army Sgt. John Plover is in Iraq. Due to his injuries from an IED, he has been awarded a Purple Heart and for his leadership in the battlefield he has received an Award for Valor. He has returned to full duty and will be in Iraq until February 2009.

We conducted several fundraising activities.

Sponsor a golf tournament in May.

Provided lunch at the Burns Day Celebration in June.

Helped the CCW with their annual fall dinner in November.

Held our annual clergy appreciation dinner in February.

Served breakfast once a month at the parish hall in Pine Bluffs.

Continuing our support for Faith Formation, RCIA and Youth Group, we have dedicated several breakfasts to these groups and made monetary donations as well.

***Sixto Delgado, Grand Knight
Columbia Council No. 7789***

*Knights of Columbus
Bishop P.A. McGovern
Council 801
P.O. Box 1282
Cheyenne, WY 82001*

*Knights of Columbus
State Convention
Gillette, Wyoming*

I submit the following report on behalf of Bishop P.A. McGovern Knights of Columbus Council 801. The council sponsored the following events. The list is not inclusive of all the events but a highlight of events.

May 2007: Council 801 provided Knights for cooking and serving hamburgers and hot dogs and all of the trimmings for all of the children and staff for St. Mary's.

June 2007: The council had members and their families walk on the Relay for Life raising money for the American Cancer Society. The team raised money by serving a mexican dinner for their fund raiser.

July 2007: Picnic and pot-luck dinner at Curt Gowdy State Park.

August 2007: Family camp out at Curt Gowdy State Park, with milk can dinner, breakfast, and a steak dinner for about 100 members, families and friends. Also we had two Knights from our council help with a house being built by "Extreme Makeover" here in Cheyenne, and one other Knight working in New Orleans on rebuilding homes. Council 801 helped with St. Mary's community picnic at the Community House, serving hamburgers and hotdogs.

September 2007: Our District Deputy conducted the installation of the officers. The installation followed a family dinner open to the public. Tootsie Roll drive raised money for the Special Olympics. We also provided Honor Guard for the telecast mass at St. Mary's. Knights from our council cooked breakfast at St. Joseph's and Holy Trinity through out the winter and into the 2008 year on Sundays. At least one per month at each church.

October 2007: Council helped with the Confirmation Kick-off for St. Mary's serving sloppy joes raising money for them. We also served our Tuesday family dinners, the third Tuesday's of the month for October and November. Council also helped cook chile and serve for St. Mary's kids chile supper raising money for their trip to Australia. We also had a children's Halloween party.

November 2007: Council helped with the monthly Friday night dinner for October and November. The Knights decorated the outside of Bishop Ricken's home with lights and a nativity scene. Council 801 sponsored a float for the annual Cheyenne Christmas Parade.

December 2007: Celebrated White Mass with Bishop Ricken and cooked breakfast at the hall. Fourth Degree Adult Christmas Party. Provided Honor Guard for St. Joseph's "Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass". Kids Christmas party at the hall. Fourth Degree Honor Guard for Father Doudican 90th birthday mass and celebration. New Year's Eve party held at our club by the Casey Club.

January 2008: We cooked a Mexican dinner for World Youth Day. Funds raised to help cost for the youths trip to Australia. Cooked a chile lunch for the Right to Life March. Chicken Fried steak dinner.

February 2008: Cooked Friday Birthday dinner and cooked four Friday Lenten fish dinners. Officers and Chairpersons had dinner with Bishop Ricken and Bishop Hart. Cooked and served Family Communion breakfast at the council hall. Cooked for the clergy appreciation dinner at the hall.

March 2008: Cooked and served two more Friday Lenten fish dinners. We cooked and served St. Patricks Day dinner. Held our annual Shrimp feed. Ushered at the Vigil masses.

The council holds a dinner 3rd Tuesday of the month periodically with a variety of dinners. Such as chicken, pork roast, lasagna, beef roast, and milk can. We also sponsor a parish breakfast via our round table program.

Council 801 had problems filling some of our directors positions. Motivation is a problem. We're working on ways to get brother Knights motivated.

Vivat Jesus,

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*Jerry R Plumley, Grand Knight, Council 801
April 23rd, 2008*

Knights of Columbus
Council #8635
Annual Report – April 2008
Rod Wittkop – Grand Knight

Worland Council #8635 continues to be active in the St. Mary Magdalen parish and the Worland community.

Many of our members are active in lay ministry roles within the parish, serving as Eucharistic ministers, lecturers, ushers and music/song providers.

Council #8635 members continue to stand in readiness and solidarity of our parish priest, providing manpower and support for miscellaneous items and activities too numerous to mention.

We are especially proud to have one of our Brother Knights pursuing a calling to Deacon through the Diocesan Diaconate Program.

Council #8635 membership demonstrated many acts of 'Charity', 'Unity', 'Fraternity' and 'Patriotism' throughout this past year, some of which include:

- Cinnamon rolls every fourth Sunday of the month after Mass.
 - Proceeds help to fund \$100 monthly donation to seminarian.
- Donated over \$1000 to several Knights/persons in-need.
- Sponsored a \$500 scholarship donation for a graduating senior of our parish.
- Conducted several cleanups of a highway portion adopted by Council #8635.
- Sponsored and organized Easter egg-hunt for parish youth.
- Provided manpower resource in support of annual parish picnic.
- Donated \$500 in support of Fr. Heiser led Rockies baseball excursion. Total of 28 individuals, most of whom were altar servers, attended 2 Rockies games.
- Sponsored 2 'Keep Christ in Christmas' newspaper ads around Christmas time.
- Donated \$100 to the Washakie County Ministerial Association's Christmas Basket program. Several members and family members assisted in distributing the baskets.
- Sponsored two Friday evening 'meatless' dinners and led Stations-of-the-Cross during Lent.

In addition to the above activities, and as a partial means to sustain our acts of charity and good deeds, Council #8635 held two primary fund raising events during this past year.

Members/families manned the Pizza-On-The-Run booth at the county fair in August, earning approximately \$1,200 for their exemplary service (with a smile) of fellow man.

The Council also held their annual Super Bingo fundraiser in early April, and was blessed in selling all tickets, which replenished the coffer to the tune of about \$2,000.

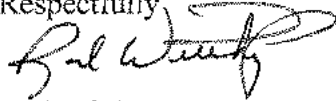
Council #8635 added 2 new members to our ranks this past year.

The Council also held a Big Bingo fundraiser event, netting \$2,000 for the benefit of Catholic youth attending World Youth Day in Australia coming in July.

As you can see, this past year has been a busy one for our Council, but has been equally rewarding. I am happy to report that the main principles of our order remain alive and well with Worland Council #8635.

Vivat Jesus

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rod Wittkop", written in a cursive style.

Rod Wittkop

Grand Knight – Council #8635

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FATHER CHARLES A. BARTEK COUNCIL, No. 9431
P.O. BOX 992
JACKSON, WY 83001

2007 Grand Knights Report for the State Convention
April 24, 2008

Upon my installation as Grand Knight in September of 2007, my first year has been an emotional, yet productive year. We sponsor a monthly pancake breakfast, and had a Friday night fish fry during the Lenten season.

In December, we donated over \$30,000 to various local, state, national, and international causes including the Teton County Crisis Pregnancy Center, the Wyoming Catholic College, and Father Paul Slaby's work in Africa.

Fourth degree Knights participated in the Christmas mass and the Easter Vigil.

In January, fellow Knight and former Grand Knight Tim Gwilliam was killed in a tragic accident. The Knights' annual dinner dance was held in memory of Tim. The Jackson community came together with a great outpouring of love, sympathy and support, and over \$30,000 was raised for the Gwilliam family. The fourth degree Knights participated in funeral services for Tim. We also participated in funeral services for Brother Knight Peter Eddington, who passed away in March.

In May, we will hold our annual Teton County Crisis Pregnancy fundraiser.

We have inducted three new members this year.

Sincerely,

Sal Rodriguez
Grand Knight
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Knights of Columbus

Worthy State Deputy,

As the newly elected Grand Knight of College Council 10773 at the University of Wyoming, I am playing some catch up at our council. However, under my leadership, we have made some improvements in our council. Before I was very active with the College Knights at the University of Wyoming, we had some social events, but they were sporadic. When I was elected, I made the decision that the first Sunday of every month would be a social event. So far, the event we have stuck with is that we would go bowling at our local bowling lanes. So far, the attendance has been low, but with our social event becoming more stable, we should have more knights show up.

Last fall, our council worked with council 2720 for our "Adopt-a-Highway" cleanup on Highway 130.

In December, we joined Council 2720 with a 1st degree Initiation in the basement of St. Laurence O'Toole Catholic Church. At that initiation, we had five new catholic men join the knights. Two went to Council 10773, and three went to Council 2720 (one eventually transferred to Council 10773).

In March, our Financial Secretary Jim Pokorny resigned and as of right now our council doesn't have a financial secretary. District Deputy #7 John Benedik has been our temporary F.S. until one can be appointed. Also at our monthly business meeting, I was appointed to fill the position of Grand Knight.

In April, we held our elections and the current officers remained the same, including me as Grand Knight.

Here are some upcoming events for our Council.

May 4: Monthly Social Event (Bowling)

May 11: Mother's Day Breakfast

May 20: Monthly Business Meeting

My long term goal for our council is to make us more active in the community and to grow our fraternal bonds between our brother knights.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gregory Kinstetter

Grand Knight

University of Wyoming Council 10773



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Wyoming District #1 Deputy, Raoul A. Laganière

2007-2008 Fraternal Year Report to the Convention

April 4, 2008

Worth State Deputy, State Chaplain, Supreme Representative, and Brother Knights:

Two councils were transferred from District 1 to District 7 at the start of year leaving four councils to be served – 801, 3551, 6623, and 7789.

Two District meetings were conducted: One in August 2007 (Wheatland), and one in January 2008 (Cheyenne). Every council was represented at these meetings. State and District goals reviewed included: increase in membership, retention, telephone call system, timely reporting, and Star Council requirements.

Three newly elected Grand Knights received training during this fraternal year.

Three officer installations were conducted: Two as part of the celebration of Mass, and one in council chambers. A minimum of 2 council visits were conducted during each quarter.

The monthly District One Newsletter, in its third year of publication, continues to be emailed to all Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries in this district as well as other subscribers who have requested it.

Three first degrees and one 4th degree exemplifications were conducted in the district. Fourteen new members have been added to the district.

All councils, with the exception of 7789, have a certified first degree team/ Other teams certified in the district include: One 2nd and 3rd, and one 4th degree team.

Thank you for the honor of serving in this capacity, and for all the help you have provided during these past years.

Vivat Jesus,

Raoul A. Laganière
District Deputy, Wyoming District # 001
15 Loretta Drive, Wheatland, WY 82201

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Knights of Columbus

District Deputy
District #2
Central Wyoming

April 2008

Worthy State Deputy, Douglas A. Gasseling, State Officers, Delegates to the Wyoming State Convention

During this past year I have had a good time visiting Monsignor Thomas F. O'Reilly Council 1563, Converse County Council 6558 and Father James F. Power Council 9917.

All of the councils have been active in their respective parishes. They have had church, community and youth activities. Council 9917 continues to support seven seminarians in the diocese. Council 1563 in Casper and Council 6558 in Douglas have fish fries during Lent. Casper Council 9917 hosted the Wyoming Knights of Columbus State Free throw Contest.

Membership in District # 2 is still a problem, but we are working on that. We are trying to schedule more First Degrees. Membership quota for District # 2 is 11. As of this time we have 2 additions, 1 deduction for a net gain of 1. Council 9917 just had a First Degree in April and brought in four new members, which is not included in our total net gain. We are going to try to bring in more members this coming year.

This coming year my goal is to schedule more First Degrees and get more members to go thru the 2nd & 3rd Degrees.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Knievel
District Deputy #2

Knights of Columbus



April 26, 2008

Wyoming State Deputy, Grand Knights, and Brothers Knights:

This letter is the 2007-2008 District Deputies' Annual Report for District #3 consisting of Councils 2337, 2441, 6216, 7453, and 10027.

Council 2441 has had an outstanding year through their support of their Parish and community with their varied activities, membership growth, recognition programs, and their energetic and committed Grand Knight. They have stood out as the Council in this District as always being willing and capable of supporting District wide events including hosting a 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree weekend. They continue to be the only Council with a certified 1st Degree Team in the District.

Council 2337 was another active Council this year in supporting their Parish. They hosted several events and worked toward developing new members.

Council 6216 has struggled to overcome many hardships this year. Under the circumstances they continue to strive to be an active Council by supporting their Parish and working diligently to increase their membership. To date they have been able to send out their current dues notices and to develop a 3 year strategic plan.

Council 10027 continues to maintain a steady and true path within their Parish and community. They have maintained the minimum requirements throughout the year as an active Council.

Council 7453 continues to maintain a steady and true path within their Parish and community. They have maintained the minimum requirements throughout the year as an active Council.

District #3 has a strong history of active and supportive Councils to their Parishes, Supreme, State Council and their communities. The trend overall is unfortunately one of complacency and status quo. The need for an infusion of new members, ideas, and activity is evidenced by nonparticipation in District, State, and Supreme events and communications. Overall District #3 remains a steady and consistent part of the Wyoming State Council of the Knights of Columbus.

Respectfully submitted,

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Stephen P. Allen, PGK
District Deputy #3

District Deputy
District #6
Northeast Wyoming

April 2008

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, Delegates to the Wyoming State Convention.

I offer greetings from District #6, this has been a busy year for the Knights of Columbus here in our district.

Four of the Councils in our district are in good standing; Phil Sheridan Council 2104, Sheridan, Father DeSmet Council 3332, Buffalo, Monsignor James Ruddy Council 3477, Gillette, and Corpus Christi Council 6334. Monsignor William McCromick Council 8542 has been suspended since July 1999 and there is no foreseeable chance of reactivation at this time.

All Councils have been busy with activities throughout the year with many different programs. Buffalo held its fish fry Ash Wednesday, Sheridan held two fish fries during lent to support scholarship to Holy Name School. There has also been participation in the Free Throw contest and tootsie rolls and lifesaver lollipops for pro-life.

This has been an interesting first year for me in this position, Thank You for letting me be of service to you.

Respectfully submitted;

Ralph Blommel



Knights of Columbus

Wyoming State Convention April 2008
District Deputy #7
John E. Benedik Jr.

Worthy State Deputy, State Chaplain, Supreme Representative, Brother Knights and all;

The status of all council accounts, in District #7 are in good standing with Supreme and the State as of April 11, 2008. All council reports have been sent into Supreme to date.

There has been four 1st Degrees in the District since July 1 bringing in 14 new members (July, August, September and December). The totals for the district on membership and insurance as of April 1, 2008:

Membership = 14 additions – 8 deductions = net 6, 43% of quota

Insurance = 2 additions – 2 deductions = 0 net, 0% of quota

Council 2128 have requested new 1st Degree Exemplification books.

March membership blitz is going well with three councils having some sort of blitz program:

Council 2128 – no program

Council 2720 – Cards in pews and during Lenten breakfasts

Council 10773 – Bulletin blitz

Council 11291 – Special announcements during mass, 1st Degree to be scheduled in late April

There have been family picnics by all councils this summer, breakfasts and dinners, installations of officers, Halloween, Tailgate, and Christmas parties that have been scheduled, Lollipops for Right to Life, Tootsie roll and Christmas card sales.

All councils have had a Marian Hour of Prayer, except for Rawlins.

I understand that I have been allowed to be DD#7 by Supreme this for year only and will have to find a replacement for next year.

Respectively submitted,

John E. Benedik Jr.
District Deputy District #7

WYOMING STATE COUNCIL
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I
Eligibility

Section 1. Membership: Officers and Eligibility in the State Council shall be all duly elected and qualified State Officers, the State Chaplain, the last Past State Deputy, District Deputies and delegates or their alternatives. The terms, "last Past State Deputy" and "delegates", are as defined in Chapter II of the Charter, Constitution, and Laws of the Order.

Section 2. Past State Deputies (other than the last Past State Deputy living in the State) and District Deputies shall be members of the State Council and shall have the privilege of the floor but without the right to vote.

ARTICLE II
State Convention

Section 1. The State Council shall be convened annually between the first day of April to and including the first day of June in each year by the State Deputy at such place within the State as shall be determined at the State Council meeting two years preceding the State Council meeting, provided that the State Officers shall select such place of meeting if so directed by the State Council or in the case said Council shall fail to do so or whenever it becomes impractical to hold meeting at the place designated by the State Council.

Section 2. The State Secretary shall furnish credential blanks to the Secretary of each subordinate council at least sixty (60) days before the annual meeting of the State Council.

Section 3. The Financial Secretary of each council shall prepare and certify credentials in duplicate signed by the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary under seal for the delegates and alternates; forward one copy to the State Secretary at least ten (10) days before the annual meeting of the State Council and deliver the other copy to the delegates or alternates who shall present same at said meeting.

Section 4. The State Secretary shall notify all Councils in the State sixty (60) days prior to the State Convention of the time, place and date of said convention.

Section 5. The State Secretary shall prepare a roll of all delegates and alternates on the credentials received as provided in Section 3, and said roll shall be the roll of the State Council until changed by said council.

Section 6. Councils not having paid duly levied assessments by the State Council shall not have the names of their delegates or alternates placed on the temporary or permanent

roll of the State Council until such assessments have been paid.

Section 7. A majority of the eligible voters of the State Council shall constitute a quorum. Majority vote shall govern all matters. Eligible voters shall consist of all State Officers, the State Chaplain, last living Past State Deputy and Delegates or their alternates from each council.

Section 8. All meetings of the State Council shall be in the third section. All duly qualified third degree members shall be admitted as spectators.

Section 9. The order of business shall be as specified in the constitution and laws of the Order.

Section 10. Each Council is entitled to two votes. In the event only one delegate is present, he shall be entitled to cast the two votes for his council.

Section 11. In the absence or inability of the State Deputy, the State Secretary shall execute all the duties of the State Deputy. In the absence of the State Deputy and the State Secretary the obligation of executing the duties of the State Deputy shall devolve on the other State Officers in the following order: State Treasurer, State Advocate and State Warden.

ARTICLE III Officers

Section 1. The State Deputy, State Chaplain, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate and the State Warden shall hold the same relative position in the State Council that the corresponding Officers hold in the Supreme Council.

Section 2. The State Deputy shall be the Chief Executive of the Order in the State, and he shall be recognized as the representative of the Supreme Knight and Board of Directors. He shall possess all powers and perform such duties as the laws of the order prescribe. He shall preside at all meetings of the State Council and shall be ex-officio member of all committees. He shall appoint District Deputies and Program Directors for such Districts and Programs. The State Deputy shall make a written report to the State Council on the state of condition of the Order within the jurisdiction of Wyoming. He is also required to make reports to the Supreme Knight and Board of Directors from time to time as required. The State Deputy shall possess such other powers and perform such other duties as the laws of the Order prescribe. The State Deputy shall supervise the exemplification of the Knighthood (3rd) degree.

Section 3. State Secretary shall act as Recorder of all meetings of the State Council; bill and collect all money due to the State Council, make a record thereof and promptly transmit the same to the State Treasurer; draw orders on the State Treasurer for all payments authorized by the State Council; keep a debit and credit account with each subordinate council and a full account with the State Treasurer; keep a record of the membership in the State; and make a report to the State Council of the membership and finances of the Order in the State for the year ending March 31st, in such form as the State Council may direct. Said report shall be furnished to the State Officers and each subordinate council along with the proceedings of the State Council meeting within 60 days after adjournment. An allowance of \$75.00 per year shall be made to the State Secretary to defray the incidental expenses of his office.

Section 4. State Treasurer shall keep a true and accurate account of all money received and disbursed; deposit all money received to the account of the Wyoming State Council, Knights of Columbus; an allowance of \$75.00 per year shall be made to the State Treasurer. He shall be ex-officio member and treasurer of every committee of the State Council. He shall give a report of the financial condition of the State Council for the year ending March 31st, in such form as the State Council may prescribe.

Section 5. State Advocate shall be Attorney of the Council in case of trial and investigation of any matter whatsoever of the State Council. The State Advocate is obligated to advise the State Council in all matters legally binding on the State Council.

Section 6. State Warden shall be present at all meetings of the State Council and at the opening take up the Third Degree Traveling Cards and admit none but duly qualified third degree members. He shall perform duties as may be designated to him by the State Deputy.

Section 7. State Chaplain shall be appointed by the State Officers. He shall conduct all religious exercises of the State Council. In the event of his absence the State Deputy may appoint a substitute for him. He shall be allowed Seventy Five and No/100 Dollars (\$75.00) per year to defray expenses for such duties.

Section 8. The State Secretary and the State Treasurer shall be bonded in the sum of Twenty Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$20,000.00) each, and that the State Secretary shall request the Supreme Secretary to have such bonding covered under the blanket bond of the Supreme Council. Upon receipt of request for that purpose, the Supreme Secretary will make the necessary entry on his records and notify the bonding company, and he will then bill our State Council accordingly. This bonding is on the office, not the person.

ARTICLE IV Committees

Section 1. All committees shall be appointed by the State Deputy or other presiding officer. If expense is incurred by any committee member which would not be covered through any other course, an itemized statement signed by said member should be presented to the State Deputy for approval and if so approved, the State Secretary may draw an order of the State Treasurer for payment of such expense in the same manner as is required for other expenditures.

Section 2. All subordinate council resolutions shall be in writing and submitted to the State Advocate 30 days prior to the convening of the convention. A copy of the resolution shall be submitted to each voting delegate in attendance at the Convention. Convention reports shall be in writing and submitted to the State Secretary at the Convention.

Section 3. To define resolutions and amendments: Resolutions bind the State Council for the forthcoming year only. New by-laws or amendments to existing by-laws shall be presented as such.

ARTICLE V Finances

Section 1. The Budget Committee shall ascertain the amount required for the expense of the ensuing year and recommend such measures of finances as they deem necessary.

Section 2. All funds of the State Council shall be paid to the State Secretary by draft, money order or check, payable to the order of the Wyoming State Council and shall be deposited to the credit of the State Council in a bank or banks approved by the State Council.

Section 3. Payment of State Council funds for authorized expenditures shall be made only by the check of the State Treasurer countersigned by the State Deputy.

Section 4. Officers of the State Council are hereby authorized to expend such money as is necessary for the usual and ordinary conduct of the business of their respective offices. Items of an extraordinary nature and all items involving expenditures of Three Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$300.00) or over shall require advance authorization or the approval of the State Council Officers before payment, and shall be paid by the State Treasurer as provided.

Section 5. For the purpose of defraying the expenses and obligations of the State Council, there shall be levied against and collected from all the subordinate councils semi-annually a per-capita assessment based on the number of members of the respective councils, as of the first day of January and July of the current year, as shown by the records of the Supreme Secretary. The State Secretary shall obtain from the Supreme Secretary and present to the State Council Meeting a certificate showing the number of members of each council, as of said date. The amount of such per-capita assessment shall be such as the State Council meeting shall determine. Members of the clergy, Honorary Life, Honorary and disabled members shall be exempt from per-capita assessment. The State Council shall make a rebate to college councils of 50% of the annual per capita tax assessed against and paid by the membership of said councils, and said councils shall use said funds for those Catholic and fraternal programs as shall be approved by the Council Chaplain.

Section 6. Allowance for attendance. State Officers, Past State Deputies, Former State Chaplains, District Deputies, Delegates, and State Committee Chairman in attendance at the State Council meeting shall be allowed mileage each way between their council's location and the place of the State meeting and per diem for attendance at the meeting of the State Council. The Knights of Columbus State Convention is a two day event commencing at approximately 1:00 p.m. on Friday and ending at approximately 1:00 p.m. on Sunday. Per diem is paid on the basis of a twenty four (24) hour day. No part of any day less than one-half (12 hours) will be paid. (Refer to Article V, Section 8 for mileage and per diem determination.)

Section 7. State Deputy approved Registration Fees for the State Officers, the State Chaplain, District Deputies, State Committee Chairman and the last living Past State Deputy shall be paid by the State Council.

Section 8. Definition – There are six (6) categories: 1 – State Officers, 2 – Past State Deputies, 3 – Former State Chaplains, 4 – District Deputies, 5 – Delegates, and 6 – State Committee Chairmen in attendance at the State Council meetings for which the mileage and per diem will be determined. The rate of payment for per diem as well as mileage is to be determined by the Mileage and Per Diem Committee and approved by majority vote of the State Council.

ARTICLE VI Elections

Section 1. Election of State Officers and delegates to the Supreme Convention shall be consistent with the Constitution, Laws and Rules of the Order.

Section 2. Order of Election.

- (a). The nomination of candidates for and the election of the State Deputy shall first be held, and the results declared.
- (b). The other State Officers in order shall then be nominated and the results

declared.

- (c) Then shall follow the nomination and election of representatives to the Supreme Convention, which shall be nominated at once and elected on the same ballot. As many of those receiving the highest vote and who belong to the insurance class as there are insurance delegates to be elected shall represent the class. As many other candidates who receive the highest vote, whether associate or insurance, as may be required to fill the delegation shall represent the associate class.

ARTICLE VII Raffles and Lotteries

Section 1. All raffles and lotteries conducted by subordinate councils must be authorized under state law and the law of the Order.

Section 2. All requests by subordinate councils must be in writing to the State Deputy or a person designated by him. All requests must show that all net proceeds will be distributed to a designated charity. All deposits of money must be to an account designated for charity. All tickets for such raffles and lotteries must be sold in Wyoming.

Article VIII Insurance

Section 1 Subordinate councils shall be able to buy liability insurance for their individual councils needs. This insurance will be voluntary and based upon the membership of the council. The State Secretary will bill the councils desiring the insurance at \$2.00 per member based upon their present membership number. This insurance will cover what the diocese requires for us to have for our events and programs that are held upon church property.

Article IX Miscellaneous

Section 1. Subordinate Councils shall furnish membership and other reports requested by the State Officers within a period not exceeding thirty (30) days from the date of such request, unless a shorter period is specified in the request, in which case the information will be furnished within the required time.

Section 2. The Wyoming State Council has established a trust known as "Wyoming Knights of Columbus Charitable Trust." The purpose of this trust is to provide a perpetual fund to help defray the costs of educating seminarians and providing for priests' retirement. The State Treasurer is a trustee of this Trust or, if he cannot serve, a member of the State Council appointed by the State Deputy will act as a trustee.

Section 3. These By-laws, or any part thereof, may be amended or repealed at any regular meeting of the State Council by a majority of those present, subject to approval by the Supreme Council.