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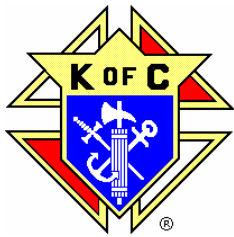
COLUMBUS PROCEEDINGS

OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING
CONVENED IN CHEYENNE APRIL 24 - 26

2009



WYOMING STATE Council



Knights of Columbus

WYOMING STATE CONVENTION

APRIL 2009

FOLLOW ME – HELP US BUILD UP THE CHURCH

Friday, April 24, 2009

Little America Hotel and Convention Center

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| 8:00 am | Registration desk opens – (Little America Hotel and Convention Center) |
| 10:00 -11:30 | State Officers and District Deputies Meet (Little America Hotel and Convention Center) |
| 10:00 -? | Awards Committee Meets – Ken Dugas, Chairman, all Past State Deputies in attendance (Little America Hotel and Convention Center) |
| 1:00 – 2:00 | Opening Mass Little America Meeting Room |
| 2:00 – 3:30 | Open Session (Little America Hotel and Convention Center)
<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>Tony Young US Attorney's Office – Internet Safety Tips for Parents</i>
<i>Water for Life Video</i>
<i>Mileage and Per Diem Committee Meet Seperately</i>
<i>Special Olympics Report and Presentation</i>
<i>Comments From Father Beavers</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, 507 W 27 th Street)
(Dinner is NOT included in your Registration) |

Saturday, April 25, 2009

- 6:30 – 8:00 Breakfast (Little America Hotel and Convention Center)
- 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
Address from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson
State Program Director Report – Jim Venjon
State Membership Report – John Benedict, Jr.
State Chaplin Report – Retired Bishop Hart
Supreme Representatives Comments - Patrick Maloney
Diocese Address - Father Mike Carr
Zambia Mission – Father Mike Carr
Change from Heaven Roll Call
State Deputy Report
- 9:30 – 9:45 Break
- 9:45 – 11:30 General Session (Continued, Closed Meeting)
- 12:00 – 2:30 Awards Luncheon (Little America Hotel and Convention Center)
- 2:30 – 3:30 General Session (Closed Meeting)
Officer Nomination Speeches
Charitable Trust Report and Discussion
Insurance Agent Report
Closing Prayer
- 4:30 PM Memorial Mass (St. Mary's Cathedral 2107 Capital Avenue)
- 6:30 – 10:00 Convention Banquet (Little America Hotel and Convention Center)
Start Eating at 6:45 PM

Sunday, April 26, 2009

- 6:30 – 8:00 Breakfast (On Your Own)
- 8:00 – 9:30 General Session (Closed Meeting)
Opening Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, Opening Ode
St. Joseph's Society Fund Raiser Collection
Standing Committee Reports
Credentials
Audit
Mileage and Per Diem

Sunday, April 26, 2009 (Cont.)

9:30 – 9:45 Break

9:45 – 11:30 General Session (Continued, Closed Meeting)

Budget

Resolution

Roll Call for Insurance for 2009 -2010

Election of Officers

Selection of Alternates to Supreme Convention

Selection of 2012 Convention Site

Proceeds from Keep Christ in Christmas Card Sales – Mel Mollendor

State Officers Closing Remarks

11:30 – 12:00 Closing Session (Open Meeting)

Host Grand Knight Comments/Report

Report on 2010 Convention

Supreme Representative Closing Remarks

Closing Prayer – State Chaplin Ret. Bishop Hart

Closing Ode

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WYOMING STATE COUNCIL

2009 State Convention, Cheyenne Committee Assignments

Audit

Advisor: Immediate Past State Deputy
Chairman: Grand Knight 3237
Grand Knight 6623
Grand Knight 2128
Grand Knight 9431
Grand Knight 9756
Grand Knight 10027

Memorials

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

Mileage and Per Diem

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

Credentials

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

Resolutions

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

April 24, 2009

Wyoming State Convention

1:00 pm; Opening Mass offered by Bishop Hart

2:05 pm Opening Prayer offered by Bishop Hart
 4th Degree post the colors-District Master, Jim Hasquet PSD
 Opening Ode lead by Don Scott, State Treasurer

Welcome and Introductions were given by State Deputy, Doug Gasseling

Tony Young of the US Attorney's Office gave a presentation on Internet Safety Tips for Parents

Pricilla Douse-Special Olympics and Lisa Allen~ Athlete- We presented \$1,000-from the Supreme

Pro. Life Chaircouple, Dale and Eve Thompson, Reported and presented participation certificates to councils participants in the Right to Life.

State Deputy Doug Gasseling presented the video "Water for Life"

Dave and Deloris Langerman, Family Life Directors Reported

4th Degree Meeting (see 4th Degree Notes)

Committees met and adjourn for dinner

April 25, 2009

Prayer lead by Father Carr Diocesan Administrator

Pledge lead by District Master; PSD Jim Hasquet

Roll call of state officers by State Secretary Patrick Doherty

Supreme Rep. Patrick Maloney addressed the council

Greetings from Supreme Knight DVD

Program Director Jim Venjohn-gave his Report

Deacon Don Stewart introduced:

Father Tom Ogg of St. Joseph's Society for Retired Clergy and the need for additional funding

Doug read a letter to the knights from Timothy J. Stransky, Director of Development for Diocese of Cheyenne thanking the Knights for their donation from Change for Church

collection to the Michael J. McGivney Wyoming Knight of Columbus Burse for Seminarian Education.

Bishop Hart, State Chaplain addressed the council.

Break

Father Carr, Diocese Administrator addressed the council about the Diocese and a Zambian Mission- and his trip to Zambia and the opportunities to get involved.

Credentials committee Report given by Reginald Rumbolz

Temporary Roll Call of Delegates conducted by State Secretary Patrick Doherty.

Change from Heaven-Roll Call conducted by State Secretary Patrick Doherty.

State Deputy Report given by Doug Gasseling

PSD Deacon Don Stewart, Charitable Trust Chairman entertained a motion to give any challenge money which would normally go to the Trust today will go to St. Joseph's Society PASSED

\$13,210 was collected for St. Joseph's Society for Retired Clergy (Note: after the convention Father Ogg reported the figure was \$16,075.38).

PSD Deacon Don Stewart gave the Charitable Trust Report and gave out participation plaques to the councils.

PSD Deacon Don Stewart also addressed the State starting a new Trust to benefit St. Joseph's Society

Bishop Hart lead closing Prayer

(Break)

Awards Lunch

Checks from the proceeds of the Christopher Fund were given in the following:

St. Joseph's Society for Retired Clergy; \$356.46 and \$306.70

McGivney Burse for Seminarian Education; \$237.64 and \$204.00

Other awards given:

Tootsie roll; Gillette Council 3477

Church Activities; Cody Council 4031; Trim painting

Council Activities; Cheyenne Council 801; Wheelchair ramp

Family Activities; Cody Council 4031; Pro-Life

Youth Activities; Pinedale Council 9756; Youth Fun Day

Community Activities; Riverton Council 3237; Cancer Patient Fundraiser

Scrapbook awards:

Large council; Cheyenne Council 801

Small council; Torrington Council 6623

Saturday night Banquet:

Knight of the Year: Brad Armitage from Cheyenne Council 801

Family of the Year: Leland Vetter family from Torrington Council 6623

Call to order, State Deputy Doug Gasseling

Fr. Ogg gave address for St. Joseph's Society for Retired Clergy

Leo Riley is the Administrator for St. Joseph's Society for Retired Clergy

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Officer nominating Speeches were given:

State Deputy-Pat Doherty- by PSD Ken Dugas

State Secretary-Don Scott-by PSD, Jim Hasquet

State Treasurer - C. Joe Welte- by PSD Terry Archbold

State Advocate-Paul Puebla- by Raoul Laganier

State Wardern-Raoul Laganier –by State Deputy Doug Gasseling

John Benedik Jr. –by PSD Deacon Don Stewart

PSD Deacon Don Stewart discussed the St. Joseph's Society Fund raising

Motion to proceed with investigating a trust or fundraising mechanism for St. Joseph's Society for Retired Clergy.

VOTE by Standing: PASSED

Jerry Hoefler gave the Insurance Report

Adjourn meeting

Sunday April 26, 2009

Prayer offered by Father Tom Ogg
Pledge lead by –District Master, PSD Jim Hasquet
Roll Call conducted by State Secretary Patrick Doherty

Audit Report Joe Welter, Council 3237

Budget Committee Reported
Don Scott made a motion to approve budget. PASSED

\$210 in fines collected
Motion to give this money to St. Joseph's Society PASSED

Motion made to change the State By-laws:
Add Article 9 Section 3 PASSED

Resolutions voted on, results follow

Resolutions #1-PASSED
#2-PASSED
#3- Voted on Last Night at Dinner (PASSED)
#4- PASSED
#5-PASSED
#6-withdrawn
#7-PASSED
#8-PASSED
#9- Tabled-until later today-PASSED
#10-PASSED
#11-PASSED
#12-PASSED
#13-PASSED
#14-PASSED
#15-PASSED
#16-PASSED
#17- Voted on Last Night at Dinner -PASSED
#18-PASSED
#19-Tabled-PASSED
#20-PASSED
#21-PASSED

Motion to accept Resolutions Report with Resolutions as Amended PASSED
(resolutions as amended are printed elsewhere in the booklet)

Liability Insurance Roll call Conducted by State Deputy Doug Gasseling
Expected cost is \$2.50 per member
Discussion on the insurance

Poem was recited by District Deputy Jack Rogers "Thought of a New Member"

Break

Election of Officers:

State Deputy-Patrick Doherty

State Secretary-Don Scott

State Treasurer-Joe Welte

State Advocate-Paul Puebla

State Warden- John Benedik Jr. elected over Raoul Laganiere

Election of Supreme Convention Alternates

PSD Bill Briere, 1st Alt.

PSD Jim Hasquet, 2nd Alt.

9917 Delegates signed their per-diem checks to St. Joseph's Society

2012 Convention site is Rock Springs

Mel Mollendor gave the Keep Christ in Christmas Report

Moved to open session after break-PASSED

Break

Host Grand Knight Report given by Daniel Diaz, representing the Cheyenne Grand Knight.

2010 convention Report- Chairmen Brian Duyck
Western Theme

Comments:

PSD-Bill Briere

State Warden Paul Pubela

State Advocate Joe Welte

State Treasurer Don Scott

State Secretary Patrick Doherty gave his report

State Deputy, Doug Gasseling gave final comments

Challenged the District Deputies to have a 1st degree before June 10.

Pat Maloney, Supreme Guest gave his comments

Drawing for Belt Buckle conducted by Council 3477

Prayer offered by Bishop Hart

Closing Ode lead by State Treasurer Don Scott

Convention Closed 11:30 AM

Patrick Doherty
State Secretary

Douglas Gasseling
State Deputy



Knights of Columbus

STATE DEPUTY, ANNUAL REPORT APRIL 25, 2009

Most Rev. Diocese Administrator Father Carr; State Chaplin, Retired Bishop Joseph Hart; Fathers; Deacons; Supreme Guest Patrick Maloney; Immediate Past State Deputy William Briere; State Officers; District Master Jim Hasquet; District Deputies; Past State Deputies; State Directors and Chairman; General Agent, Doug Parsons, Field Agents Jerry Hoefler and Steve Huard, and Assembled Delegates.

It is indeed an honor and privilege to welcome you to this 89th 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 programs that your Council will sponsor during your term of office.

As State Deputy it is my responsibility and privilege to report on the State of Columbianism in Wyoming. I report on behalf of my fellow State Officers, District Deputies, and State Directors and Chairmen. Loyalty and dedication of our members in the State Family is instrumental in achieving the goals set forth by the State Council. There will be reports by many other included in the Convention Proceedings Book which will be on the Wyoming home page. I invite you to please take time to read these very important items.

MEMBERSHIP

I am pleased to report that during the past Columbian year we had 1 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 am in my last year as State Deputy and one of my goals as State Deputy was to have our councils 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 the 125th Celebration of the Knights of Columbus fraternal year in 2007 – 2008. We had the same goal of 100 new members for this fraternal year. This would also put Wyoming in the Circle of Honor. Did we meet our goal this year as an individual council and as the state? As I stand in front of you, I have to report that at this time we are a negative 4 members. So to meet our state goal, we need to recruit at least 104 new members between now and June 30th. This also means we can not have any more suspensions this fraternal year. It is hard to meet membership goals for the council and the state when you only have 16 councils out of 29 recruiting new members.

Did we meet our goals last year or this year? Such was not the case. My challenge to the membership was an enormous challenge. We did not meet the challenge entirely. We have time to meet the challenge. My last term as State deputy is not complete until June 30. If you are one of those who made the commitment in your heart to recruit a new member or are one of the

councils who have not recruited a new member this year, there is still time. We will accept new Brother Knights at any time of the Columbian Year

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. Last year we only gave out four of the five awards because of the lack of submission of projects by the councils. Let's hope we can give out all five of the awards this year.

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. Who knows, it may even be a national award winner.

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. With out these reports, Supreme has no idea of who to send information to.

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.

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 8 roundtables reported to Supreme.

FRATERNAL SURVEY

Our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, has declared this year the Year of Volunteerism. As economic downturns are being seen across the world, it is becoming extremely important for organizations like the Knights of Columbus to show leadership in volunteer efforts. As communities are being affected by the current economic environment and seeing that resources

are not as readily available to help the needy, it is up to those of us that are able to step up and help out where possible.

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 27 out of 29 Councils submitting this form, 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 past year were \$261,692. We also contributed over 71,265 hours of time. There were also 9,983 visits to the sick and bereaved. 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 Steve Huard who covers the Cheyenne council only. 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 Steve Huard out of Ft. Collins, 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 Agents 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 we will be giving a check to the St. Josephs Society: Priest retirement and to the Knights of Columbus Michael J. McGivney Burse for Seminarian Education. The delegates will also be voting on investing more money into the Fund so that we can maximize Wyoming State Council contributions.

We also continue to support our Seminarrians 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.

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 also wish to thank Raoul Laganier for his work as the editor for a state newsletter. Raoul, would you please stand up and let us recognize you for a job well done.

To Father Carr, Administrator of the Diocese of Cheyenne, 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. Each visit that I was able to have with you always left me with such a feeling of peace and comfort. You have such a caring spirit.

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 two years 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 Sir Knight James Hasquet. I appreciate what you have done to help promote the Fourth Degree in Wyoming. 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 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 Directors and 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 the past two years. 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 the Conferring Officers, Jack Rogers, Richard Adamski, and Carl "Joe" Welty, thanks for your dedicated service in overseeing the major degrees.

To the Past State Deputy's, thank you for your advice, guidance, encouragement and support you have given me. Thank you especially to Tom Enright and his wife Verona for the advice and allowing me to use you as a sounding board on different ideas and the 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 Rod Hofschulte, PSD of Nebraska, who is our Regional Program Consultant. Thank you for the time you gave to the Wyoming State Council as it 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 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 traveling to council meetings 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 two years 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.

Finally, I thank God for giving me this opportunity to serve you as State Deputy. Some of you in this hall will be given the same opportunity that I've had and hope you accept the great responsibility that others will entrust to you. It is an awesome privilege.

CONCLUSION

As I near the completion of my second term as State Deputy, I am filled with a gamut of confusing emotions. Teetering on whether or not I'm happy to see it all end while still wishing I had done more to advance the Order in our State leaves many questions unanswered.

One thing that I am certain of is that no one can take away the experiences I have had that have helped me grow as a person. Along the way I've met many great people that will be lifelong friends and my wish is that I've been a positive influence on them. I know the friendship they've blessed me with has had a positive impact on me.

Going forward into these last months of this fraternal year, I place my trust in God and know that he will let good things continue to happen for all Knights of Columbus in Wyoming. It is with faith in God and your good help and support we will end this year on a positive note and will carry on for years to come.

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.

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

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 Come Follow Me –Help Us Build Up the Church. 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 had.. 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 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.

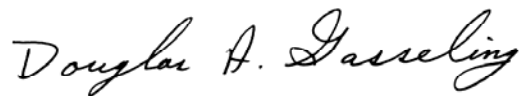
Words can not describe what an honor it has been to represent you, as State Deputy. It is indeed been an honor and a privilege for Cristie and I to travel as your representatives. Our travels have introduced us to many fine Knights of Columbus members as we attend functions throughout Wyoming, at the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

I want to personally thank all of you, for giving me the opportunity to serve as YOUR State Deputy and supporting me over these past two years. I hope that I have been able to help you in the areas you needed assistance. May God Bless You All.

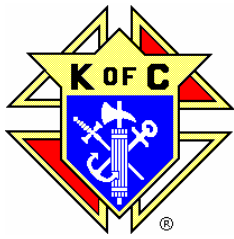
Last year at this point I stopped my talk. This year, I think I'll dance. But don't worry, I've selected my partner already. Today, I'm dancing with God:

When I meditated on the word Guidance, I kept seeing 'dance' at the end of the word. I remember reading that doing God's will is a lot like dancing. When two people try to lead, nothing feels right. The movement doesn't flow like music. And everything is quite uncomfortable and jerky. When one person realizes that and lets the other lead, both bodies begin to flow with the music. One gives gentle cues, perhaps with a nudge on the back, or by pressing lightly in one direction or another. It's as if two become one body, moving beautifully. The dance takes surrender, willingness, and attentiveness from one person and gentle guidance and skill from the other.. My eyes drew back to the word GUIDANCE. When I saw "G"; I thought of God, followed by "u" and "I". God, "u" and "I" dance. God, you and I dance!! As I lowered my head, I became willing to trust that I would get guidance about my life. Once again, I became willing to let God lead. My prayer for you today is that God's blessing and mercies are upon you this day and every day. May you abide in God, as God abides in you. Dance together with God, trusting God to lead and guide you through each season of your life. AND I HOPE YOU DANCE!!

Vivat Jesus !!!!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Douglas A. Gasseling". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial 'D' and 'G'.

Douglas A. Gasseling
Wyoming State Deputy



Knights of Columbus

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

April 25, 2009

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

Welcome to the 89th Annual State Convention in Cheyenne. I hope that your stay in Cheyenne is both enjoyable and spirit filled.

As of the end of March 2009, there were 2835 members in 30 councils. One council is suspended, Wright. Membership is broken down as follows:

Associate Members – 1899
Insurance Members – 936
Sub-categories
 Inactive Members – 142
 Honorary Members – 63
 Honorary Life Members – 382
 Disabled Members – 9

Finances for the State Council, all but one council have paid their per capita, which is Wright and it is still suspended; 21 councils participated in the liability insurance coverage; 20 councils are in good standing. The State Treasurer will report on the status of the Wyoming State Council finances.

Convention booklet: I was late getting the State Convention Booklet published; I apologize for the delay; I waited for the updated version of Adobe then I had to learn how to use the program. The booklet is available for download at the state website: <http://wyomingkc.org>. The 2009 convention booklet will be done before the end of May, I promise.

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 23, 2009

Worthy State Deputy and Wyoming Brother Knights,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the State Treasurer this year. My 2 years in this job have 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.

The change that we instituted in 2008-2009 with the voucher system to trace spending for auditing 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 20, 2009

General Fund:

Beginning Balance 7/01/08	\$16,013.58
Per-capita	\$36,196.00
Interest	\$ 29.87
Lifesaver Lollipops	\$ 708.03
Keep Christ in Christmas	\$ 1864.00
Miscellaneous	<u>\$ 2954.00</u>
Sub-balance Income	\$41,751.90
Disbursements	<u>\$20,360.82</u>
Balance as of April 20, 2009	<u>\$37,404.66</u>

Tootsie Roll Fund

Beginning Balance:	\$ 4.22
Income:	
Interest	\$ 16.32
Tootsie Roll Deposits	<u>\$16,511.44</u>
Sub-balance Income	<u>\$16,527.76</u>
Disbursements	<u>\$14,860.29</u>
Balance as of April 24, 2008	\$ 1671.69
6 month CD maturity date 05/20/08	Balance: \$16,663.36
24 month CD maturity date 11/26/08	Balance: \$12,230.54
Christopher Fund	\$ 7,177.50
Total Net-worth	\$75,147.75

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 \$15,000 and printing plus registration in the amount of \$3200.00 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: \$1,671.69 for the Tootsie Roll Drive
Second: \$ 156.26 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, 24, 2009

Worthy State Deputy and Brother Knights:

During the past year this office dealt with a number of raffle request from the various council's.

The by laws that were passed at the state convention in Gillette last year were approved by the supreme council. This year we have one that we will need to vote on at the convention.

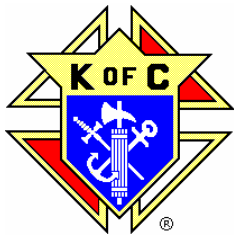
I received resolutions for the state convention. I am looking forward to my first committee meeting with the district deputies. We have 21 resolutions to discuss and decide upon.

We have had a productive year. I am very proud that you have let me be your State Advocate. I have learned a lot about the working's of the order and as hoping that I can be your State Treasurer next year.

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 is always at me side and 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 25, 2009
NECROLOGY REPORT

Bishop Patrick A. McGovern Council 801, Cheyenne

- Robert A. Bennett
- Ronald B. Duda
- Mathew L. Dunn
- Robert C. Kelly
- George H. Kingham
- Anthony J. Meza
- William R. Michaud
- Juan A. Padilla
- Joseph N. Paravecchio

Msgr. Thomas O'Rielly Council 1563, Casper

- James Harris
- Murray Dahill
- Stanley Blower
- Louis Tauber
- M. Joseph Burke, Past State Deputy

Phil Sheridan Council 2104, Sheridan

- Phillip J. Kane

Frank Plemel Council 2441, Rock Springs

- Richard Stanton
- Joseph Molinkovich
- Arthur Toucher
- Rudolph Pivik
- Jack Hastings

Shoshone Council 3043, Powell

- Erwin Funke
- Paul Schiltz

Wind River Council 3237, Riverton

- Leroy W. Graham
- Jack E. Miller
- Robert W. Campbell

Fr. DeSmet Council 3332, Buffalo

- Frank P. Prosinski

Msgr. James Ruddy Council 3477, Gillette

- Paul O'Donnell, Past State Deputy
- Robert A. Frey

Bishop Maurice F. Burke Council 4031, Cody

- Bill Nichols
- Joseph Gautsch
- Emmett Knox
- Lawrence Meister

Father Martin Kennedy Council 5447, Lander

- John Hoagland
- Charles Viox
- Ben Moss
- Henry Bartell

Council 6216, Evanston

- Lee Guild, Past State Deputy

Msgr. Fred Kimmett Council 6623, Torrington

- Francis Bohnekamp
- David Whitfield
- John Black

Columbia Council 7789, Pine Bluffs

- Stanley (Stan) W. McNamee
- Sixto Delgado

Father Charles Bartek Council 9431, Jackson

- Peter W. Edington
- Tim Gwilliam

Bindl Council 10027, Fort Bridger

- Joseph V. Purdy

University of Wyoming Council 10773, Laramie

- Earl A. Kelley

Snowy Range Council 11291, Saratoga

- Herbert Warner



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WYOMING STATE COUNCIL

Roll of State Officers

Office	Name	Present (P) or Absent (A)
Wyoming State Deputy	Douglas A. Gasseling	P
Wyoming State Chaplain	Most Rev. Joseph Hart	P
Immediate Past State Deputy	William J. Briere	P
Wyoming State Secretary	Patrick J. Doherty	P
Wyoming State Treasurer	Donald J. Scott	P
Wyoming State Advocate	C. Joe Welte	P
Wyoming State Warden	Paul E. Puebla	P

Number of state officer votes: 7

Signed,

Patrick J. Doherty
Wyoming State Secretary

Date: April 25, 2009



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WYOMING STATE COUNCIL

Roll of District Deputies

District	Name	Present (P) or Absent (A)
1	Raoul A. Laganière	P
2	Ronald J. Knievel	P
3	James Borzea	P
4	Thomas J. Atwood	A
5	Jack Rogers	P
6	Ralph H. Blommel	P
7	Robert Taylor	P

Signed,

Patrick J. Doherty
Wyoming State Secretary

Date: __April 25, 2009__



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WYOMING STATE COUNCIL

Roll of State Service Program Directors and Chairmen

Office	Name	Present (P) or Absent (A)
Program Director	James Venjohn _____	P
Church Director, Vocations Chairman	Joseph Eleshuk _____	P
Round Table Chairman	PSD James Hasquet _	P
Community Director	Gene Baehler _____	A
Pro-Life Chaircouple	Dale & Eve Thompson	P
Council Director	Bret Ladenburger _____	P
Public Relations Chairman, Newsletter Editor	Raoul Laganieri _____	P
Report Forms Chairman	PSD Terry Archbold _	P
Family Activities Directors	Dave & Delores Langerman	P
Youth Activities Director	Brian Dever _____	P
Membership Director, Retention Chairman	John Benedik, Jr. _____	P
Keep Christ in Christmas Chairman	Mel Mollendor _____	P
Ceremonials Chairman	Richard Adamski _____	A
Campaign for Citizens with Intellectual Disabilities Director	Roland, "Nick" Eckes _	P
Fr. McGivney Guild Chairman	James Walport _____	P
Awards Chairman	PSD Kenneth Dugas _	P
Charitable Trust Chairman	PSD Deacon Don Stewart	P
Insurance Promotion Chairman	Jerome Hoefler _____	P
State Hispanic Coordinator Chairman	Stuart Palmer _____	A

Signed,

Patrick J. Doherty
Wyoming State Secretary

Date: April 25, 2009



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

WYOMING STATE COUNCIL

Temporary Roll of Delegates

Council	Delegates	(P or A)	Alternates	(P or A)
801	Robert J. Corso _____ Michael F. Hackett _____	P _____ A _____	Robert E. Chilcott _____ Daniel S. Diaz _____	P _____ P _____
1563	David Holwegner _____ Michael Bardgett _____	A _____ P _____	_____ _____	_____ _____
2104	John Genereaux _____ Jay Ferries _____	A _____ A _____	Bob Liebrich _____ Fr. Tom Ogg _____	P _____ P _____
2128	Charles C. Redmond _____ Larry G. Sebens _____	P _____ A _____	Robert L. Taylor _____ Mark Hoffman _____	P _____ P _____
2337	James Thoeny _____ _____	P _____ _____	_____ _____	_____ _____
2441	Stewart Miller _____ Larry Lux _____	A _____ P _____	Jack Adams _____ Stam McKey _____	P _____ P _____
2578	NO DELEGATES _____ _____	_____ _____	_____ _____	_____ _____
2720	Tim Trujillo _____ John Benedik _____	P _____ P _____	_____ _____	_____ _____
3043	Louis Hetzel _____ Anthony Aquirre _____	P _____ P _____	_____ Brian Duyck _____	_____ P _____
3237	Joseph F. Welter _____ Richard M. Poglajen _____	P _____ P _____	David J. Milleson _____ Michael D. Greff _____	A _____ A _____
3332	Clarence C. Bishop _____ Edward Miller _____	P _____ P _____	_____ _____	_____ _____
3477	Randy Lang _____ Scott Hungerford _____	P _____ P _____	Buddy Cater _____ Doug Gerrard _____	P _____ P _____
3551	Charles Ruwart III _____	P _____	_____	_____

4031	Alex H Sitz III _____ George W. Morris _____	P _____ P _____	Charles L. Wolf _____ James R. Talich _____	A _____ A _____
5447	Joseph Kennah _____ Aaron Irvine _____	P _____ P _____	_____ _____	_____ _____
6216	NO DELEGATES _____ _____	_____ _____	_____ _____	_____ _____
6334	Ken Pitlick _____ Marvin Proctor _____	A _____ A _____	Reginald Rumbolz _____ _____	P _____ _____
6558	Joe Anderson _____ Bill Meehan _____	P _____ P _____	Nick Koenigs _____ Phil Bruner _____	A _____ A _____
6623	Mike Varny _____ Mike Pexton _____	P _____ P _____	Spencer Smith _____ Steven Vetter _____	A _____ A _____
7214	NO DELEGATES _____ _____	_____ _____	_____ _____	_____ _____
7453	Mike Lavato _____ Paul Lavato _____	P _____ P _____	_____ _____	_____ _____
7789	David C. Person (Charles) Joseph R. Eleshuk (Joe)	P _____ P _____	_____ _____	_____ _____
8542	SUSPENDED _____ _____	_____ _____	_____ _____	_____ _____
8635	Donald G. Viktorin _____ _____	P _____ _____	_____ _____	_____ _____
9431	NO DELEGATES _____ _____	_____ _____	_____ _____	_____ _____
9756	Ralph Trotter _____ John Overgaag _____	P _____ P _____	None _____ None _____	_____ _____
9917	Grant Havens _____ Steve Grape _____	P _____ P _____	Gary Maass _____ Brian Dever _____	P _____ P _____
10027	NO DELEGATES _____ _____	_____ _____	_____ _____	_____ _____

	_____	_____	_____	_____
10773	Colin Fulton _____	P _____	_____	_____
	Paul Schabron _____	A _____	_____	_____
11291	James A. Larscheid ____	P _____	Robert V. Johnson ____	P _____
	Ryan J. Larscheid _____	A _____	None _____	_____

Signed,

_____	Date: April 25, 2009
Patrick J. Doherty	
Wyoming State Secretary	



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WYOMING STATE COUNCIL

2009 Permanent Roll of Delegates

Council	Names	Present (P) or Absent (A)		
801	Robert J. Corso _____ Daniel S. Diaz _____	A _____ P _____	_____	_____
1563	Michael Bardgett _____	P _____	_____	_____
2104	Bob Liebrich _____ Fr. Tom Ogg _____	P _____ P _____		
2128	Charles C. Redmond ____ Mark Hoffman _____	P _____ P _____	_____	_____
2337	James Thoeny _____	P _____	_____	_____
2441	Jack Adams _____ Larry Lux _____	P _____ P _____	_____	_____
2578	NO DELEGATES _____	_____	_____	_____
2720	Tim Trujillo _____ John Benedik _____	P _____ P _____	_____	_____
3043	Louis Hetzel _____ Anthony Aquirre _____	P _____ P _____	_____	_____
3237	Joseph F. Welter _____ Richard M. Poglajen ____	P _____ P _____	_____	_____
3332	Clarence C. Bishop _____ Edward Miller _____	P _____ P _____	_____	_____
3477	Randy Lang _____ Scott Hungerford _____	P _____ P _____	_____	_____

3551	Charles Ruwart III _____	P _____	_____	_____
4031	Alex H Sitz III _____	P _____	_____	_____
	George W. Morris _____	P _____	_____	_____
5447	Joseph Kennah _____	P _____	_____	_____
	Aaron Irvine _____	P _____	_____	_____
6216	NO DELEGATES _____	_____	_____	_____
6334	Reginald Rumbolz _____	P _____		
6558	Joe Anderson _____	P _____	_____	_____
	Bill Meehan _____	P _____	_____	
6623	Mike Varny _____	P _____	_____	_____
	Mike Pexton _____	P _____	_____	_____
7214	NO DELEGATES _____	_____	_____	_____
7453	Mike Lavato _____	P _____	_____	_____
	Paul Lavato _____	P _____	_____	_____
7789	David C. Person (Charles)	P _____	_____	_____
	Joseph R. Eleashuk (Joe)	A _____	_____	_____
8542	SUSPENDED _____	_____	_____	_____
8635	Donald G. Viktorin _____	P _____	_____	_____
9431	NO DELEGATES _____	_____	_____	_____
9756	Ralph Trotter _____	P _____	_____	_____
	John Overgaag _____	P _____	_____	_____
9917	Grant Havens _____	P _____	_____	_____
	Steve Grape _____	P _____	_____	_____

10027 NO DELEGATES _____

10773 Colin Fulton _____ P _____

11291 James A. Larscheid _____ P _____
Robert V. Johnson _____ P _____

Number of delegate votes: 48 _____

Number of state officer votes: 7 _____

Total votes: 55 _____

Signed,

Patrick J. Doherty
Wyoming State Secretary

Date: April 26, 2009



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WYOMING STATE COUNCIL

Roll of State Officers

Office	Name	Present (P) or Absent (A)
Wyoming State Deputy	Douglas A. Gasseling	P
Wyoming State Chaplain	Most Rev. Joseph Hart	P
Immediate Past State Deputy	William J. Briere	P
Wyoming State Secretary	Patrick J. Doherty	P
Wyoming State Treasurer	Donald J. Scott	P
Wyoming State Advocate	C. Joe Welte	P
Wyoming State Warden	Paul E. Puebla	P

Number of state officer votes: _7_

Signed,

Patrick J. Doherty
Wyoming State Secretary

Date: _April 26, 2009_____



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WYOMING STATE COUNCIL

Report of the Committee on Credentials

April 25, 2009

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
- Delegates from the following councils are absent and are not entitled to vote:
Thermopolis Council 2578
Evanston Council 6216
Greybull Council 7214
Jackson Council 9431
Fort Bridger Council 10027
- There are 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,

Reginold Rumbolz
Past Grand Knight
Council 6334, Newcastle
Chairman, Committee on Credentials

		2008-2009	2009-2010			
Account	CATEGORY	Budget Committee Present	Budget Committee Proposal			
1	State Officers Allowances	\$225.00	\$225.00			
2	DeSmet Mass	\$100.00	\$100.00			
3	Religious Honoraum	\$400.00	\$400.00			
4	State Convention M&P	\$11,500.00	\$13,000.00			
5	State Convention Clerical	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00			
6	State Convention Registration	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00			
7	State Officer Meeting/Membership	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00			
8	State Council Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00			
9	State Deputy Expenses	\$500.00	\$500.00			
10	State Deputy - Supreme Convention	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00			
11	Supreme Convention	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00			
12	College Council Rebate	\$600.00	\$500.00			
13	Morality in Media	\$0.00	\$10.00			
14	Audit	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00			
15	Pro Life Chair Couple	\$300.00	\$300.00			
16	K of C Chairitable Trust	\$100.00	\$100.00			
17	State Council Travel	\$500.00	\$750.00			
18	Keep Christ in Christmas	\$1,000.00	\$10.00			
19	Special Projects	\$50.00	\$50.00			
20	Ceremonial Expenses	\$200.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,864.00	Keep Christ in C	
21	Insurance	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$29.87	Interest	
22	Miscellaneous Non Budget	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$708.03	Lollipops	
23	Pass Through Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$38,320.00	2395	16
	TOTAL	\$32,525.00	\$33,995.00	\$40,921.90		
	Total Income Received July 1 to April 21	\$41,751.90				
	Beginning Balance as of April 21 2006	\$36,905.91				

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Worthy State Deputy
Worthy State Secretary

On April 24 2009 the Audit Committee met to review the finances of the State Council.

The report was professionally prepared, and the Committee chaired by myself, saw no discrepancies in it. We voted to recommend to the State Council that the Report be accepted as prepared.

Respectfully,

//s// Joseph F. Welter, Grand Knight, Wind River Council 3237



Knights of Columbus

WYOMING STATE COUNCIL

2009 State Program Report

First, St. Joseph's Society Priest retirement fund. I stressed that each council hold a fund raising program. With the proceeds turned in at this convention. If your council was unable to do something this year, get started now for next year. Their need is ever present, and help them we can.

Second, I asked your councils program chairman, Grand Knight, or who-ever to write up a program report on each program as you complete them. Then you would be good to go when you choose which program fits each of our five service program awards. It's also good scrape book material.

Another program I'd like to see get started, if not already done so, is to put together a welcome packet. This packet would include information on the Knights of Columbus, a schedule of events, maybe a free ticket or pass to a council program. Put a copy of the Columbia magazine in there with a contact telephone number. Clear it with your parish Priest to have your Church Secretary hand this packet out to new parish members. You'll have a step up for your recruitment team. What a switch, a candidate for membership with more information on us than we on them.

A few years back the State Council agreed to add a Senior division to our Knights of Columbus Free Throw Program. Some members from around the state donated money for a traveling trophy. This light hearted competition was added in the spirit of getting more families and councils to participate in the Free Throw Program. This year we had four councils participate in the Senior Division. This years' winner is the returning champ. I guess he's pretty good. But, I'll bet he can be beaten. Any help promoting this from the State Free Throw Chairman, District Deputies, and State Deputy would be helpful.



Knights of Columbus

WYOMING STATE COUNCIL

In closing, I'd like to thank those councils who have been submitting a family for the Family of the Month Program. This is a great way to honor a Knight of Columbus and bring his family into our organization. District Deputies please remind your councils of this award.

Thank you for your time, and for your service.

May God Bless you, your family, and your work.

Vivat Jesus,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jim Venjohn".

Jim Venjohn / State Program Director



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

WYOMING STATE COUNCIL

STATE PRO-LIFE CHAIR COUPLE ANNUAL REPORT 2008-2009 Dale and Eve Thompson

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

Respect Life Packets were e-mailed to all Councils this last fall and according to our records 9 Councils participated. Councils participating included the following: Council 3477 Monsignor James Ruddy, Gillette; Council 2441 Frank Plemel, Rock Springs; Council 2720 St. Laurence O'Toole, Laramie; Council 9917 Father James F. Power, Casper; Council 3332 Father DeSmet, Buffalo; Council 7789 Columbia Council, Pine Bluffs; Council 2104 Phil Sheridan, Sheridan, Council 1563 Msgr. Thomas F. O'Reilly, Casper, and Council 3237 Wind River, Riverton. In appreciation for their dedication to Respect Life Sunday, these councils will be awarded certificates. Thank you for your dedication to help God's most innocent children.

The Right to Life March in Cheyenne was held on January 24. Council 801, Bishop P.A. McGovern sponsored this. Thank you to everyone who attended and to the Cheyenne Council for committing to this march every year. We could always use more attendance from Knights and their families, especially the pro-life chair couple from each council. We encourage each council to help their pro-life chair couple attend this event. Dale attended the March in spite of very bad weather. 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.

Since the election of O'Bama as President, he has tried to perpetuate the Culture of Death in our nation and state. We need to keep up the fight even more to prevent the slaughter of the unborn. O'Bama received 2.5 million empty red envelopes showing

there are many people who oppose FOCA and any bills against life. The new bills introduced in the Wyoming Legislature this year by Representative Bob Brechtel and others such as the marriage bill, ultrasound bill, assisted suicide and unborn victims of violence were defeated. 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 Chair Couples in each council.

The State Fair was held in Douglas the week of August 11-16. We were unable to travel to Douglas on Saturday to help in the booth with Council 6558 Chairman, Bill Meehan. Thank you to Bill Meehan and Council 6558 for putting in lots of hours on this worthy project. The set of baby models showing the growth of a 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.

Please 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 Cynthia Lummis (202-225-2311) to thank them for supporting life in the Senate and House of Representatives.

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,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive. The top signature is 'Dale Thompson' and the bottom signature is 'Eve Thompson'. The signatures are written in dark ink and are somewhat overlapping.

Dale and Eve Thompson
State Pro-life Chair Couple



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
WYOMING STATE COUNCIL
Public Relations & Newsletter



April 25, 2009

To: Worth State Deputy, Douglas Gasseling

From: Raoul A. Laganière

Subject: 2009 Annual Report to the 2009 State Convention.

All phases of the implementation of the "Cowboy Bulletin", Wyoming's State Newsletter have been implemented.

For the first six months "Cowboy Bulletin" was published on a monthly basis and was distributed to all emails addresses available on the state roster. Following the winter meeting, the newsletter began distribution on a quarterly basis.

Distribution included: PSDs, State Officers, District Deputies, Administrators and Chairs, Council and Assembly Officers, Chaplains, Degree Team Members, Insurance Field Agents, and others who indicated they wish to subscribe to it.

Several articles were submitted to the Catholic Register, a Diocesan newspaper. Arrangements were made with this publication's editor so that any council to furnish articles for publishing.

The last issue of "Cowboy Bulletin" for this fraternal year was published in April 2009.

Your articles, pictures, encouragement and suggestions during these past two years is greatly appreciated. All of your support achieved the goal set forth when the idea first took flight and really made the "Cowboy Bulletin" **YOUR PUBLICATION.**

Fraternally,

Raoul A. Laganière
Wyoming District #1 Deputy
15 Loretta Drive, Wheatland, WY 82201

cc: District File



Knights of Columbus

WYOMING STATE COUNCIL

CAMPAIGN FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES CHAIRMAN

It is my pleasure and privilege to report to the Wyoming State Council's 89th State Convention on the Manual Michael Davila Funds for Charities.

In the calendar year of 2008, the Manual Michael Davila Funds for Charities had a net revenue of \$18,929.34. The State Council received 10% or \$1,892.94. The total return to the Councils were \$16,811.40. There were 405 cases of Tootsie Rolls bought and 402 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 2007 six councils participated. In 2008, 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 88th 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 \$10,250.75. Torrington Council #6623 came in second with a net revenue of \$2,521.77. Candy bought and net revenue was down over 2008.

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

Faternally yours,

Roland "Nick" Eckes
Intellectual Disabilities Chairman



Knights of Columbus

WYOMING STATE COUNCIL

MANUAL MICHAEL DAVILA FUNDS FOR CHARITIES 2008

COUNCIL	CASES BOUGHT	CASES SOLD	TOTAL REVENUE	LESS EXPENSE	NET REVENUE	STATE 10%	RETURN 90%	90% DONATED AS FOLLOWS:
Buffalo	10	10	694.00	172.50	521.50	52.15	469.35	Buffalo Special Olympics
Casper #1563					0.00	0.00	0.00	
Casper #9917					0.00	0.00	0.00	
Cheyenne	0	0	1,424.18	135.26	1,288.92	128.89	1,160.03	Sacred Hears/ARC/East High P.A.L.S.
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	10,250.75	0.00	10,250.75	1,025.08	9,000.67	Campbell County Special Olympics
Green River					0.00	0.00	0.00	
Greybull/Basin					0.00	0.00	0.00	
Jackson					0.00	0.00	0.00	
Kemmerer					0.00	0.00	0.00	
Lander	120	120	4,487.90	2,070.00	2,417.90	241.79	2,176.11	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					0.00	0.00	0.00	
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	3,136.00	1,207.50	1,928.50	192.85	1,735.65	RENEW & Council 2104
Thermoplis					0.00	0.00	0.00	
Torrington	160	160	5,505.00	2,983.23	2,521.77	252.18	2,269.59	Wy Child & Family Develop St. Josephs & D.S.L.
Wheatland					0.00	0.00	0.00	
Worland					0.00	0.00	0.00	

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Intellectual Disabilities Chairman



Knights of Columbus

WYOMING STATE COUNCIL

Membership / Membership Retention Report, April 2009

Worthy Supreme Representative, Reverend Fathers, State Deputy, State Officers, Past State Deputies, District Deputies, Program Directors/Chairman, Council Delegates and Brother Knights:

I have combined the State Membership and Retention Chairman reports.

Increasing membership is critical to the future of the Knights of Columbus. Without a constant influx of new members and the ideas and enthusiasm they bring, the Order would immediately cease to grow, and eventually cease to exist. That's why it's important that we ask every eligible Catholic man, and his family, to join us in the Knights of Columbus family. Membership recruitment and retention are the lifeblood of any organization, and the Knights of Columbus is no exception.

The Supreme Council established Wyoming's membership quota to be 100 for the 2008 - 2009 fraternal year with a starting membership of 2,874. The Supreme report of April 1, 2009 for Wyoming revealed a total membership of 2,870 members a loss of 4 members at the time of the report. We still need an additional 104 members to meet our State quota for this fraternal year.

We can take pride in the fact that Wyoming's Order is still growing considering we have a relatively small Catholic population from which to recruit in addition to the affects the economy has had on this population is some of our communities. Regardless, efforts at membership recruitment and retention are a challenge under any circumstance and we should not lose heart because of extra ordinary conditions we may be faced with. You need to ask yourselves if you did everything that you could to help promote membership and to help retain those that you have already recruited. Remember, recruitment and retention is everyone's job! Don't just sit back and leave it up to the Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, or your top proposers. You are the one that has to make the difference for your Council.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is worth having! It is worth having because of the opportunity it provides for family protection with the variety of insurance packages offered. It helps you live your faith more fully through involvement in any of the 5 Surge with Service programs of Church, Youth, Council, Family, and Community.

At the present time, we have 29 active Councils in Wyoming. Out of those 29 Councils; we only have 16 that have recruited members this fraternal year. That leaves us with 13 Councils who have not recruited even a single member. Gentlemen, we are better than that! I will not mention those Councils' names because I would never belittle or embarrass any Council. Instead, I strongly urge and encourage you to please pick up the recruitment effort for the remainder of this fraternal year. Congratulations to the Rock Springs Council 2441, they have achieved 140% of their goal in membership this year to date.

No matter how many members we recruit, membership will not increase if we don't retain the members we already have. Recruiting doesn't just happen! It takes a coordinated effort by the entire council to attract eligible Catholic men and their families. If we don't ask, no one will join. Similarly, retention doesn't just happen, either. It also takes a coordinated effort by the entire council to make each member and his family feels like a valuable, contributing member of the council. If we don't ask each member to stay, through our words and deeds, eventually they'll decide not to. We can't allow that to happen.

Member retention begins in the recruitment process and councils must be aware of this. Encourage your councils to have the proposer accompany his candidate to his meeting with the admission committee, to his various degrees (up to, and including, the Fourth Degree), and to his first several council meetings. This will immediately show the new member that he is a valued part of the council, and wasn't recruited simply so the council could meet a membership quota.

The next step for the council is to get the new member immediately involved. They need to put him to work by finding out his interests and encouraging him to serve on the committee, or committees, that best match those interests. Every council should be using the Admission Committee Questionnaire to determine the new member(s) areas of interest. Once noted, it should be relatively easy to match those interests with council programs that the new member and his family, could become involved in. New members should also be encouraged to come up with their own programming ideas. If the council does not conduct any activities in the member's area of interest, he may be just the man to develop an idea for a new initiative. Utilize the "Shining Armor Award". The main focus of this program is to get new members actively involved within their council from the very beginning. If you get and keep new members active, you'll have them forever.

We ask you to encourage the Grand Knights to appoint a "Welcoming Committee" in his council. In addition to getting new members involved in programs and serving on committees, this "Welcoming Committee" will make sure that his first few council meetings will be positive experiences. This can be simply done by introducing the new member to his brothers and encouraging him to participate in the social aspects of the council. These duties should extend beyond the council home as well. When a member of the welcoming committee, or any council member for that matter, sees the new member at Mass, they should take the opportunity to introduce the respective families. What better way to encourage family participation in council events than by making the entire family feel welcome and comfortable.

A final area to address in member retention is council meetings. Are they interesting? Do they start on time? Are they completed in a timely manner, so that members will have time to socialize and still arrive home at a reasonable hour? Are you accomplishing anything at your meetings? Are you having meetings? People today have many demands on their time. They simply won't waste their valuable time going to a long, boring meeting that starts late and accomplishes nothing. Once a member stops attending meetings, he will soon stop participating in programs. And once that happens, it won't be long before he loses interest and leaves the Order.

Everybody needs to get involved with the Membership Blitzes! They do work! I know some Councils ran very successful blitzes and some Councils didn't even bother with attempting one. I congratulate and thank the Councils who attempted the Blitzes because I know they helped to improve your membership quota. For the Councils who haven't done a Blitz this fraternal year, I urge you to go ahead and run one and see for yourself if they don't work for your Council.

We've covered a lot of ground here, and touched on many things that a council can do to retain members. In the end, however, it boils down to a few simple things. Councils need to make members feel that they are a welcome and valued part of the council, and the Order. Conduct programs that are interesting and effective. Involve as much of the membership as possible in those programs. Conduct meetings in such a way that members will want to give up an evening to attend. If we do these few things, former members will soon become a thing of the past.

As for recruitment, we still have seven weeks **(Form 100's should be sent no later than June 15th or sooner to Supreme to be entered into the system)** left to step up our recruitment efforts and to accomplish our quota goals. So let's commit ourselves and use the time remaining this fraternal year to make every effort to reach those goals set by the Supreme Office. We owe it to our Wyoming Catholic families and to the Church to make it happen.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John E. Benedik Jr." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John E. Benedik Jr.

Membership Director / Membership Retention Chairman



Knights of Columbus

WYOMING STATE COUNCIL

Report from the Directors of Family Activities

Worthy State Deputy, Bishop Hart, Worthy State Officers, Supreme Representative, Brother Knights and your ladies Peace be with you.

Congratulations to Brother Robert Doser and his family of Rock Springs, and Brother Jeffrey Marsh and his family of Torrington for having been selected as the latest Families of the Month by Supreme. Congratulations to Councils 2441, 9917, 2720, 3477, 3237, 801, 10773 and 6623 for their success in submitting their families to Supreme for recognition. And thank you to the Councils in Cheyenne, Rock Springs, Laramie, Lander, Riverton, Gillette, Torrington, Pinedale, Casper, and the University of Wyoming for their recognition of deserving Knight families.

Father Phillip Chavez has a ministry called Quest for Masculine Spirituality to undo the feminizing of our young men that happens when there is no father figure in their upbringing. There is an ecumenical ministry called Fathers in the Field to pair fatherless boys with volunteer father figures willing to spend time with them in outdoor activities. There is the Curseo Movement to awaken men's spirituality and bring men back into the Church. And of course there are us Knights of Columbus. And the question for us is, are we doing all we can to honor the sanctity of marriage, promote the critical importance of family as the mortar of society, and to foster spirituality of Catholic men?

The family that prays together stays together. Likewise, the family that plays together stays together. This Easter did your Council put on an Easter egg hunt? If so, was it a family activity or just a kid's event? Last August, or anytime during the year, did your Council put on a family picnic, social, etc.? If so, were there family activities and games, not just stuff to keep the children entertained? Ever give any thought to father-son and mother-daughter team competition? Besides the opening and closing prayers, do your meetings include any spiritual enrichment from the Chaplain or Lecturer?

Let us lead by example. If other Catholic Gentlemen admire what they see in us, our recruitment is all but done, wanting just the Form 100. The sons of Knights make fine Knights themselves. They will know that we are Christian by our Love, but they will know that we are Knights by our deeds.

May God bless our families. Vivat Jesus.

David and Dolores Langerman
Family Activity Directors

From: The Church Activities and Vocation Director

To: Wyoming Council Knights of Columbus

As we began our state council meeting I had received only one RSVP package. This is from the Father James F. Power Council 9917. Father Ray Rodriguez has stated that he has heard from three other councils. In February I sent out a package with all the information and how and where to send it. If there is any other council that did the RSVP program, I would like to hear from you. POC-- Joe Eleshuk, 4062 Winterset Dr. Burns Wyoming 82053. shuk7@colisp.com Or, you can contact Father Ray at the Diocese of Cheyenne P.O. Box 1468 Cheyenne, WY 82003-1468. [frray@dioceseofcheyenne.org].

In the welcome package that you received at the convention there was a blue booklet, the KOC Catholic Information Service Publication Catalog. As a former Faith Formation teacher, I needed a resource which contained prayers and faith facts required by the diocese for each grade. The booklet "Prayer Time" satisfied this need. I highly recommend it. I also bought a few other booklets to help me with my faith. These excellent resources can be ordered from the CIS catalog. If you teach Faith Formation, I think you will find many great tools there.

In Christ

Joseph R. Eleshuk

Church Activities/Vocation Director



Knights of Columbus

Wyoming State Deputy WYOMING STATE COUNCIL

Douglas A Gasseling

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Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003

April 2009

Worthy State Deputy, District Deputys and State Officers

A young parish priest with a dream that became a reality Father Michael J McGivney brought a group of young men together and formed what is known to day as the Knights of Columbus.

The knights of columbus began as a tiny seed planted by this young parish priest, who understood the longing of the human heart for goodness and even greatness.

Over the years membership in the knights has become a family tradition, bring sons and grandsons together explaining fraternal life and insurance program to them.

District Deputy and Grand Knights are encouraged to increase membership in the Fr. McGivney guild with in there councils. A news letter comes out every 3 months, this is free to all guild members. The guild has more than 130000 members, in Wyoming as of January 2009 memberships is 328.

The spirital heritage of Father McGivney is his perious gift to the K of C, we owe it to him and the church to share his gift with those we meet and whom we work..

James Walport –Chairman

Father McGiveny Guild

Wyoming Knights of Columbus State Convention

Youth Program Report

Brian Dever, State Youth Director

April 24-26, 2009

Cheyenne, Wyoming

Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Championship

Twenty-seven youth participated in the State Free Throw Championship this year. Councils represented at the state competition include the following:

3237 – Riverton
3332 – Buffalo
3477 – Gillette
9756 – Pinedale
9917 – Casper

There are roughly 30,000 students between the ages of 10 and 14 in the state of Wyoming. With this number in mind, I would like to set a modest goal for each council next year. If each council can get just 5 participants, we will nearly triple the number of current participants statewide. Even with this, we will be right about 150 participants, which is close to $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of eligible students. We can do this. I encourage every council to hold a council-level competition in 2010.

Squire Circle Development

Over the past year or so, several councils have expressed interest to Supreme about the idea of developing a Squire Circle in their council. These councils include the following:

801 – Cheyenne
6623 – Torrington
7789 – Pine Bluffs
9917 – Casper

Although each of the above councils has yet to have an active circle, the interest is very encouraging. If any Knight has experience with the Squires, I encourage him to contact a member of any of these councils to assist with this process. I would also encourage that member to look into beginning a circle in his own council. The Squires program is one more way to reach the 30,000 10 to 18 year old boys and young men that are eligible for the program. It is also a great recruiting tool, as many Squires become Knights upon their 18th birthday.

Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge

Although the Soccer Challenge has not been around as long as the Free Throw Championship, it is still a great opportunity to provide a fun, athletic, and encouraging activity for youth. I would like to see a state-level Soccer Challenge in the fall of 2011. For this to be a success, we need to get started at the council level this year. Although it is a busy time of year, I ask that each council make arrangements to hold a Soccer Challenge this fall so there might be some anticipation for the event next year when the state-level competition is held.

Knights of Columbus State Convention
Cheyenne, Wyoming
April 24-26, 2009

Keep Christ in Christmas Chairman Report

2008 saw another decrease in the number of councils participating in the **Keep Christ in Christmas - Send Religious Christmas Cards Program**. We had eight (8) councils out of twenty-nine (29) participate in the 2008 program, which is down from last year when we had 13 councils participate. The following councils participated in 2008:

Cheyenne	(801)
Sheridan	(2104)
Laramie	(2720)
Gillette	(3477)
Burns	(7789)
Jackson	(9431)
Casper	(9917)
Laramie	(10773)

The net result for the State Council was a profit of \$791.00, which will be donated to a charity selected by the Host Council at this State Convention.

I want to congratulate all the councils who participated last year and I thank you for all your hard work despite the nations spiraling economy in making this program so successful. I especially want to thank Gillette council (3477) and Torrington council (6623) for being the top two councils in the State by selling the most cards and generating the most profit for the State Council. This again according to records marks the return of Gillette to the number one spot. Thank you Don Scott for a job well done!

This summer, packets again will be sent out to chairman in each council for the 2009 Keep Christ in Christmas - Send Religious Christmas Cards Program and included in the packets will be tips and suggestions. Some tips include:

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For parishes that already have a group (CCW, youth, etc.) selling Christmas cards, Consider purchasing an assortment case and donating it to the group to get them Started, Your cost is \$125 for the first case and the group can sell the cards for \$282.50 - a profit of \$157.50

This years assortment cases include 36 boxes of cards, 2 lapel pins, 5 sheets of gold stamped Christmas seals and 50 color brochures.

Try other items from the Keep Christ in Christmas program including Christmas seals, bumper stickers, advent wreaths, and lapel pins ("Keep Christ in Christmas" or "United We Pray Flag"). The lapel pins are priced so everyone can wear one and are a wonderful sign of unity and evangelization. See the display table for more information.

Ethnic cards are also available including Spanish, Polish, Italian, Ukrainian, French, Native American and African American. A special Spanish Display Box is available which includes 24 assorted boxes of cards.

Councils that purchase the Public Price Board and color brochures and display them After Masses or during coffee hours or breakfasts, seem to have the most success with this program. A sample price board is on display here at the convention and brochures are available for you to look at and take home.

Join together with another council and sponsor a highway billboard sign with the "Keep Christ in Christmas" nativity scene. Lamar Outdoor Advertising provides discounted pricing for billboard space across the State and they can surely locate a billboard in your area.

The cards change each year and as you can see on the price board, this year's designs are Again very beautiful!

However you decide to run your program, the important thing to remember is to start early...before the stores put out all of their Christmas displays.

For the councils and new Grand Knights who have not tried this program, I encourage you to do so. It is an easy Program to start and your time commitment is little. It is a very worthwhile program in that it spreads the true meaning of Christmas, which sadly, seems to get lost in today's Society.

In closing, I would like to thank the State Council, District Deputy's, Grand Knights and Brother Knights for making this program the successful program that it is in the State of Wyoming.

May God continue to bless you and your families,



Mel Mollendor

Wyoming State Chairman

Keep Christ in Christmas Program

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITABLE TRUST
May 23, 1991 through April 3, 2009

BEGINNING BALANCE MAY 23, 1991

\$0.00

RECEIPTS

Contributions

First Interstate Bank \$39,621.36

Hilltop National Bank \$331,034.77

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS \$370,656.13

Dividends/Interest/ Gains and Losses

First Interstate Bank \$958.70

Hilltop National Bank \$130,193.44

TOTAL INCOME \$131,152.14

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$501,808.27

EXPENSES

Premiums

First Interstate Bank \$3,429.44

Hilltop National Bank \$186,013.15

TOTAL PREMIUMS \$189,442.59

Fees - Hilltop, USPS, & Epperson

\$25,309.47

TOTAL EXPENSES

\$214,752.06

ENDING BALANCE April 3, 2009

\$287,056.21

*down
14%*

Adjustments for market value on Insurance Policies

\$181,217.81

ENDING BALANCE April 3, 2009

\$468,274.02

Earnings to Date

\$131,152.14

*2 yr 105
15,77%*

89th Annual Meeting
Of the
Wyoming State
Council
Of the
Knights of Columbus

April 24-26, 2009
Cheyenne, 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;

Whereas we are awaiting the appointment of a new Bishop for the Diocese of Cheyenne;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Wyoming State Council extend its appreciation and best wishes to Diocese Administrator Fr Michael Carr 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 Patrick and Vera Maloney, 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

Withdrawn By the Submitting Council.

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 2008 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 2008 keep Christ in Christmas/Send Religious Christmas Cards program; and

Whereas the delegates of the 2008 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 2008 Keep Christ in Christmas, be selected by the convention host council.

Therefore be it resolved that the Wyoming State Council donate the profits from the 2008 Keep Christ in Christmas/ Send religious Card Sales to the Feed The Poor Program

[Submitted by the Wyoming State Council]

Resolutions committee recommendation; Do Pass

Resolution; Passed

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 2009 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 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 89th annual Knights of Columbus state convention;

Therefore, be it resolved that the officers and delegates here assembled recognize Bishop P. A. McGovern Council 801, of Cheyenne Wyoming and their families, for their excellent efforts in planning and hosting the 2009 state convention , and be it further resolved that the Wyoming State Council thank Council 801 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 2008-2009 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 the Wyoming State Council invested \$2.50 per member for 2862 members; and

Whereas supreme council will match up to \$5.00 per member.

Therefore be it resolved that the Wyoming Knights of Columbus should invest another \$2.50 per member for the total members to bring our total investment to \$5.00 per member to maximize the Christopher Fund.

Be it Further resolved that 60% of the proceeds be given for the retired priest's to the St Joseph's Society, and other 40% of the proceeds be given to the Wyoming Knights of Columbus Michael J. McGivney Burse for Seminarian Education.

[Submitted by the Wyoming State Knights of Columbus]

**Resolutions committee recommendation; Do Pass
Resolution; Passed**

Resolution 20

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

Whereas birthmothers are or will be seeking to reenter the workforce, or enter a new career field, or continue their education, career or enter 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 21

Whereas, the Wyoming knights of Columbus has the Web Sight for the use of the Knights and councils of the State of Wyoming.

Whereas, we have a need for priests in the Diocese of Cheyenne.

Whereas, the RSVP program is one that is for the aid of these seminarians that are studying for the priesthood.

Therefore, be it resolved that we ask the Diocese Vocational director place the names of these seminarians on the web site so that council's can have a idea who they are and how many of the council's have donated to the individual, so we have a way of giving to the seminarians equally.

Also, be it also resolved that we encourage all of the council's to participate in the RSVP program.

[Submitted by Council 6623 Torrington, Wyoming]

**Resolutions Committee recommendation; Do Pass
Resolution; Passed**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
WYOMING STATE COUNCIL
District Number One



April 25, 2009

To: Worth State Deputy, Douglas Gasseling

From: Raoul A. Laganière, District Deputy, Wyoming District #001

Subject: 2009 Annual District Deputy's Report to the 2009 State Convention.

District Meetings: Two District Meetings were held during this fraternal year, with all councils participating. For logistic reasons these were held at Cheyenne. All information and goals presented at the state summer and winter meetings were presented and copies of relevant documents furnished to all attendees.

District Activity: Officer Installations were conducted at five of the six councils in the district. 35 official council visits were made including degree work audits. One second and third degree team was formed to provide coverage in the State. This district also provides one of the fourth degree exemplification teams. This was the first team to conduct the newly revised 4th degree exemplification procedure. The District #1 Monthly Newsletter continued to be published and transmitted to all G.K.s and F.S.s within the district. Grand Knight and Financial Secretary training modules were developed and presented to newly elected Council Officers.

Council - General Information: At mid-year, a reduction from 6 to 4 council occurred due to reorganization of the district coverage within the State. Five first degree teams were certified in using the new 1st degree format. The remaining one (Pine Bluffs) is still in training. All churches within the district have 10 commandment monuments. Plaques were also provided for all catholic schools within the district. Fourth degree honor guards were provided for funerals, confirmations, diocesan functions, and right to life march in Cheyenne. Family of the month recognition continues regularly at 75% of district councils. Additional 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees are scheduled for May 2, 2009 in Cheyenne. Councils continue to participate in RSVP.

Membership: BLITZ membership drives were conducted with marginal results. Councils participated in at least of one 1st degree, two 2nd & 3rd degrees, and one 4th degree exemplification. As of April 21st, a total of 23 new members have been added to this district. It is expected that the district's new member goal will be achieved this fraternal year. Eight new insurance members were attained. Presently, it appears that all but one council will achieve their membership goal for the fraternal year. The division of Field Agent jurisdictions, which took place at the start of this fraternal year, did not seem to achieve the desired results – an increase in insurance gains. All councils have been asked to hold an '*insurance night*', during the month of May, in order to improve on insurance gains.

Fraternally,

Raoul A. Laganière
Wyoming District #1 Deputy
15 Loretta Drive, Wheatland, WY 82201

cc: District File



Knights of Columbus

District Deputy
District # 2
Central Wyoming

April 2009

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

I offer you greeting from District # 2 in Central Wyoming. All of the councils in my District are doing well. They are trying to increase their membership but one of them is struggling in that area.

As of April 2009, two council Monsignor Thomas F.O'Reilly Council 1563 and Father James F. Power Council 9917 should meet their membership quota. Council 9917 has been having a 1st degree every two months. Douglas-Glenrock Council 6558 is trying hard to increase their membership.

All of the councils have been active in their parishes. Casper Council 9917 hosted the Wyoming Knights of Columbus State Free Throw contest. They are also supporting eight seminarians with their RSVP breakfasts. Casper Council 1563 and Douglas-Glenrock Council have fish fries during Lent. Many Knights help out in their churches and communities by donating blood, adoration and doing projects in their communities.

My goal for this coming year is to increase membership and schedule a 2nd & 3rd Degree in District # 2.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald J. Kniever
Ronald J. Kniever
District Deputy #2

District Deputy #3 Report 2008-2009

As a new District Deputy in our State Council this has been both a trying and rewarding experience for me. I have been fortunate to meet many good and dedicated Knights who I can now call friends. While all of my goals and aspirations have not been met I hope that my efforts have been a positive influence in this District. I have gained much insight and because of my experiences this past year I believe that the future will be a little easier for me. Because of my work schedule and other conflicts I have not been able to visit those Councils in my District as much as I would like but I think and hope that I have had a positive influence.

On the bright side, we continue to have one of the few certified 1st degree teams in the State (Council 2441). At least 4 1st degree exemplifications were held this year in Rock Springs plus an exemplification in Kemmerer with another planned in Rock Springs in mid May. Council 2441 (Rock Springs) was again recognized at our State Convention as a Star Council for the second year in a row and they should be able to exceed 200% of their membership quota this year. Council 2337 (Kemmerer) has reached 60% of their membership quota and is full of many young, enthusiastic members. Council 10027 (Ft. Bridger) does not have a membership quota due to their small size but they were able to recruit 1 new member this year. They remain very active in their Parish. Council 6261 (Evanston) held a membership blitz this year and was able to sign up 1 new applicant later one which will hopefully receive his 1st degree in mid May. They continue to work hard to keep their Council going. Council 7453 (Green River) will hopefully also add 2 new members in mid May. They continue to be a leader in our State with their 2nd & 3rd degree Teams (with some help from Rock Springs). This team recently conducted an exemplification in Cheyenne where about 18 new members were Knighted.

District #3 was again able to host a 2nd & 3rd degree this year in Rock Springs in April where 21 members were exemplified. Thanks to all those Councils who helped out by sending candidates for this successful event. A 4th degree exemplification was also held in Rock Springs where 10 new 4th degree Knights were exemplified.

It is been an extreme pleasure working with the Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, and members of our Councils in District #3 this year. I would especially like to thank our outgoing State Deputy Doug Gasseling for his support this year. His aid has been invaluable. Also, special thanks to our District Master, Jim Hasquet for his help. Our insurance agent, Jerry Hoefler, is a great friend and continues to be invaluable to our District. His commitment and dedication are invaluable. Thank you for doing so much for us, Jerry. Also, thanks to Raoul Laganieri for publishing our State Newsletter this past year. This has been a great communication device for all of us. Also, thanks to our Supreme Representative, Rod Hofschulte for his help this past year. Congratulations to our new State Officers this year. I look forward to working with you this coming year

After having my rookie year behind me, I hope to be better organized this next year. My goal is to reach Star District this next year with at least 3 of the 5 Councils in my District attaining Star Council. It has been a pleasure and honor to have served as District Deputy this past year.

God Bless You!

Jim Borzea, District Deputy #3

DISTRICT 5 REPORT; 2008-2009

DISTRICT 5 HAS UNDERGONE AN INTERESTING YEAR. ALL FIVE COUNCILS APPEAR TO BE MOVING FORWARD FROM A YEAR AGO.

POWELL COUNCIL 3043: THIS COUNCIL IS AN ACTIVE AND VIABLE COUNCIL. ALL YEAR THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING TOWARD HOSTING THE 2010 STATE CONVENTION. IN ADDITION THEY HAVE PERFORMED VARIOUS SERVICE PROJECTS SUCH AS DOING REPAIR WORK ON ST. BARBARA'S CHURCH.

THEY HOSTED A FIRST DEGREE BRINGING IN THREE NEW MEMBERS. UNFORTUNATELY NONE OF THEM ATTENDED THE 2ND & 3RD DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION IN WORLAND. ONE OF THEM, HOWEVER, HAS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN JOINING THE 4TH DEGREE. PERHAPS HE'LL BE EAGER TO ATTEND THE 2ND & 3RD DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION NEXT YEAR WHICH IS TENTATIVELY BEING PLANNED IN CODY.

POWELL HAS ITS OWN FIRST DEGREE TEAM. IN ADITION TO THIS, MANY OF ITS MEMBERS ARE PART OF THE CODY SECOND AND THIRD DEGREE TEAMS.

A YEAR AGO THEY SUBMITTED NO SERVICE PROJECTS FOR AWARDS AT THE STATE CONVENTION. WITH SOME MILD ENCOURAGEMENT, HOWEVER, THEY SUBMITTED THREE PROJECTS THIS YEAR.

GREYBULL COUNCIL 7214: A YEAR AGO THIS COUNCIL APPEARED TO BE ON ITS DEATH-BED. IT'S F S APPEARED TO BE SUFFERING FROM BURN-OUT WITH NO ONE OFFERING TO STEP UP AND REPLACE HIM.

HE SEEMED TO BE BARELY GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS. THE COUNCIL HAD 39 MEMBERS, 19 OF WHICH HADN'T PAYED DUES IN YEARS! KNIGHT-ALERTS AND NOTICES -TO -SUSPEND APPARENTLY HADN'T BEEN SENT OUT DURING THAT TIME.

NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT WAS ZERO. AFTER FACING ADVERITY FROM A RECENT PASTOR. THERE WAS NO INCENTIVE TO RECRUIT AND, THEREFORE, NONE WAS DONE.

FORTUNATELY A FORMER MEMBER MOVED BACK TO TOWN AND ASSUMED THE ROLE OF GK. THE GK, THEN, ASSUMED THE RULE OF FS.

THEY ARE NOW BUSY RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS AND ARE CLEARING OUT THE DEADWOOD FROM THEIR MEMBERSHIP.

THIS COUNCIL APPEARS TO HAVE SUFFERED FROM YEARS OF NEGLECT, SO GETTING IT BACK ON ITS FEET ISN'T GOING TO HAPPEN OVER NIGHT. AT LEAST,

NOW, IT HAS OFFICERS WHO ARE TAKING AN ACTIVE INTEREST AND THE COUNCIL APPEARS TO BE RISING OUT OF THE ASHES.

WORLAND COUNCIL 8635: WORLAND IS ALSO AN ACTIVE AND VIABLE COUNCIL. ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE RECRUITED NO NEW MEMBERS THIS YEAR, THEY DID HOST A 2ND & 3RD DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION IN FEBRUARY. UNFORTUNATELY OUT OF A NUMBER OF FIRST DEGREE MEMBERS, ONLY ONE ATTENDED THE EXEMPLIFICATION.

THEY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN A NUMBER OF SERVICE PROJECTS INCLUDING PLACING A PRO-LIFE SIGN NEAR THE SOUTH ENTRANCE TO WORLAND AND SPONSORING A PILGRIMAGE TO THERMOPOLIS. LAST YEAR THEY SUBMITTED NO SERVICE PROJECTS REPORTS AT THE STATE CONVENTION, HOWEVER, THIS YEAR THEY DID SUBMIT TWO PROJECTS.

THEY FELL BEHIND ON THEIR SUSPENSIONS, MAINLY BECAUSE THEY DID NOT UNDERSTAND THE SUSPENSION PROCESS. I REVIEWED THIS WITH THEM AND ENCOURAGED THEM TO CLEAR OUT THEIR DEADWOOD.

THERMOPOLIS COUNCIL 2578: THIS IS ANOTHER COUNCIL WHICH HAS BEEN STRUGGLING IN RECENT YEARS. WITH THE ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS THIS YEAR, HOWEVER, THE COUNCIL SEEMS TO BE REENERGIZING ITSELF AND APPEARS TO BE ONCE AGAIN MOVING FORWARD.

THEIR NUMBERS ARE STILL RELATIVELY SMALL AND, THEREFORE, THEY DID NO SERVICE PROJECTS AND NO FUND RAISERS. THEY HAVE, HOWEVER, AGREED TO JOIN THE CODY COUNCIL WITH THE VACATION BENEFIT RAFFLE FUND RAISER.

THIS COUNCIL'S MAJOR CHALLENGE IS TO RECRUIT SOME NEW AND YOUNGER MEMBERS SO AS TO ONCE AGAIN BECOME A VIABLE COUNCIL.

CODY COUNCIL 4031: CODY HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE FLAGSHIP OF DISTRICT 5 AND THE BIG HORN BASIN. IT NOT ONLY ENGAGED IN MANY SERVICE PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, IT ALSO HAD TWO MAJOR FUND RAISERS: THE VACATION BENEFIT RAFFLE WHICH IT HOSTS WITH THE POWELL AND THERMOPOLIS COUNCILS; AND THE BUFFALO BILL BIRTHDAY BALL, AN ANNUAL EVENT IN CODY. THIS YEAR THE COUNCIL RAISED OVER \$17,500 HOSTING THE BUFFALO BILL BALL.,

COUNCIL 4031 HAS ITS OWN FIRST DEGREE TEAM, AS WELL AS A SECOND DEGREE, AND THIRD DEGREE TEAM WITH HELP FROM THE POWELL MEMBERS.

LAST YEAR THEY SUBMITTED NO SERVICE PROJECT REPORTS AT THE STATE CONVENTION. THIS YEAR WITH SOME MILD ENCOURAGEMENT THEY SUBMITTED MANY REPORTS AND WON THE FAMILY AND CHURCH AWARDS AT THE STATE CONVENTION.

ONLY ONE FIRST DEGREE NEW MEMBER WAS RECRUITED THIS YEAR. NEXT YEAR MORE EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON RECRUITING.

DISTRICT FUTURE CHALLENGES: NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT WILL BE A MAJOR CHALLENGE FOR THE COMING YEAR. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE CONSIDERING THE NUMBER OF SUSPENSIONS THAT GREYBULL AND WORLAND ARE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE. THIS PAST YEAR WAS DEFINITELY A DOWN YEAR FOR BRINGING IN NEW MEMBERS. I PLAN TO CHALLENGE EACH COUNCIL TO DEVISE ITS OWN INDIVIDUAL PLANS FOR MEMBERSHIP DRIVES.

ALTHOUGH, I DON'T HAVE MUCH FAITH IN THE "ONE SIZE FITS ALL" MEMBERSHIP "BLITZES" THAT SUPREME CONSTANTLY PUSHES; I BELIEVE EACH LOCATION IS DIFFERENT AND WHAT MIGHT WORK IN ONE AREA COULD BE ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS TO ATTEMPT IN ANOTHER. EACH COUNCIL NEEDS TO CONSIDER WHAT WOULD WORK FOR IT AND IMPLEMENT ITS OWN PLAN.

ALL COUNCILS, FROM CODY TO GREYBULL, DESPERATELY NEED TO RECRUIT MORE HEAVILY THIS NEXT YEAR; WHEATHER IT BE IN THE FORM OF MAJOR DRIVES OR ADDING A NEW MEMBER HERE AND THERE ALL YEAR LONG.

I WILL AGAIN EMPHASIZE DOCUMENTING AND REPORTING ALL COUNCILS SERVICE PROJECTS THIS YEAR WITH THE REPORTS SUBMITTED FOR AWARDS AT THE STATE CONVENTION. IN MY OPINION, "IF YOU DON'T DOCUMENT AND REPORT IT, YOU DIDN'T DO IT. IT DIDN'T HAPPEN!"

I WILL ALSO EMPAHSIZE THE PROCESS FOR SUSPENDING NON PAYING MEMBERS. THIS IS PARTICULAR TRUE FOR GREYBULL AND WORLAND.

OVERALL I FOUND MY FIRST YEAR AS A D D CHALLENGING BUT DO-ABLE. I SPENT A LOT OF TIME FEELING MY WAY ALONG AND LEARNING BY TRIAL AND ERROR. ALTHOUGH, I AM ANYTHING BUT AN EXPERT AND MADE MORE THAN MY SHARE OF MISTAKES; I AT LEAST NOW HAVE SOME EXPERIENCE FROM WHICHTO DRAW. NEXT YEAR, I INTEND TO, "FORGET THE MISTAKES OF THE PAST AND PRESS ON TO THE GREATER ACHEIVEMENTS OF THE FUTURE!" (Optimist Creed)

JACK G. ROGERS

DISTRICT DEPUTY;

DISTRICT # 5



Knights of Columbus

District Deputy #6
Northeast Wyoming

April 2009

Worthy State Deputy, State Officers and Delegates to the 2009 Wyoming State Convention

I offer greetings from District #6. This year has been a struggle for the district as well as for the country. Our membership numbers have been steady to slightly down. Some due I am sure to the economy and also due to weather. All councils are in good standing, except Wright, which has been suspended for ten years.

We have been busy in our councils, doing the work of the order as we have been throuout the years.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you again this year.

Respectfully submitted

Ralph Blommel
Grand Knight Council 2104



Knights of Columbus

District Deputy District #7 State Convention 2009

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

All councils in District #7 are in good standing, and, though late, current with council reports. Councils 2128 and 11291 have had some difficulty with recruitment and retention. However, councils 2720 and 10773 have been working hard toward recruitment, retention and the blitz.

Weather and travel and time inhibited a district wide meeting, and slowed some council visitations. Contact was made via email and phone, and several visitations and attendance at functions will be forthcoming in May.

All councils have held some activities and been able to have some impact on their communities and parish with programs and donations.

My plans for the next few months will be to make several visitations to each council while the weather and travel is good, working on recruitment and building the numbers of new Knights. Since council 10773 will have a lowering of activity with graduation at the Univ. of Wyo. I will initially focus immediate attention on them with plans to work toward increasing numbers in Sept. I will be meeting with councils 2128 and 11291 to try to assist them in their parishes to recruit new members and reactivate some inactive members. I will maintain close contact with council 2720 and be available for any assistance they may need as they focus on building as well.

Much work needs to be done, and I will be focusing on consistent contact with all four councils during the warm weather months.

Being District Deputy this year has been a difficult but enjoyable learning experience, and I look for good things from these four councils in the ensuing months.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor
District Deputy #7

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Grand Knights Report
Council 1563
Bret Ladenburger, Grand Knight

Worthy State Deputy,

Please accept this as my report from Council 1563.

Our fraternal year started, for me, sooner than what we wanted. Our previous Grand Knight, Michael Vick, had to step down due to the death of his wife. I took over for Michael about mid May and continued into my Grand Knight duties.

Council 1563 started the summer with a raffle underway. We were able to raise funds for the activities for the youth of our community and parish. Our raffle cumulated during a tri-parish picnic in which we were able to talk about the Knights in front of over 200 people. It was a huge success.

The activities of the Council continued into the fall with Life Saver lollipop drive at St Anthony's. The proceeds of approximately \$120.00 help an organization called Martha's Vineyard. This organization helps mothers deal with post-abortion issues. We have also contributed the Change from Heaven fundraiser raising approximately \$40.00. We offered to St Anthony's to assist with the monthly breakfast that they offer to the parish after mass every weekend. We also helped decorate the Church grounds for the Christmas season as well as helping the St. Anthony Tri-Parish School maintain the school grounds.

The Council is continuing to support our parish priest and seminarians. The Council has decided to restart our contributions to the RSVP program. We continued to host the summer seminarians for Fr. Ray Rodriguez when they gather in Casper. This was also on the heels of the assistance of the Knights for the Totus Tous events in Casper.

Our largest activity of the year is our Lenten Fish Fry. We provide to the Catholic community in Casper an opportunity to come together the Fridays of Lent to partake in a non-meat meal.

We have begun a new fundraiser that has been proven to work in councils in other states. A football pool was kicked off with the college bowl season. The subsequent pools will be based on the University of Wyoming football schedule.

It is my goal to attain the membership requirements set forth from Supreme. In doing this we will continue to get active members to increase our visibility in our parishes.

Vivat Jesus.
Bret Ladenburger
Grand Knight Council 1563





Knights of Columbus

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Knights of Columbus
State convention 2009

This years report of activities of Council 2104 to the state convention of the Knights of Columbus.

This year has been a rebuilding year, we have had several key figures leave the area and have had to find people to fill those key positions.

The sisters at the monastery in Dayton have again had more work for us to do, than can be done in one day, or two for that matter. The council spent a workday out there and several members have spent other days on their own.

The Knights family picnic and the parish picnic again were well attended. In May our priests celebrated the 40th anniversary of ordination and the Fourth Degree provided an honor guard, we also had Sir Knights from Buffalo and Gillette attend, and our thanks goes out to them.

We decided to try something new for our council to increase attendance at meetings. On the second meeting of the month we are having a social meeting with spouses and families invited to attend. We have had speakers, a presentation of the Knights of Columbus video on building a culture of Life, a presentation from a young man we supported on a trip to South America.

In October the Council presented the mission parish in Ranchester with a small Ten Commandments monument. Our lifesaver Sunday drive went well again, with proceeds going to Rachel's Vineyard and the Gabriel project, a pro-life outreach in the parish.

This year we restarted our Keep Christ in Christmas, card drive and sold out of cards. In January we held our annual dues dinner and the free throw contest. During lent we hosted two fish fries to provide for a scholarship to Holy Name Catholic School. This month we hosted breakfast for the first communicants and their families. We are looking forward to further growth.

Respectfully submitted

Ralph Blommel
Grand Knight Council 2104



Knights of Columbus

St. Laurence O'Toole Council 2720

P.O. Box 344

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April 2009

Worthy State Deputy, State officers and Delegates:

Greeting to all my brother Knights from St. Laurence O'Toole Council 2720, it has been a true joy to sever as Grand Knight for my fifth term. First I would like to thank my wife that has put up with me gone to be able to do all this. I would also like to thank my fellow officers. So with that said I hear by submit my 2008-2009 summery report.

We meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm to pray the Rosary and start are meeting at 7 sharp, in the parish conference room.

We donate to a few charities, such as Bowl-For-Kid-Sake, Rachal's Vineyard, Special Olympics, Morality in Media and my favorite, Heart to Heart Pregnancy Center. We also provide a \$500 Scholarship for the RSVP program.

The Fourth Degree, Monsignor George A. Stoll Assembly 2872 provided Honor Guards at Easter Vigil, Chriatmas Eve Mass, The Sacraments of 1st Communion, Confirmation and this year a wedding for brother Frausto daughter and a funeral mass for Sister Lela.

Monthly activities include Family of Month, breakfasts and whatever the people in are parish may need help with.

JULY 2008

Family of the month Taun D. Smith

AUGUST 2008

Family of the month Robert Alvarez

Bi-parish picnic with the College council

SEPTEMBER 2008

Family of the month Guadalupe M. Gonzales

Highway cleanup Saptember 11th&25th

Honor Guard for Sister Lela

Garage Sale

Breakfast

OCTOBER 2008

Family of the month Heber Richardson

Breakfast 26th
Lolli Pop Drive October 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th

NOVEMBER 2008

Family of the month Bill Gonzales
Breakfast
Spagatti Dinner Fundraiser for Samantha Brown to go to Europe with the
Wyoming State Choir
Honor Guard

DECEMBER 2008

Family of the month Frank Montez
Set up for craft fair and chili dinner
Christmas Midnight Mass

JANUARY 2009

Family of the month Venerand Nayigihugo

FEBRUARY 2009

Family of the month John Benedik

MARCH 2009

Family of the month
Lent breakfast 1st, 15th & 29th
Lenten Fish Fry 14th & 28th

APRIL 2009

Family of the month Pat Miller
Helping a brother Knight move

MAY 2009

Mothers Day Breakfast

God Bless to you and your families

Vivat Jesus.



Timothy T. Trujillo
Grand Knight 2720
Laramie Wy

Grand Knights Report

Shoshone Council 3043 –Powell

April 20, 2009

In April we did our annual yard clean up in town for those in need.

In May we hosted a breakfast for the First Communion recipients as well as a breakfast for Mothers Day.

We also hosted the Parish picnic in August. We helped the Boy Scouts out some.

We did several projects at the Newman Center including repainting the sign.

We began a monthly breakfast in October to foster relationships and raise some funds to donate to the parish to assist with the kitchen remodel needed.

There are also several knights who are delivering the meals on wheels regularly on weekends.

In November, on election eve and day we hosted the all knight adoration which was passed as a resolution at last year's state convention.

In December we assisted with the Guadalupe Mass with a procession before the service.

We have also been meeting regularly and planning on the 2010 State Convention in Powell throughout the year.

I believe we have become more active and visible in the Parish recently as well as providing services and bringing the parish together socially more often. Our meeting attendance appears to be on the rise as well.

Sincerely,

Anthony Aguirre

Grand Knight, Shoshone Council 3043

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

April 20, 2009

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

**GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT
2008/2009**

The past year as Grand Knight has been a continuation of a long learning process for me. 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 continued to work actively with the Riverton Council of Catholic Women.

The following is a partial list of our Council's activities and projects for the year

- 1) **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!
- 2) **Monthly Stipend to St. Margaret's School:** Our fund raising this past year has been very successful. The council voted to continue our monthly donation to the school of \$200.00 per month. This year we decided to make the payment one lump sum, after consulting with Sister Florence, the principal. We learned that the money would be more useful to the school if paid in that manner. Sister uses much of the money for scholarships for needy students.
- 3) **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. Representatives of the Council presented the certificates during Catholic Schools Week. I, along with Past State Deputy George Burns, visited the school one day that week during morning prayers, and gave each student a K of C pencil. We introduced the kids to Father McGiveny as well as Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, via pictures, and explained the importance of both to our Order.

- 4) **Boy Scouts:** The Council continued it's sponsorship of our Boy Scout Troop, and some of our membership serves on the Troop Committee. We fund the needs of the troop.
- 5) **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 Knights who may not be active during the year to help. 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.
- 6) **Free Throw Contest:** An annual event chaired by Brother Steve Gresbeck. Steve is able to reach out to the 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. This year's event was very well attended, due to Steve's work in organizing the event.
- 7) **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.
- 8) **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, with a standing invitation to our State Officers.
- 9) **Life Saver Sunday:** The Council sells Life Saver suckers after masses the week of Right to Life Sunday, proceeds to the State organization.
- 10) **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 a few years. We have distributed funds throughout the year to people in need with medical problem.
- 11) **Special Fund Raiser:** The daughter of one of our brothers was diagnosed with a rare type of cancer this past year. The council organized a fund raiser for her benefit. It was a community wide event, and I'm pleased to report that we raised in excess of \$10,000.00 for the cause. I'm even more pleased to report that she is in remission.
- 12) **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.

- 13) **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 20th day of April, 2009.

Joseph F. Welter
Grand Knight
Wind River Council #3237



Knights of Columbus

WYOMING STATE COUNCIL

GRAND KNIGHT
Council 3332
Buffalo, Wyoming

21 April 2009

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.

Found were distributed between the Family Crisis Center, and the Right to Life. The founds were from the annual Lollipop sale, for respect life weekened.

The council held there annual Past Grand Knights, lamb dinner. The council has also held a recognition and awards gathering, where the wives are also invited.

Our annual Fish Fry was also held and served over 667 people, and it is some thing the community looks forward to very much. The Tootsie Roll Drive raised \$600.00, and the proceeds were given to the Special Olympics here in Buffalo.

In March the Free Throw competition was held at the local level, and several individuals also competed at the state level. A \$1000.00 scholarship will be given to deserving Catholic Youth in our parish.

The council had three new members join the Knights of Columbus, this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlis W Bolinger
Arlis W. Bolinger
Grand Knight

April, 2009

To State Deputy;

The Gillette Counsel 3477 is in the process of a major transition in fund raising. Bingo for the past several years has been our main bread and butter; however, in April of last year the Counsel agreed to discontinue our Bingo enterprise and venture into a new idea. Besides the normal wedding dances, parties, and festive gatherings we use our hall for, we have purchased technical equipment for use in our building to provide a place business's to meet and/or provide staff development in the Gillette area. To do this, we have purchased and installed sound and visual equipment and internet services in our building for this expanded opportunity. This process is still on going and we are proud of the advancements we have made so far.

We also established a local 3477 website which you can log on at www.gilletteknights.com from there you can review the services we can provide and reserve the Knight's Hall for your business meeting. We have also established a Knights email data base to help in the lines of communication with our brother Knights.

We have had very successful Tootsie Roll campaign, we again collected over \$10,000 this past year, and the Life Savers program collected almost \$2,000. As far as youth activities, we sponsored, K of C free throw contest, Special Olympics (manpower and money), Sponsor the local Scout Troops (fees, building and manpower), and helped raise money for local youth to attend a leadership camp at Notre Dame (\$1,000), gave three \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors.

We have a long standing program to schedule families and provide a Vocation Challis to the parish to pray for vocations for the Diocese of Cheyenne. We did purchase a new Challis this year. These families include the whole parish not just Knights. We continue to provide 5th Sunday breakfast for the parish; 3rd Sunday coffee and rolls after Sunday Masses; Family socials every first Thursday; Adoration every 2nd Thursday; and last, but not least, a men's social every 5th Thursday of the month throughout the year. We also have a number of Knights help with parish maintenance and snow removal.

On a yearly basis, we supply the food and beverage for the parish picnic, dinner for the John Paul II Catholic School Spring fest, a New Years' Eve party for Knights and their families, and our annual Wives' Appreciation Dinner.

We also sell "Keep Christ in Christmas" Christmas Cards to the parish at cost. Also, we are very active in fund raising for the Women's Resource Center, Right to Live, Carmelite Monks, John Paul II School, and more.

I am proud to be a member of the Knights Council 3477 in Gillette, Wyoming. Thank you for consideration in this matter.

Tracy Norris, Grand Knight



Knights of Columbus

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

Grand Knight's Report
Fraternal Year 2008 - 2009
Father Martin Kennedy Council 5447
Lander, WY

Worthy State Deputy:

The Boom Days of our fundraising are unfortunately gone, perhaps forever. This council has yet to financially recover from our generous gift of \$100,000.00 to the Wyoming Catholic College. Like most in America, we lost over 30% of our investments and continue to see negative returns. Attendance of our primary fundraiser, Bingo, has markedly fallen off in large part due to competition from the growing number of nearby casinos, and to a lesser degree the slumping economy.

An exception to this trend, though, is the continued success of our annual Tootsie Roll Drive to benefit those in our community with intellectual disabilities. This year after expenses we raised over \$2,100.00. We will again use this money to support Senior Special Olympics.

We are still able to fund and award three scholarships of \$500.00 each to continuing students from our community. And, while not as generous as in times past, we still help fund Project Graduation with a contribution of \$250.00. Further, we provide a baccalaureate breakfast for our graduating seniors.

The season of Lent is observed with a Lenten breakfast following Mass each Sunday of Lent. We cook a Soup Supper at least once during Lent. Easter is celebrated with an Easter egg hunt for the children after Mass.

We provide eight turkeys for the meal to celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas. We provide candy and nuts, along with a K of C Santa Claus to hand them out to the children of the parish on Christmas. We display a Keep Christ in Christmas message on a billboard along Main Street from Thanksgiving through New Years. At Christmas we showed our appreciation for our priests with gifts of \$60 each.

Several of our Knights volunteer regularly at the local Food Bank. We also assist with providing and distributing hundreds of food baskets to those in need at Thanksgiving. This past year our Knights made 130 hospital visits, visited 240 shut-ins, and donated seven pints of blood.

We help sponsor and participate in the Relay for Life to help find a cure for cancer. We cook the lunch for the Pink Ribbon Society Breast Cancer Awareness Extravaganza.

We repainted the handicapped parking spaces in the church parking lot and acquired a new flag to fly on the church flagpole. We donated \$200.00 toward the purchase of a set of instructional DVDs for our CCD Program. Our knights are ushers for every Mass. Our annual Parish Picnic was a great success. Masses are said for our Brother Knights at their passing and gestures of support are given their widows.

We donated \$150 to local Native American Pow Wows, \$45 to the Fremont County Group Home, \$50 to Abba House for unwed mothers, \$25 to Fremont County Alliance, and \$20 to St. Joseph Society.

This Council sponsors a Boy Scout Adventuring Crew. We sponsor and give support to our adopted daughter in India. We cook for the local swim meet, The Spook Splash, in October. We donated \$50 to help a young man of our parish tour with the Casper Troopers Drum and Bugle Corps. We support our parish youth group.

A percentage of our bingo proceeds are set aside specifically to render assistance to those of our Council, parish and community facing some ordeal in life. This year we were able to assist two of our brother Knights and two families in the community with these funds.

The only influx of Catholic Gentlemen to our community from which to seek new members to our Order has been the Catholic College. As yet we have found no success seeking new members there or enticing current Knights there to transfer into our Council.

Fraternally Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Langerman', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

David Langerman
Grand Knight



Knights of Columbus
CONVERSE COUNTY COUNCIL, No. 6558
P.O. Box 1415
Douglas, Wyoming 82633

S. Richard Fulton, Grand Knight

April 20, 2009

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 has been well received by members and their wives. We again conducted fundraising benefit breakfasts, two Lenten Fish Fry's and Christmas tree sales in both parishes. The majority of proceeds from these and other events are used to provide at least four scholarships for graduating practicing Catholic Senior students; two from each Parish. Last year we were able to grant seven (7) \$500 scholarships for a total of \$3,500. 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.

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

- Sponsored spring and fall highway cleanup's along a two-mile stretch of I-25.
- Held several Pancake Breakfast and Supper fundraisers. Held two Lenten Fish Fry's. Conducted several special Raffles for Scholarship funds. Sold and delivered Christmas trees for our annual tree sale.
- Provided free breakfast for 1st Communion candidates and families. Provided cooking for the annual Church Picnic.
- Hosted the Wyoming K of C State Summer Meeting. Provided a delicious meal for attendees and guests at conclusion of Saturdays meetings.
- Actively participated in Church Ministries including Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Greeter, Usher, Alter Server, Music, Religious Education, and Prayer Chain.
- Provided planning, coordination, and labor for extensive kitchen renovation in St. James Unity Hall; which is now being completed. Assisted parishioners by making needed repairs on their homes and with household moving.
- Made donations to the D.A.R.E. Senior Sendoff, the Wyoming Special Olympics, in addition to providing the seven K of C Scholarships.
- Knights again delivered food baskets for the community annual Christmas Food Basket Program.

I would like to express appreciation for the continued support provided by District 2 Deputy, Ron Knievel. We plan to have K of C members in St. Louis Parish set up as a K of C Roundtable soon.

Respectfully Submitted

S. Richard Fulton
Grand Knight, Council 6558



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MONSIGNOR KIMMETT COUNCIL #6623

Mike Varney, Grand Knight

Grand Knight's Report
April 24, 2009

Council #6623, Torrington, continued to be a strong and active council in 2008 and thru the first quarter of 2009 with activities organized and supported by Council members. The primary financial source for the many activities and charitable functions is Monday Night Bingo. This very important function of Council #6623 continues to do well under the direction of members Delfino Martinez, Paul Puebla and Jerry Hinkley who are dedicated veterans to operating our bingo program. Chancellor Martinez's wife, Margaret, gives her husband tremendous support in this very demanding Council task, and also contributes her time in helping organize the bingo program each Monday night. Monday Night bingo allows our Council, #6623, to give generous support to our church, our clergy, our families, our youth, our community, charitable activities and other council areas. Problems continue to exist in recruitment, retention and meeting insurance quotas. We continue to work on these problem areas as a council and the major challenge is to recruit new young members to carry on the very important work of our council. Below is a summary of our activities of the past year beginning in July, 2008.

YOUTH

Council #6623 continues to sponsor a youth soccer team in the local "GO WYO Youth Soccer League." We just recently purchased new uniforms for the team sponsored by our Council, and it continues a tradition established many years ago when the Council supported "Little League" baseball and girls softball. Our Council strongly believes in supporting youth activities by providing team sponsorship so our area youth have an opportunity to participate in non-school activities. Our annual Tootsie Roll drive, headed by Brother Leland Vetter, was as successful as it has been in past years. This has become a great tradition for Council #6623 and the success is directly attributed to Brother Vetter, who has chaired this activity for over 18 years, and the members of Council #6623 who work extremely hard to promote this important activity. Our 2009 drive will face some challenges due to the slumping economy. We have been able to contribute very impressive amounts to three worthy causes which are: St. Joseph's Children's Home, Wyoming Child and Family Development and Diversified Services Incorporated. Each group receives approximately \$2,700.00, and a group of approximately 15-20 Knights make this possible. Since Council #6623 has state-of-the-art bingo equipment, we receive numerous requests to assist other organizations, mainly youth, for their fund drives by using our equipment, parish facilities and Council #6623 callers. We do and have provided this service to Wyoming Child and Family Development (Head Start), Babe Ruth youth baseball, the learning Center, Our Lady of Guadalupe Society and a local child care facility. One of our Council Trustee's is also very involved in Boy Scout activities and especially on the local level where he holds a Council position.



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In early March, Council #6623, sponsored a benefit bingo for a local young cowboy, high school rodeo team member and member of St. Rose Parish. Britt Trumbull, the injured youth, is confined to a special motorized scooter for his mobility, and due to the size of this scooter he is in need of a different van that provides great accessibility. Approximately 25 Council members plus several wives of Council members donated their Sunday afternoon to make this event very successful. Local businesses and organizations also donate auction items and door prizes. The Council donated all of the bingo supplies, workers and food for the refreshment sales which helped to allow our Council to raise \$6,000.00 for this worthy cause. The Council then added \$500.00 to this amount and a check for \$6,500.00 was presented to Britt and his parents. Brother Paul Puebla generously donated his time and talents by organizing this event and contacting local businesses and organizations for donations and door prizes. This was tremendously successful; a great morale booster for our Council.

COMMUNITY

Council #6623 funded and participated in several activities in this category of participation. One major activity in which we have provided for many years is the annual Right to Life Breakfast fundraiser which is held in late January. Goshen County Right to Life organization benefits from this activity and receives the proceeds after expenses have been deducted. In January, 2009, Council #6623 raised over \$1,600.00 for this cause, and Brother Tim Pieper continues to be the driving force in this Council activity. Over the years, a portion of the funds raised thru the Right to Life breakfast have been used to maintain Pro Life signs at several strategic locations throughout Goshen County. Blessing Bag projects continue to provide needed items to adoptive parents and children at a very short notice. We continue to provide support of Goshen County Task Force on Family Violence with a donation of \$500.00, support to Relay for Life by sponsoring a team in the fund raiser for cancer research and a \$500.00 charity donation to Steve Tim. We also sponsored a portion of the costs for a local bicycle team that rode in a fund raiser for MS. The event was held in northern Wyoming and has become an annual event for this cause. This donation, along with several others, helped pay the expenses for this team to go to Sundance and participate on behalf of Goshen County.

CHURCH

One of the support items that we do annually is financially support the religious education for the youth of St. Rose parish. This year Council #6623 donated over \$3,000.00 to the religious education program and \$480.00 was used to purchase religious gifts as a token of thanks to the altar servers at St. Rose and our sister parish, St. Leo's of Lusk. Founder's Day weekend is a recruitment weekend for Council #6623 as Council members give presentations at each of the three Masses explaining the many benefits of Knighthood and why the Knights of Columbus are so involved in the local parish and its activities. This is an organized effort to have a local blitz that will attract new members. Council #6623 fulfilled a pledge to provide a large share of the total cost of replacing the roof on St. Rose Church by presenting our pastor and local chaplain, Father Michael Carr, with a check for \$40,000.00 last fall. The work has been completed and it has restored the beauty of the church and the parish facilities.



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Council #6623 provided Father Carr with a gift of \$500.00 when he traveled to Africa during the summer of 2008 as a "thank you" to a local bishop who had traveled to Wyoming from Africa to provide new ties to this area, the Diocese of Cheyenne. We have established a library committee with CCD and authorized a maximum amount of \$250.00 per quarter for religious books and CDs. As a Council, we also donated \$3,791.02 to St. Rose Parish for a new telephone system which had become so necessary since Parish offices are housed in three separate facilities. Council member Dick Gosselin provided the expertise and advice in purchasing the system, installing it and assessing the needs of the parish. This helped to save the parish considerable money. The Council again hosted a parish fundraiser for the St. Joseph Society, and both 2008 and 2009 have been extremely successful. By hosting a dinner with all labor provided by Council members and their wives, a live auction and a silent auction, Council #6623 has raised almost \$4,000.00 each year, and as a token of support for our retired religious men and women, Council #6623 has added the additional funds to make the total \$5,000.00. We also purchased a life annuity for the pastor of St. Rose and the pastor of St. Leo's in Lusk. Our Council has always been a strong supporter for our clergy in appreciation for the personal sacrifice they make to serve our Catholic population. We also gave two \$500.00 donations to future priests of the Diocese of Cheyenne, with an additional donation to the fund for ordinations.

FAMILY

The Domestic Violence Task Force is becoming a prominent voice in Goshen County and each October a banquet is held to raise funds for this worthy cause. A table for six persons is sponsored by Council #6623 and this support has extended for the past five years. The Council started a scholarship fund several years ago to provide birth mothers funds for continued education. The goal is to have a statewide \$20,000.00 fund with all Wyoming Councils contributing. Another project that we support is the Family of the Month culminating in the selection and honoring of the Family of the Year. Council #6623 supports this activity in both St. Rose Parish and in St. Leo's Parish. Brother Joe Welte is the driving force behind this activity and he is very dedicated in having a monthly selection. Brother Dan Gaukel supplements the efforts of Brother Welte by conducting this activity in St. Leo's. Non-Knight families as well as families of Knights are included and honored and recognized at a cumulating recognition dinner in February. At that time the Council's Family of the Year is announced and recognized.

COUNCIL

Council #6623 continues to support a Round-Table at St. Leo's Parish in Lusk and very close ties are maintained with our Lusk council members. At each Council meeting a report from St. Leo's is presented. We have held 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree exemplifications and a Council meeting in Lusk. During March a lunch after Mass was held to honor the Families of the Month and the Family of the Year in St. Leo's Parish. Honor Guards of Knights of Columbus members from Council #6623 have been provided at both St. Rose Parish and at St. Leo's Parish for First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Family of the Month recognition and other important parish activities. Five teams of Council members continue to



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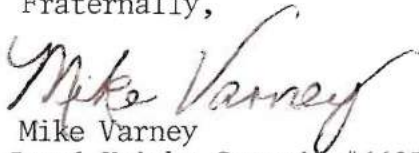
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COUNCIL continued

provide the man power to operate our bingo program which is the financial life blood of our Council. A crew is on duty every five weeks of the calendar year, and this program continues to be very successful. Much of the credit goes to Brother Knights Jerry Hinkley and D.J. Martinez, who have the experience and knowledge on operating a fair and attractive bingo program.

In summary, Torrington Council #6623 is stable, strong and viable, however, we need to improve our recruitment efforts to expand our membership and provide leadership in the form of officers who can fulfill the duties of each office in our Council. A real challenge is keeping five full teams of bingo workers manning the schedule during twelve months. Older members have and eventually will retire from this very important function of our Council and new members are needed to keep this activity functioning. It is possible that we need to rethink our recruiting practices and compare notes with other councils in Wyoming. As Grand Knight I feel that we must go to the potential candidates to interest them in joining the Knights of Columbus. New ideas are always welcomed and appreciated.

Fraternally,



Mike Varney
Grand Knight Council #6623



Knights of Columbus

MSGR. JAMES McBRIDE COUNCIL, No. 7214

April 19, 2009

Grand Knights Report 7214

This year finds still trying to rebuild our Council. Starting the year with great hopes diminished rapidly. Part way through year we had two request of retirement. Our Financial Secretary of 13 years and our Treasury of 17 years, as I discovered was only our second Treasury of the council from it beginning. I had success in replacing the treasury for the council. The FS position replacement was a nightmare in itself. After written request to the whole Council for help with officer replacement request, met with no one replying or offering to help, I finally found a candidate and appointed him as FS which Supreme rejected him as he held an insurance license. Even with a statement of not being active in selling. With this set back, I made a big change here and resigned my position as Grand Knight to be appointed as FS for our Council. Which was accepted by Supreme.

Brother Joe Sylvester recommitted to being GK again to help with the rebuilding of Council 7214. With these changes we are hoping and looking forward to getting this Council up and active again.

We want to extend our apologies to all for not being able to attend the State Convention this year, do to the struggling economy and our Council funds being very low we could not afford to send anyone to the meeting.

Please keep us in your prayers. We here at Greybull/Basin Council 7214 wish you all a very successful and productive State Convention and hope to see you all next year.

Fraternally yours,

Tim Johnson

Past Grand Knight now Financial Secretary

Knights of Columbus
Council #8635
Annual Report – April 2009
Don Viktorin – Grand Knight

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

Many of our members are Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers and music/song providers.

Council #8635 members continue to support our Priest in parish projects and events.

This year we are especially proud to have one of our members being ordained as a Deacon as he continues his study for the priesthood. Another of our members is in his second year of study in the diocesan Permanent Deacon Formation Program.

Council #8635 membership demonstrated many acts of "Charity", "Unity", "Fraternity" and "Patriotism" throughout the past year, some of which includes:

- Cinnamon rolls every fourth Sunday of the month after Mass – Proceeds go to support our Seminarian and Deacon.

- Donated \$100 to the Knight in Need program.

- Donated a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior from our parish.

- Held a fellowship/fun night with our local Shriner fraternity brethren.

- Conducted cleanup of the highway portion adopted by our Council, followed by a cookout for all members participating.

- Sponsored and organized an Easter egg hunt for the parish youth.

- Purchased carnations for Mother's Day and distributed them to mothers in the Worland & Ten Sleep parishes and the Worland Nursing Home.

- Provided manpower resource in support of the annual parish picnic.

- Donated \$550 for a new church sound system.

- Sponsored a "Keep Christ in Christmas" newspaper ad and also sponsored 10 radio spots of "Keep Christ in Christmas."

- Donated \$120 to Birthright

- Donated \$100 to Washakie County Ministerial Association for their Christmas Basket Program. Several members assisted in distributing these baskets.

- Paid for and put on a new vinyl cover on our "Right to Life" billboard south of Worland.

- We sponsored 3 pilgrimages for the parish during the "Year of St. Paul" to St. Francis Church in Thermopolis.

- We held 5 rosary nights (Thursdays) in October in observance of the month of the rosary.

- We purchased 200 CD's of the Rosary for distribution to each parish family.

- We hosted a second and third degree exemplification

- We will hold a past grand Knights banquet in May for all members and spouses and charter members.

- This will be in observance of the 25th anniversary of Council 8635. The parish CYO will provide services in support of this banquet and will be handsomely compensated for their services.

- We sponsored 2 soup suppers in Lent.

- Council members are present at each First Friday adoration from 5 p.m. until midnight.

- Several members helped deliver meals on wheels in June.

- We donated \$500 toward a home for a Filipino family.

- We varnished the wooden benches in the prayer garden.

In addition to the above activities and as a means to sustain our acts of Charity and good deeds, Council 8635 held two super bingo fundraisers that brought in approximately \$4,000. The parish CYO group served drinks and goodies to raise funds for their projects.

Summary of Parish & Community works:

Total hours donated	1190
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Funds donated:

Seminarian	\$720
Deacon	\$360
Easter Egg Hunt	\$100
Rosary Phamplets	\$.90
Knight in Need	\$100
Student Scholarship	\$500
Mothers Day Flowers	\$160
Church Sound System	\$550
Philipino Home	\$500
Ministerial Assoc.	\$100
Right to Life Sign	\$255
Christian Christmas Ads, Radio Spots	\$180
Rosary CD's	\$200
Pilgrimage Dinners	\$120
Birthright	\$120
Fr. Jim's travel (to his brother's funeral)	\$300

As my year as Grand Knight comes to a close, I have nothing but praise for my brother Knights of Council 8635. They have supported the Council well. This has been a very rewarding year for me as Grand Knight of Council 8635.



Don Viktorin, Grand Knight
Council 8635
April, 2009

Grand Knights Report 2008-2009

Fr. James F. Power Council #9917

This past fraternal year was another busy one for Council #9917. Naturally we started the year with elections. We seen many offices filled by new faces, with eager new 3rd degree members stepping into officers positions. To celebrate these new officers, we swore them in at the summer social. In place of a July meeting, we conducted our bi-annual highway cleanup activity. In August we hosted our annual summer pig roast, benefiting our Keep Christ in Christmas program. This project generated about \$650.00 which was use to pay for our highway billboard and bought Christmas cards for local prison inmates. In September we provided dinner to the State CCW convention and also hosted a benefits night for any current or potential members. In October we held our annual scholarship spaghetti dinner. We also had our life saver loli-pop drive, generating 700 dollars, with the proceeds going to care net. In November we distributed our RSVP funds to eight seminarians, with hopes that the money would help them get home for Christmas. With December came our Christmas social. In January, we got the kids together to shoot free throws. For St. Patrick's Day, we fed corned beef and cabbage to the parish. All of these activities saw good participation from council members.

The highlights for the year have to be the RSVP support and the St Joseph Society raffle. The RSVP funds are generated from breakfasts that we serve to the parish through the winter months. The council is broke into two teams, with the teams alternating months. The other project that was conducted throughout the year was the St. Joseph's Society raffle. Included in the raffle were a buffalo, rifle, and a pistol. With the proceeds, this year we will make a \$4000 donation to St. Joseph's.

Recruitment efforts for the year were very successful. Year to date, we have a net gain of four new members, with two more scheduled to be brought in by the end of the month. With these two members, we will have met our recruitment goal by 120%. It has been my pleasure to work with the members of #9917 this year and I look forward to working with them in the year to come.



Knights of Columbus
University of Wyoming College Council 10773
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Laramie, Wyoming 82070
"In service to One. In service to All."

Worthy State Deputy,

This last year for our council has been one of drastic improvements. With me as Grand Knight, we have been slowly rebuilding the College Knights. The first main project our College Knights had was to help me go to World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia with other College Knights of Columbus. We had several fundraisers and we did odd jobs around Laramie to help pay for me to go. When I got back from WYD 2008, I had several experiences with other Knights and fresh ideas to put into practice at our council.

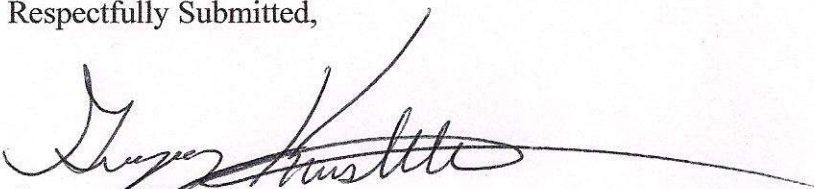
What we had to do first was to recruit new members. So, in the fall, I gave several speeches at the different Masses at St. Paul's Newman Center, and I recruited five new members. These five new members have proven to be an invaluable source of help for our council. One of them, having received the 3rd Degree, is now nominated to fulfill my position as Grand Knight.

One goal I set for our council for this upcoming year was to have us build up the bonds of Fraternity in our council. Originally, we had started a program of setting aside a Sunday Evening once per month to go bowling. That fell through, and now has been replaced by a Social Breakfast once a month (usually a Saturday Morning). This program has helped rebuild the bonds of fraternity at our council. This has become an activity in which its members look forward to every month.

At the beginning of this current fraternal year, our council had to suspend several members of our council. One of the disadvantages of College Councils is the high turn around rate (every four years). Unfortunately, we could not locate some members that were once of our council, and had to suspend them. It was not something I like to do, but these past members were hurting our council and not helping it.

As for the future of our council, I believe that it will continue to grow. With the building of the bonds of fraternity, I am now focusing on the goals of charity and unity. One goal that I believe is attainable is to help St. Paul's Newman Center put up a 10 Commandment's Monument. They are planning to remodel the church within the next couple of years and I am hopeful that the 10 commandment's monument can be incorporated. I also hope to work closer with the Council 2720 in Laramie.

Respectfully Submitted,



Gregory Kinstetter
Grand Knight, Council 10773

April 24, 2009

4th Degree Minutes

3:40 p.m. called to order by District Master, James Hasquet, PSD

1. Changes in Fourth Degree

--Degree exemplification revised.

[Two degrees have been held so far this year
(Cheyenne and Rock Springs).]

--New drill manual released

--Dress code changes took effect

--Eligibility in 6 months

2. Discussion of logistics for tomorrow's Memorial Mass

3. Participate in statewide Fourth Degree activities; be visible

--DeSmet Mass

--Right to Life march

--Confirmations and other Church activities

4. Q and A

5. Fourth Degree recruitment

4:25 p.m. meeting adjourned

Signed, Will Briere, I.P.S.D.

Acting Scribe

SNOWY RANGE COUNCIL NO. 11291

Saratoga, Wyoming 82331

April 2, 2009

RE: The Grand Knights Report to the State Convention

It is my honor to meet monthly with the Catholic gentlemen of Saratoga and Encampment and to now report our activities for the past year.

Knights of the Snowy Range Council are active lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, and server mentors. They help teach CCD, and serve on the parish council. For our communities, they organize and promote blood drives and help with the community pantry.

St. Ann's Knights have taken over a program started by other folks in the valley. We secure and store game meat for the Platte Valley Pantry. Each year we distribute hundreds of pounds of processed and wrapped meat to people in need. We recently purchased a new freezer, making storage more reliable.

To fund our charitable projects and council activities, we rely heavily on profits from recycling aluminum cans. Through the generosity of Brother Tom O'Leary, we now have a heavy-duty crusher, housed in Brother Sam Verplanke's shop. Platte Valley neighbors fill our trailers about three times a year with donated cans.

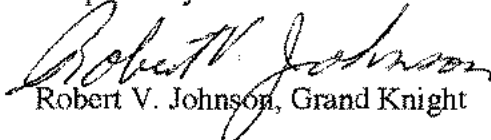
Each year we sponsor a seminarian, donate to Our Lady of Guadalupe Dinner, and donate to a variety of youth and civic needs in the Platte River Valley.

The annual St. Patrick's Day dinner is a highly anticipated social event for the Valley and Brother Knights really pitch-in to make it a memorable evening. We use this event to gather as Brothers, starting with breakfast and leisurely cook and socialize together all day.

Another fraternal activity is our September "Knights Night Out". We hold our meeting at a cabin in the Sierra Madres, spending the night, and concluding with breakfast the following morning.

Priests in the State of Wyoming look forward to the annual "St. Malachi Open". Brother Tom O'Leary sponsors the golf tournament for priests at the Old Baldy Club Golf Course, after which they come to St. Ann's Parish Hall for a steak dinner. We enjoy meeting with the priests and barbequing as much as they enjoying eating.

Respectfully submitted


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