Wyoming Knights of Columbus

Annual Convention

Rock Springs, Wyoming

April, 27, 28,29, 2012







## Knights of Columbus

## WYOMING STATE CONVENTION APRIL 27, 28 & 29, 2012

### Friday, April 27

Holy Spirit Catholic Community, Rock Springs WY

8:00 AM Registration Desk Opens-Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Center

9:30 AM State Officers Meeting (Parish Office)

10:30 AM State Officers and District Deputies Meet (Parish Office)

10:00-? Awards Committee meets-Bill Briere, Chairman and all Past State Deputies

in attendance. (Parish Office Basement)

12:00-1:00 Lunch on your own

1:00 PM Opening Mass; State Chaplain, Father Tom Ogg, officiate

(Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church)

2:30 PM Opening Session, (Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Center)

Opening Prayer-Father Thomas G. Ogg

Pledge of Allegiance-District Master, Richard Adamski

Opening Ode-PSD George Burns

Welcome and Introductions-State Deputy Donald J. Scott

Supreme Knight (Video Address)

Mileage and Per-diem Committee dismissed to Parish Office Basement

Committee Reports:

Special Olympics Presentation

Family Life- Dave and Delores Langerman

Pro-Life- Paul and Pat Novak Insurance Report- Cory Cummings Keep Christ in Christmas- Don Viktorin

3:30 PM Break

3:40 PM Closed Session

Membership Report- Raoul Laganiere

Church and Retired Priest - Grant Havens

Officer Comments Good of the Order

Closing Prayer- Father Thomas Ogg

4:30 PM Standing Committee Meetings (Resolutions, Audit. Memorial, Budget, and Credentials)

6:30 PM Dinner, Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish Center-Entertainment to follow

### Saturday, April 28

6:30 AM Breakfast- (Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish Center)

8:00 AM Closed Session (Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Center)

Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance, Opening Ode State Deputy Report, Donald J. Scott Roll Call-State Secretary, C. Joe Welte State Chaplain Address- Father Thomas Ogg

Standing Committee Reports

Credentials Committee Audit Committee Mileage & Per Diem

Budget

9:30 Break

9:45 Closed Session

Change from Heaven Roll Call-State Secretary, C. Joe Welte

Insurance Roll Call- State Deputy, Donald J. Scott Charitable Trust Report- State Deputy, Donald J. Scott

Supreme Representative Report- Supreme Director, David A. Bellendier

11:15 AM Adjourn as 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

11:15 AM 4th Degree Meeting – District Master Richard Adamski

12:00 Noon Awards Luncheon (Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish Center)

2:00 PM 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Meeting resumes in closed session (Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Center)

Program Director Report

Officer Nomination Speeches

Ceremonials Report- Jerry Hoefler

3rd Degree Review-Donald J. Scott, SD and CO's

General Agent Report- Doug Parsons

State Officers comments

3:45 PM Adjourn for Mass

5:30 PM Memorial Mass (Saints Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church)

7:00 PM Social Gathering (Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish Center)

7:30 PM Banquet and Awards (Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish Center)

### Sunday, April 29

6:30 AM Breakfast, (Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish Center)

8:00 AM Closed Session (Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Center)
Opening Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call, official- State Secretary, C. Joe Welte State Treasurer Report- State Treasurer, Paul Puebla

9:00 AM Break

9:15 AM Host District Deputy Report- James Borzea, District Deputy 3

Resolution Report-Presentation and Action-State Advocate, John Benedik

John Kaiser, District Deputy 1

10:00 AM Break

10:15 AM Election of Officers

Election of Alternates to the Supreme Convention

Selection of the 2015 Convention Site

State Officers Comments

11:00 AM Open Session

Host Grand Knight Report-Dwane Pacheco

2013 Convention update

Supreme Directors Comments- David A. Bellendier

Good of the Order and Closing Remarks- State Chaplain, Father Ogg

Closing Prayer- State Chaplain, Father Ogg

Closing Ode- PSD George Burns

11:50 AM Adjournment

12:00 Noon Lunch (Brown Bag)



# Knights of Columbus

### Friday April 27

Our Lady of Sorrows

1:00 PM The Convention convened with Mass; State Chaplin, Father Tom Ogg, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church

2.30 PM

Opening Session (Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Center

Opening Prayer led

by Chaplin Father Tom Ogg

Pledge of Allegiance led by Worthy

State Master Dick Adamski

Opening Ode led by PSD George Burns

Welcome and Introductions was conducted by State Deputy Don Scott

A Video address was played featuring Supreme Knight Carl Anderson

Mileage and Per Diem committee dismissed to parish office basement

### Committee Reports

Family Life Couple were on vacation

Pro Life Couple Paul and Pat Novak gave their report

Insurance report given by General Agent Jerry Hoeffler

Keep Christ in Christmas report by Don Viktorin

### 3:40 pm Closed Session

State Membership Director was absent due to illness

Report on Church and Retired Priests, Chairman Grant Havens

Officer Comments

Good of the Order

Closing Prayer-Father Tom Ogg

4:30 PM

Standing Committees Meetings (Resolutions, Audit, Memorial, Budget, and Credentials

6:30 PM

Dinner, Saint Cyril and Methodius Parish Center-Entertainment to follow

### Saturday April, 29

8.00 AM The Convention was called back into closed session at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Center.

Prayer was offered by State Chaplin Father Tom Ogg

Pledge of Allegiance led by District Master Dick Adamski

Open Ode led by PSD George Burns

State Deputy Report was given by State Deputy Don Scott

Roll Call read by State Secretary C. Joe Welte

State Chaplin's report was given by State Chaplin Father Tom Ogg

Standing Committee's Reports

Credential's Committee Chairman Grand Knight Council 6558

Audit Committee, Chairman Grand Knight Council 3237

Mileage & Per Diem Chairman Grand Knight 5447

Budget Chairman Grand Knight 801

Change from Heaven Roll Call State Secretary C. Joe Welte

Insurance roll call by State Deputy Don Scott

Charitable Trust report made by State Deputy Don Scott

Supreme Director David A. Bellendier gave some remarks praising us upon the way the meeting was flowing 11: 15 Adjourn as 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

## 11:15 adjourn 4th Degree Meeting (District Master Dick Adamski)

### 12:00 Awards Luncheon

Awards presented at luncheon

Special Awards to retiring district deputies James Borzea and Jack Rogers

**Insurance Award Council 801 Cheyenne** 

Membership % gain Council 8635 Worland

Star Council awards Council 2720 Casper, Council 2104 Sheridan, Council 6623 Torrington

**Church Activities Award Powell Council 3043** 

Council Activities Award Gillette Council 3477

Family Activities Award Douglas, Glenrock Council 6558

Youth Activities Award Casper Council 1563 and 9917

Pro-Life Award Jackson Council 9431

**Tootsie Roll Award Gillette Council 3477** 

Small Council Scrap Book Award Douglas, Glenrock Council 6558

Large Council Scrap Book Award Torrington Council 6623

## 2:00 PM meeting resumed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

Since we didn't have a Program Director State Deputy Don Scott gave the report

Floor was opened for Officer Nomination Speeches

Nomination for State Deputy-Don Scott

Nomination for State Secretary-Carl Joe Welte

Nomination for State Treasurer-Paul Puebla

Nomination for State Advocate- John Benedik

Nomination for state Warden-James Venjohn

Ceremonial's Chairman gave his report stating that we had a number of successful Second and Third degrees held.

State Deputy Don Scott, and the Conferring Officers had a discussion about the new third degree. It was a very lively discussion on the effectiveness of the new degree.

After Officers Comments the meeting was adjourned so we could get dressed for the Memorial Mass.

5:30 PM Memorial Mass (Saint Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church)

7:00 PM Social Gathering (Saint Cyril and Methodius Parish Center)

7:30 PM Banquet and Awards (Saint Cyril and Methodius Parish Center)

Knight of the Year presented to Bill Doyle Jackson Council 9431

Family of the Year presented to Buddy & Mary Jo Kaumo

**Rock Springs Council 2441** 

### Sunday April, 29

8:00 AM Closed session (Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Center)

Opening Prayer led by State Chaplin Father Tom Ogg

Pledge of Allegiance led by State Master Dick Adamski

Official Roll Call made by State Secretary Carl Joe Welte and certified

55 votes present

State Treasurer Report was given by State Treasurer Paul Puebla and approved

Host District Deputy, District 3 James Borzea, District Report was read and entered I

Nto the record

Resolutions Report was delivered by State Advocate John Benedik, and John Kaisar

District Deputy 1

Resolutions were presented and voted on and the results were as follows;

Resolution Number 1 Passed

Resolution Number 2 Passed

Resolution Number 3 Passed

Resolution Number 4 Passed

Resolution Number 5 Passed

Resolution Number 6 Passed

Resolution Number 7 Passed

Resolution Number 8 Passed

Resolution Number 9 Passed

Resolution Number 10 Passed

Resolution Number 11 Passed

Resolution Number 12 Passed

Resolution Number 13 Passed

Resolution Number 14 Passed

Resolution Number 15 Withdrawn by delegate

Resolution Number 16 Passed as Amended

Resolution Number 17 Passed

Resolution Number 18

Passed

Resolution Number 19

Passed

Resolution Number 20

Passed

Resolution Number 21

Passed

Resolution Number 22

Withdrawn by Delegate

Resolution Number 23

Passed

Resolution Number 24

Passed

### 10:15 Election of Officers was held and these are the results

State Deputy Donald J. Scott

State Secretary C. Joe Welte

State Treasurer Paul Puebla

State Advocate John Benedik

State Warden James Venjohn

Election of Alternates to Supreme Convention

1st George Burns

2<sup>nd</sup> Doug Gassling

Selection of 2015 convention site was awarded to Gillette 3477

State Officers Comments were given expressing appreciation and their gratitude

#### 11:00 AM

Open Session with wives and guests entering

Host Grand Knights report given by GK Dwane Pachaco

2013 Convention update was given by Grant Havens for Casper 9917

Supreme Representative Dave Ballendier commented upon the Convention and said Thanks.

The good of the order was conducted

The Closing Prayer was led by Father Tom Ogg

Closing ode was led by PSD George Burns

Adjournment at 12:00 Noon

Submitted and attested by,

Carl J Welte

Carl J Welte

**Wyoming State Secretary** 

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WYOMING STATE COUNCIL

### 2012 State Convention, Rock Springs Committee Assignments

### <u>Audit</u>

Advisor: Immediate Past State Deputy

Chairman: Grand Knight 3237

Grand Knight 4031 Grand Knight 6623 Grand Knight 9756 Grand Knight 10773 Grand Knight 1563

### **Budget**

Advisor: State Treasurer Chairman: Grand Knight 801

Grand Knight 3477 Grand Knight 7214 Grand Knight 9431 Grand Knight 10027 Grand Knight 2104

### Credentials

Advisor: State Secretary

Chairman: Grand Knight 6558

Grand Knight 2337 Grand Knight 2720 Grand Knight 3551 Grand Knight 7789 Grand Knight 2578

### **Memorials**

Advisor: State Chaplain Chairman: Grand Knight 2128

Grand Knight 3043 Grand Knight 6216 Grand Knight 6334 Grand Knight 2441

### Mileage and Per Diem

Advisor: State Warden

Chairman: Grand Knight 5447

Grand Knight 3332 Grand Knight 7453 Grand Knight 9917 Grand Knight 11291 Grand Knight 8635

### Resolutions

Advisor: State Advocate Chairman: District Deputy 1

District Deputy 2
District Deputy 3
District Deputy 4
District Deputy 5
District Deputy 6
District Deputy 7
District Deputy 8



## Knights of Columbus

DONALD J. SCOTT State Deputy 2210 S. Gillette Ave Gillette, WY 82718 (307) 686-2491

#### STATE DEPUTY REPORT

April 27, 2012

Your Excellency, Bishop Etienne, Reverend Fathers, Worthy Supreme Director David Bellendier, Worthy State Officers, Past State Deputies, District Deputies, Grand Knights, Convention Delegates, Brother Knight members, Wives and guests,

Lauree and I are so pleased to have had the honor and privilege to have served this year as the leader of the Wyoming Knights of Columbus. The year started off with the training at New Haven, CT for the State Deputies from around the world. I was one of 41 new State Deputies being installed at a ceremony held in St. Mary's Church in New Haven, CT. The State Secretaries of the Knights of Columbus were brought to New Haven to be a part of the training and long term planning for each of the jurisdictions.

On July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> the Wyoming State Summer Organizational meeting was held in Gillette with my home Council 3477 hosting the event. The District Deputy training was conducted by me and Membership Director, Raoul Laganiere. The officers were installed at the 5:00 Saturday Mass with an excellent showing of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree Honor Guard. The summer meeting would be an excellent opportunity for each council to send their Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights to receive the information to help insure a successful fraternal year.

August started with the Supreme Convention held in Denver, Colorado with many of our officers being able to attend with the convention being held so near. Those in attendance were the delegates State Deputy, Donald J. Scott and Lauree, IPSD, Patrick Doherty and Cathy. Some of the people also attending were: SS, Joe Welte, ST, Paul Puebla, SC, Rev. Thomas Ogg, PSD, Doug Gasseling, PSD, Ken Stockwell, Brian and Becky Deaver, Leland and MaryAnn Vetters with some of their family. Bishop Joseph Hart.

I also attended and participated in Gillette Council 3477's major charitable fund raiser, "Smokin on the Prairie", a nationally sanctioned barbeque competition. These types of activities bring positive exposure to communities.

September was a good month with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree exemplifications held on both the 10<sup>th</sup> in Gillette and the 17<sup>th</sup> in Laramie. It is so good to get to participate in and watch the order grow with good men willing to work for the good of the order. I was also able to attend the men's social in Gillette.

October started off with a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree in Torrington. I was able to attend the District 3 Organizational meeting held in F. Bridger. It was started with Mass and included a 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting following the district business.

November started the Lady of Guadalupe Icon on a prayerful tour around the state of Wyoming. I was able to attend the meeting of Council 801 in Cheyenne on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November. The Mid-Year Supreme membership meeting was held in Nashville between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> training for programs and membership development were held in preparation for the State meeting. On the 27<sup>th</sup> of November I was privileged to present a 25 year anniversary recognition letter and certificate from the Supreme Knight Carl Anderson at Mass to the Jackson Council 9431.

I held the State Membership meeting in Casper at the C'Mon Inn on December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. It was very well attended and after training and reports were give it was decided to set next year's meeting at the same location. Council 9917 acted as host for a wonderful Saturday evening dinner. Benny Viegra, MPC was in attendance for review and training of chairman and directors.

I visited Casper Councils 9917 and 1563 on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of January. Both Councils are active and doing well. We lost one of our members from Council 801 in Afghanistan in January. TSGT Matthew Schwartz was honored on the 17<sup>th</sup> at a ceremony at the Cheyenne Air Force base. We had a very good turn-out of 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knights for an Honor Guard. The Pro-Life March to the Wyoming State Capitol was held in Cheyenne on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January. The State Officers were well represented at both the march and the banquet the night before. I attended the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree held at Council 801 in Cheyenne on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January.

I attended the Wives Appreciation dinner in Gillette on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February. I attended a Knights meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup> in Evanston, followed up with a meeting in Rock Springs for convention business and planning. The next day I met with Ralph Trotter the District Deputy from Pinedale. On Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> I was honored to knight the newest 3<sup>rd</sup> degree members in Green River, Wyoming. That same weekend, Pat Doherty, Immediate Past State Deputy presided over a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree exemplification in Casper, Wyoming.

February also found me in Lander at a council meeting, followed up the next day, February 21<sup>st</sup> with the good fortune to attend the clergy appreciation dinner in Cheyenne at Council 801.

March was a very busy month for me. I attended the council meeting in Worland, Wyoming on the 1<sup>st</sup>. The 5<sup>th</sup> I attended the meeting in Douglas and the 8<sup>th</sup> a first degree initiation and meeting in Powell. That Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> I was in attendance and knighted 6 new 3<sup>rd</sup> degree members at the exemplification held in Worland. On the 11<sup>th</sup> I attended council meetings in Wheatland, Pine Bluffs, and Torrington. Riverton greeted me warmly at their meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> of March. On the 20<sup>th</sup> I attended a council meeting in Thermopolis and the following day I attended the council meeting at Council 2720 at Laramie.

April started out with a trip to visit Rawlins to attend their council meeting. That next weekend was Easter Sunday, our most blessed time. I had a very good Holy week. The 10<sup>th</sup> I attended the Council meeting at Newcastle followed that next Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> with a meeting held in Cody. Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> a second and third degree was held in Riverton. We had a nice class of attendees. The 19<sup>th</sup> I attended the council meeting in my home council of Gillette. I get to attend most of the business meetings but it was a special treat to attend that one just before the State Convention.

As we come into the Convention of 2012, I believe we have done well. Wyoming has done very well this year in recruiting. We have recruited over 90 new members and if we are able to hold our suspensions down we look to have a very good year for net gain. We are at 64.67% of intake and 40.59% in net gain.

A number of our councils have done well on recruiting and could qualify for awards. Sheridan has 136% membership, Rawlins- 66%, Laramie- 60%, Gillette-71%, Cody-55%, Lander-70%, and Douglas-100%. Insurance members have Rock Springs at 100%, and Lander at 200% of quota.

The accomplishments are many and the benefits to each of our parishes are evident. We should take this weekend to celebrate and enjoy our time with old friends and cultivate the new friendships that will be made this weekend. Thank you, Frank Plemel Council 2441 of Rock Springs for your hard work and hospitality this weekend.

God Bless you,

Donald J. Scott

Donald J. Scott State Deputy

#### CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

#### WYOMING STATE CONVENTION

#### APRIL 27-29, 2012

It has been a privilege to serve as your State Chaplain this past year. I have experienced a welcome wherever I have been, both in formal and informal settings. I thank State Deputy Don Scott and all brother Knights for this opportunity. Wherever I am , from the Philippines to Hawaii and coast to coast, I encounter Knights active and proud.

My time began informally at last year's Convention, attending as a concerned priest. Since my appointment in May, I have attended the National K of C Convention in Denver in August; the National State Chaplain's Training in Nashville, TN in November. On the state level, I attended the Officers' Installation ceremony and Summer Meeting in Gillette in July; the State Officers' Winter meeting in December in Casper.

I addressed the Bishop and priests at the September Clergy Institue in Casper; attended the Big Horn Basin Priest's Deanery Meeting in Thermopolis in October; witnessed the beautiful 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree Initiation ceremony in Riverton in April; visited with dozens of priests personally about the Knights of Columbus. Every month I have written an article for the Knights of Columbus Newsletter.

The consistent theme from Supreme to the individual Knights in the local councils is increased spirituality. That's living our faith in Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord. And living our faith means doing everything with a loving heart. All the good being done has the motive of caring and loving. And there is SO MUCH being done: quietly by individual Knights as well as the many organized activities of service and fundraising in the Councils.

The increased role of the Council Chaplain is still relatively new and will take time to implement. I believe it is the key to strengthening the Order. It gives purpose and direction to all the activities the Knights have done so well and for so long. Our spirituality can strengthen our Order and our Church.

Fr. Tom Ogg

State Chaplain



## Knights of Columbus

State Secretary Carl (Joe) Welte PO Box 576 Lingle, Wy 82223

State Secretaries Report

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy Supreme Representative, State Officers, State Committeemen Brother Knights;

At the time of convention the State Origination seems to be in good shape. We have total of twenty nine active councils, one under suspension Wright Council 8542. We have also had two council that are behind on their per capita. Greybull council 7214 is not eligible to seat a delegate at the convention; Also University of Wyoming Council is not eligible to seat a delegate at the convention.

We have Twenty one councils that have opted to use the liability insurance offered by the state the rate for this year is up to \$2.40 per member.

Vivat Jesus

Carl (Joe) Welte

State Secretary 2011-2012



# Wyoming State Council

## Roll Call of State Officer

State Deputy Don Scott	_P	
State Secretary Carl Joe Welte	_P	
State Treasurer Paul Puebla	P	
State Advocate John Benedik	P	
State Warden James Venjohn	P	
Past State Deputy Pat Doherty	_P	
State Chaplin Fr. Tom Ogg	P	
Signed  Date April, 28, 2012		
Carl J Welte		

Wyoming State Secretary



# Wyoming State Council

## Roll Call of District Deputies

District # 1 John Kaiser	A		
District # 2 Bret Ladenburger	P_		
District #3 James Borzea	P_		
District # 4 Ronald Pieracini	P_		
District # 5 Jack Rogers	P_		
District # 6 Sherwin Cater	A_		
District # 7 Robert Alvarez	A_		
District # 8 Ralph Trotter	A_		
Signed Date Ap	ril, 28, 2012		
Carl J Welte Wyoming State Secretary			



## Roll Call of Directors and Committeemen

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_P
_A
_P
_P

Food for Families Bill Briere	_P
Council Director GeneA Bainter	_A
Past State Deputy Kenneth E. Stockwell	_P
Past State Deputy Terry Archbold	A
Past State Deputy Kenneth G. Dugas	_A
Past State Deputy Thomas E Enright	A
Past State Deputy Roger R. Bohlmann	A

Signed

Date April, 28, 2012

Carl \( \frac{1}{V} \) Welte

Wyoming State Secretary



## Roll Call of Council Delegates

Council 801 Cheyenne

**Delegates** 

Alternates

John Lee

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Thomas Sweeney P

Robert Caley

John Solvota

Council 1563 Casper

**Delegates** 

Alternates

Michael Bardgett P

Bret Ladenburger

Ron Brickle

P

Deacon Don Stewart

Council 2104 Sheridan

**Delegates** 

Alternates

Terry Winnop P

Ken Weber P

**Bob Leibrich** 

Monty Webb P

### Council 2128 Rawlins

Delegates

Alternates

Robert Taylor P

David F. Michie IIIA

Council 2337 Kemmerer

Delegates

Alternates

Jim Thoeny P

Robert Pope P

James Pope A

Council 2441 Rock Springs

**Delegates** 

Alternates

John S McKee P

Brad C. Battold P

Dwane J. Pachold P

Edward J. Perry P

Council 2578 Thermopolis

**Delegates** 

Alternates

Council 2720 Laramie

**Delegates** 

Alternates

Marty C. Martinez P

Gregory Kinstgetter P

Council 3043 Powell

Delegates Alternates

Robert Stingart P Eric Moody P

Frank Palazzolo P

Council 3237 Riverton

Delegates Alternates

Michael D Graff P Jeffery J. Schieffer A

Alexander D. Ward P John A. Caproni A

Council 3332 Buffalo

Delegates Alternates

Michael P. Lanker P Gene A. Baehler A

Clarence C. Bishop P

Council 3477 Gillette

Delegates Alternates

Steve Thomas P

Jim Walport P

### Council 3551 Wheatland

**Delegates** 

Alternates

Tim Olind P

Rodney Bickle P

Richard Bickle P

Council 4031 Cody

Delegates

Alternates

Council 5447 Lander

**Delegates** 

Alternates

Joseph Kennah P

Joseph Henry A

Glen Mills P

David Dufek A

Council 6216 Evanston

Delegates

Alternates

Rick Bartolic P

Bruce Poppke P

Council 6334 Newcastle

**Delegates** 

Alternates

Reginald Rumbolz P

Mark Tschacher P

Council 6558 Douglas Glenrock

**Delegates** 

Alternates

Dave L. Yearout P

Foster EGreen P

Council 6623 Torrington

**Delegates** 

Alternates

Jose Landeros P

Chudi Obijehwa A

Leland Vetter P

Council 7214 Greybull Basin

Delegates

Alternates

Council 7453 Green River

Delegates

Alternates

Mike Dahl P

Dick Bram P

Council 7789 Pine Bluffs

Delegates

Alternates

Robert Plover P

Dennis Talich P

Council 8542 under Suspension

Council 8635 Worland

Delegates

Alternates

Mike Haniday P

Council 9431 Jackson

**Delegates** 

Alternates

Stuart Palmer P

Bob RamWeber P

Council 9756 Pinedale

**Delegates** 

Alternates

Brian Grey P

Council 9917 Casper

**Delegates** 

Alternates

Steve Grapes P

Bill Fehringer P

Remy Larson P

Larry Heintzman P

Council 10027 Fort Bridger

Delegates

Alternates

Ronald Niemi P

Council 10773 University of Wyoming

Delegates

Alternates

Council 11291 Saratoga

Delegates

Alternates

Signed,

Date April, 28, 2012

Carl J Welte

Wyoming State Secretary



## Voting Delegates

State Deputy Donald Scott	_x
State Secretary Carl (Joe) Welte	_x
State Treasurer Paul Puebla	x_
State Advocate John Benedik	x
State Warden James Venjohn	x
Immediate Past State Deputy	
Patrick Doherty	_x
State Chaplin Fr Tom Ogg	_x
Total State Officers Present	_7
Total Votes State 'Officers	7

## Council 801 Cheyenne

Delegates	Alternates	Votes
John Lee 1	Thomas Sweeney1	2
Robert Caley	John Solvoda	
Council 1563 Casper		
Delegates	Alternates	Votes
Michael Bardgett 1	Bret Ladenburger	2
Ron Bickle 1	Deacon Don Stewart	
Council 2104 Sheridan		
Delegates	Alternates	Votes
Terry Winnop 1	Ken Weber 1	2
Bob Leibrich	Monty Webb	
Council 2128 Rawlins		
Delegates	Alternates	Votes
Robert L. Taylor 1		2
David F Michke III		

## Council 2337 Kemmerer

Delegates	Alternates	Votes
Jim Thoeny 1	Robert Pope 1	2
James pope		
Council 2441 Rock Springs		
Delegates	Alternates	Votes
John S. (Stan) McKee 1	Brad D. Buttold	2
Dwane J. Pacheld 1	Edward J. Perry	
Council 2578 Thermopolis		
Delegates	Alternates	Votes
Council 2720 Laramie		
Delegates	Alternates	Votes
Marty C. Martinez, 1		2
Gregory A. Kinstetter 1		

## Council 3043 Powell

Delegates	Alternates	Votes
Robert Stringari 1	Eric Moody	2
Frank Palazzolu 1		
Council 3237 Riverton		
Delegates	Alternates	Votes
Michael Greff 1	Jeffery J. Schieffer	2
Alexander D Ward 1	John A. Caproni	
Council 3332 Buffalo		
Delegates	Alternates	Votes
Michael P Lanker	Gene A. Baehler	2
Clarence C Bishop 1		
Council 3477 Gillette		
Delegates	Alternates	Votes
Steve Thomas 1		2
Jim Walport 1		

## Council 3551 Wheatland

Delegates	Alternates	Votes
Tim Olind 1	Rodney Birkle	2
Richard Bickle 1		
Council 4031 Cody		
Delegates	Alternates	Votes
Ken Stockwell 1		2
Council 5447 Lander		
Delegates	Alternates	Votes
Joseph Kennah 1	Joseph Henry	2
Glen Millis 1	David Dufek	
Council 6216 Evanston		
Delegates	Alternates	Votes
Bruce Poppke 1		2
Rick Bartolic 1		

### Council 6334 Newcastle

Delegates Alternates Votes Reginald Rumboltz 1 Mark Tschacher 1 Council 6558 Douglas/Glenrock **Delegates** Alternates Votes David L. Yearout 1 2 Foster E. Green 1 Council 6623 Torrington **Delegates** Alternates Votes Jose R. Landeros 1 Chudi Obijehwa Leland Vetter 1 Council 7214 Greybull/Basin **Delegates** Alternates Votes Council 7453 Green River

Delegates	Alternates	Votes
Mike Dahl 1		2
Dick Bram		
Council 7789 Pine Bluffs		
Delegates	Alternates	Votes
Robert Plover1		2
Dennis Talich 1		
Council 8542 Wright		
Under Suspension		
Council 8635 Worland		
Delegates	Alternates	Votes
Mike Haniday1		2
Council 9431 Jackson		
Delegates	Alternates	Votes
Stuart Palmer 1		2
Bob Ramweber 1		

## Council 9756 Pinedale

Delegates	Alternates	Votes
Brian Gray 1		2
Ralph Trotter 1		
Council 9917 Casper		
Delegates	Alternates	Votes
Steve Grapes 1	Bill Fehinger	2
Remy Larson 1	Larry Heintzman	
Council 10027 Fort Bridger		
Delegates	Alternates	Votes
Ronald Niemi		
Council 10773 Laramie (UV	W)	
Delegates	Alternates	Votes
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Council 11291 Saratoga		
Delegates	Alternates	Votes

Total Delegates\_\_\_\_

Votes 55

Signed

April, 29, 2012

Carl J Welte

Wyoming State Secretary



# Knights of Columbus

State Secretary Carl (Joe) Welte PO Box 576 Lingle, Wy 82223

Dear Sirs and Brothers;

We the members have of the Credentials Committee have reviews the credentials and have found them in order.

Council 8243 Wright under Suspension Council 7214 Greybull Basin behind upon Per capita

Council 10773 Laramie UM Behind upon Per Capita

These Council's Will not be able to seat deligates.

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Chairman of Crecientals

Committee



# Necrology Report April 27, 2012

## Council 801 Cheyenne

Elmer Haveman

Tech Sgt Matthew Schwartz

Casey D. Talkington

Warren A. Bower

Patrick Muse

Roger J. Sandoval

Council 1563 Casper

Edward Loss Jr.

James Barrett

J. E. Trajillo

Marvin Wilson

#### Council 2104 Sheridan

Joseph Hereford

Herman Sanders

Council 2128 Rawlins

None

Council 2337 Kemmerer

None

Council 2441 Rock Springs

Ronald J. Fennnell

Jimmy Callas

Council 2578 Thermopolis

None

Council 2720 Laramie

Richard C. Eberhart

John T Starr

Council 3043 Powell

Ignatius Frandk

Earl LeBlanc

#### Council 3237 Riverton

John J. Heidt

Bernard T. McCoy

Council 3332 Buffalo

Francis "William" Perry

Domingo Matirena

Council 3477 Gillette

None

Council 3551 Wheatland

Charles Ruwart Jr

Council 4031 Cody

Chester W. Kolak

William E. Murphy

Council 6216 Evanston

None

Council 6334 Newcastle

Dewey Paul Gully

Council 6558 Douglas Glenrock

Mark Armijo

### Council 6623 Torrington

Karl Kalamaija

Council 7214 Greybull

None

Council 7453 Green River

None

Council 7789 Pine Bluffs

None

Council 8542 Wright

Under suspension

Council 8635 Worland

None

Council 9431 Jackson

Holton Brandi

Council 9756 Pinedale

None

### Council 9917 Casper

**Charles Thornton** 

Roscoe Gillespie

Robert Mc Crary

**Council 10027** 

**Bud Pope** 

Council 10773 Laramie

Norbert R. Dufek

Council 11291 Saratoga

None

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WYOMING STATE COUNCIL



May 19, 2012

The following is a financial report of the Wyoming State Council of the Knights of Columbus from July 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012:

# GENERAL FUND

Beginning balance 7-01-2012	\$16,013.58
Income:	
Per-capita	\$40,258.00
Interest	11.11
Lifesaver/lollypops	128.60
Keep Christ in Christmas	3,450.25
Miscellaneous	2,583.74
Income Sub total	\$46,431.43
Disbursements	17,663.56
Balance as of April 30, 2012	\$27,564.27

#### TOOTSIE ROLL FUND

Beginning Balance 7-01-2-12	\$ 3,	929.79
Income:		
Interest	\$	0.00
Tootsie Roll deposits	_12,	936.55
Income sub total	16	,866,14
Disbursements	\$10	,959.47
Balance April 30, 2012	5	,906.86
MONTH CD 28010 MATURITY DATE 06/30/2012	\$17	,185.34
MONTH CD 28370 MATURITY DATE 06/08/2012	\$12	,983.66
TOTAL NET-WORTH	\$6	3,640,14

The above net-worth does NOT accurately reflect the State Council's total net-worth as the state treasurer erroneously paid out more than \$7,000 in mileage to annual convention attendees. A phone call, an email and a letter were sent to the Grand Knights of each council involved and return of monies to the state secretary has begun.

It has been a privilege and an honor serving as state treasurer in my first year.

Vivat Jesus,

Paul E. Puebla

Wyoming State Treasurer

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and so not have And Thanges to Recommend At This Cohn P Lee ChArman Budget Commettee

# LEDGER SUMMARY

July 1, 2012 to June 30 2013

fix the balances

\$50,033.92

A.	Hilltop National Bank (	General Fund)	Income	Dispersments	Balance
	Beginning Balance	(7/1/06)			\$21,154.41
	Income	Per Capita (Dues)	\$3,986.40		
		Interest	\$0.76		
		Livesaver Lollipops	\$0.00		
		Keep Christ In Christmas	\$0.00		
		Miscellaneous	\$0.00		
	Sub-Balance Income		\$3,987.16		
	Sub-Total				\$25,141.57
	Dispersments			\$5,869.00	
	Current Balance				\$19,272.57
В.	Big Hom Federal Savi	ngs and Loan (Tootsie Ro	ll Fund)		
	Beginning Balance	(7/1/12)			\$545.03
	Income	Interest	\$0.00		
		Tootsie Roll Deposits	\$0.00		
	Sub-Balance Income		\$0.00		
	Sub-Total				\$545.03
	Dispersement	ds		\$0.00	
	Current Balance				\$545.03
c.	Big Hom Federal Sav	ings and Loan	Rate		
	6 month CD # 853317	Maturity Date 12/31/12	0.2509	%	\$17,206.76
	24 month CD # 909333	Maturity Date 12/31/12	0.2509	%	\$13,009.56

**Total Net Worth** 

# Wyoming State Council

of the

**Knights of Columbus** 

92nd Annual Meeting

RESOLUTIONS

April 27 – April 29, 2012

**Rock Springs, Wyoming** 

# **2012 RESOLUTION REPORT**

The State of Wyoming Delegates have met, reviewed and voted on all resolutions submitted by the Resolution Committee.

The State of Wyoming Delegates voted on the following actions:

Committee's		Do Pass	Do not
recommendation			Pass
Resolution Number	1	X	
Resolution Number	2	X	
Resolution Number	3	X	
Resolution Number	4	X	
Resolution Number	5	X	
Resolution Number	6	X	
Resolution Number	7	X	
Resolution Number	8	X	
Resolution Number	9	X	
Resolution Number	10	X	
Resolution Number	11	X	
Resolution Number	12	Х	
Resolution Number	13	X	
Resolution Number	14	X	
Resolution Number	15	Withdrawn by delegate	
Resolution Number	16	X passed as amended	
Resolution Number	17	X	
Resolution Number	18	X	
Resolution Number	19	X	
Resolution Number	20	X	
Resolution Number	21	X	
Resolution Number	22	Withdrawn	by delegate
Resolution Number	23	X	
Resolution Number	24	X	

Respectfully submitted,

John E Benedik Jr., Wyoming State Advocate

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## **2012 RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

The Resolutions Committee recommends the following actions:

Committee's		Do Pass	Do not
recommendation			Pass
Resolution Number	1	X	War and the same of the same o
Resolution Number	2	X	
Resolution Number	3	X	
Resolution Number	4	X	
Resolution Number	5	X	
Resolution Number	6	X	
Resolution Number	7	X	
Resolution Number	8	X	- 1811 - Wall - 2011 - 2011 - 2011 - 2011 - 2011 - 2011 - 2011 - 2011 - 2011 - 2011 - 2011 - 2011 - 2011 - 201
Resolution Number	9	X	
Resolution Number	10	X	
Resolution Number	11	X	
Resolution Number	12	X	
Resolution Number	13	X	
Resolution Number	14	X	
Resolution Number	15	Withdrawn	by delegate
Resolution Number	16	X	
Resolution Number	17	X	
Resolution Number	18	X	
Resolution Number	19	X	
Resolution Number	20	X	
Resolution Number	21	X	
Resolution Number	22	Withdrawn	by delegate
Resolution Number	23	X	
Resolution Number	24	Х	

Respectfully submitted,

Attest,

John E Benedik Jr., State Advocate Resolutions Committee Advisor

John Kaiser, District Deputy 1 Resolutions Committee Chairman

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Knights of Columbus has pledged loyalty to the

hierarchy of the Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, the delegates to the state convention have been honored by

the annual attendance of the Bishop of the Diocese of Cheyenne at their

annual meetings,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wyoming State Council extend

its appreciation and best wishes to The Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne,

Bishop of Cheyenne 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

Do Pass by State Delegates, 29 April 2012

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

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

Do Pass by State Delegates, 29 April 2012

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 Director David A Bellendier and his lovely wife, Julie, from

Marion, lowa our sincere appreciation for their attendance and participation

in this state convention; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wyoming Knights of Columbus pray that

God continues to grant Supreme Director David A Bellendier and Julie, 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

Do Pass by State Delegates, 29 April 2012

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, 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 Do Pass by State Delegates, 29 April 2012

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 Do Pass by State Delegates, 29 April 2012

WHEREAS, members of the Knights of Columbus believe that Father

Michael J McGivney was and is a truly Blessed Priest inspired by God; and

WHEREAS, through his example the Knights of Columbus are the

protectors of the Roman Catholic Faith and its Priests who without there

would be no Holy Eucharist and therefore no Catholic Faith,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wyoming State Council

continue to encourage every local council to endeavor to support the

retirement of our Wyoming clergy through the St Joseph Society

Retirement Fund.

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

Resolutions committee recommendation: Do Pass

Do Pass by State Delegates, 29 April 2012

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus is an organization of Catholic

Gentlemen pledged to support and care for the Church; and

WHEREAS, funds donated to the annual Bishop's Appeal, Living and

Giving in Christ, 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, Living

and Giving in Christ.

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

Resolutions committee recommendation: Do Pass

Do Pass by State Delegates, 29 April 2012

WHEREAS, the subordinate councils of the Wyoming State Council

participated in the 2011 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 2011

Keep Christ in Christmas/Send Religious Christmas Cards program; and

WHEREAS, the delegates of the 2012 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 2011 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 2011 Keep Christ in Christmas/ Send religious Card

Sales charity chosen by Council 2441.

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

Resolutions committee recommendation: Do Pass

Do Pass by State Delegates, 29 April 2012

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 travel expenses to attend the 2012 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

Do Pass by State Delegates, 29 April 2012

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 Unites 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

Do Pass by State Delegates, 29 April 2012

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,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that if the "Traveling Door" does not

appear at any given state convention, the previous council or councils,

which hosted the convention shall be levied a fine of one hundred dollars,

and that such fine be donated by the Wyoming State Council to the

Charitable Trust; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that, every council sign on the third door shall be

no larger in height than three inches; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that, if any council sign on the fourth 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 of the Knights of Columbus]

Resolutions committee recommendation: Do Pass

Do Pass by State Delegates, 29 April 2012

WHEREAS, Project Moses is a non-profit organization providing Ten Commandment and Beatitude 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 Do Pass by State Delegates, 29 April 2012

WHEREAS, the Wyoming State Council is grateful to the host council of the

92<sup>nd</sup> annual Knights of Columbus state convention,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers and delegates here

assembled recognize Knights of Columbus Rock Springs Council 2441, of

Rock Springs, Wyoming and their families, for their excellent efforts in

planning and hosting the 2012 state convention; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wyoming State Council thanks Council 2441

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

Do Pass by State Delegates, 29 April 2012

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

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

Do Pass by State Delegates, 29 April 2012

Withdrawn by delegate

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

Do Pass by State Delegates, 29 April 2012, as amended by delegates remove (By-laws) at top of page.

Resolution 17 (By-Laws)

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 2818

members; and

WHEREAS, Supreme Council will match up to \$5.00 per member,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that 60% of the proceeds be given for the

retired priest's of the St Joseph's Society, and the 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 Council of the Knights of Columbus]

Resolutions committee recommendation: Do Pass

Do Pass by State Delegates, 29 April 2012

WHEREAS, the Supreme Knights of Columbus requires the attendance of the

Immediate Past State Deputy at the National convention along with the newly

elected State Deputy; and

WHEREAS, State Secretary is normally elected to State Deputy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in order to facilitate understanding

what is expected of the a State Deputy at Convention, that the State Secretary

accompany the State Deputy the year before the gavel is passed to him as the

State Deputy-elect; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all travel and expenses be paid, by the State

Council as though he were the State Deputy.

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

Resolutions committee recommendation: Do Pass

Do Pass by State Delegates, 29 April 2012

Resolution 19 (By-Laws)

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Knights of Columbus encourages the State

Chaplain to attend the Annual Supreme Convention by purchasing a round-trip

airline ticket and providing per diem thereby creating a separate billing record

in the state council budget,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVE, the total State Chaplain's expenditures for

the Supreme Convention be included in the same expenditure as that of the

State Deputy, State Deputy-elect and the State Secretary; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the State Chaplain's expenses to attend the

Supreme Convention will be paid by the State Council at the same per diem

and mileage rate as the State Deputy; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the mileage will be figured from the State Chaplain's

place of residence to the location of the Supreme Convention; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, if the State Chaplain receives per diem from

Supreme, then the State Council will pay only mileage.

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

Resolutions committee recommendation: Do Pass

Do Pass by State Delegates, 29 April 2012

#### Resolution 20 IN DEFENSE OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

WHEREAS, the Catholic Church teaches that the right to religious freedom is based upon the inherent dignity of the human person, which is known through both reason and divine revelation; and

WHEREAS, the right to religious freedom is guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, religious freedom means that all persons are to be free from coercion in matters of belief and conscience, and that no person should be forced to act in a manner contrary to his or her own beliefs or conscience; and

WHEREAS, during his visit to the United States in 2008, Pope Benedict XVI reminded us that it should never be necessary to deny God in order to enjoy our rights and that it is inconceivable that believers should have to suppress their faith in order to be active citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Church consistently teaches that religious freedom is an inalienable right which should be recognized in the governing laws of each country in such a way that it is acknowledged as a basic civil right; and

WHEREAS, religious freedom is not a benefit that a government confers out of a sense of mere tolerance and that can be removed, but rather it is an inalienable right, rooted in the transcendent dignity of every human being; and

WHEREAS, religious freedom is at the very heart of human rights because it encompasses freedom of speech, assembly and conscience, which together form the basis of civil society and respect for the individual; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2011, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued preliminary regulations pursuant to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act that require all Americans to subsidize health insurance plans that provide full coverage for surgical sterilizations and contraception, including abortifacients such as "morning after" pills; and

WHEREAS, these abortion-inducing drugs attack a developing unborn child either before or after implantation in the mother's womb; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2012, the Obama Administration finalized this mandate and announced that non-profit religious institutions, including the Catholic Church, would have one year to comply with the rule, and that no exemption would be granted for Catholic hospitals, dioceses, charities, social service agencies, schools, colleges and universities; and

**WHEREAS**, the mandate also forces private Catholic employers and businesses — such as the Knights of Columbus — to provide all employees with insurance coverage that includes abortion-inducing drugs, contraception, and sterilization; and

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2012, the Obama Administration offered to religious organizations a so-called "accommodation" which did not change

the mandate and was quickly rejected by the U.S. bishops because Catholic organizations and individuals would still be forced to violate their religious convictions; and

WHEREAS, one of the rationales for this mandate — that abortifacients, contraceptives and sterilization are less expensive than child birth — lays the groundwork for the government to one day mandate that all health insurance plans include abortion; and

WHEREAS, this mandate sets a dangerous precedent and represents one of the most serious intrusions on religious freedom in our lifetimes; and

**WHEREAS,** in a recent meeting with bishops from the United States, Pope Benedict XVI expressed concern over "certain attempts being made to limit that most cherished of American freedoms, the freedom of religion",

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we will never waver in our efforts to defend religious freedom as an inherent right of all Americans; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that as American citizens and as Knights of Columbus, we will steadfastly support the free exercise of religion as it is enshrined in the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we stand in solidarity with our bishops in their call to the Catholic faithful, and to all Americans, to join together in the



great struggle to oppose this mandate and to protect religious liberty and freedom of conscience; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we call upon President Obama to rescind this mandate which is a clear and direct violation of our religious liberty rights; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we call upon Congress to pass, and the President to sign, legislation that will protect the constitutional right of religious institutions and individuals to be free from government coercion in health care and all other matters; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we will remain steadfast in our opposition to any future governmental action or policy that forces Catholic institutions and individuals to violate our most deeply held moral and religious convictions; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that our struggle for religious freedom at this decisive moment in our nation's history is not only for our sake, but for the sake of our children, our grandchildren and all future generations, so that they too may know a country that is "one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

[Submitted by the Wyoming State Council of the Knights of Columbus, for the Supreme Council]

Resolutions committee recommendation: Do Pass

Do Pass by State Delegates, 29 April 2012

Spelling of waver and coercion correct by Supreme in email from Director 5-1-12

WHEREAS, Special Olympics of Wyoming provides year around

competition and training for Special Olympic athletes in Wyoming at no

charge to the athletes with training for some of the athletes to become

coaches also provided; and

WHEREAS, this competition provides for social interaction and

camaraderie for all athletes and a sense of accomplishment; and

WHEREAS, Wyoming Special Olympics offers 16 sports to athletes in

Winter, Summer and Fall Games and the training and preparation for the

competition provides activity for all involved with all funding coming from

donations from generous supporters; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus are proud supporters of Special

Olympics on an International level,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wyoming State Council donate

the 2011-2012 fraternal year proceeds from the Manuel Michael Davila

Fund for Charities to Wyoming State Special Olympics.

[Submitted by: Council 3477, Gillette, Wyoming]

Resolutions committee recommendation: Do Pass

Do Pass by State Delegates, 29 April 2012

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Withdrawn by delegate

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus is an organization that believes in

electing Moral Leaders that will vote for moral issues; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus support leaders that believe in moral

issues.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Councils of Wyoming State

Council be encouraged to hold a 24 hour Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament on the eve of National and State Elections; and

FURTHER RESOVED, that asking the Holy Spirit to guide Brother Knights

and Catholics to vote for moral candidates and moral issues that are

pending.

[Submitted by: Council 3043, Shoshone, Wyoming]

Resolutions committee recommendation: Do Pass

Do Pass by State Delegates, 29 April 2012

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WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 by a Parish Priest, Servant of God, Father Michael J. McGivney; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus continues to stand in Solidarity with our Bishops and Priests; and

**WHEREAS**, the Knights of Columbus have a long tradition of providing both financial and moral support to Seminarian's through programs such as the RSVP Program; and

WHEREAS, the virtue of Patriotism is one of the four main principles of the Knights of Columbus and as individuals and as an Organization, we support our troops; and

WHEREAS, there is currently a great need for Chaplains in the United States Military to minister to our sons and daughters who are Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines defending our Country and protecting our liberties in far-flung bases; and

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Knights of Columbus have been challenged to raise a minimum of \$4000.00 per year for the next five years with all funds going to the Knights of Columbus Military Seminarian's Scholarship Fund,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the annual State Council of the Wyoming Knights of Columbus meeting in convention in Rock Springs, Wyoming on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The Wyoming Knights of Columbus support the Supreme Council's initiative to raise and donate at least \$4000.00 per year for five years for a total of at least \$20,000.00; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that each Council in the State of Wyoming is encouraged to hold at least one fund raising activity to support the Military Seminarian Scholarship Fund; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Deputy and elected Officers of the Wyoming State Council will designate a State Military Seminarian's Fund Coordinator to track and credit all Council and Assembly donations to the Military Seminarian's Fund and will forward all such donations as designated by the Supreme Council; and

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that each Council and Assembly in Wyoming will be encouraged to pray for and promote vocations both to the Diocese of Cheyenne and to the Military Diocese.

[Submitted by: Kenneth Stockwell, Vice-Supreme Master, DeSmet Province, Richard Adamski, District Master, Wyoming State Council of the Knights of Columbus]

Resolutions committee recommendation: Do Pass
Do Pass by State Delegates, 29 April 2012



Worthy State Deputy,

On April 27, 2012 the Audit Committee met to review the audit of the finances of the Wyoming State Council for the 2010 - 2011 fraternal year.

The report, dated April 4, 2012, was professionally prepared by McGee, Hearne & Paiz, LLP, and the Committee saw no discrepancies in it. We voted to recommend to the State Council that the report be accepted as prepared.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Greff, Grand Knight, Wind River Council 3237, Committee Chairman

Michael J. Bardgett, Deputy Grand Knight, Msgr. Thomas F. O'Reilly Council 1563

Jose R. Landeros Jr., Grand Knight, Msgr. Kimmett Council 6623

## **Liability Insurance for Councils**

Council	Number	Membership	Yes No
Cheyenne	801	471	X
Casper	1563	135	_X
Sheridan	2104	151	x
Rawlins	2128	39	X
Kemmerer	2337	44	_X
Rock Springs	2441	142	x
Thermopolis	2578	20	
Laramie	2720	70	_X
Powell	3043	88	_X
Riverton	3237	134	_X
Buffalo	3332	80	X
Gillette	3477	214	X
Wheatland	3551	79	_X
Cody	4031	128	_X
Lander	5447	146	X
Evanston	6216	26	_X
Newcastle	6334	41	_X
Douglas	6558	44	_X

Council	Number	Members	Yes No
Torrington	6623	144	_X
Greybull	7214	44	
Green River	7453	77	X
Pine Bluffs	7789	30	_X
Wright	8542	19	
Worland	8635	63	_X
Jackson	9431	104	_X
Pin edale	9756	38	_X
Casper	9917	107	_X
Fort Bridger	10027	28	_X
Laramie (UW)	10773	44	
Saratoga	11291	33	



Office of the Mayor Rock Springs, Wyoming

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SERVICES WEEK

WHEREAS:

Today, the Order is the largest society of Catholic men in the world, with 2 million members in the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico and several Caribbean countries; and

WHEREAS:

Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism are virtues, that as

Knights we commit ourselves to live not only in our councils,

but also in our family and our world; and

WHEREAS:

The knights are willing to fight for these virtues, and are

committed to continued unselfish service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, CARL R. DEMSHAR, JR.**, Mayor of the City of Rock Springs, Wyoming, do hereby proclaim the WEEK OF APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup> – 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2012 as:

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SERVICE WEEK

And urge all to support and recognize the efforts and services provided by the Knights of Columbus.

SEAL

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City to be affixed.

Mayor

Date



#### 2011-2012 Annual Report for District #3 - Jim Borzea

#### **Wyoming Knights of Columbus**

Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Officers, Brother Knights:

It has been my extreme pleasure to have served as District Deputy for the past 4 years. It is with both humility and pride that I welcome everyone to our State Convention in my home District and home Council. The rewards and experiences I have gained during the past four years have far surpassed the work involved. The friendships that my wife and I have gained will be cherished forever. As the State Councils representative to the Councils in Evanston, Fort Bridger, Green River, and Rock Springs I have tried to be supportive and helpful whenever possible. Following is a summation of some of our activities this past year.

Father Ed Cassidy Council 6216, Evanston can almost be compared to Job during my four years. This Council is a true example for all of us in their struggles to sustain themselves and grow. I was lucky to spend a great deal of time with members of this Council this past winter. They had a membership recruitment weekend and an open house where members prepared wonderful chili for all parishioners. Because of this, they were able to gain a few new members with promises of more to come after R.C.I.A. this spring. This Council hosted a 1<sup>st</sup> degree exemplification with the help of Fort Bridger and Rock Springs. Unfortunately, it seems that as soon as this Council gets a few good new members, those members get transferred out of state. This has been their dilemma for several years now. Despite this, Grand Knight Bruce Poppke and Financial Secretary Rick Bartolic keep going on. Like Job, they keep looking forward instead of living the past. Father Jaime Bueno has been very supportive to the Knights this past year and we certainly appreciate this.

Bindl Council 10027, Fort Bridger, is a wonderful small Council. It is unusual to have a Mission Church with its own Council in our state. It is a pleasure to attend Council meetings in Fort Bridger. They always have a good turnout of membership. Bindl Council was a very gracious host of our District meeting this past fall. They coordinated with the Evanston Council to host a recruitment Sunday and were able to gain a couple new members as a result. Grand Knight Ron Niemi and Financial Secretary Chuck Fagnant continue to be wonderful leaders of this Council and they support Father Jaime and their Church very well.

Monsignor James Godley Council 7453, Green River, is a very active and strong Council. I can remember going to Council meetings four years ago and was lucky to see 5 or 6 members at their meetings. With the leadership of Grand Knight Mike Dahl, Deputy Grand Knight Vic Braman, Financial Secretary Norman Dudzik, and many, many others it has become normal to see close to 20 members at Council meetings now. This Council hosted 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplifications this past year. It seems that they are always doing something whether it be for Seminarians, Priests, Youth, the Community, their Parish or some other endeavor, this Council never takes a rest. This Council's programs should be a good example to any other Council in the state. The only thing they haven't done is submit some of these to our State to get the proper recognition they so much deserve.

Frank Plemel Council 2441, Rock Springs, my home Council, is very dear to me. While down somewhat this year on membership recruitment, this Council has been one of the top recruiters in our State for several years now. Council 2441 hosted several 1st degree exemplifications this past year as well as helping out with a 1st degree in Evanston and 3rd and 4th degree exemplifications in Green River. Much of the year has been spent planning for this State Convention for which Convention Chairman Buddy Kaumo, along with Stan McKee, Brad Betollo, Joe Shubert, Don Barbero, Dave Skorup, and many others deserve a great deal of credit. Special thanks go to Buddy's wife, Mary Jo, as well as many other wives of our Knights. Grand Knight Dwane Pacheco, Financial Secretary Jack Adams, and Treasurer Larry Lux have been inspirational leaders as well as have many other members of this Council. Like Green River, it has become common to see 20 or more members at Council meetings and whenever we have a Council function the response from our membership is great. Council 2441 continues to support its Parish and Priest very well.

Our District was blessed this year with the visit of our State Deputy, Don Scott. Don was able to be in our area for about a week and was able to visit all 4 Councils in this District. Don has been very supportive and was also able to attend our District meeting this past fall. We have also been blessed having our new District Master, Richard Adamski from Green River available to us for support. Dick has attended many Council and Assembly meetings and functions and has been invaluable to us.

As outgoing District Deputy #3 I pledge my continued support to our District, local Councils, Assembly, as well as to our State Council. My our Lord continue to watch over all of us in our work to spread his word.

Vivat Jesus!

Jim Borzea, District Deputy #3



#### **Membership Director's Report**

To: The 2012 Wyoming State Convention.

Date: April 10, 2012

Worthy State Deputy, State Chaplain, and Brothers All:

At the start of the fraternal year 2011/2012 Wyoming's 365+1 Membership Plan was outlined and presented to all attendees at the 2011 organizational meeting. This program, developed by Supreme, and refined to meet the needs of Wyoming, established recruitment and retention as a 365/24/7, positive motivation program designed to bring in one new member from each council, every month.

Wyoming has 29 active councils on the books. This program should have increased our membership by 290 new members by convention time. With approximately 50 percent of our council's actively recruiting, we have attained (as of this date): Membership Gain: 72, Losses: 24, for a Net Gain of: 48.

At present, our total membership currently stands at 2815.

To assist our District Deputies, monthly reports on membership growth were published in the Cowboy Bulletin. Additional resources, to support Grand Knights and Membership Chairmen, 365+1 information in the form of Membership Recruiting/Retention and Program Ideas were published each month. These were emailed to the District Deputies for distribution, and also posted to the State's Website at www.wyomingkc.org. These valuable membership resources will continue throughout the 2011/2012 Fraternal Year.

There are two more months remaining to the end of the fraternal year. I would encourage all Councils to make a concerted effort to bring in at least one new member between now and June 30th.

Vivat Jesus!

Raoul A. Laganiere Membership Director

wyokcmd@gmail.com



#### CEREMONIALS 2012

Worthy State Deputy, Rev. Fr., Supreme Rep., State Officers, Chairmen, and Brother Knights.

So far this fiscal year we have had seven 3<sup>rd</sup>. and eight 2<sup>nd</sup>. degrees completed in our state with 7 different councils hosting them. Thank You very much to those host councils. I would like to visit with future host councils here if possible so that we can continue to meet your needs.

There are a lot of degree team members present and I would like to acknowledge them. First degree team members raise your hand. Second degree team members raise your hand. Third degree team members raise your hand. Those that were team members of the past third degree raise your hand. Thank you very much for you participation in the ceremonials.

Fraternally,

Jerome Hoefler

Ceremonial Chairman



Worthy State Deputy, State Officers, Delegates, Brother Knights all,

Being the Wyoming Knights of Columbus Vocations Chairman has been quite an honor for me, and I have been personally motivated to improving Knights of Columbus's involvement in Vocations. With my brother, Andrew Kinstetter, a seminarian for the Diocese of Cheyenne, this also makes it personal for me, as I see him develop in his Vocation.

With that said, I began being Vocations Chairman with little to no information on the current situation in Wyoming. However, I quickly gathered information on the RSVP program, and got a list of those councils who were providing support to our seminarians, either monetary or spiritually. Every council should be doing something spiritually, and if possible by almsgiving. Since Charity is the founding principle of the order, and if Charity is the theological virtue by which we love God with all our heart, mind, and soul, then through our acts of Charity do we express our love for God. Charity is not only in the form of money, but the Knights of Columbus have the RSVP program by which we can put our founding principle into action.

The Supreme Knights have on record for the 2010-2011 fraternal year that the Wyoming Knights contributed \$5500 for the RSVP program. I am happy to state that the 2011-2012 fraternal year, the Wyoming Knights have given \$8500 towards the RSVP program for our eleven seminarians. This is truly a great step for supporting our seminarians.

However, the downside to this number is that two seminarians did not receive any funds from the RSVP program. So, what I want to see is every seminarian receives a check from the RSVP program. If there is a specific council that wishes to sponsor a seminarian, that is fine, but my goal is to ensure that every seminarian knows of the support from the Knights of Columbus here in Wyoming.

Overall, I believe that the RSVP program is doing quite well, and I encourage all councils to participate. If there is a council that does not know what RSVP is about or needs more information, please contact me.

Vivat Jesus!

Gregory Kinstetter Vocations Chairman

Wyoming Knights of Columbus

#### RSVP Program Wyoming KofC 2011-2012

Seminarians	Funds Received
Brian Hess	\$1,500.00
Daniel Poelma	\$1,000.00
Andrew Kinstetter	\$1,000.00
Bob Rodgers	\$500.00
Dan McCArthy	\$1,000.00
Louis Shea	\$500.00
Duy Nguyen	\$0.00
Linh Vu	\$0.00
Hiep Nguyen	\$1,000.00
Bryan Willoughby	\$1,000.00
Dylan Ostdiek	\$1,000.00

Total \$8,500.00

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Worthy State Secretary,

Ten councils participated in the Keep Christ in Christmas program in 2011. This was up from 6 councils participating in 2010. The total amount for products ordered was \$3,458.00. The State Council received \$630.75 from the sales.

The participating councils had the potential of receiving \$3,771.00, however, some councils charged less than the suggested price or gave the cards, etc. at no charge. Therefore the actual amount of profit is not known.

According to the Christ is Christmas company, \$4,496,833.00 has been raised for charity through the Keep Christ in Christmas program since 1989 and over 20 million spiritual messages were distributed proclaiming the true meaning of Christmas.

The Wyoming Councils distributed 9,282 cards in 2011 and assuming that each card was read by at least 2 people, then we sent 18,564 spiritual messages proclaiming the true meaning of Christmas.

We also distributed 650 car magnets and 300 lapel pins. We an only guess how many thousands of spiritual messages were sent out by these items.

I will have the 2012 Keep Christ in Christmas display case, brochures, etc. at the state convention in Rocksprings. I look forward to a successful program in Wyoming in 2012.

Vivat Jesus,

Don Viktorin,

Don Viktoria

Keep Christ in Christmas Chairman



#### Newsletter Editor/Publisher Report

To: The 2012 Wyoming State Convention.

Date: April 10, 2012

Worthy State Deputy, State Chaplain, and Brothers All:

The Wyoming Monthly Newsletter began its sixth publication year with the start of the 2011/2012 Fraternal Year.

Cowboy Bulletin has now grown to be an information media for Wyoming Knights of Columbus. It not only provides a monthly communications platform for our State Chaplain, and State Deputy, but also for many of our chairman and directors throughout the state. Special events that have or are to take place such as degrees are included.

The newsletter continues to be published during the first week of each month. Copies of the current and past twelve months can be downloaded, in Adobe Acrobat format, from the State's Website at <a href="https://www.wyomingkc.org">www.wyomingkc.org</a>.

Vivat Jesus!

Raoul A. Laganiere Membership Director wyokcnews@gmail.com

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITABLE TRUST April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE MAY 23, 1991</b>	\$0.00		
RECEIPTS Contributions First Interstate Bank Hilltop National Bank TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$39,621.36 <u>\$350,039.73</u>	\$389,661.09	
Dividends/Interest/ Gains and Losses First Interstate Bank Hilltop National Bank TOTAL INCOME TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$958.70 <u>\$190,948.95</u>	<u>\$191,907.65</u>	\$581,568.74
EXPENSES  Premiums  First Interstate Bank  Hilltop National Bank  TOTAL PREMIUMS	\$3,429.44 <u>\$247,965.25</u>	\$251,394.69	
Fees - Hilltop, USPS, & Epperson TOTAL EXPENSES		\$35,692.59	\$287,087.28
ENDING BALANCE March 31, 2012		\$294,481.46	
Adjustments for market value on Insura	\$263,517.64		
ENDING BALANCE March 31, 2012		\$557,999.10	

\$191,907.65

**Earnings to Date** 



WYOMING STATE COUNCIL

# HELPING THE INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED IS LIKE A WHEELBARROW

It won't go unless



PUSH IT!



#### WYOMING STATE COUNCIL

#### A FEW WORDS FROM THE INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES CHAIRMAN

This new year is going much too fast. It seems like I blink and another day is gone by. We have so many things to finish in the next couple of months. Do you feel the same way? This is the time of year that we all must look at our projects and find a way to wrap them up. This is the time of the year to do a candy drive to help the Intellectually Disabled in your community.

I'm convinced that 2012 has to be an improvement over last year. In fact, it already is. We have four new Councils participating in the candy drive. They are the two Casper Councils, Wheatland and Cheyenne. So we have almost doubled the Councils participating over last year. We need to get all Councils to participate in the candy drive. Would you please help the Intellectually Disabled in your community? You can make a difference.

The Knights of Columbus is a truly a remarkable one-of-a-kind organization.

First, take pride in the success of your organization Second, I want to remind you that today is a great day to support the Intellectually Disabled in your community. The things we do make a difference.

A little history: As most of you know, Special Olympics was founded by Kenneth Shriver and his wife Eunice in 1968. He was a man who personified the ideal of Catholic Public Service, a love for the inndate dignity of every human person, and a determination to help to improve the lot of all who suffer.

You look for what you are doing it for such as the Special Olympics in your neighborhood. In the spirit of charity and fraternity, Knights support their communities and bring people together. What is your Council doing? One <u>can</u> make a difference. The Knights of Columbus is in a position to help.

Fraternally yours,

Roland "Nick" Eckes

Intellectual Disabilities Chairman

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#### WYOMING STATE COUNCIL

#### CAMPAIGN FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

It is my pleasure and privilege to report to the Wyoming State Council's 92<sup>nd</sup> State Convention on the Manual Michael Davila Funds for Charities.

In the calendar year of 2011, the Manual Michael Davila Funds for Charities had a net revenue of \$14,685.55. The State Council received 10% or \$1,468.55. The total return to the Councils was \$13,217.00. There were 410 cases of Tootsie Rolls bought and 410 cases sold.

Since this programs inception in Wyoming in 1975, sales have fluctuated from year to year. In 2010 four Councils participated. In 2011, five Councils participated.

There is no better time than now to thank the Councils for supporting the Manual Michael Davila Funds for Charities. 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.

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

Fraternally yours,

Roland "Nick" Eckes

Intellectual Disabilities Chairman

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# MANUAL MICHAEL DAVILA FUNDS FOR CHARITIES State of Wyoming NET REVENUE (unofficial tabulation)

Totals	Worland	Wheatland	Torrington	Thermoolis	Sheridan	Saratoga	Rock Springs	Riverton	Rawlins	Powell	Pine Bluffs	Newman Center	Newcastle	Laramie	Lander	Kemmerer	Jackson	Greybull/Basin	Green River	Gillette	Ft Bridger/Mt View	Evanston	Douglas/Glenrock	Cody	Cheyenne	Casper #9917	Casper #1563	Buffalo	Council
17,425.20			3,341.25	170.00	1,345.00	715.75	593.00		1,173.50		628.12				2,133.25		3,505.00	1,075.50		1,952.19								792.64	CY2000
16,732.83			3,341.25		1,140.00	707.13	178.00	492.71	770.00		633.50				2,112.50		2,222.00			3,119.32					835.26			1,181.16	CY2001
14,704.03			3,353.75		1,331.00			210.00			681.75				2,261.00					4,331.05					962.50			1,572.98	CY2002
13,700.96			2,477.00		1,413.75			172.50			671.25				2,111.75					4,911.31					943.40			1,000.00	CY2003
14,866.67			1,601.25		1,362.38				692.50		636.90				2,120.00					6,140.56					1,144.08			1,169.00	CY2004
17,298.51			2,726.50		1,411.50						668.40				2,473.00		,			7,701.33					1,317.78			1,000.00	CY2005
18,651.88			1,964.00		1,848.50	661.00			341.00		579.75				2,525.00					9,462.02					1,270.61				CY2006
19,664.31			3,290.25		2,119.50						521.50				2,197.00					9,272.21					2,263.85				CY2007
16,407.57					1,928.50										2,417.90					10,250.75					1,288.92			521.50	CY2008
17,373.76			3,159.66		2,078.25										2,315.50				П	8,009.31					1,591.04				CY2009
14,348.95			3,056.28		1,799.25										2,472.50					7.020.92								$\neg$	CY2010
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## 2012 WYOMING STATE CONVENTION COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN REPORT

The importance of community involvement by the Knights of Columbus cannot be stressed enough. With this support, many communities benefit, building a bridge between the Knights of Columbus and the community. This bridge makes the Knights of Columbus visible, which promotes better understanding of our call to an apostolic life, in service to others.

Making communities aware of our charitable work and involvement sheds a favorable light on the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. Communities soon learn that they can count on our local Councils to assist with community projects. The Knights of Columbus organize and promote different types of projects for the benefit of not only our church, but also our communities at large.

Some examples of the Knights of Columbus charitable works would include: benefit fund raisers, Lenten fish dinners for the community, building projects for parks and recreation, organizing blood drives, supporting our Tootsie Roll fund drive, and community charity raffles. It must be stressed that these charitable acts need to be documented for the benefit of each Council. Each year, the documented activities need to be submitted to the State Convention for judging in order for each Council to receive credit for their work.

Over the next year, I will be in close contact with each council on a monthly basis, to encourage their community involvement and documentation of their efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivat Jesus

Community Activities Chairman

Thomas J. Atwood

## WYOMING STATE FAMILY LIFE DIRECTORS ANNUAL REPORT FRATERNAL YEAR 2011 - 2012

April 11, 2012

Worthy State Deputy:

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We regret not being with our brother Knights and their families at this year's State Convention. We will keep you all in our prayers as you meet and we travel.

Thus far, through this fraternal year, only five of our councils have participated in the Knight Family of the Year program. To those councils that did recognize their worthy knight families we send our thanks and appreciation. They are; Council 2104 – Sheridan, Council 2720 – Laramie, Council 3237 – Riverton, Council 3477 – Gillette, and Council 5447 – Lander.

Through their efforts several of our Wyoming Knights of Columbus families were selected and recognized by the Supreme Council. In October 2011 the family of Robert and LaDonna Leibrich of Council 2104 in Sheridan were recognized. In November 2011 it was the family of Cory and Gloria Cummings from our council here in Lander. In December 2011 the Supreme Council selected the family of Robert and Erika Thoman from Council 3237 in Riverton. In January 2012 the family of Warren and Debbie DuBry from Council 3477 in Gillette was recognized.

With a state the size of Wyoming, if your council participates by submitting worthy Knight Families there is a very good chance that one or more of those families will be selected during the year. But, like anything, you can't win if you don't get into the game.

Amid all the wonderful work we Knights do to further our charitable goals, let us not forget our obligation to fraternity. Fraternity means brotherhood, and brothers are part of a family. Don't forget to publicly acknowledge the excellent work of your brothers and their families donated to those charitable acts. Submit them as Knight Families of the Month.

It was with mixed emotions that we assisted our brother Cory Cummings and his family load their worldly goods into a U-Haul truck and saw them off to a better

living situation. That whole day they could not stop trying to express their amazement and appreciation for the outpouring of love and support from their brother knights and the entire knights family during their tribulations. Let us add our sincere thanks as well. Our founder, Father McGivney, would be so proud of all of you for how well you responded to not just a brother knight, but a Catholic family in need.

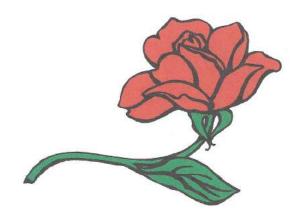
"What you do for the least of my people, you do for Me"

Vivat Jesus

David of Dolers
David and Dolores Langerman

Family Life Directors

### WYOMING PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES, AGENDA 2011



Submitted by

Paul Novak

Patricia Novak

**Wyoming Pro-Life Couple** 

#### **Wyoming Pro-Life**

#### Activities 2011

This is our first year as the Wyoming Pro-Life couple therefore, we first had to acquaint ourselves with the job and establish goals and activities which we could initiate for the 2011 year.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

Our first activity was to support the pro-life booth at the Wyoming State Fair. This focused on passing on pro-life information to those who stopped at the booth.

1000 Knights Pray for Life. 1000 Chaplet and Novenas of Divine Mercy booklets were distributed to all councils in Wyoming as a means of prayer for life. We encouraged not only Knights but their families and friends to pray this chaplet. Attachment (1)

**Knight Life**: We have submitted quarterly articles for the Wyoming newsletter: The Cowboy Bulletin under the title *Knight Life* focusing on the current happenings in the pro-life movement. Attach (2)

**Display Table** We revamped the display table to set up at pro-life activities. It now has an emphasis on vote pro-life.

March for Life: With the support of the Cheyenne Diocese a very successful Rally for Life has happened. A new record of attendance was established for the Pro-Life dinner; record number at the Bishops pro-Life Mass and record number of marchers at the march. A major turn out of Knights and record number of Pro-Life advocates proved to be one of the best marches in recent years. The weather even co-operated.

**Support groups:** We supported activities with local pro-life groups and gatherings: petitions and signatures that support pro-life, coordinated ideas and activities for local pro-life groups supported a local pro-life evening for life program which consisted of a Diocesan Deacon, music from a local church and hosted by a Christian school.

State Fair 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: With the anticipated large turn out for the 100 year of the Wyoming State Fair Wyoming Knights pledged a week long commitment to operate the pro-life booth at the fair. A plea went out to all of the Knights' councils at the annual state Knights of Columbus meeting for financial and time to carry out this commitment. A financial response of over \$700 and Knights' time necessary to meet this obligation was committed.

#### **2012 GOALS**

We have not finalized our 2012 goals but anticipate they will focus on VOTE Pro-Life.





of Columbus

Paul & Patricia Novak Pro-life couple Torrington WYO 82240 2327 Crerstview Drive

All Knights and Families

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chosen the Chaplet and Novena of Divine Mercy as the means of prayer, but you are not limited to only this means of prayer. Our request for the next two years is 1000 Wyoming Knights Pray for Life. We have

ardently for life down on our knees and pray for life in all its forms we shall never win the battle we have Mother Theresa of Calcutta made it very clear by her life and words: If we do not get before us. These are not her direct quotes but they are the meaning of her call to pray

but before you start the day's prayer you say a beginning prayer two or more divide up the prayers. The novena (9 days of prayer) is just like the chaplet, The instructions are on the booklet. The chaplet may be recited in 5 minutes or less when

the Novena has yet to fail us when we have prayed for a specific need for someone We have found this particular prayer extremely beneficial in our life and family. In fact

brothers and sisters in Christ. God Bless you all for your efforts to pray for all life. Help us win the war against the unborn, elderly, infirm, terminal, prisoners, our poorest

#### It's all about life



Paul & Pat Novak

#### KNIGHT LIFE

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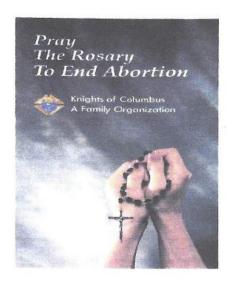
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#### REFLECTIONS ON THE RALLY FOR LIFE WEEKEND

The pro life agenda is alive, well and growing.

The Rally, Mass, and March were unbelievable.

Pat & I have a few reflections we want to share.

Knights Marching toward the capitol with the Catholic College students leading a rosary for life - overpowering

Bishop Etienne's stirring homely for life

Deacon Dobermann's message at the banquet

The ecumenical commitment to RTL cause.

The energy for the life movement

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THANK YOU

#### **NOTES AND QUOTES**

Action needed on government insurance mandate that encroaches on religious liberty:

The Knights of Columbus will never waver in our opposition to any governmental action or policy that forces our citizens to violate their deeply-held moral and religious convictions.

(Support Religious Liberty, Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Knight.)

"The Federal Gov't declared war on the church.....with this mandate." (Meaning of our Bishop Paul D. Etienne's sermon at the state rally for life Mass, Jan. 21, 2012) This mandate is a "not-so-subtle" revelation of this administration's misinterpretation of Religious Liberty as a mere "freedom of worship." (Letter read at parishes dated Feb. 11, 2012)

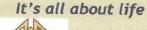
"We cannot and will not comply with this unjust decree" (neighbor Bishop of Lincoln, Ne. Fabian Bruskewitz, Nat. Catholic Register, Feb. 25, 2012) Council of Catholic Bishops: UNACCEPTABLE – MUST BE CORRECTED

#### KNIGHTS REMINDER: Our Vow: DEFEND THE CHURCH

Action: call, name specific person

U.S. House: 202-225-3121 U.S. Senate: 202-224-3121 Pres. B. Obama: 202-456-1111

#### KNIGHT LIFE





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#### RALLY FOR LIFF

A January reminder for the Rally for life.

The January date (Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>) for the rally for life is arriving soon. We hope your council has plans to attend this pro-life activity. The goal for the rally and silent march is 1000 persons. Deacon Dobelmann has been actively promoting this rally. Knights as well as parishioners have been encouraged to participate.

Rally for life schedule
Friday January 20, 2012
Kiwanis community House Lion Park
5:30 Social Hour
6:30 Banquet
Speaker: Deacon Vernon Dobelmann

Tickets: Reservations by Jan.18
Right to Life of Laramie County
Box 2391 Cheyenne Wy
Call Lisa 307-778-8626

Single \$35.00
Couple \$60.00
Table for 8 \$ 200.00
We already have 2 tables reserved by Knights' membership.

#### MARCH FOR LIFE

1000 marchers led by many Knight banners, with the 4<sup>th</sup> degree Knights setting the tone.

We are Pro-Life.

This day has special meaning as it has a Catholic -Knight emphasis.

January 21 9:00 Mass St. Mary Cathedral
Bishop Etienne
Breakfast Hartman Hall
11:00 march Rally
speaker-music- life contest
winners
12: 00 Silent March State
Capitol

After the march Cheyenne Knights will be serving lunch at their K.C hall. Lunch and fellowship will be the culminating activity. This will be a week-end all about life.

#### Reminder

January is the month to begin the Divine Mercy Novena/Chaplet for life. District Deputies have the chaplets and directions. (Goal: A 1000 Knights and Families and friends/interested persons Pray for All Life)

#### It's all about life

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#### KNIGHT LIFE

#### Nonpartisan Reflections on Life Issues

The Supreme Court decision on the Human Health and Human Services (HHS) Bill is due in June 2012. Until then we have chosen to highlight the game rules.

#### Games for Life

#### Hide 'n Seek

"Abortion premium mandate" (Rule 3 and4) An individual enrolled in an insurance plan that covers abortions MUST pay an additional surcharge of \$1 per month. There is no choice of opting out of the plan. Paying for this abortion coverage is imposed whether the individual wants out or not. The rule also contains a clause that prevents insurance plans from letting people know about the required surcharge until time of enrollment. A governmental secrecy-a slight of hand, result, wholesale abortions on demand. (Life Issues Institute)

#### **Dominoes**

"On January 20<sup>th</sup> the Department of Health and Human Services made a final decision that would force Catholic institutions to provide health insurance that includes all FDA approved contraceptive methods and sterilization procedures, including several drugs that cause an early abortion by interfering with the implantation of a newlyconceived human being. This mandate poses

a very serious threat to the religious freedom of Catholics and Catholic institutions." (Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight)

#### Hearts

LifeChoice Pregnancy Care CenterCheyenne 2011 Ministry Report:
78 unique individuals served
82 Pregnancy Test: 54 positive, 28 negative
35% heard the Gospel message, 1 prayed to
receive Christ at the Center
53% patients chose life, 2 lost to abortion
33% initially abortion minded chose life
74% under age of 25
46% using birth control became pregnant
70% became sexually active under age of 17

#### Bingo

"Never before has the federal government forced individuals and organizations to go out into the market place and buy a product that violates their conscience. This shouldn't happen in a land where free exercise of religion rank first in the Bill of Rights." (Cardinal Timothy Dolan)

#### Yahoo

The Order 2005 Survey of Fraternal Activity Knights raised and spent more than \$3.6 million on pro-life programs. ( K of C Bulletin



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Bishop PA McGovern COUNCIL 801 Annual Report for the 2012 State Convention

Council 801 served Our Lord and Savior by participating, hosting and/or sponsoring the following activities for our church and community:

- Promoted the season of Lent by providing Lenten Fish Dinners
- Hosted a Food Drive and Collected approx 3,500 lbs of food for 6 panties to help with homeless
- Sponsor team for Relay for Life
- Marched in the March for Life
- Promoted and participated in the 40 Days for Life during Lent
- Provided over 400 hot meals and drinks for the Pro-life march participants
- Hosted the Clergy Appreciation Dinner
- Sponsor of four parish Roundtables
- Supported of Higher Education by providing scholarships to High School Seniors accepted in a college program.
- Supported of Catholic Education by providing a scholarship to a student attending St. Mary's Catholic Elementary school.
- Provided lunch for students at St. Mary's Elementary School for their field day.
- Exemplified 12 new members as Brother Knights
- Sponsored float in the Cheyenne Christmas parade.
- Sponsored children activities for Halloween, Christmas and Easter

John P. Lee

Grand Knight, Council 801



#### Msgr. Thomas O'Reilly Council #1563 Casper, Wyoming

Brother Knights,

Msgr. Thomas O'Reilly Council 1563 had a rewarding year since the 2011 state convention which was held in Casper and hosted by our council. We added two new members and one transfer into our council and we continue to reach out to prospective members.

Our council schedules two meetings each month: We have our general membership meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month and our officers meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. We also saw an increase in the hours of service and volunteer help throughout the year. As a celebration for successfully hosting the state convention we held a social and dinner for Knights, spouses, and families on June 25<sup>th</sup> and enjoyed the relaxing time together.

During the summer of 2011 the council held clean up evenings and weekends to tidy up the parish grounds. This consisted of trimming trees, pulling weeds, raking leaves, etc. and hauling several loads to the landfill. Due to a cut back in staff at St. Anthony's parish they asked for assistance and this was a nice service we could help with. During August we assisted St.

Anthony's Tri-Parish school with their clean up day and assembled new teacher desks for the remodeled CCD classrooms in the Parish Center. In September, our degree team performed the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree ceremony at Laramie.

October was a busy month as we promoted Respect Life by offering lollipops at different weekend Masses at St. Anthony's and Our Lady of Fatima parishes. A parish spaghetti dinner was held with donations to support St. Joseph Society of Retired Priests. We held recruitment weekend and talks were given at each of the weekend Masses, and had Knights available to hand out information and answer questions. The Scholarship Endowment Fund for St. Anthony Tri-Parish Catholic School was initiated by Casper Councils #1563 and #9917. A starting donation of \$4000 was given by Council #1563 and the money was raised at the 2011 state convention. Thank you to all Knights who supported the silent auction which was the primary source of the funding for the Endowment Fund.

We provided meals for the RAD retreat in Casper the weekend of November 5<sup>th</sup> to assist Fr. Bill Hill with his weekend of discernment to the priesthood for men in Wyoming.

During the Christmas season, the council participated in the theme of "Keep Christ in Christmas" by purchasing Christmas buttons with the message "Merry Christmas God with us" and were provided at weekend Masses leading up to Christmas. We also partnered with St. Patrick's Council in purchasing food for the holidays, and donated the proceeds to the Holy Cross Food Center in Casper.

In February we provided the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree work at St. Patrick's degree ceremonials and we also assisted the Douglas/Glenrock council place a new landing and steps at a home in Bar Nunn to assist them with a fund raising project. On February 1<sup>st</sup> we held Our Lady of Guadalupe

Marian prayer service and invited all parishioners to join us for the rosary and enjoy the traveling icon image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

During the Lenten season, we held our annual fish dinners every Friday night from March 2<sup>nd</sup> to March 30<sup>th</sup>. We find that these fundraisers not only raise money to support the many worthy needs the council is involved with in our community, but also provide an opportunity for fellowship in our church family. We also participated for the first time in many years by selling tootsie rolls to support people with intellectual disabilities and was very well received and supported. Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully,

Norm Long Grand Knight Council #1563

#### Phil Sheridan Council 2104

#### Sheridan, Wyoming

April 9, 2012

#### Worthy State Deputy Donald J. Scott

The past year has been full of activity for Council 2104. I cannot say enough about the help I have received from Past GK Bob Leibrich in this year. Without Mr. Leibrich's assistance in council affairs and in scheduling activities I would have been at a loss many times. My current Deputy GK, Ken Weber, has been intrinsic as well with conducting council affairs and these two gentlemen have become two of my best friends. Chancellor, Steve Washut, has now retired from a full time job with BNSF railroad and he has been intrinsic in assisting with council activities as well. Warden, David Anderson, has stepped up his support and activity. Financial Secretary, Al Jackson, and Treasurer Bob Fall have continued to be great supporters of Council activities and always give their utmost in their very important council positions. Ralph Blommel as Lecturer and as a trustee has been irreplaceable. In the past few years we have all become more comfortable with council activities and director positions and our Council activities have continued to flourish and improve. Our Pastor, Father Jim Heiser, has helped to improve our parish's awareness of council activities andhas joined in our fun and in our functions, as have associate pastors Fr. Ron Stolcis and Fr. Michael Ehiemere.

Church Activities: Sponsorship of a Parish Roundtable in Story, WY. has continued with Danny Meadows as our liaison there. Our annual Parish Picnic in August was a huge success, and followed an outdoor Mass at Kendrick Park; it was one of the best attended picnics in the last decade! In October, we sponsored a pancake breakfast to benefit Holy Name School, which had modest attendance, but was much appreciated by the school staff and administration. During Lent, the Council sponsored Stations of the Cross twice. Also during Lent council members attended a Catholicism DVD series with 9-12 of us present each time. In May, we will sponsor a first communion breakfast. June will find the Knights busy with gloves and hammers as we help the nuns in Dayton, WY., with a cleanup day. Two weeks later we will help brother Knight Phil Klebba with Holy Name Parish and Church projects. We continue to participate in the Keep Christ in Christmas program and in the RSVP program(with \$958 donated this year), which have both been very successful. The Knights had a \$51,000 CD mature and proceeds from that went to help pay for the Central Middle School property which the church purchased.

Community Activities: Bingo continues to be our largest revenue producer, with anywhere from 40 to 100 people in attendance every Monday night this is truly a social activity for many in our community. Ralph Rumpz is our program director here and has continued to receive help from brother Knight Roger Wilson, as Mr. Wilson steps down from this position. On two Fridays during Lent the council sponsored fish and shrimp dinners: Our two directors, with the help of many members of our council, had good success with these endeavors. Numbers were up appreciably from last year with net profits of near \$2000 versus \$300 last year; proceeds from this event benefit the Holy Name School Scholarship fund. June will, once again, find the Council participating in the Tootsie Roll drive for the mentally handicapped.

Council Activities: I am excited to report that Ken Weber, with the help of brother Knight Tony Garber has really begun to shape up our first degree team; some members have stepped down but new members have agreed to take over positions and at one time we had a surplus of Knights asking for positions. It is our hope that First degrees will run smoother under the directorship of Mr. Weber, as in the past it seemed like a bit of a scramble as we prepared for each first degree. July found us sponsoring an ice cream social, which was well-attended by Council and families as well as members of the community. Fourth Tuesdaymeetings are now social meetings, as we have made a concerted effort to bring more members in to participate with their friends and families; I would say that this has been a modest success, as we have welcomed some very interesting speakers with talks in the following areas: Spelunking, public land usage, drug abuse awareness, drug dog ownership and usage. Jerry Hoefler has graciously agreed to give our annual insurance talk; a dinner will be provided for this affair. Myself, and David Anderson have aspired to name a Knight and Family of the Month this year and I am proud to announce that Bob and LaDonna Leibrich and their three children have been named respectively, Knight and Family of the Year. This award was presented at our annual dues dinner. Our hall continues to be open to a local Alcoholics Anonymous group, as well as several mornings a week the hall is open for socializing and card playing for members and friends

Family Activities: In July, the council sponsored several youth and their chaperones, along with Fr. Heiser and Fr. Ehiemere as they traveled to Billings, MT., to watch a Billings Mustangs Semipro baseball game. The Knights, after Christmas, at our after Christmas potluck had great fun in exchanging White Elephant gifts, some of which were very useful and showed the skill and thoughtfulness of our fellow Knights. The council, at the urging of our Pastor, Fr. Heiser, sponsored our first annual Super Bowl Party at the home of Past GK Leibrich. This also served as a venue for us to get to know prospective seminarian candidates. This was a huge success, and next year's party will be at the home of John and Susan Bigelow. John has assured me that he will become a first degree member of our council and the Knights have assured him and his lovely wife Susan a very warm welcome to our Council, the Knights have also offered to help with a reception for John after he is ordained a deacon on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Pro Life Activities: Our Ten Commandments monument located on the Holy Name School grounds received a facelift courtesy of brother Knight Ralph Blommel and his wife Regina, as Ralph provided moral support while Regina repainted the lettering that had weathered to unacceptable standards. The council still maintains the display of the Right To Life Monument near the front door of Holy Name Church and brother Knight Phil Klebba has recommended that we change out flower pots on either side of the monument that are eroding beyond repair; therefore, this will be a council project in the coming weeks. A Right to Life Bill board has yet to be erected by our council in Sheridan County, but due to the hard work of many of our members we are closer to finding a permanent residence for such a billboard and this will be a focus of our council and its leadership in the upcoming year. The council placed a plaque on the Rachael Weeping statue at our hall and 15-20 Knights and their families attended this special occasion. Life Saver Sunday continues to be well-received in the month of October and our annual Right to Life spaghetti dinner has been very well attended by the community; proceeds from this dinner go to the Legacy Pregnancy Center located here in Sheridan. The Legacy Pregnancy Center profusely thanked the Knights of Columbus for the gift of the ultrasound unit that was purchased with funds provided by Strothei Marter West dechross he and whike distes vero in a tearing a bring kinner and voiced their opinions that the ultrasound unit helped to save their young baby's life, as the ultrasound picture of their baby was just too much to ignore in swaying their Pro Life decision!! Once again this year fellow Knights and Pro Life individuals from all walks of life participated in prayer and a community awareness gathering on the steps of the Sheridan County courthouse.

Youth Activities: In June the Knights of Columbus will sponsor a \$700 scholarship for a graduating high school senior who is a member of Holy Name Church. The council will once again sponsor a \$2,500 Holy Name School Scholarship to a worthy family. Once again, the council sponsored a drug and alcohol abuse awareness poster contest, two age groups were recognized and \$25 gift certificates were provided to these stellar young artists. In January, the council sponsored its annual Free Throw Championship, we had over 20 young shooters and this event was well supported by brother Knights, my hat is off to Brian Dever, as I am very impressed with his organization at the state level with this event. In May we will also sponsor youth group bingo night for the community, in the past this has been very well attended, with much fun had by Priests, youth, and fellow Knights. True to form, brother Knight Ralph Blommel, who is a strong advocate of The Boy Scouts of America, has introduced a program open to both boys and girls age 14-20 called Venturing. This program will get individuals active in leadership as well as high adventure; the council will help to support this with a sponsorship and by providing mentors for the program this program will be designed to compliment a budding youth group. This past year the council also helped pay for a lighted bulletin board which Holy Name Catholic School uses to improve communication across the parish on upcoming events; the Knights have used the board so far to advertise the shrimp and fish dinner as well as weekly bingo, \$350 dollars was contributed to the cost of the \$500 board.

Membership: Our council conducted a membership drive weekend each Mass at Holy Name Parish this year. Supreme provided a nice DVD and membership director Monty Webb gave a short synopsis of what it means to be a Knight of Columbus; as of this date, several new members have come into our ranks either directly or indirectly related to our membership drive. At the date of this submission, we have a net gain of 15 new members; JerryHoefler was in attendance at our April 10<sup>th</sup> first degree, prior to said meeting Jerry signed my wife and I up as new insurance members. We have had at least two fellow Knights voice interest in providing \$100 annuity funds for fellow first degree members who are deemed worthy and ask for this assistance. As far as prospective first degree candidates, we continue to pursue several gentlemen as of this letter, and our July first degree could very well have 5-8 individuals join our ranks. Our priests have continued to be active supporters of our council and it was very refreshing to welcome Fr. Ogg, state Chaplain, back home to Sheridan as he attended our second fish and shrimp dinner on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March.

Our council continues to grow, with two of our newest first degree candidates under the age of 24! With their new energy and the existing mentorship from our members and priests as well as our honorable District Deputy, Buddy Cater, we will remain vibrant and strive to live out the new evangelism as proposed by Pope Benedict XVI and by our Bishop Paul Ettienne.

2020 will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Phil Sheridan Council 2104. It is the hope of our council that worthy State Deputy Scott and his fellow state officers as well as the Knights of Columbus across Wyoming, will grant us permission to host this coveted state convention.

#### **VIVAT JESUS!**

Terry Winnop

Grand Knight, Phil Sheridan Council 2104

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONSIGNOR O'CONNOR COUNCIL NO. 2337 P.O. BOX 1123 KEMMERER, WYOMING 83101

#### WORTHY STATE DEPUTY:

IT HAS BEEN A VERY REWARDING AND BLESSED YEAR FOR COUNCIL 2337. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO ADDING TWO NEW MEMBERS TO OUR COUNCIL. BOTH MEN HAVE VERY RECENTLY MOVED HERE. ONE IS TRANSFERING FROM ANOTHER COUNCIL, WHILE THE SECOND MAN IS RETURNING TO THE KNIGHTS AFTER SEVERAL EINACTIVE YEARS. OUR COUNCIL'S TWO BIG EVENTS THE PAST FEW YEARS HAVE BEEN OUR ASH WEDNESDAY FISH FRY, AND OUR MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST. BOTH CONTINUE TO BE VERY SUCCESSFUL. I THANK ALL OUR KNIGHTS FOR THEIR HEARTFELT EFFORTS, AND HARD WORK AT BOTH EVENTS.

DURING THE PAST YEAR, THE COUNCIL AND ITS MEMBERS HAVE ASSISTED ST. PATRICK'S PARISH IN MANY WAYS. WE ALWAYS ASSIST WITH DECORATING THE CHURCH AT CHRISTMASTIME. MEMBERS HAVE GREATLY HELPED IN THE MAINTENANCE OF THE CHURCH AND PARISH HALL. THE KNIGHTS BUILT A STORAGE GARAGE FOR THE PARISH. LAST SUMMER, WE ASSISTED OUR NEW PASTOR, FATHER PHILIP VASKE, IN MOVING INTO THE RECTORY. FATHER VASKE GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED THE ROLE OF COUNCIL CHAPLAIN. IN ABOUT SIX WEEKS, THE KNIGHTS OF COUNCIL 2337 WILL BE EMBARKING ON A NEW PROJECT. WE WILL BE HEADING UP A PARISH-WIDE FLEA MARKET.

I HAVE BEEN THE GRAND KNIGHT OF COUNCIL 2337 SINCE 2004. IT HAS BEEN A VERY REWARDING EXPERIENCE FOR ME. THAT IS, OF COURSE, DUE TO THE GREAT WORK, PASSION AND LOVE OF THE MEN OF OUR COUNCIL. I WOULD LIKE TO ESPECIALLY THANK ROBERT REETZ WHO RECENTLY TOOK OVER THE POSITION AS OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JAMES THOENY - GRAND KNIGHT

COUNCIL 2337



St. Laurence O'Toole, Laramie Council 2720 P.O. Box 344 Laramie Wyoming 82703-0344



19 March 2012

Worthy State Deputy and Brother Knights,

I feel honored and blessed to have had the opportunity to serve as Grand Knight for St. Laurence O'Toole Council 2720 this past year. My Brother Knights never cease to amaze me in their generosity of time and talent to support the wonderful people of our parish community. Our year remained busy, as always, but the selfless service to our faith, our catholic school, and our brethren exemplified our commitment as Catholic men and Knights of Columbus.

Our Council enjoyed the friendship and energized participation of new members as we successfully recruited three men into our ranks. We were excited in seeing one of those men complete the Order of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree, and we will continue to encourage the others to do the same. We look forward to welcoming all our new and current Knights at our monthly meetings and events. To increase the awareness of our Council, our events, and our accomplishments, our Recorder has established a Facebook page and email account, which we will use for greater communication abilities with our membership and potential candidates.

The Knights of Council 2720 participated in our annual lollipop drive to benefit the Heart-to-Heart Pregnancy Center, donated our "Keep Christ in Christmas" cards sales to the St Laurence O'Toole Youth Council to support their endeavor to attend World Youth Day, and honored a Brother Knights and their family as our Council 2720 Family of the Month.

As a community service project, and in our commitment to be good stewards of God's many blessings, we gathered a few times to clean a section of highway near Laramie, WY. We took our stewardship forward to join with our Brother Knights of St Paul Newman Center for the annual bi-parish picnic, bringing together, and feeding, about 350 people.

Our Vocations Director, Knight Gregg Kinstetter, has begun planning a 'Vocations Prayer Chalice' campaign. Council 2720 will sponsor a chalice to be 'adopted' by a parish family each week, who will bring it into their home, and during the dinner

meals, will offer family prayers for an increase in vocations in Wyoming and our Church, as a whole.

Like many other Knights of Columbus Councils, we enjoy preparing a monthly breakfast for our parish. We have published our menu in the Parish Bulletin in hopes the added 'marketing' will bring even larger crowds to our breakfast for good food and great fellowship. I'm not sure if it is the marketing or the great smell of our cooking permeating through the church during our 8:00 am Mass, but we are definitely getting great crowds. We further extended our breakfasts to every week during the Lenten Season, as well as serve a light soup meal on all Good Friday.

This year, we were able to provide an honor guard for the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass, Easter Vigil Mass, First Holy Communion, and to honor a few of our Brothers who have been called home by Our Lord.

In all, this has been another full and eventful year. I thank God for my faith and the strength to live my life as a Catholic. I am ever thankful to Our Blessed Mother's assistance in my duties of leading Her Knights of Council 2720. In addition, I especially thank my family for their prayerful support, patience, and encouragement in allowing me to share my faith through the good works of our organization.

God bless you and your families, and let us thank God for giving us all the strength to do the great and wonderful works of our order.

Vivat Jesus.

Grand Knight Marty C. Martinez St. Laurence O'Toole Council 2720

#### Knights of Columbus Shoshone Council 3043 Powell, Wyoming

Grand Knight Report for the 2011 year

This was an exciting year for our council, as we had several fun and successful events. The action started with the second annual "Harvest Dinner" that was held in November of this year and included a live and silent auction. This event generated over \$3000.00 to our charity fund. Over one hundred people attended and enjoyed the fellowship and good food.

One of our consistent events is the "Second Sunday" breakfast that is also a great charity generator for our council. Our council has four teams that rotate in cooking and serving breakfast on the second Sunday of each month. Good food and fellowship is also a product of this tradition.

This spring our council hosted a free throw contest and .....?

Our annual spring event we call the "Spring Clean Up". This is a work day scheduled by the Knights to offer spring yard work and trash hauling to people in our community. Fellow Knights donate their time, trucks, trailers, mowers, rakes, shovels, and backs to contribute to an ongoing effort of keeping our town clean and welcoming.

The "Soup Friday" is a meal we offer every Friday during Lent. This event allows us to feed about sixty to seventy people and make a great venue for fellowship and donations.

Our council has made financial contributions to several community programs such as the Dano Camp, Knights in Need, the Boy Scouts, scholarships, and people with in and outside our parish.

As Grand Knight I am very proud of our council and look forward to another great year.

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#### Knights of Columbus Father DeSmet Council #3332

#### Grand Knight Report Michael Lanker

Father DeSmet Council #3332 has had a good and productive year. It began with the installation of our new officers by our District Deputy Buddy Cater. A social hour followed.

Our Council continues to be very involved with the Buffalo Senior Center Meals on Wheels program. A knight delivers meals every Thursday during the year.

The Veteran's Home of Buffalo continues to benefit from our council. We provide money, approximately \$320.00, during the year for weekly bingo games, which are appreciated.

Our past Grand Knight Dinner was held this past November. We were honored to have our State Deputy, Donald Scott join us for an excellent lamb dinner. Our guest speaker brother knight Rick Anderson who gave a talk on fire safety and mountain rescue. His vast experience made his talk very interesting. Father Pete Johnson was also in attendance.

Our lollipop week proceeds went to Rachel's Vineyards, Respect Life, Child Development Center and Family Crisis Center. All support the City of Buffalo.

Our council's biggest fundraiser is the annual fish fry. On Shrove Tuesday, our members prepared cole slaw, beans, rolls and fried fish in our cook shack. After serving over 700 citizens and several priests, from these funds we are able to award our yearly scholarship.

We have also served breakfasts after Sunday mass and we also put on soup and bread meals during Lent.

Council #3332 also supports the St. Joseph's Children Home in Torrington and continues to support a Wyoming seminarian. We continue to

provide the man power for setting up funerals at St John's. We will strive to do our best for St. John the Baptist Church and the City of Buffalo.

# 2011 Grand Knight Report Father Edward cassidy council 6216

- . 6216 gained two members.

  Lost one member to our heavenly Father.
- . 6216 Purchased gifts for friet communion children
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  - Supports Saint mary magdalen.
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    - . Have memorial masses for our fellow parishners.
  - , 6216 Had one fund raiser for expenses for church related activities.

Grand Knight Bruce Peggke April 27, 2012 Knights of Columbus Council #6334 Newcastle, Wy 82701

The Knights of Columbus Council number 6334 consists of 49 members. It meets the second Tuesday of every month in the basement hall of the Copus Christi Catholic Church located at 19 W Winthrop in Newcastle, Wyoming. Meetings start at 7:00 PM.

The council has provided monthy breakfasts following Mass on Sundays until August of 2011. Changes in the Mass schedules for the parrish have moved these to after Saturday night Mass. These breakfasts are free to the parrish and the community although donations are accepted.

A special meal is done for the ladies of the parrish every May for Mother's Day. The council also hands out flowers on this day for each mother.

The Knights provided the meals and cooking for an annual parrish picnic at Dow Park in 2011. Members also provided chili for the annual pie/cake auction in November of 2011 to raise money for kitchen needs for the next year. Volunteers prepared and cooked fish for a Friday meal during Lent in March of 2012.

The Council took part in a lollipop and tootsie roll sale in 2012. Council 6334 is also the sponsoring organization for Boy Scout Pack 66 in Newcastle.

Members volunteer time with inmates at the Newcastle Honor Camp. Members also spend time with the sick and elderly.

A gun raffle was held in late 2011 which provided funds allowing the council to award four scholarships to graduating Catholics in May of 2011. A scholarship will be awarded in May 2012 and plans are underway for further raffles for future scholarships awards.

Respectfully submitted.

Reginald S Rumbolz Deputy Grand Knight

Council 6334



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

04-19-2012

Dear State Deputy, State Officers and Brother Knights:

Knights of Columbus Council 6558 meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month in Unity Hall of St. James Parish at 7 pm. Our Council includes two parishes: St. James, Douglas, WY and St. Louis, Glenrock, WY. We have 64 members including 3 new members and 14 Honorary Life members.

We have been active with many church and civic activities including the Highway Clean Up twice a year and delivering community Christmas Baskets. We help parishioners with needed home repairs. Our Knights have volunteered time doing projects for the church and Parish Center, including installation of baby changing stations in the restrooms and general maintenance of the properties. Our Knights regularly participate in Church Ministries including Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Greeter, Usher, Alter Server, Choir, Religious Education and Prayer Chain. We hosted a Lady of Guadalupe Prayer service.

Our Council 6558 can be found during the Wyoming State Fair running the Right to Life Booth. Other projects included preparing and serving food for Bishop Etienne and six Priests before Confirmation.

There have been several fund raisers held throughout the year. We had two pancake breakfast and three fish fries during the Lenten season in Douglas and Glenrock. We also had a very successful Deck Project (porches for mobile homes), building 14 decks and raising \$3690.00. Proceeds from all fundraisers support our local Scholarship Fund. In 2011, we were able to award six \$500 Scholarships and two \$200 Continuing Education Scholarships to students from both Douglas and Glenrock.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights participated in two Rosaries and Funerals honoring fellow Knights. We proudly served as Honor Guard for Bishop Etienne at Confirmation.

We would like to express appreciation for the support provided by District 2 Deputy, Bret Ladenburger.

Fraternally,

David Yearout

Grand Knight, Council 6558

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#### April 27, 2012

Worthy Wyoming State Knights of Columbus Secretary Mr. C. Joe Welte Lingle, Wyoming 82223

RE: Grand Knight's Report

Council 7453-Monsignor James Godley Council

Green River, Wyoming 82935

Dear Worthy State Secretary Welte:

On behalf of Council 7453, the following is a summary of 2011 fraternal activities conducted by our council. As in past reports, I have broken the activities by the basic principles of the Order.

#### **CHARITY**

Our council annually contributes to the Green River Food Bank, A good portion of our earnings during the year go towards two scholarships in the memory of Aaron Palm, son of Brother James Palm and his wife Janet. The Knights of Columbus sponsor a Youth Benefit Dinner and Auction. The proceeds from this event will assist our local youth in their goal to visit Rome. Brother Sean Sherwin's wife Kris is a P.A. in Green River. Council 7453 provided her with partial funds to go to Africa to help immunize the poor people in a Catholic Mission. Upon her return, she presented our council a slide show of her trip and her work while in Africa. One of the people she worked with was studying medicine but lacked the funds for books. She asked if our council could help the young man purchase books. Council 7453 rose to the occasion to help defray those expenses. Immaculate Conception's nun, Sister Betty Lorenz retired in 2011 and moved to a convent in Indiana. Our Council provided her with a retirement gift and continues to send her a monetary donation at Christmas. We continue to support our Priest, Father Tom Sheridan with annual donations to him as well. He will retire in July and our council is planning on a generous gift as a "Thank You" for his work in our parish, community and support of the Knights of Columbus.

#### UNITY

Our council has demonstrated the principle of unity by coming together for numerous activities. These activities included cooking events for Flaming Gorge Days, Riverfest/Wild Horse Marathon, Youth Benefit Dinner, Highway Clean-up and the Immaculate Conception Church Picnic. One of our new members has volunteered as the Chairman for the Social Committee to hopefully improve attendance and interest in the organization. He organized a gathering in our Youth Hall (Knights Hall) for an evening

of food, beverages and games early this year and great time was had by those who attended. He has stepped up to the plate again and has scheduled a "Knights/Wives/Clergy Night" out in Green River for the councils from Rock Springs, Green River, Bridger Valley, Kemmerer and Evanston for mid-May. It is strictly a fun night consisting of dinner, no-host cocktail hour and entertainment to meet our fellow Knights, wives and clergy from Southwestern Wyoming. We are looking foreword to this event. More events are scheduled to strengthen our unity in the upcoming months.

#### FRATERNITY

Council 7453 has been involved statewide in the exemplification of various degrees. We have hosted or participated in Degrees 1-4 in Rock Springs, Green River, Riverton, Powell, Cody and Cheyenne. We have conducted three 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree exemplifications under the new format and are improving each time. We have worked closely with our Brothers from Rock Springs in conducting 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Degrees.

One of our Brothers, Dennis Springer, passed away in 2011. His wife has requested assistance from our council in repairing her home in preparation for sale. We began the project late in 2011 but weather stopped our efforts. We will gather the troops again this summer if Mrs. Springer is still interested in some help from the Knights.

The Knights of Columbus have shown their support for the church and the community by holding Friday night fish fries and Sunday morning breakfasts during Lent. The Knights also serve as "Gift Bearers" and "Ushers" on Sundays and Holidays.

#### **PATRIOTISM**

Our council along with the Rock Springs council has been instrumental in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree ceremonials in Southwest Wyoming. We have participated in honor guards and color guards for funerals, religious celebrations and have helped support the needy by donations to the food banks in both communities.

I trust this report provides you a good summary of our activities over the past year. We look foreword to the new fraternal year and hope to recruit new Brother Knights and be more visible in our church and community. If you have any questions, please contact me at (307) 875-7831.

Fraternally Yours,

Michael Dahl

Grand Knight-Council 7453



COLUMBIA COUNCIL, No. 7789
Pine Bluffs, Wyoming 82082

Grand Knight's Report from Columbia Council 7789:

Our council has 9 regular meetings and 1 special meeting each year.

From Sept. to May we have a pancake breakfast on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. This gets moved in April because of First Communion. It is also moved in May because we host our high school graduates.

Each Feb. we have an appreciation dinner for the clergy.

We sponsor a golf tournament in May or June.

We also had a rifle raffle last year.

The proceeds of these endeavors go to specific needs of our parish community. The rifle raffle proceeds went to help defray the cost of a new roof for the parish hall. We have also paid for the paint and supplies for the classrooms in the parish hall. We have paid for a computer for the rectory.

We also contribute to the Chaplain's Association. We consistently donate to the USO.

Robert Plover

# GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT 2012

FR. JAMES F. POWER
COUNCIL 9917
CASPER, WYOMING

#### Grand Knight's Report 2012 Council 9917

Fr. James F Power Council 9917 has been a busy bunch this past year. Our newly reelected officers were installed at our Summer Social which consisted of a turkey fry with an ice cream social. We hosted our annual Pig Roast in August with the profits going to fund the Keep Christ in Christmas Program. Council 9917 sponsors billboards along I-25, plus smaller billboards at St. Patrick's and Our Lady of Fatima Churches, during the month of December and provide Christmas cards to inmates at the local detention centers. We also provided burgers and dogs for St. Patrick's Feast of the Assumption family picnic in August.

Fall brought the first leg of our semi-annual Highway Cleanup along a two-mile stretch of I-25. We also give away Tootsie Roll Lollipops (the Lifesaver Lollipops are no longer available), for a donation, in honor of Respect Life Weekend. This year we collected over \$600 with the Council's share being donated to CareNet Pregnancy Resource Center.

In December, we participated in the Parish Advent Fair, which gives us a chance to visit with prospective members. We also gathered for our Council 9917 Christmas Social. This was a nice carry-in family dinner, with the council providing a roast Baron of Beef and a smoked turkey. We always make sure to invite the families of any deceased Knights to our socials.

February brought a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree exemplification to Casper, hosted by our council. We were able to advance 9 members to the Third Degree, with the help from degree teams from Council 1563 from Casper and Council 801 from Cheyenne. A Fourth degree is scheduled for this May, We also held our council free throw contest with a dozen youth competing and hosted the State Free throw contest in March.

To celebrate May, the month of Mary, we hand out rosary rings to all of the moms after mass on Mother's Day weekend.

One of our year-long council projects is the RSVP Program. We hold eight Sunday breakfasts during the year, plus a Spaghetti Supper, to fund this project. Having two breakfast crews helps spread the workload out, getting us the widest participation among our Knights of any of our activities. We are proud to say that we were once again able to support all of our seminarians with a total of \$4500. We are so blessed to have the support of our wonderful parish for these projects.

The biggest project by far for Council 9917 was the successful completion of our Gun-A-Week Raffle and the rollout of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gun-A-Week. This year we were able to donated \$54,000 to the St. Joseph's Society as a result of GAWII, bring our 2-year total to \$105,400 for our retired religious.

Council 9917 initiated 3 new members this year and brought in 2 transfers from out of state. Unfortunately, we also lost some members due to transfer or nonpayment. Our net

isn't near what our quota is, but we are trying to recruit men who will be with us for the long run and pay their dues without our retention committee and FS having to hound them to do so. All in all, I am content with our recruitment and our roster is staying clean.

This has been an amazing year at Council 9917. I have to say I am truly honored to work with this group of spiritual men. They, and the Knights of Columbus as a whole, have given me a chance to grow as an individual and as a leader and I thank them for the opportunity.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Grapes Grand Knight

Council 9917

Casper WY



James,

During the year of 2011 we have done many things that relate well with our parish. To start with we sponsor bingo every Tuesday night, which is our major fund raiser, with this money we have helped pay for new doors for the church, we give a \$500.00 scholarship to a graduate that plans on attending a college of their choice. We also support Father Jaime's mission in Columbia, and give to Relay for Life, a cancer drive every year. We work with the CCW on their fund raiser, Lucky 17, on St. Patrick's Day. We do breakfast every 5th Sunday of the month. We help with the parish fund raiser breakfast over the Labor Day weekend for the Fort Bridger Rendezvous. We started the RSVP program initiated by the Knights to help support a seminarian, Brian Hess. We also helped pay for a new metal roof for our church. This year we have brought in two new members with one of them getting his 2nd and 3rd degree. We also a have a man waiting to get his first degree

but we have to gather the things we need to accomplish this. We do our normal meetings on the 2nd Sunday of the month. We are in good standing with Supreme and State council on all finances and paper work. So in summary we stay busy thru out the

year.

Vivat Jesus,

Ron

Grand Knight of the 10027 Bindl Council.

#### **SNOWY RANGE COUNCIL NO. 11291**

Saratoga, Wyoming 82331 April 8, 2012

RE: The Grand Knights Report to the State Convention

The Snowy Range Council has developed a yearly routine that tends to work well for us, so this report is much the same as last year. We meet the first Thursday of every month (excluding October) in St. Ann's Parish Hall. Often we begin the evening with a dinner at 6 PM and open our regular meeting about 7 PM.

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, help with the community pantry, and advertise for pro-life and keeping Christ in Christmas.

As Knights we secure and store game meat for the Platte Valley Pantry. This year we distributed about 1500 pounds of processed and wrapped meat to people in need. Fortunately we only had to pay for the processing of 300 pounds while hunters, outfitters, and others donated the rest.

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

To fund our charitable projects and council activities, we rely heavily on profits from recycling aluminum cans. Using a heavy-duty crusher, we smash over 3000 pounds of cans that Platte Valley neighbors place in our collections trailers. The work-nights involve a couple of hours of labor and a couple hours of eating and socializing. Usually there are between 4 and 8 Knights who show up for these events.

The annual St. Patrick's Day dinner is a highly anticipated social event for the Valley and Brother Knights pitch-in to make it a memorable time. 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". Our late-Brother Tom O'Leary established provisions for this event continue for at least the next three years. The priests gather for the tournament at the Old Baldy Club Golf course and afterwards we barbeque steaks for them at St. Ann's.

Respectfully submitted Robert V. Johnson, Grand Knight