



# **Wyoming State Council**

**Of the**

**Knights of Columbus**

**95<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

**PROCEEDINGS**

**April 24 – April 26, 2015**

**Council 3477**

**Gillette, Wyoming**



**Knights of Columbus**  
WYOMING STATE COUNCIL



# State Convention Welcome Letters

CARL A. ANDERSON  
SUPREME KNIGHT

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
1 COLUMBUS PLAZA  
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT 06510-3326

March 18, 2015

Carl Joseph Welte  
State Deputy  
Wyoming State Council  
Knights of Columbus



Worthy State Deputy and dear Brother Welte:

On behalf of the Supreme Officers and Board of Directors, I welcome this opportunity to offer greetings to you and to all my brother Knights as the Wyoming State Council comes together for its annual convention. This gathering not only provides an opportunity to reflect upon the achievements of the past year, but just as importantly to plan for an even brighter future in the year to come.

Membership growth must be a perennial concern for every state and local council, since as our ranks grow, so too does our capacity to provide charitable and volunteer service in our communities and to the Church. And never more than now has there been such a need for the witness and work of Knights of Columbus, as we put our faith into action.

At your state convention, I ask that every council set its sights high and commit to striving for Star Council this fraternal year, and laying the groundwork to do so next year. We have a moral obligation to invite every eligible Catholic man to become a Knight, and to protect his family by participating in our extraordinary insurance program.

Let me conclude by offering my sincere thanks to you, the state officers and program directors, district deputies, council officers, general and field agents, and each and every brother Knight who has helped bring the vision of Father McGivney to life in Wyoming.

May Our Lady of Guadalupe watch over and guide your convention, and may Venerable Michael McGivney intercede for us all.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Carl A. Anderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C".

Carl A. Anderson  
Supreme Knight

## Wyoming Knights of Columbus

Brother Knights and Families;

Sally and I would like to welcome you to the ninety forth annual Meeting of the Knights Of Columbus. Please plan to join us in Gillette for this event. The Knights and their Families of the Gillette Council have invested a lot of time and hard work in preparation for the convention when you see one of them thank them.

I would like to thank all of you that have worked so hard on membership. We have done -better and are almost into positive numbers. We have won some money that will help our State.

I would like to thank all of you for letting me have the chance to serve as your State Deputy. It has been a real pleasure for Sally and I. Hoping to see you at the convention.

I pray that all of you and your families have a safe trip coming and going to the convention.

Vivat Jesus;

Carl (Joe) Welte  
Wyoming State Deputy

Sally S. Welte  
Wyoming Knights First Lady







# Diocese of Cheyenne

Office of the Bishop

April 2015

Dear Friends in Christ,

Welcome to the 95th Annual Wyoming Knights of Columbus State Convention!  
Unfortunately, I will not be able to join you this year.

Over the past five years, I continue to be impressed with the dedication and support of the Knights of Columbus throughout the Diocese of Cheyenne. I am grateful to the Knights for their presence at parish and diocesan events. I'm especially grateful to the Knights for their leadership in promoting marriage, family, pro-life activities, and vocations.

This year's priority of the Diocesan Strategic Pastoral Plan focuses on *Family and Vocations*. The Knights of Columbus is a family-oriented organization where wives and children are involved in serving the Church. What a wonderful opportunity as family to share our faith – as the family is the seedbed for vocations!

Please be assured of my prayers for you and your families. Thank you for your service to your communities, to your parishes, and to the Diocese of Cheyenne.

In The Heart of Christ,

The Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL  
Bishop of Cheyenne

Ken Stockwell  
Supreme Director  
1620 North Park Drive  
Cody, Wyoming 82414  
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## KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE



April 2015

My Brother Knights and Families,

Lesa and I are humbled and delighted to join you for this 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Wyoming Knights of Columbus. I am proud to represent Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and the Board of Directors in my home state. We are looking forward to joining our friends from around the state renewing old friendships and beginning new ones.

Together we will recount the many fraternal deeds done for the Diocese of Cheyenne and the State of Wyoming. We will remember fondly and in prayer our Brother Knights who have gone on to their heavenly reward. We will take stock of where we have been, where we are and where we will go.

The challenges that faced the Knights of Columbus in Cheyenne in 1919 are in many cases the same challenges we face today. Building and expanding the faith - we the laity must be ever more committed to evangelizing our Catholic Faith. We must be cognizant of the needs of our community and ready to share our resources. We must be the men who lead and protect the sanctity of marriage and family life. We must aid our youth and be the example of how to be a loving parent. We must celebrate the Culture of Life from conception to a natural death. We must also be our brothers keepers and exercise Fraternal Charity. My Brother Knights, I am excited to be a part of you and to help plan our next Fraternal Year.

Vivat Jesus!

Ken Stockwell

JOSEPH PIETRUSZYNSKI, PSD  
Regional Program Consultant  
509 Clover Lane  
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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE

April 15, 2015  
C. Joe Welte  
Wyoming State Council  
Knights of Columbus

Worthy State Deputy and dear Brother Welte:

On the occasion of your Annual State Convention let me extend to all Brother Knights and their families fraternal greetings and warm wishes as you gather for this joyous event.

State conventions present the occasion to develop new friendships, strengthen existing ones and to join forces to cultivate and promote the Knights of Columbus in Wyoming. These annual meetings allow State Officers and members of the state council to review the growth and successes of councils, districts, state jurisdictions, and the Knights of Columbus. We give recognition and praise, while providing inspiration and motivation. Working together as Knights of Columbus we can accomplish so many charitable works for family, Church, and communities.

I encourage every council in Wyoming to strive to attain the Star Council Award. Councils achieving this prestigious award are securing their future with new members, assisting our brother and sisters with increased charitable assistance, and are continuing the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney by protecting families with the Order's outstanding insurance.

Each year the State Convention is the special occasion for Brother Knights to review their activities of the past year, to conduct the necessary business, and to plan for the future growth of the state council but, above all, to share the experience of Columbianism. The ultimate purpose, however, is that each delegate return home with renewed enthusiasm, appreciation, and dedication to the ideals of the Order.

I extend to all my fellow Brother Knights in Wyoming best wishes for a successful convention.

Fraternally,

Joseph Pietruszynski, PSD  
Supreme Membership and Programs Consultant



**Knights of Columbus**  
WYOMING STATE COUNCIL



# State Convention Information





# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WYOMING STATE COUNCIL



‘You Will All Be Brothers: Our Vocation to Fraternity’

## Official 95<sup>th</sup> State Convention Notice

February 20, 2015

Notice is hereby given that the 95<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Wyoming State Council of the Knights of Columbus will convene with an opening Mass at 1 p.m., Friday, April 24, 2015, at St. Matthew’s Catholic Church, Gillette, Wyoming.

All general sessions will be held at the St. John Paul II Catholic School Gym with Wyoming State Deputy Carl Joe Welte presiding.

The **State Convention Chairman is Craig Grassel (Lynn)**. He may be reached at 1-307-685-3700 (office), or by email: [cgrassel@vcn.com](mailto:cgrassel@vcn.com)

Other contacts include: **Donald J. Scott** Convention Co-Chair 1-307-686-2491 (home) or 1-307-689-1721(cell)

**Mike Fulton-** Registration Chair 307-685-1353(home) or 307-680-0872(cell)

**Steve Thomas, Advertising Chair 1-307-682-8120 (home)**  
Craig Grassel, Grand Knight 1-307-660-2823 (home)

The host council is **Monsignor James Ruddy Council, 3477; Gillette, Wyoming**

The host council has mailed or will be mailing registration forms and additional information to the individual councils. The convention registration fees are as follows:

**3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knight Member: \$115.00**

**Spouse / Guest: \$75.00**

**2 separate Ladies Activities (see description insert)**

**AVA Art Experience (limited class size) \$10**

**Women’s Resource Center Baby Shower and Tour (bring a baby gift)**

Check the state web site for additional info.

Registration forms are due no later than April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Submit to: KofC Council 3477, P.O. Box 763, Gillette, WY 82717. Make checks payable to: **KofC Council 3477**

Lodging is available at: Arbuckle Lodge 1-307-685-6363  
1400 S Garner Lake Road  
Gillette, Wyoming 82716

Mention the Knights of Columbus State Convention when making reservations-

Contact Person-“Becca” Cater-Weight

Reservations must be made directly through the hotel by April 1st

Convention check-in will begin at 8 a.m., Friday, April 24, 2015, at the **St. John Paul II School Gym**.

The Wyoming State Convention is scheduled to adjourn at noon on Sunday, April 26, 2015.

Vivat Jesus

Approved

John E Benedik Jr.  
Wyoming State Secretary

C. Joe Welte  
Wyoming State Deputy



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WYOMING STATE COUNCIL



## Addendum to Official State Convention Notice

This additional state convention information will be updated, as necessary, at [www.WyomingKC.org](http://www.WyomingKC.org) or [www.gilletteknights.com](http://www.gilletteknights.com)

- There will be an opening Mass at 1 PM Friday at St. Matthew's Catholic Church
- An evening meal and social Friday evening at the **Knights of Columbus Hall, 6:00 PM**
- A memorial Mass will be celebrated Saturday, 5:00PM, April 25<sup>th</sup> at **St. Matthew's Catholic** Church.
- Councils and individual Knights are asked to bring items to donate to a silent auction.  
Proceeds are ear-marked for St. John Paul II Catholic School

Councils need to bring:

Council Banner  
Necrology report  
Grand Knight Report  
Delegates bring your credentials  
Change from Heaven

State Officers, Directors, Chairmen and District Deputies bring your reports and be ready to present them.

**All reports** should be submitted in electronic form by emailing them in either MS Word or Adobe Acrobat to John E Benedik Jr, State Secretary, [johnb1208@bresnan.net](mailto:johnb1208@bresnan.net) before April 15, 2015. It is especially important to have your Necrology report in before Friday Night, April 26, 2015 (You are welcome to submit any additional names (updated form) of any brother that may have passed since you turned in the form).

### ENCLOSURES:

Necrology Report Form  
Delegates Credentials Form  
Convention Registration  
Wives Events  
Lodging Information  
Convention Booklet Ad Information



**95<sup>th</sup> Annual Wyoming State Convention**  
**Knights of Columbus**  
**Gillette, Wyoming**  
**April 24-26, 2015**



**REGISTRATION**

Council # \_\_\_\_\_

Knight: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration needs to be postmarked no later than April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

	Number Attending	Amount	Total
Registration Fee	_____	<b>\$115.00</b>	_____
Spouse/Guest (all meals)	_____	<b>\$75.00</b>	_____
Ladies Activities(see enclosure)	_____		
AVA Art Experience(ladies)limited	_____	<b>\$10.00</b>	
WRC Baby Shower(ladies/guest)	_____	Bring baby gift	_____
Total Enclosed	=====		=====

Late registration fee: \$20.00

Registration fees include:

- Friday Evening Social –
- Breakfast Saturday and Sunday Mornings –
- Saturday Awards Luncheon –
- Saturday Evening Banquet -
- Sunday Noon Deli Buffet – After adjournment –

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- **Women's Resource Center Baby Shower and Tour (bring a baby gift)**

Please make / send checks payable to:

**Knights of Columbus Council 3477**  
P.O. Box 763  
Gillette, WY 82717

Visit our website [www.gilletteknights.com](http://www.gilletteknights.com) for convention information or  
the State Council Website [www.wyomingkc.org](http://www.wyomingkc.org)



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS STATE CONVENTION 2015

April 25, 2015

Wives' Events

### Art Experience:

Join us for an opportunity to visit Gillette's only non-profit art center, AVA Community Art Center. Experience a short tour of AVA, and information about the facility. A variety of art mediums will be discussed by different artists, and you will get the opportunity to work with an artist on a small project.

Class size is limited!

Address: 509 West 2nd Street, Gillette, WY

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Cost: \$10.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Will Attend

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### Baby Shower:

We would like to invite you to a Baby Shower for our Women's Resource Center. The Women's Resource Center is an early pregnancy Medical Clinic. Their highly trained medical staff provides free professional care to each patient in a warm, private atmosphere. Unlike other clinics, Women's Resource Center does not benefit financially from any choice. They treat each patient holistically, with the utmost care and respect.

The Knights of Columbus have been instrumental in raising funds for the 3D Ultrasound Machine in this clinic and several around the state of Wyoming.

Please join us in celebrating this unique ministry. **Your entry fee is to bring an unwrapped baby item such as:** Diapers for babies up to a year old, baby wipes, or any new baby item. (Parents earn baby bucks for attending classes held at the Women's Resource Center. They can purchase items that we donate in their on-site store).

Address: 706 West 8th Street, Gillette, WY

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

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# Convention Booklet

## Booklet Ad Information-

- All submissions should be in a **Word format**. No PDF.
- The booklet will be printed in **Black & White**, so any submissions in color may lose clarity after printing. Please use B&W.
- Page pricing -

Full page - \$100

Half page - \$50

- Full page size - 7.5 inches long X 4.75 inches wide
- Half page size - 3.75 inches long X 4.75 inches wide
- **Deadline for submission is March 29th.**

**I have to put the booklet together and deliver it to the printer by April 1, 2015. (No fooling)**

Send page submissions as a **Word document attachment** to my e-mail address - [miksteve@bresnan.net](mailto:miksteve@bresnan.net)

Please **DO NOT** send a **PDF** document.

Make / Send payment to -

Knights of Columbus Council 3477  
P.O. Box 763  
Gillette, WY 82717

Thanks everyone in advance!

Steve Thomas  
Financial Secretary – Faithful Comptroller  
Council 3477 – Assembly 1651

# State Convention Lodging

## **Arbuckle Lodge**

1400 S Garner Lake Road

Gillette, WY 82718

307-685-6363

[www.arbucklelodge.com](http://www.arbucklelodge.com)

Event: Knights of Columbus State Convention

Date: Friday, April 24, 2015 – Sunday, April 26, 2015

Rooms blocked:

### **Friday 4/24/15**

10 single king - \$79

46 double queen - \$79

12 king suites - \$99

2 Handicap accessible single king - \$79

2 Handicap accessible king suites - \$99

### **Saturday 4/25/15**

10 single king - \$79

46 double queen - \$79

12 king suites - \$99

2 Handicap accessible single king - \$79

2 handicap accessible king suites - \$99

Not available for rent – 2 extended stay rooms to be used as hospitality suites.

**Check-in time - 3:00 pm**

**Check-out time - 12:00 pm**

### **Breakfast – 6:00 am – 10:00 am**

Items include:	Biscuits and Gravy	Omelets
	Oatmeal	Breakfast Burritos
	Scrambled Eggs	Pastries
	Cereal	Waffles
	Juice, Milk, Coffee, Soda	

When calling to make a reservation please be sure to ask for the **Knights of Columbus State Convention Block** in order to ensure room availability and discounts.

Any questions please call or email:

Becca Cater

307-685-6363

[salesgillette@arbucklelodge.com](mailto:salesgillette@arbucklelodge.com)



# Knights of Columbus

## WYOMING STATE CONVENTION

April 24, 25 & 26, 2015



**'You Will All Be Brothers: Our Vocation to Fraternity'**

### **Friday, April 24, 2015**

#### **St. Matthew's Church & St. John Paul II School, Gillette, WY**

- 8:00 AM      **Registration Desk Opens - St. John Paul II School Reception Area, Gillette, WY**
- 8:00 AM      Awards Committee meets – William Briere, Chairman and all Past State Deputies in attendance - **St. John Paul II Conference Room**
- 9:00 AM      State Officers Meeting - **St. John Paul II School Sunshine Room**
- 10:00 AM      State Officers and District Deputies Meet - **St. JPII School Sunshine Room**
- 11:00 AM - 1:00PM      **Lunch on your own**
- 1:00 PM      Opening Mass;** State Chaplain, Father Thomas G. Ogg, Principal Celebrant, with Father Cliff Jacobson, pastor
- 2:00 PM      Open Session, **St. John Paul II School Gym, Gillette, WY**
- Opening Prayer - Father Thomas G. Ogg  
                 Pledge of Allegiance - District Master, Richard Adamski  
                 Opening Ode - IPSD Donald J. Scott  
                 Welcome and Introductions - State Deputy, C. Joe Welte  
                 Supreme Knight (Video Address)  
                 Mileage and Per-diem Committee dismissed to **St. JPII Sunshine Room**  
                 Committee Reports:  
                      Special Olympics Presentation  
                      Family Life - Dave and Dolores Langerman  
                      Pro-Life - Paul and Pat Novak  
                      General Agent Report – Kenneth J Huard  
                      Keep Christ in Christmas - Don Viktorin
- 3:15 PM      Break
- 3:30 PM      Closed Session
- Committee Reports:  
                      Membership Program Consultant – Joe Pietruszynski  
                      Membership Report – Ralph Trotter  
                      Church and Retired Priest – Grant Havens  
                      Disaster / Emergency Coordinator - John Svoboda  
                      Executive Secretary By-Law Committee - John Benedik
- Officer Comments  
                 Good of the Order  
                 Closing Prayer - Father Thomas G. Ogg
- 4:30 PM      Standing Committee Meetings (Resolutions, Audit. Memorial, Budget, and Credentials)
- 6:00 PM      Social/Dinner, **Knights of Columbus Hall, Council 3477**  
                 Entertainment to follow 7:30 - 9:00 pm

**Saturday, April 25, 2015**

- 6:30 - 9:00 AM Breakfast – **St. Matthew's Parish Hall**
- 7:00 AM Rosary open - **St. Matthew's Catholic Church**
- 8:00 AM Closed Session (**St. John Paul II School Gym**)
- Opening Prayer - Father Thomas G. Ogg
  - Pledge of Allegiance - District Master, Richard Adamski
  - Opening Ode - IPSD Donald J. Scott
  - State Deputy Report - C. Joe Welte
  - Roll Call-State Secretary - John Benedik
  - State Chaplain Address - Father Thomas Ogg
  - Standing State Committee Reports:
    - Credentials Committee
    - Audit Committee
    - Mileage & Per Diem
    - Budget
- 9:30 AM Break
- 9:45 AM Closed Session
- Change from Heaven Roll Call - State Secretary, John Benedik
  - Insurance Roll Call - State Secretary, John Benedik
  - Charitable Trust Report - Deacon Don Stewart, PSD
  - Military Chaplain Scholarship Fund
  - Christopher Fund Letter
  - Supreme Representative Report - Supreme Director, Ken Stockwell
- 11:15 AM Adjourn as 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree
- 11:15 AM 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting – District Master Richard Adamski**
- 12:00 Noon Awards Luncheon - St. Matthew's Parish Hall**
- 2:00 PM 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Meeting resumes in closed session (**St. John Paul II School Gym**)
- Committee Reports:
    - Program Director Report -
    - Ceremonials Report - Jerry Hoefler
    - KofC Insurance Report - Field Agent - Jerry Hoefler and Brian Dever
  - Officer Nomination Speeches
  - State Officers comments
- 3:30 PM Adjourn for Mass
- 5:00 PM **Memorial Mass - St. Matthew's Catholic Church - Father Thomas G. Ogg, Principal Celebrant**
- 6:00 PM Social Gathering - **Knights of Columbus Hall, Council 3477**
- 7:30 PM Banquet and Awards - **Knights of Columbus Hall, Council 3477**

**Sunday, April 26, 2015**

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  - Roll Call, official - State Secretary, John Benedik
  - State Treasurer Report - State Treasurer, Jim Venjohn
- 9:00 AM Break
- 9:15 AM Host District Deputy Report - Michael Fulton, District Deputy #6
- Resolution Committee Report - Presentation and Action
- Michael Dahl, District Deputy #3, State Advocate, John Kaiser
- By-Law change - Executive Secretary - Presentation and Action – State Secretary, John Benedik
- 10:00 AM Break
- 10:15 AM Election of Officers
- Election of Alternates to the Supreme Convention
  - Selection of the 2018 Convention Site
  - State Officers Comments
- 11:00 AM Open Session
- Host Grand Knight Report – Craig Grassel
  - 2016 Convention Update - GK Joe Landeros, Torrington, WY
  - Membership Program Consultant – Joe Pietruszynski
  - Supreme Representative Comments – Supreme Director, Ken Stockwell
  - Good of the Order and Closing Remarks - State Chaplain, Father Thomas G. Ogg
  - State Deputy's Closing Remarks
  - Closing Prayer - State Chaplain, Father Thomas G. Ogg
  - Closing Ode – IPSD Donald J. Scott
- 11:50 AM Adjournment
- 12:00 Noon Lunch (Sack Lunch to eat there or to go) - **St. John Paul II School Gym**

# Knights of Columbus Wyoming State Council

## 2015 State Convention, Gillette

### **Audit**

Advisor: Immediate Past State Deputy  
Chairman Grand Knight 6334  
Grand Knight 9917  
Grand Knight 2578  
Grand Knight 3332  
Grand knight 7453  
Grand Knight 11291

### **Budget**

Advisor: State Treasurer  
Chairman: Grand Knight 6558  
Grand Knight 801  
Grand Knight 3477  
Grand Knight 2720  
Grand Knight 7789

### **Credentials**

Advisor State Secretary  
Chairman: Grand Knight 2128  
Grand Knight 2441  
Grand Knight 9431  
Grand Knight 9756  
Grand Knight 10027  
Grand Knight 6216

### **Memorials**

Advisor: State Chaplin  
Chairman Grand Knight 8635  
Grand knight 2337  
Grand Knight 5447  
Grand Knight 3043  
Grand Knight 1563  
Grand Knight 3551

### **Mileage and Per Diem**

Advisor: State Warden  
Chairman: Grand Knight 6623  
Grand Knight 4031  
Grand Knight 3237  
Grand Knight 7214  
Grand Knight 2014

### **Resolutions**

Advisor: State Advocate  
Chairman: District Deputy 3  
District Deputy 4  
District Deputy5  
District Deputy 6  
District Deputy 7  
District Deputy 8  
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District Deputy 2



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- 10:00 AM      State Officers and District Deputies Meet - **St. JP II School Sunshine Room**
- 1) [Discussed final merger of Laramie councils](#)
  - 2) [Discussed Wright council and what should be done as a suspended council for 16 years](#)
    - a) [DD#6, Mike Fulton will try and contact 15 members on record to get them to transfer, withdrawal, suspend or determine if there are any deaths](#)
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Special Olympics Presentation  
[C Joe Welte, State Deputy to members of State Special Olympic representatives](#)  
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[See report in convention proceedings](#)

Executive Secretary By-Law Committee - John Benedik

[Presentation and discussion of position description and changes that will occur in By-Laws](#)

Officer Comments [No officer comments](#)

Good of the Order [Nothing for the Good of the Order](#)

Closing Prayer - Father Thomas G. Ogg

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State Deputy Report - C. Joe Welte

[See report in convention proceedings](#)

Roll Call-State Secretary - John Benedik

[Various roll calls for per diem and mileage](#)

[See roll calls reports in convention proceedings](#)

State Chaplain Address - Father Thomas Ogg

[Best wishes from The Most Reverend Bishop Etienne and Retired Bishop Hart](#)

Standing State Committee Reports:

Credentials Committee

Audit Committee [No report due to failure of no auditor report at this time](#)

Mileage & Per Diem

Budget [Passed the budget](#)

[See report in convention proceedings](#)

9:30 AM Break

9:45 AM Closed Session

Change from Heaven Roll Call - State Secretary, John Benedik  
[State Warden reported that the money collected = \\$1,729.52](#)

Insurance Roll Call - State Secretary, John Benedik

[See roll call report in convention proceedings](#)

Charitable Trust Report - Deacon Don Stewart, PSD

Military Chaplain Scholarship Fund

Christopher Fund Letter

[See report in convention proceedings](#)

Supreme Representative Report - Supreme Director, Ken Stockwell

New member packet Supreme Director put together, he will provide a list of its contents

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

11:15 AM **4<sup>th</sup> Degree Meeting – District Master Richard Adamski**

Minutes kept by District Master

Also an ordination 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Cheyenne

**12:00 Noon Awards Luncheon - St. Matthew's Parish Hall**

See awards report in convention proceedings

2:00 PM 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Meeting resumes in closed session (**St. John Paul II School Gym**)

Committee Reports:

Program Director Report -

Ceremonials Report - Jerry Hoefler

KofC Insurance Report - Field Agent - Jerry Hoefler and Brian Dever

See report in convention proceedings

Officer Nomination Speeches

State Deputy, John E Benedik Jr – PSD Jim Hasquet

State Secretary, James L Venjohn – PSD Deacon Donald Stewart

State Treasurer, John R Kaiser – PSD Douglas Gasseling

State Advocate, Sherwin (Buddy) D Cater - PSD Jim Hasquet

State Warden, Michael J Dahl – GK Vic Braman

State Officers comments No officer comments

3:30 PM Adjourn for Mass

5:00 PM **Memorial Mass - St. Matthew's Catholic Church - Father Thomas G. Ogg, Principal Celebrant**

6:00 PM Social Gathering - **Knights of Columbus Hall, Council 3477**

7:30 PM Banquet and Awards - **Knights of Columbus Hall, Council 3477**

Knight of the Year Award – Jim Storey, Cheyenne

Family of the Year Award – John and Maggie Cosner, Gillette

### **Sunday, April 26, 2015**

6:30-9:00 AM Breakfast, **St. Matthew's Parish Hall**

7:00 AM Rosary open - **St. Matthew's Catholic Church**

8:00 AM Closed Session (**St. John Paul II School Gym**)

Opening Prayer - Father Thomas G. Ogg

Pledge of Allegiance - District Master, Richard Adamski

Opening Ode - IPSD Donald J. Scott

Roll Call, official - State Secretary, John Benedik

See roll call delegate voting report in convention proceedings

State Treasurer Report - State Treasurer, Jim Venjohn

[See report in convention proceedings](#)

9:00 AM Break

9:15 AM Host District Deputy Report - Michael Fulton, District Deputy #6

Resolution Committee Report - Presentation and Action

Michael Dahl, District Deputy #3, State Advocate, John Kaiser

[See report in convention proceedings](#)

By-Law change - Executive Secretary - Presentation and Action – State Secretary, John Benedik

1) [No changes to position description](#)

2) [Resolution to change By-Laws / Passed](#)

10:00 AM Break

10:15 AM Election of Officers

[State Deputy, C Joe Welte asked for nomination for each of the State Officer position.](#)

[State Deputy, John E Benedik Jr – PSD Jim Hasquet](#)

[State Secretary, James L Venjohn – PSD Deacon Donald Stewart](#)

[State Treasurer, John R Kaiser – PSD Douglas Gasseling](#)

[State Advocate, Sherwin \(Buddy\) D Cater - PSD Jim Hasquet](#)

[State Warden: 53 votes total](#)

1) [Michael J Dahl – GK Vic Braman – 36 votes](#)

2) [Foster Green – 10 votes](#)

3) [Tim Trujillo – 7 votes](#)

Election of Alternates to the Supreme Convention

[Don Scott – 39 votes / 1st](#)

[Doug Gasseling – 14 votes / 2nd](#)

Selection of the 2018 Convention Site

[Douglas/Glenrock, Wyoming – 36 votes](#)

[Laramie, Wyoming – 17 votes](#)

State Officers Comments

[Thanks were given by each newly relected officer and new State Warden](#)

11:00 AM Open Session

Host Grand Knight Report – Craig Grassel

[See report in convention proceedings](#)

2016 Convention Update - GK Joe Landeros, Torrington, WY

[Update given for location and hotel accommodations at this time](#)

Supreme Representative Comments – Supreme Director, Ken Stockwell

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

State Deputy's Closing Remarks

Closing Prayer - State Chaplain, Father Thomas G. Ogg

Closing Ode – IPSD Donald J. Scott

11:50 AM Adjournment

12:00 Noon Lunch (Sack Lunch to eat there or to go) - **St. John Paul II School Gym**



**Knights of Columbus**  
WYOMING STATE COUNCIL



# State Officers Reports

# Knights of Columbus

## Wyoming State Council

Brother Knights;

It Doesn't seem possible but two years have passed since I was elected State Deputy. Where does time go.

The year started with the trip to New Haven for the June Meetings of the State Deputies. The flights were eventful The meetings were very interesting.

The first evening they have a special dinner for the State Deputies and their wife's. They have a mass with Supreme Chaplin Lori presiding. Then a Banquet. Followed by a reception line with the Supreme Officers. Then A Dance.

The meetings start the next morning. This is all about membership and how it effects the order.

The following morning they had mass at St Mary's. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson conferred jewels on the New State Deputies. Breakfast at St Mary's. The evening was spent at Supreme Head Quarters and the Museum.

Saturday night we had supper at the steak house across the street from the Omni Hotel. There was most of the State Deputies from my class plus a few others in the new class.

The next morning we had mass and breakfast. After remarks from the Supreme Knight and a few others. We bid farewell to New Haven and the State of Connecticut.

We flew to Denver and traveled home to Wyoming. It is nice to travel, but it wonderful to be home and start the business of the State Deputy.

We held our summer membership meeting in Lander. The important part of the meeting was again focus on membership. We started Saturday morning and ended Sunday about noon. I would like to thank the Lander council for having supper for all of the attendees. I believe that it was a very productive meeting.

The next Event was the Supreme Convention in Orlando, Florida. We flew from Denver on Sunday the flight was very interesting. We were suppose to land in Orlando at 4:30 PM. This would give us time to get to the

Hotel. We would be able to attend the travelers mass. At 4:15 the pilot said I have some good news and some bad news. We have plenty of fuel. The bad news we are in a holding pattern. There were thunderstorms at the air port and we couldn't land. I told Sally you are getting a tour of Florida from 20,000 Ft. Finally they said that we going to land. It was about 5:00 when landed.

I told Sally we can still make mass but it will be close. We set on the tarmac for another 30 minutes before we could get to the gate. By the time we got our luggage and got to the shuttle it was 6:15. Mass had started at 6:00.

We arrived at the Hotel and checked in. We were very late for mass. Fr Grace the out going head of Chaplin s met me and I said Father I need confession I missed Mass today. He laughed and I am going to give a special dispensation for all late arrivals. The Convention started the next afternoon.

The States Dinner was held that night. The highlight of the States Dinner was a talk by Gary Sinese. He told of his organization that helped multiple amputees of the armed forces. It was very interesting..

The next day was the awards ceremony. Highlighted by the presentation of the International Family of the Year. The Family they had picked was the James and Stephanie Bell family of Cody Council 4031. A very deserving Family. There whole Family was present. I had the pleasure of leading them onto the Stage along with Fr Tom Ogg.

That night we went out for the delegation dinner with the delegates and Fr Tom Ogg and the International Family of the Year it was a very enjoyable evening.

The next morning was the closing session. After it closed we headed to the airport and the trip back to Denver. We arrived at The airport and found out that our flight was delayed due to the weather. We were to fly to Atlanta then to Denver. By the time we took off we had a half an hour to make the connection to Denver. We missed it but found out that we could get on another flight to Denver later. We went to the Gate and found out that we only had to wait one half an hour. Guess what thunderstorms made the flight almost two hours late getting out of Atlanta. They had to bring the crews in because of the Lightening. Finally we boarded for our two hour flight to Denver. The Pilot said it would take about two and a half hours because we

had to fly around the storms.

We had planned to see the grand children and our Daughter and Son-in-Law. When we arrived we decided to get a motel and go to bed. We arrived home the next morning with a lot of good stories to tell.

I started traveling by going to the State Fair to help the Douglas Glenrock Council, who are the leaders with the Right to Life Booth at the State Fair..

We contacted many young families that were proud to say they were pro-life. A few of the people were not interested in what we had to offer. There were more people stopping to show the models to the children telling them this how you were created. A young Baptist Preacher and his family stopped and thanked us for doing what we were doing for the promotion of. The family had for children. It was a real pleasure to talk to them.

We are reaching people. They realize that abortion is murder. We haven't reached all people. If we reach one person or family at a time we are gaining.

I started Council Visitations. We are trying to start a round table at the Catholic college in Lander. We planned a meeting and discussed it with the admissions director at the College. We decided to have a meeting with the students following the Saturday evening mass on November 15. We had a good turnout of interested young men. We are on the way to starting the round table at the Catholic college..

During this time we also had the opportunity to start a Spanish Speaking Round table. With the help of our Supreme Representative brother Ken Stockwell. We held the degree and initiated 5 new Knights to help the Grey Bull council out.

On November 27 we headed for Baltimore for the winter membership meeting. We arrived in Baltimore with no delays and a wonderful flight.

The first thing on the agenda was Mass at the Cathedral. The oldest diocese in the United States. This is the diocese of our Supreme Chaplin: Arch Bishop Most Rev William E Lori STD. The mass and the Cathedral were very beautiful. We then returned to the Hotel and started with the meetings. Membership was the main focus of the meeting. The best part of the room we were assigned was that you could look into Camden Yards. Along the walkway was some retired Navel vessels including a WWII

Submarine. I asked my Wife if she would like to go inside. She said no way.

We also traveled to Washington DC to see the St John Paul II institute this is sponsored and built by the Knights of Columbus. It is a very inspiring and beautiful place. They have a computer generated film about St John Paul II. It is done in a small theater. You set down to see it before you take the tour. The program started and quit. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson tried to fill in while they finished fixing the computer. They started it again and it stopped. Carl finally said they can't seem to fix it until tomorrow.

We took the tour of the displays they are very interesting when you realize what Pope John Paul went through just to be ordained. His training For the priesthood was was done under ground. Because the communists were trying to rid the country of the Catholics.

If any of you get to DC this is very a good place to go and spend some time. This is all sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. There is no fee for admittance and it is well worth seeing.

When we returned to the Hotel and prepared for the trip home. After mass on Sunday we had breakfast and headed for the airport. The trip home was uneventful and we landed in Denver without any delays or excitement.

We got our car and headed for home it was wonderful to be back home again.

We held our Winter meeting in Caspar. The focus was still the membership we are not doing bad. Suspensions have hurt us. I really hate to stop them and I won't as long as we do things by the book. Most all of you are doing it right. I thank all of you for your cooperation in this matter.

I went back to Council visitations and am down to five council's that I need to visit before June, 30.

I would like to thank all of you for your support of the Knights of Columbus in Wyoming. This the greatest organization that I have ever been associated with. What I think want makes it great we have the type of men that believe in the Values of the Catholic Church. We all believe in the power of the family, and we believe in Life from conception to natural death.

Yours in Christ

Vivat Jesus

Carl (Joe) Welte State Deputy 92013-20150





# Knights of Columbus

## WYOMING STATE COUNCIL



### CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

### WYOMING STATE CONVENTION

April 24-26, 2015

Greetings, Brother Knights,

With a grateful heart, I thank you for the privilege of serving as your State Chaplain. My message this year is one of gratitude for your faithful service to Our Lord in His Church and in this Fraternity. The fruits of your labor are often unnoticed but when they are seen it is primarily in your relationships in the parishes and in the Councils.

And this is as it should be. Life is about relationships, about connections and bonding and belonging. Even as the Scriptures speak in reference to Jesus' Resurrection, "you are witnesses of all this", so in everyday life you are witnesses to God's presence and goodness by your lives of service. Our purpose is to build up the Body of Christ in our families, our society, and our Church. We accomplish this by strengthening our relationships with Brother Knights and thus our Councils.

I have participated in the State Winter meeting, the National Knights of Columbus Convention, and the National State Chaplains/State Deputies meetings. These meetings both celebrate what we have accomplished and form us on how to better serve. But my real joy is to visit with priest chaplains about their work with and support of the local Councils and when possible, attend Council meetings and functions. Together we can encourage and strengthen the Knights and thus the Councils and the Church.

Gratefully submitted, in the Risen Lord,

Fr. Tom Ogg, State Chaplain



# Knights of Columbus

## WYOMING STATE SECRETARY

John E. Benedik Jr.  
1208 Mill Street  
Laramie, WY 82072-1826



24 April 2015

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

Welcome to the 95th Annual State Convention in Gillette. I hope that your stay in Gillette is both enjoyable and spirit filled.

As of the beginning of April 2015, there were 2655 members in 30 councils. Two councils are suspended, Laramie UW College and Wright. Membership is broken down as follows:

Insurance Members – 934

Associate Members – 1721

Sub-categories

Inactive Members – 141

Honorary Members – 143

Honorary Life Members – 443

Disabled Members – 4

Finances for the State Council, all but two councils have paid their per capita, which is Laramie UW College and Wright, they are suspended; 21 councils participated in the liability insurance coverage; 28 councils are in good standing. The State Treasurer will report on the status of the Wyoming State Council finances. We avoided about \$20,000.00 in penalties with the IRS and I have been working on position descriptions for all State Council members.

May God bless you and your family.

Vivat Jesus,

John E Benedik Jr  
Wyoming State Secretary



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24 April 2015

Officers Present:

State Deputy, Chaplin, Secretary, Treasurer, Advocate, Warden Immediate Past Deputy and the Supreme Director

Items needed for State: State Warden will acquire

- 1) New KofC Banner
- 2) Two banner pole toppers

John Svoboda wants his report moved to Tuesday

Discussion about Bishop not attending State Convention:

- 1) State Chaplain will speak for the Bishop
- 2) Get Bishop office to schedule parish visit same weekend as convention

Final merger of two Laramie councils passed Supreme Board

Treasurer:

- 1) There will need to be a change in the state council account codes
- 2) No audit letter from auditor yet

Councils not attending:

- 1) Kemmerer
- 2) Evanston
- 3) Greybull/Basin
- 4) Pine Bluffs
- 5) Saratoga

May God bless you and your families,

Vivat Jesus,

John E Benedik Jr  
Wyoming State Secretary

# Knights of Columbus

## WYOMING STATE COUNCIL

### WYOMING STATE TREASURER REPORT 2015

The beginning of our fiscal year 2014-2015 we, as a state council agreed to change our accounting to Quick Books. With the Quick Books format we should be able to see exactly what funds came in for what, and what was spent in each. Therefore, we should have a very good budget to work from. We still use Excel spreadsheets for a couple of items.

In July of 2014 the state officers met with our new accountants. Grooms and Harkins, P.C. certified public accountants, in Casper WY. They will file our 990's with the IRS. They will do a review of our books, instead of a full audit, which is sent to Supreme.

In October I closed our general fund checking account and opened a new one. As you may recall at our 2014 convention, I explained that Hilltop National Bank, the old accountants, and I, after going back four-five years in the account could not find the error(s) which caused an imbalance in the account. The difference was to our favor. We all thought it was from checks not being cashed, or deposits not recorded in the checking account. Both the general fund and the tootsie roll accounts have balanced since the change. Going forward all checks will not be honored after six months from issue. Per bank regulations.

To help lighten the work load of the State Deputy, Supreme asked the state officers to follow up with two District Deputies as to any progress or concerns they may have with their councils. District Deputy # one Brother

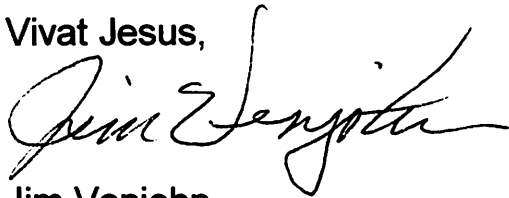
Doug Gasseling, and District Deputy # two Brother Bret Ladenburger both worked with their councils goals, programs, and membership. We agreed that all of these are connected. They agreed the need to continue with the follow up to their council goals.

I want to give a sincere thank you to our State Secretary Brother John Benedik, and our immediate Past State Deputy Brother Don Scott, for their guidance and knowledge in helping me through these last two years as your State Treasurer. May God Bless both of you.

I'd like to thank all the officers and and Father Ogg for your spirtual support and input. And to all of you my brother Knights for your encouragement, and your prayers. Please keep it coming, we always need it.

May God Bless You, your families, and your work.

Vivat Jesus,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Venjohn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "V".

Jim Venjohn  
Wyoming State Treasurer

# Wyoming State Council Knights of Columbus

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY

July 2014 - June 2015

	TOTAL
<b>Revenue</b>	
Christ In Christmas	1,699.00
Davila Fund for Charity	7,467.43
Liability Insurance Revenue	4,860.77
Miscellaneous Income	
Award Income	300.00
<b>Total Miscellaneous Income</b>	<b>300.00</b>
Per Capita	34,787.87
Pro-Life Revenue	96.00
Ultra Sound	1,000.00
<b>Total Pro-Life Revenue</b>	<b>1,096.00</b>
Tootsie Roll Income	2,197.16
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$52,408.23</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>\$52,408.23</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
05. State Convention- Clerical	20.03
06. State Convention Registration	2,530.00
07. State Officer Meetings/Membership	3,287.20
08. State Council Expense	1,470.09
Postage	48.43
Supplies	319.74
<b>Total 08. State Council Expense</b>	<b>1,838.26</b>
09. State Deputy's Expense	617.50
10. State Deputy- Supreme Convention Expenses	1,065.00
11. Supreme Convention Expense	610.58
15. Pro-Life Chaircouple	200.00
18. Keep Christ in Christmas	1,440.00
23. Pass Through Monies	16,896.05
Bank Charges	139.66
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$28,644.28</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$23,763.95</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>	
Interest Earned	53.18
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$53.18</b>
<b>Net Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$53.18</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$23,817.13</b>

Wednesday, Apr 22, 2015 11:44:02 AM PDT GMT-6 - Accrual Basis



**Knights of Columbus**  
WYOMING STATE COUNCIL



# State Roll Calls



## Roll Call of State Officers



# Wyoming State Council

State Deputy:	C Joe Welte	<u>P</u>
State Secretary:	John E Benedik	<u>P</u>
State Treasurer:	James Venjohn	<u>P</u>
State Advocate:	John Kaiser	<u>P</u>
State Warden:	Sherwin (Buddy) Cater	<u>P</u>
Immediate Past State Deputy:	Don Scott	<u>P</u>
State Chaplin:	Fr. Tom Ogg	<u>P</u>

Signed

John B

Date: 24 April 2015

John E Benedik Jr

Wyoming State Secretary

mileage & Per diem (3 days)





## Roll Call of District Deputies'



# Wyoming State Council

District # 1:	Douglas Gasseling
District # 2:	Bret Ladenburger
District # 3:	Michael Dahl
District # 4:	Michael Greff
District # 5:	Brian Duyck
District # 6:	Michael Fulton
District # 7:	Robert Taylor
District # 8	Gregory Gray

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<u>A</u>

Signed

John B

Date: 24 April 2015

John E Benedik Jr

Wyoming State Secretary

Mileage & Per-diem (3 days)



# Roll Call of Directors and Committee Chairs



## Wyoming State Council

Program Director:

A

Membership Director:

Ralph Trotter

P

Membership Retention Chair:

A

Ceremonials Chair:

Jerome (Jerry) Hoefler

P

Insurance Promotion Chair:

Jerome Hoefler

P

Round Table Chair:

Larry Lux

P

Church Activities Director:

Grant Havens

A

St. Joseph's Society Chair:

Grant Havens

A

Vocations Chair:

Gregory (Greg) Kinstetter

A

Fr. McGivney Guild Chair:

James (Jim) Hasquet

P

Keep Christ in Christmas Chair:

Donald (Don) Viktorin

A

Community Director:

Tom Atwood

P

Pro-Life Chair Couple:

Paul and Pat Novak

P



# Roll Call of Directors and Committee Chairs



**Food for Families:**

William (Bill) Briere

P

**Awards/Report Forms Chair:**

William (Bill) Briere

P

**Council Director:**

James (Jim) Borzea

P

**Council Retention Chair:**

James (Jim) Borzea

P

**Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities  
(Tootsie Roll Chairman):**

Patrick (Pat) Doherty

P

**Family Activities Directors:**

Dave and Delores Langerman

A

**Youth Activities Director:**

A

**Athletic Events Chair:**

A

**Free Throw Chair:**

Brian Dever

P

**Charitable Trust Chair:**

Rev. Don Stewart

P

**Public Relations Chair / News Letter Editor:**

Raoul Laganieri

P

**Disaster Relief Chair:**

John Svoboda

P

**Fourth Degree Representative:**

Richard (Dick) Adamski

P

**Web Master:**

Marlene Sibley

A





# Roll Call of Directors and Committee Chairs



Signed

John B

Date: 24 April 2015

John E Benedik Jr  
Wyoming State Secretary

Mileage & Per-diem (2 days)



# Roll Call Temporary of Council Delegates



## Wyoming State Council

### Council 801: Cheyenne

#### Delegates

John Svoboda\*

Greg Schrader

#### Alternates

John Werner\*

Joe Eleshuk

### Council 1563: Casper

#### Delegates

Rod Birkle\*

Tom Kaiser\*

#### Alternates

### Council 2104: Sheridan

#### Delegates

Ken Weber\*

Steve Washut\*

#### Alternates

Allen Jackson

Monty Webb

### Council 2128: Rawlins

#### Delegates

John Pfeffer\*

Robert Taylor\*

#### Alternates

### Council 2337: Kemmerer

#### Delegates

No Delegates

#### Alternates



# Roll Call Temporary of Council Delegates



## Council 2441: Rock Springs

### Delegates

**Brad Bettolo**

**Larry Lux\***

### Alternates

**Jim Borzea\***

## Council 2578: Thermopolis

### Delegates

**Thomas J Atwood\***

### Alternates

## Council 2720: Laramie

### Delegates

**Josh Boudreau\***

**Tim Trujillo\***

### Alternates

## Council 3043: Powell

### Delegates

**Robert Stringuri\***

**John Silva\***

### Alternates

**Raymond Dell'Isola**

**Brian Duyck**

## Council 3237: Riverton

### Delegates

**Michael Greff\***

**John Caproni**

### Alternates

## Council 3332: Buffalo

### Delegates

**Blaine Horn\***

**Jason Sutton\***

### Alternates

**Robert Ross Elliot**



# Roll Call Temporary of Council Delegates



## Council 3477: Gillette

Delegates

**Craig Grassel\***

**Steve Thomas\***

Alternates

**Jim Walport**

**John Cosner**

## Council 3551: Wheatland

Delegates

**Rodney A Birkle\***

Alternates

## Council 4031: Cody

Delegates

**Richard Hannon\***

**David J Tardiff\***

Alternates

## Council 5447: Lander

Delegates

**Gilbert F Rau\***

**Ronald N Eckes\***

Alternates

## Council 6216: Evanston

Delegates

**No Delegates**

Alternates

## Council 6334: Newcastle

Delegates

**Dan Keierleber\***

**Ken Pitlick\***

Alternates

**Justin Tystad**

**Mark Tschacher**





# Roll Call Temporary of Council Delegates



## Council 6558: Douglas Glenrock

Delegates

Alternates

Foster Green\*

William T Meehan\*

## Council 6623: Torrington

Delegates

Alternates

Joe Landeros\*

Paul Puebla

Mike Pexton\*

Jerry Hoefler

## Council 7214: Greybull Basin

Delegates

Alternates

No Delegates

## Council 7453: Green River

Delegates

Alternates

Vic Braman\*

Sean Sherwin\*

## Council 7789: Pine Bluffs

Delegates

Alternates

No Delegates

## Council 8542: Wright (under Suspension)

Delegates

Alternates

No Delegates

John B

4-25-15





# Roll Call Temporary of Council Delegates



Council 8635: Worland

Delegates

Alternates

David Miske\*

Council 9431: Jackson

Delegates

Alternates

Bob Romweber\*

Stuart Palmer\*

Council 9756: Pinedale

Delegates

Alternates

Ralph Trotter\*

Council 9917: Casper

Delegates

Alternates

Larry Heintzman\*

Jim Venjohn

Remy Larson\*

Council 10027: Fort Bridger

Delegates

Alternates

Charles Fagnant\*

Ronald Niemi\*

Council 10773: University of Wyoming (under suspension)

Delegates

Alternates

No Delegates



# Roll Call Temporary of Council Delegates



Council 11291: Saratoga

Delegates

Alternates

No Delegates

Signed

John B Date 25 April 2015

John E Benedik Jr

Wyoming State Secretary

\* Per-diem 2 days



## Roll Call of Past State Deputies



# Wyoming State Council

George A Burns

A

Dr. David F Michie

A

Leroy Hardy

A

George D Zebre

A

Kenneth E Stockwell

P

Al Renner

A

Terry Archbold

A

Ken G Dugas

A

Rev Don Stewart

P

Thomas E Enright

P

Roger R Bohlmann

A

James E Hasquet

P

Charles A McCumber

A

William J Briere

P

Douglas A Gasseling

P

Patrick J Doherty

P

Donald J Scott

P

Signed

John B

Date: 24 April 2015

John E Benedik Jr

Wyoming State Secretary

Mileage & Per-diem (3 days)



# Roll Call of Council Change from Heaven



## Wyoming State Council

Council 801: Cheyenne

Yes ☒

No ☐

Council 1563: Casper

Yes ☒

No ☐

Council 2104: Sheridan

Yes ☒

No ☐

Council 2128: Rawlins

Yes ☒

No ☐

Council 2337: Kemmerer

Yes ☐

No ☒

Council 2441: Rock Springs

Yes ☒

No ☐

Council 2578: Thermopolis

Yes ☒

No ☐

Council 2720: Laramie

Yes ☒

No ☐

Council 3043: Powell

Yes ☒

No ☐

Council 3237: Riverton

Yes ☒

No ☐

Council 3332: Buffalo

Yes ☒

No ☐

Council 3477: Gillette

Yes ☒

No ☐





# Roll Call of Council Change from Heaven



Council 3551: Wheatland

Yes ☒

No ☐

Council 4031: Cody

Yes ☒

No ☐

Council 5447: Lander

Yes ☒

No ☐

Council 6216: Evanston

Yes ☐

No ☒

Council 6334: Newcastle

Yes ☒

No ☐

Council 6558: Douglas Glenrock

Yes ☒

No ☐

Council 6623: Torrington

Yes ☒

No ☐

Council 7214: Greybull Basin

Yes ☐

No ☒

Council 7453: Green River

Yes ☒

No ☐

Council 7789: Pine Bluffs

Yes ☐

No ☒

Council 8542: Wright

Yes ☐

No ☒

(under Suspension)

Council 8635: Worland

Yes ☒

No ☐

Council 9431: Jackson

Yes ☒

No ☐



# Roll Call of Council Change from Heaven



Council 9756: Pinedale

Yes



No

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Council 9917: Casper

Yes



No

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Council 10027: Fort Bridger

Yes



No

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Council 10773: University of Wyoming  
(under suspension)

Yes

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No



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Council 11291: Saratoga

Yes

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No



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Signed

John B

Date:

25 April 2015

John E Benedik Jr

Wyoming State Secretary

John B

4-25-15



# Roll Call of Council Liability Insurance



## Wyoming State Council

Council 801: Cheyenne

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No ☒

Council 1563: Casper

Yes ☒

No \_\_\_\_\_

Council 2104: Sheridan

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No ☒

Council 2128: Rawlins

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No ☒

Council 2337: Kemmerer

Yes ☒

No \_\_\_\_\_

Council 2441: Rock Springs

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No ☒

Council 2578: Thermopolis

Yes ☒

No \_\_\_\_\_

Council 2720: Laramie

Yes ☒

No \_\_\_\_\_

Council 3043: Powell

Yes ☒

No \_\_\_\_\_

Council 3237: Riverton

Yes ☒

No \_\_\_\_\_

Council 3332: Buffalo

Yes ☒

No \_\_\_\_\_

Council 3477: Gillette

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No ☒



# Roll Call of Council Liability Insurance



Council 3551: Wheatland

Yes ☒ No ☐

Council 4031: Cody

Yes ☒ No ☐

Council 5447: Lander

Yes ☐ No ☒

Council 6216: Evanston

Yes ☒ No ☐

Council 6334: Newcastle

Yes ☒ No ☐

Council 6558: Douglas Glenrock

Yes ☒ No ☐

Council 6623: Torrington

Yes ☒ No ☐

Council 7214: Greybull Basin

Yes ☐ No ☒

Council 7453: Green River

Yes ☒ No ☐

Council 7789: Pine Bluffs

Yes ☒ No ☐

Council 8542: Wright

Yes ☐ No ☒

(under Suspension)

Council 8635: Worland

Yes ☒ No ☐

Council 9431: Jackson

Yes ☒ No ☐





# Roll Call of Council Liability Insurance



Council 9756: Pinedale

Yes ☒ No ☐

Council 9917: Casper

Yes ☒ No ☐

Council 10027: Fort Bridger

Yes ☒ No ☐

Council 10773: University of Wyoming  
(under suspension)

Yes ☐ No ☒

Council 11291: Saratoga

Yes ☒ No ☐

Signed

John B

Date: 25 April 2015

John E Benedik Jr

Wyoming State Secretary



# Roll Call Voting Delegates Wyoming State Council



## Voting Delegates

## Votes

State Deputy:

P Carl Joe Welte

1

State Secretary:

P John Benedik SD

1

State Treasurer:

P James Venjohn SS

1

State Advocate:

P John Kaiser ST

1

State Warden:

P Sherwin (Buddy) Cater SA

1

Past State Deputy:

P Don Scott

1

State Chaplain:

P Fr. Tom Ogg

1

Council 801: Cheyenne

Delegates

John Svoboda

~~Greg Schrader~~

P  
P

Alternates

John Werner

Joe Elesluk

P  
P

Council 1563: Casper

Delegates

Rod Birkle

Tom Kaiser

P  
P

Alternates

1  
1

Council 2104: Sheridan

Delegates

Ken Weber

Steve Washut

P  
P

Alternates

~~Allen Jackson~~

~~Monty Webb~~

X  
X

Council 2128: Rawlins

Delegates

John Pfeffer

Robert Taylor

P  
P

Alternates

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# Roll Call Voting Delegates Wyoming State Council



## Voting Delegates

## Votes

### Council 2337: Kemmerer

#### Delegates

No Delegates

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#### Alternates

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### Council 2441: Rock Springs

#### Delegates

~~Brad Bettolo~~

Larry Lux

PH  
—  
—

#### Alternates

Jim Borzea

PH 1  
— 1  
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### Council 2578: Thermopolis

#### Delegates

Thomas J Atwood

PH  
—  
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#### Alternates

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### Council 2720: Laramie

#### Delegates

Josh Boudreau

Tim Trujillo

PH  
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#### Alternates

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— 1  
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### Council 3043: Powell

#### Delegates

Robert Stringuri

John Silva

PH  
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#### Alternates

~~Raymond Dell'Isola~~

~~Brian Duyck~~

PH 1  
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### Council 3237: Riverton

#### Delegates

Michael D Greff

~~John Caproni~~

PH  
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#### Alternates

— 2  
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# Roll Call Voting Delegates Wyoming State Council



## Voting Delegates

## Votes

### Council 3332: Buffalo

#### Delegates

Blaine Horn

Jason Sutton

  
P

#### Alternates

~~Robert 'Ross' Elliot~~

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### Council 3477: Gillette

#### Delegates

Craig Grassel

Steve Thomas

  
P

#### Alternates

~~Jim Walport~~

~~John Cosner~~

P —  
P —

### Council 3551: Wheatland

#### Delegates

Rodney A Birkle

  
P

#### Alternates

— 2  
— —

### Council 4031: Cody

#### Delegates

Richard R Hannon

Dave J Tardiff

  
P

#### Alternates

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### Council 5447: Lander

#### Delegates

Gilbert F Rav

Roland N Eckes

  
P

#### Alternates

— 1  
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### Council 6216: Evanston

#### Delegates

No Delegates

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#### Alternates

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# Roll Call Voting Delegates Wyoming State Council



## Voting Delegates

## Votes

### Council 6334: Newcastle

#### Delegates

Dan Keierleber

Ken Pitlick

#### Alternates

~~Justin Tystad~~

~~Mark Tschacher~~

### Council 6558: Douglas Glenrock

#### Delegates

Foster E Green

William T Meehan

#### Alternates

### Council 6623: Torrington

#### Delegates

Joe Landeros

Mike Pexton

#### Alternates

~~Paul Puebla~~

~~Jerry Hoefler~~

### Council 7214: Greybull Basin

#### Delegates

No Delegates

#### Alternates

### Council 7453: Green River

#### Delegates

Vic Braman

Sean Sherwin

#### Alternates

### Council 7789: Pine Bluffs

#### Delegates

No Delegates

#### Alternates



# Roll Call Voting Delegates Wyoming State Council



## Voting Delegates

## Votes

### Council 8542: Wright (under Suspension)

#### Delegates

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#### Alternates

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— 0

### Council 8635: Worland

#### Delegates

David Mische

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#### Alternates

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### Council 9431: Jackson

#### Delegates

Bob Romweber

Stuart Palmer

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#### Alternates

— 1  
— 1

### Council 9756: Pinedale

#### Delegates

Ralph Trotter

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#### Alternates

— 2  
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### Council 9917: Casper

#### Delegates

Larry Heintzman

Remy Larson

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#### Alternates

~~Jim Venjohn~~

— 1  
— 1

### Council 10027: Fort Bridger

#### Delegates

Charles Fagnant

Ronald Niemi

—  
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#### Alternates

— 1  
— 1





# Roll Call Voting Delegates Wyoming State Council



Voting Delegates

Votes

Council 10773: University of Wyoming (under suspension)

Delegates

Alternates

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— 0

Council 11291: Saratoga

Delegates

Alternates

No Delegates

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Total Votes =

~~158~~  
53

Signed

John B

Date 26 April 2015

John E Benedik Jr

Wyoming State Secretary



**Knights of Columbus**  
WYOMING STATE COUNCIL



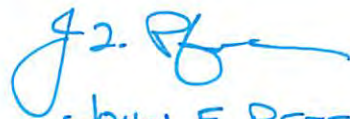
# State Committee Reports



# CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

4/25/2015

THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE HAS MET AND REVIEWED THE CREDENTIALS SUBMITTED, AND HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE CREDENTIALS ARE IN ORDER. PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE SEVERAL COUNCILS THAT ARE NOT PRESENT AT THE CONVENTION.



JOHN F. PFEFFER

CHAIRMAN CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

4-24-15

Per Mileage Per Diem:

"No change" agreed to

By: Remy Larson  
JASON SUTTON



# **Wyoming State Council**

**Of the**

**Knights of Columbus**

**95<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**April 24 – April 26, 2015**

**Gillette, Wyoming**

# **2014 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:

<b>Committee's recommendation</b>	<b>Do Pass</b>	<b>Do not Pass</b>
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	X	
Resolution Number 13	X	
Resolution Number 14	X	
Resolution Number 15	X	

Respectfully submitted,

Attest,

Michael Dahl, District Deputy #3  
Resolutions Committee Chairman

John Kaiser, State Advocate  
Resolutions Committee Advisor

# **Please note the required process for delegate approval of Resolutions per the Supreme Secretary and Roberts Rules of Order:**

## **Recommendations**

The Committee shall present all the resolutions to the State Council together with its recommendations.

As to each resolution, the Committee should offer one of the following recommendations:

- a) Adopt;
- b) Reject;
- c) No Action; or
- d) Refer to Executive Committee.

A recommendation of “No Action” does not indicate that the resolution is without merit. It indicates only that, in the opinion of the Committee: (a) the proposed resolutions should not be expressed by the

State Council or the Order at this time; (b) the resolution itself requires no specific action; or (c) that the resolution proposes something that is already in effect in the State Council or in the Order.

In addition, the Committee may offer a substitute resolution, which modifies or refines the rationale and/or proposed action of one or more submitted resolutions. The substitute resolution may articulate a more precise or comprehensive statement of the issue or may summarize the substance of multiple resolutions pertaining to the same issue. Where multiple resolutions pertaining to the same issue have been submitted, the Committee may recommend adopting the one resolution that best expresses the proposal under consideration, and taking no action on all the others.

The recommendations of the Committee should be promulgated in the report submitted by the Chairman of the Committee during the State Council meeting.

The Executive Committee should promptly consider resolutions that have been referred to it. The Executive Committee may, in its discretion, act upon these resolutions or defer action pending further study.

## **Voting on the resolutions**

*Robert's Rules of Order* provides that a motion presented on behalf of a committee having more than one member does not need a second. Because the Committee consists of more than one member, it is assumed that, if needed, someone on the Committee would second the motion.

During the Committee's report at the State Council meeting, the Committee Chairman will announce a recommendation for each resolution that was properly submitted. After this announcement, there will be a brief pause before the gavel is dropped, signifying the end of the discussion period. If no objection is raised during the pause before the drop of the gavel, the assembled body agrees to follow the Committee's recommendation. Ordinarily, only authorized delegates may speak in support of or in opposition to a resolution. The State Council by-laws will identify those members who may serve as delegates.

The Chairman of the meeting will recognize a delegate on the floor as needed. When the delegate is recognized by the Chairman, he shall address the Chairman and give his name, his council number, and his office. He should limit his remarks to the matter under consideration and should speak in a manner befitting a Catholic gentleman. The Chairman of the meeting may, in his discretion and in compliance with State Council by-laws and *Robert's Rules of Order*, invoke a limitation on debate, provided that the same shall apply uniformly to all delegates.

## **Resolution 1**

**WHEREAS**, the Wyoming Knights of Columbus has pledged loyalty to the hierarchy of the Catholic Church; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wyoming State Council extend its appreciation and best wishes to The Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne D.D., 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**

## **Resolution 2**

**WHEREAS**, the Wyoming Knights of Columbus relies on the unwavering good advice and counsel from the Supreme Knights of Columbus,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wyoming State Council convey its fraternal appreciation to 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 RESOLVE THAT** the Wyoming Knights of Columbus hereby reaffirm its pledge of continued loyalty and support to the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus.

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

**Resolutions committee recommendation: Do Pass**

### **Resolution 3**

**WHEREAS**, the Wyoming Knights of Columbus is honored to be a part of the great organization of the Knights of Columbus; and

**WHEREAS**, the joy of being part of the great organization includes the blessings of fraternity,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wyoming State Council extends to Supreme Director Kenneth Stockwell and his lovely wife, Lesa, from Cody, Wyoming our sincere appreciation for their attendance and participation in this state convention; and

**FURTHER RESOLVE**, that the Wyoming Knights of Columbus pray that God continues to grant Supreme Director Kenneth Stockwell and Lesa, the needed strength and vision to guide and administer the charitable and fraternal works of the Order.

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

**Resolutions committee recommendation: Do Pass**

### **Resolution 4**

**WHEREAS**, the Wyoming Knights of Columbus believes that Venerable Michael J. McGivney was 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 Venerable Michael J, McGivney, The Founder of the Knights of Columbus.

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

**Resolutions committee recommendation: Do Pass**



## **Resolution 5**

**WHEREAS**, the Knights of Columbus respects life from conception to natural death; and

**WHEREAS**, the Knights of Columbus stands firm against taking the life of a human being, by abortion, euthanasia or capital punishment,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wyoming State Council continue its opposition to abortion, euthanasia and the death penalty.

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

**Resolutions committee recommendation: Do Pass**

## **Resolution 6**

**WHEREAS**, members of the Knights of Columbus believe that Venerable Michael J McGivney was 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 without whom 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**

## **Resolution 7**

**WHEREAS**, the Knights of Columbus is an organization of Catholic Gentlemen pledged to support and care for the Church; and

**WHEREAS**, funds donated to the annual Bishop's Appeal, "Living and Giving in Christ: Unity Through Diocesan Ministries", 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: Unity Through Diocesan Ministries.

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

**Resolutions committee recommendation: Do Pass**

## **Resolution 8**

**WHEREAS**, the subordinate councils of the Wyoming State Council participated in the 2014 Keep Christ in Christmas/Send Religious Christmas Cards program to spread the message of the true meaning of Christmas and to raise funds for council charities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wyoming State Council receives a profit from the 2014 Keep Christ in Christmas/Send Religious Christmas Cards program; and

**WHEREAS**, the delegates of the 2015 state convention determine 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 2014 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 2014 Keep Christ in Christmas/ Send religious Card Sales to the charity chosen by Council 3477, which is Saint John Paul II School.

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

**Resolutions committee recommendation: Do Pass**

## **Resolution 9**

**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**, our retired bishop is held in the highest esteem by grateful members of the diocese; and

**WHEREAS**, every effort should be made to continue to afford him distinguished status within the Knights of Columbus,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wyoming State Council reimburse travel expenses to attend the 2015 Supreme Convention to Bishop Emeritus Joseph Hart of the Diocese of Cheyenne who is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

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

**Resolutions committee recommendation: Do Pass**

## **Resolution 10**

**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,

Whereas; the story of the traveling door has been around for a year less than the door itself.

Whereas; the story and the door are passed on year after year, resolutions have been passed concerning how the past host council was to add their name to the door.

Whereas; this year George Burns (the owner of the 1st door) wrote the story in his own words:

### **The Knights of Columbus Traveling Door**

**This is the story of the beginning of the KofC Traveling Door, as written by George Burns, PSD**

**The History of the Traveling Door begins in 1960. My Wife (Ann) and I attended the KofC Convention in Laramie that year. We attended the Sat. evening banquet and dance that followed. We were told there would be a door prize awarded to some lucky winner at mid-night. We were all given a lucky ticket for the drawing. We danced and visited with the other Knights and their wives. We had a good time.**

**At midnight the drawing was held. I don't remember if Ann's ticket or mine was the winner. They brought the door prize out to us. It was a door, how appropriate. We loaded it in the back of our station wagon and took it home the next day.**

**We had a door, but didn't need a door in our home in Dubois.**

Over the next several days, maybe a week, we talked about what to do with the door. Finally one evening, at the supper table, one of us suggested that we take the door to Riverton, to the next Council meeting, and ask them if we could make this a Traveling Trophy for the KofC's. The suggestion was accepted whole heartedly, and the Traveling Door Trophy was born.

We decided, that since the door came from Laramie, we would make the Laramie Council #2720, the first Council on the door.

We had the door in our possession so we kept it, as we were to host the State Convention the following year, 1961. When we approached the end of the convention, we brought the door to the front of the room, called Casper Council #1563, to the front, presented them with the Door, and then told the delegates the where, how, and why of the Traveling Door. It must have been accepted, as the Traveling Door has been traveling around the great state of Wyoming ever since.

I guess a correction should be made here, as there were a few years when the Door was retired, but that took the fun and stories about the Door out of the proceedings, and the Traveling Door was soon back in action.

I'm hoping the Traveling Door continues to be passed around the State for another 50 years. I'm also hoping this story becomes part of the History and Tradition of the Wyoming State Council, of the Knights of Columbus.

My Wife and I are proud yet humbled to be part of our History.

Thank you my Brother Knights.

VIVAT JESUS,

George A. Burns

PSD 1962-64

**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 RESOLVE**, that, if any council's sign on the third door exceeds three inches in height, the council in violation shall be levied a fine of twenty-five dollars for every inch or fraction thereof 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**

## **Resolution 11**

**WHEREAS**, the Wyoming State Council is grateful to the host council of the 95<sup>th</sup> annual Knights of Columbus state convention,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the officers and delegates here assembled recognize Monsignor James Ruddy Council 3477 Gillette, Wyoming and their families, for their excellent efforts in planning and hosting the 2015 state convention; and

**FURTHER RESOLVE THAT** the Wyoming State Council thanks Council 3477 for their hospitality and congratulates it for upholding the honor and dignity of this organization of Catholic Gentlemen.

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

**Resolutions committee recommendation: Do Pass**

## **Resolution 12**

**WHEREAS**, the Wyoming State Council annually appropriates funds to send the Diocesan Bishop and State Chaplain to the Supreme Convention; and

**WHEREAS**, the success of the Wyoming State Council relies upon its knowledge of the Supreme Council functions; and

**WHEREAS**, it would be appropriate to afford the opportunity to attend supreme conventions to as many knights as possible,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that, in the event the Diocesan Bishop and/or State Chaplain is/are unable to attend the supreme convention, the remaining state officers in succession from the State Secretary to the State Warden be afforded the opportunity to attend with the appropriated funds.

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

**Resolutions committee recommendation: Do Pass**

## **Resolution 13**

**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 \$5.00 per member for 2818 members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Council matched that amount (\$5.00) per member,

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

## **Resolution 14**

**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 2014-2015 fraternal year proceeds from the Manuel Michael Davila Fund for Charities to Wyoming State Special Olympics.

[Submitted by: Monsignor James Ruddy Council 3477, Gillette]

**Resolutions committee recommendation: Do Pass**

## **Resolution 15**

**Whereas**, the Knights of Columbus consistently and unanimously encourages the “Culture of Life” publicly opposing abortion, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning, euthanasia, assisted suicide, and offenses against life; and

**Whereas**, “For Life” billboards installed on local roadways in and near council locations in all States of the United States according to billboards



regulations in each respective State will have a meaningful impact in defending and promoting the “Culture of Life” in the United States,

**Therefore,** be it resolved, it is encouraged that all Knights of Columbus Councils throughout all 50 States and territories in the United States construct, install and maintain billboards according to billboard regulations in their respective state on their local roadways including interstate roadways for optimum exposure. The message, sign size and locations of billboards are to be determined by each local Knights of Columbus Council.

[Submitted by Father DeSmet Council 3332 Buffalo]

**Resolutions committee recommendation: Do Pass**



**Knights of Columbus**  
WYOMING STATE COUNCIL



# State Necrology & Memorial Mass Report



# Wyoming State Council Knights of Columbus



**Memorial Mass for Deceased Knights**

**State Convention 2015**

**Gillette, Wyoming**

**State of Wyoming – Past State Deputy**

**Thomas Leo Davis, Sr.**

**Council #801 – Cheyenne**

**Thomas E Lacy**

**Kenneth J Racine**

**Edward J Rybicki**

**Gennarro William 'Bill' Yannaccone**

**Manuel Patrick 'Pat' Lucero**

**Father James Doudican**

**John C Martinez**

**Michael E Corso**

**Edward Drohan**

**Harry Underwood**

**Council #1563 – Casper**

**No Deaths**

**Council #2104 – Sheridan**

**Robert Bender**

**Erwin Kubsch**

**Jack Norris**

**Council #2128 – Rawlins**

**Gerald Banker**

**Council #2337 – Kemmerer**

**No Deaths**

**Council #2441 – Rock Springs**

**Oliver W 'Bud' Tebedo**

**Council #2578 – Thermopolis**

**No Deaths**

**Council #2720 – Laramie**

**No Deaths**

**Council #3043 – Powell**

**No Deaths**

**Council #3237 – Riverton**

**No Deaths**

**Council #3332 – Buffalo**

**Monsignor Charles F Taylor**

**Cleo 'Burley' William Johnson**

**John Peter 'Pete' Camino**

**Council #3477 – Gillette**

**Gregory W Schroeder**

**Council #3551 – Wheatland**

**No Deaths**

**Council #4031 – Cody**

**No Deaths**

**Council #5447 – Lander**

**No Deaths**

**Council #6216 – Evanston**

**David Hart**

**Council #6334 – Newcastle**

**No Deaths**

**Council #6558 – Douglas / Glenrock**

**Joseph Jackson**

**George Ovecko III**

**Paul C Sherwood**

**Council #6623 – Torrington**

**Don Murphy**

**Council #7214 – Greybull / Basin**

**No Deaths**

**Council #7453 – Green River**

**Aron Ortega**

**Council #7789 – Pine Bluffs**

**No Deaths**

**Council #8542 – Wright**

**No Deaths**

**Council #8635 – Worland**

**Santos Gallegos**

**Council #9431 – Jackson**

**No Deaths**

**Council #9756 – Pinedale**

**Robert G Linn**

**Council #9917 – Casper**

**Leroy Baldwin**

**Council #10027 – Fort Bridger**

**No Deaths**

**Council #10773 – Laramie (UW)**

**No Deaths**

**Council #11291 – Saratoga**

**John Glode**

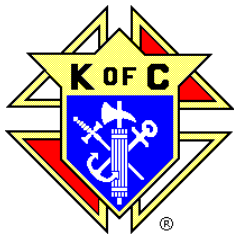


**Knights of Columbus**  
WYOMING STATE COUNCIL



# State District Deputies Reports





# *Knights of Columbus*

## District Deputy #1

June 12, 2015

Worthy State Deputy, Supreme Representative, State Chaplin, State Officers and Brother Knights:

This past year I did not have a District meeting but opted instead to discuss very briefly with each Grand Knight the information gained from the summer and winter meetings. I reviewed with the Grand Knight the membership goals, retention of members, and the need to have all forms and reports submitted on time to Supreme.

I attended all four council meetings each month providing the weather allowed me to attend. I also attended any special functions that they had.

Council 801 (Cheyenne) continues to be very busy with supporting the three parishes and the AFB parish. The biggest event for the year is their annual fish dinners during lent and the finale of the "Jack Grant Shrimp Feed" on Holy Saturday. They also held a clergy appreciation dinner on fat Tuesday. Their 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Team continues to perform at an excellent level when called upon. They also support a 2<sup>nd</sup> and a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Team.

Council 3551 (Wheatland) meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month September through May. The council is fairly active with activities for the church. They have a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Team but it has been relatively inactive. They had a change in Grand Knight mid stream as the Grand Knight moved to Minnesota and the Deputy Grand Knight had to take over.

Council 6623 (Torrington) also has a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Team but has also been inactive this past year. The council is active with their bingo and was a big help to the Lusk parish with a project to put in a chair lift. The council meets all year long. They also provide 2 scholarships for college.

Council 7789 (Pine Bluffs) for a small council did recruit one new member this year. They meet the second Sunday from September through May and precede the meeting with a pancake breakfast each month. They held a Clergy appreciation dinner in February. They hold an annual golf tournament and assist the Pine Bluffs CCW with their annual fall dinner. After the outdoor Mass at the Our Lady of Shrine Peace, they serve a lunch for those in attendance.

Thank you for the honor of letting me serve in the capacity of District Deputy.

*Douglas A. Gasseling*

Douglas A. Gasseling  
District Deputy  
Past State Deputy, Former District Master

March 29, 2015

Worthy State Deputy Joe Welty  
Wyoming Knights of Columbus State Council  
P.O. Box 576  
Lingle, Wyoming 82223

Dear Worthy State Deputy Welty:

The following is a summary of Councils in District 3 of the Wyoming State Council of the Knights of Columbus. District 3 has four councils which includes Council 2441 (Rock Springs), Council 6216 (Evanston), Council 7453 (Green River) and Council 10027 (Fort Bridger), all located in Southwestern Wyoming. I have summarized activities, strengths and weaknesses of each council below. District 3 is a fairly active District with the councils' active in church, youth, community and state participation. Many of the council officers have been through the primary offices and are well organized and know the programs put on by the K of C and they know what activities they perform the best. I have enjoyed my time as a District Deputy because the councils are proficient at reporting and don't need to be hounded to get their reports in on time. They know what they do best, who provides the most help and they focus on these programs, activities and fundraising efforts. My focus has been to promote recruitment of new members and to visit each council at least once per quarter or more if possible. District 3 is working towards having a council reach STAR status. Our District has held several small degrees to increase our membership and will continue to do so in the future. Degree work is primarily conducted by Rock Springs, Green River or a combination of the two councils. They work well together and it has been enjoyable being part of the teams from these dedicated councils.

#### **Council 2441 (Rock Springs)**

Rock Springs continues to be a very good council with strong leadership from seasoned Knights. They are instrumental in church affairs such as maintenance/repairs to the churches, funding for special church projects, lecturers, acolytes, ushers, gift bearers, etc. They hold a "Tuxedo Sunday" each month with Sir Knights dressed in tuxedos, serving mass, ushering and bearing the gifts. 2441 continues to support the Ultrasound Initiative and the Southwest Wyoming Pregnancy Center. They held church fundraisers and were instrumental in a multiple church dinner to support the center. They also solicited funds through local businesses. Brother James Borzea is on the Board of Directors as a result of his drive and personal time devoted to the Ultrasound Initiative project. His lovely wife Lydia was also instrumental in this endeavor. 2441 assists in providing scholarships for graduating seniors in the Rock Springs High School. They held a gun safe raffle which was distributed throughout the District to raise operating funds for the Council's charitable activities. Rock Springs also participated in the Baby Bottle Campaign, Coats For Kids Program, Family of the Month, Food For Families and sold books for the Priests' Retirement Fund. 2441 also supports the Guadalupe Mass held each December at the Sweetwater County Events Complex by providing help with the scriptures in Spanish and holding an Honor Guard for the mass. Council 2441 supports the local Boy Scout Troop as well. They recently held a Court of Honor for a new Eagle Scout. 2441 has seasoned officers that have also been Directors/Officers of various programs on the State Level. As indicated earlier, 2441 knows what they

do best to raise funds and they stick to those activities that work. They are a good neighbor to my home council 7453 and we work well together with degree work, fundraising efforts, communications, honor guards, etc. Meetings are held twice a month with anywhere from about 10-20 Knights in attendance. One particular weakness which is District-wide is planning. 2441 and the other three councils are working to improve planning such as activities, budgets, degrees and fundraisers.

#### **Council 6261**

Council 6216 has difficulty maintaining active members and poor participation over the last several years. They have limited resources in the form of funds, manpower and participation. They are struggling to maintain a viable council but keep moving ahead the best that they can. Meetings are few and far between due to travel and work schedules of the active members. Brother James Borzea and I recently visited with Father Tim and two active council members to get the ball rolling regarding membership. We will help the council as much as we can. We hope to assist the council more from District and State support in the coming months. Their primary strength is seasoned officers and timely and accurate reporting. Weaknesses seem to be recruitment of new members and holding on to current members and getting them to be more active in church, council, youth and community activities.

#### **Council 7453**

Council 7453 is also an active council. They participate in Coats for Kids, sold books for the Priests' Retirement Fund, supported relief efforts of local people who helped in Haiti, provide scholarships to essay contest winners from our parish, support the church with labor and funds for repairs, upgrades and monetary assistance, Food for Families, purchased a table for the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen, Easter Egg Hunt, Mothers Day Flowers, Military Chaplains Scholarship Fund, Tuxedo Sundays, I-80 Exit clean-up project, acolytes, gift bearers, ushers, CCD teachers, church picnic, church festival, RCIA sponsors and honor guards as requested. Primary fund raisers include Lenten Friday Fish Frys, Sunday Lenten Breakfasts, food service at Flaming Gorge Days, food service at the Green River "River Festival" and Wild Horse Marathon. The council has seasoned Knights and is working to get new members through action, advertising and personal contacts with potential members. 7453 has brought in several new Knights during the year and is actively assigning them duties to get them involved. The council is working on establishing a good budget to accurately and better manage charitable activities. The council writes a weekly Knights of Columbus News article in the church bulletin to let the parish know what we are doing, what programs we support and to recruit new members. 7453 has been active in supporting other councils such as 9917 (Casper) by advertising the Gun a Week Raffle for the Priests' Retirement Fund and 2441 (Rock Springs) in the Ultrasound Initiative. 7453 has all four degree teams with assistance from our Brother Knights from Council 2441.

#### **Council 10027**

Council 10027 is a small council but does a good job. They are very helpful in supporting the church with labor, repairs, maintenance, etc. They are well known in their parish and I believe well respected. Their primary fund raising effort is through Bingo. The big event for the year is their support in the Annual Saint Patrick's day Community Smorgasbord. They also participate in Coats For Kids, food drives, Family of the Month, Priest/Seminarian Support, scholarships for graduating seniors and are instrumental in church activities by hosting breakfasts and dinners. They have seasoned officers who are timely in reporting. They are working on recruiting new members as well.

I hope this report gives you a good idea of how the Knights of Columbus are doing in southwest Wyoming. As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to call me at (307) 875-7831 (home) or (307) 871-1030 (cell). Wish you the best at the State Convention.

Vivat Jesus,

Michael Dahl-District Deputy 3



# Knights of Columbus

## WYOMING STATE COUNCIL



### Wyoming District Deputy # 5 Powell, Cody, Worland, Greybull

Thank you Worthy Supreme Director, Worthy State Officers, and Worthy State Chaplain.

One of the most exciting things happening in my District at this time is the possibility of a mobile ultra sound unit and van, to travel the Big Horn Basin and provide ultra sounds and guidance for pregnant women in need. James Bell, a Knight from Cody is spearheading this project. He was very instrumental with getting the ultra sound unit for the Serenity Crises Pregnancy center. We feel a van will service the entire Basin at an affordable cost. James Bell is currently exploring the possibility of Supreme cost sharing on a van an ultra sound unit. All Councils in the District will be involved in this exiting project.

Powell Council is currently 2 short of our membership quota. We are planning another initiation in May and hope to achieve our goal. In Powell we still do our monthly breakfast. In the spring we hold the annual yard cleanup, it brings 12 to 15 Knights and children together to help clean the yards of the elderly. Also we host a Lenten soup suppers on the Fridays of lent. We are still awarding scholarships for college bound students. In the fall we host a Harvest Dinner, and in the spring we have our annual horse race, both events are fun events for all. And we also promoted the all night adoration before elections last November.

Cody Council is always very active, and one of the premier councils in the State. Cody currently needs only 1 new member to meet the membership quota. Cody's major fundraiser is the Buffalo Bill Birthday Ball. All the members help out with this event, and most of the town comes to help celebrate Buffalo Bill's Birthday. Cody also host a cinnamon roll breakfast each month for the Parish. And do soup suppers also during lent. Their Council cooked 3 breakfasts during lent, with the proceeds from one of them helping a young wrestler from Cody who was in a car accident. Cody also has a fun skeet shoot for the Council each year. And they are very active with the Serenity Crisis Pregnancy Center and spearheading the mobile van for the basin.

Worland Council is a very active Council. They have suspended several members this year and are 8 short of their goal. Worland's big fundraiser is bingo which they host twice a year. They have a 2 mile stretch of Highway that they clean as a

Council. Several Knights volunteer to teach CCD for the Parish. And they host a pancake supper during lent. One of their big achievements this last year are starting a radio station in Worland. They broadcast a Catholic radio station, there frequency is 95.3 FM, and I hope everyone driving through Worland has a chance to tune into it.

Greybull Council has met their goal!! They did initiate 4 new members in November. These were Hispanic men and they watched the DVD in Spanish for the initiation. They are currently trying to get the members revitalized and going again. Hopefully in the next year this can be realized.

Thanks for giving me your time.

Brian Duyck.



Knights of Columbus  
District Deputy #6  
Report

Worthy State Deputy Joe, Worthy State Officers, Directors, Chairmen, District Deputies, and Delegates,

*Army - thank you for the gifts.*

*Reminder of goodness of this order - Brother \$50 bill*

District 6 encompasses the councils of Sheridan, Buffalo, Gillette, and Newcastle, and together these councils make up ~~over 500~~ of the 2800+ members of the Wyoming Council.

Could I have Ken Weber, Blain Horn, Craig Grassel, and Dan Keierleber please stand? These are the Grand Knights of these councils, and together are responsible for the 523 members of District 6. Please join me as I want to publically thank these fine gentleman for all of their efforts in keeping their councils thriving.

This weekend, I asked each of them, what are the activities or events their councils have done this past year that they think were most successful and that they are most proud of. Let me briefly share them with you.

Council 2104 in Sheridan *brought the ministry of John Michael Talbot to Sheridan to help evangelize many people. They also raised over \$4700 for Food for the Poor to build 2 homes in Jamaica along with supplies for school, goats, fruit trees, & Donkeys. And, finally, they have brought Catholic radio / EWTN to the Sheridan area found at 93.4 on the dial.*

Council 3332 in Buffalo held monthly breakfasts for their parish. These breakfasts helped the council to raise funds for scholarships, but as Blain also told me, the most important aspect was the affect it had on the parish, by helping to build a community spirit.

Council 3477 in Gillette had over 40% of the council participate in hosting their annual Smokin on the Prairie Charity BBQ competition which raised over \$10k for charities. For Veterans Day, they also raised over \$7k for the Wheelchair for Vets program. And in service to the parish, hung hundreds of Christmas lights on the 50 foot tall fir tree in front of the church.

Council 6334 in Newcastle hosted a fun activity for the Town of Newcastle, a bowling pin shoot. It was a fine job to showcase the work of the Knights for the whole town to enjoy.

*Vivat Jesus!*





## *Knights of Columbus*

### **District Deputy District #7 State Convention 2015**

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

Councils 2128, 2720 and 11291 in District #7 are in good standing, and, though some reports were late, they are current with council reports. Council 10773 has been under suspension with word coming from Supreme that the proposed merger of Council 10773 into 2720 is currently under review. Councils 2128 and 11291 have had some difficulty with recruitment and retention, but efforts are ongoing and there have been several prospects of increased membership, particularly in Council 2128. The continued support to help the councils is much needed, but seems to be having a positive but slow impact. Council 2720 has been working hard toward recruitment and retention, and through the efforts of the Grand Knight and officers seems to be flourishing.

Weather and travel and time as well as some personal restrictions on driving inhibited planned council visitations. Some contact was made via email and phone, and attendance at degree work in Laramie provided an uplifting experience.

All councils have held some activities and been able to have some impact on their communities and parishes with programs and donations. These activities seem to be the key to promoting growth, and some inspiration for recruiting potential candidates. Rawlins Council 2128 has started to implement more open meetings in an effort to enhance the visibility in the parish.

I will be turning over the position of District Deputy the end of this fiscal year, and wish that health, weather, etc. had allowed me to do more, but I leave with a hope and an optimism that continued and consistent prodding and support will help to ultimately bring the numbers for the councils in District 7.

Being District Deputy this year has been a difficult but enjoyable experience. Much work needs to be done, and I will be ready to assist the new District Deputy in whatever small way I can. I look for his success and the successes of the Councils of District #7.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor  
District Deputy #7

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# State District Master Report



*Knights of Columbus*

*DeSmet Province*

*Wyoming, District*

*Annual Report 4/24/2015*



Wyoming  
The Equality State

*Brother Sir Knights,*

*I pass along congratulations from the Supreme Master, Vice Supreme Master and myself. As of April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 just three years and ten months into our campaign to raise one million dollars for our military chaplain's scholarship program, the Supreme Master is pleased to report that \$1,008,700.00 has been received.*

*Our young military men and women are blessed to have so many wonderful Knights and their families supporting them. Now they will have the additional blessing of a catholic priest there to serve them in their time of need. God bless each and every one of you.*

*Donations are still being received at supreme. We have an additional \$15K that has been sent in waiting to be deposited.*

*All monies over the one million dollar goal will be processed toward the additional \$200K donation the Supreme Knight has requested we give to the program.*

*The Supreme Master as well as everyone at Supreme, Vice Supreme Master and I give a heartfelt thanks to our State Deputy, Navigators and Grand*



### ***Honor Guard:***

*Our Honor Guard has logged in 375 hours over the past fraternal year.*

*We have attended all major celebrations across the state. We have been present at the Right to Life March in Cheyenne, the DeSmet Memorial Mass, confirmations throughout the state and other functions where the bishop has been presiding.*

### ***Fraternal Commitment:***

*The 12 assemblies in the State of Wyoming are to be commended for their fraternal commitment to our church, our communities and our youth. We have donated upwards of \$6,500.00 toward the support of these groups. We have accumulated 3,929 visits to the sick and bereaved. We have also logged in a total of 27,074 total volunteer hours across state, keep up the good work.*

*Our order is in constant need of new members, the very life blood of our order. The advantages of being a Knight of Columbus are many! Give others an opportunity to enjoy the privileges, benefits and opportunities of our fraternal service, which our order affords, by inviting them to join the Knights of Columbus today. Remember a personal invitation from you to a close friend will almost invariably mean a new Knight.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Richard A. Adamski*

*Richard A. Adamski, Wyoming District Master*



*Knights for their generous support of this program.*

*In Wyoming we are 800+ members strong belonging to 12 assemblies. Without dedicated Knights of Columbus as you and your families, much would not be done in our local parishes or at supreme.*

*Our parish priests are in need of many more families such as yours. By joining the Fourth Degree you have shown that you value your Catholic faith and are willing to step up to the plate when the need arises .*

### *Exemplifications:*

*Exemplifications need to be conducted in Gillette, Sheridan and possibly in Casper to cover the northern part of the state. A tentative schedule is needed to avoid any conflict in scheduling with the state ceremonial chairman.*

*On November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 we exemplified the honor of the Fourth Degree on 19 candidates in Laramie in honor of the late Sir Knight Leland C. Marchant. Attending the exemplification were candidates from Laramie, Wheatland, Douglas and Gillette.*

*On March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 an exemplification was conducted in honor of Rev. Fr. Denis G. D'Souza. Attending this exemplification were ten candidates coming from Lander, Green River, Rock Springs and Fort Bridger. This exemplification was conducted in Green River.*

*On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 we will conduct an exemplification in Cheyenne, in honor of the Past Faithfull Navigator, the late Michael Corso.*



**Knights of Columbus**  
WYOMING STATE COUNCIL



# Directors & Chairmen Reports





## Knights of Columbus Wyoming State Council



Carl Joe Welte  
Wyoming State Deputy  
April 24, 2015

### RE: CAMPAIGN FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

Worthy State Deputy,

It is my privilege to report that the Manual Michael Davila Funds for Charities has had another successful year. This program has been an undertaking of the Knights of Columbus of Wyoming since 1975 when it was then called the Tootsie Roll Program. This year, 2015, is the 41<sup>th</sup> year that the Wyoming Knights of Columbus have been giving away for a donation that delightfully chewy piece of chocolate heaven all for a great cause. Think about it, how hard can it be to hand out candy to kids at Mass or the grocery store?

During the calendar year 2014, there were six councils committed to participate in the Manual Michael Davila Funds for Charities by holding a Tootsie Roll Drive. The number is down from last year and of these six only five have reported of which one has not held the drive yet but will next month; the other held a drive but has not turned in the necessary paperwork. The councils that participated and reported include: Gillette, Lander, Sheridan, and Torrington.

Net revenue, which is the total amount raised minus expenses, for calendar year 2014 was \$15,217.99. This is Below 2013 levels of \$17,569.25; but is in line with 2012 (\$15,887.03). Of the \$15,217.99, the state council received 10% (\$1,521.80) for distribution by resolution at this convention.

The money raised in the 2014 Manual Michael Funds for Charities Tootsie Roll Drive in Wyoming benefitted many worthy causes for people with intellectual disabilities including: Special Olympics both local and state, Our Camp, CHAPS, RENEW, DSI, Wyoming Early Childhood Center, and St. Joseph's Children's Home.

During the 15 years since January 2000, the Manual Michael Davila Funds for Charities has raised and gave away \$244,112.57, almost a quarter of a million dollars! To those of you that have participated, I thank you, and the recipients of these dollars also thank you.

Going forward, it is my prayer that the councils that participated last year do so again this year and those that missed a year please come back and to the rest, please consider this fun, and easy fundraiser. Let's make this next year a banner year for the Manual Michael Davila Funds for Charities! Just think of it as a win – win; you are giving candy to kids, both young and old, the donations follow. At the same time helping to enrich the lives of the intellectually disabled right here in Wyoming! That gentlemen, is a lot of smiles.

Fraternally,

Patrick Doherty, PSD  
Intellectual Disabilities Chairman





# Knights of Columbus Wyoming State Council

## 2014 MANUAL MICHAEL DAVILA FUNDS FOR CHARITIES

COUNCIL	CASES BOUGHT	CASES SOLD	TOTAL REVENUE	LESS EXPENSE	NET REVENUE	STATE 10%	RETURN 90%	90% DONATED AS FOLLOWS
Buffalo	8							Did not report.
Casper #1563	33	0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Did not hold sale. Plan to in 2015
Gillette	40	40	\$ 8,247.43	\$ 780.00	\$ 7,467.43	\$ 746.74	\$ 6,721.69	Campbell Co. Special Olympics
Lander	105	105	\$ 4,545.00	\$ 2,047.50	\$ 2,497.50	\$ 249.75	\$ 2,247.75	Lander Masters Special Olympics
Sheridan	85	85	\$ 3,854.66	\$ 1,657.50	\$ 2,197.16	\$ 219.72	\$ 1,977.44	\$300, Our Camp 503.23, CHAPS 1174.21, RENEW
Torrington	160	160	\$ 6,408.00	\$ 3,352.10	\$ 3,055.90	\$ 305.59	\$ 2,750.31	\$916.77 each to: DSI, Inc.; Wyoming Early Childhood Center; St. Joseph's Children's home
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>\$ 23,055.09</b>	<b>\$ 7,837.10</b>	<b>\$ 15,217.99</b>	<b>\$ 1,521.80</b>	<b>\$ 13,697.19</b>	

Patrick Doherty, PSD  
Intellectual Disabilities Chairman  
April 24, 2015

# MANUAL MICHAEL DAVILA FUNDS FOR CHARITIES

State of Wyoming

**NET REVENUE 2000 - 2014 \$ 244,112.57**

(unofficial tabulation)

Council	CY2000	CY2001	CY2002	CY2003	CY2004	CY2005	CY2006	CY2007	CY2008	CY2009	CY2010	CY2011	CY2012	CY2013	CY2014
Buffalo	792.64	1,181.16	1,572.98	1,000.00	1,169.00	1,000.00			521.50	220.00		220.00	263.50	263.50	
Casper #1563													585.75	1,000.00	
Casper #9917														421.92	
Cheyenne		835.26	962.50	943.40	1,144.08	1,317.78	1,270.61	2,263.85	1,288.92	1,591.04					
Cody															
Douglas/Glenrock															
Evanston															
Ft Bridger/Mt View															
Gillette	1,952.19	3,119.32	4,331.05	4,911.31	6,140.56	7,701.33	9,462.02	9,272.21	10,250.75	8,009.31	7,020.92	6,646.83	5,865.92	7,554.43	\$ 7,467.43
Green River															
Greybull/Basin	1,075.50														
Jackson	3,505.00	2,222.00													
Kemmerer															
Lander	2,133.25	2,112.50	2,261.00	2,111.75	2,120.00	2,473.00	2,525.00	2,197.00	2,417.90	2,315.50	2,472.50	2,507.25	2,863.50	2,679.50	\$ 2,497.50
Laramie															
Newcastle															
Newman Center															
Pine Bluffs	628.12	633.50	681.75	671.25	636.90	668.40	579.75	521.50							
Powell															
Rawlins	1,173.50	770.00			692.50		341.00						982.50		
Riverton		492.71	210.00	172.50										225.00	
Rock Springs	593.00	178.00													
Saratoga	715.75	707.13					661.00								
Sheridan	1,345.00	1,140.00	1,331.00	1,413.75	1,362.38	1,411.50	1,848.50	2,119.50	1,928.50	2,078.25	1,799.25	2,127.17	2,183.89	2,467.83	\$ 2,197.16
Thermoolis	170.00														
Torrington	3,341.25	3,341.25	3,353.75	2,477.00	1,601.25	2,726.50	1,964.00	3,290.25		3,159.66	3,056.28	3,184.30	2,720.05	2,957.07	\$ 3,055.90
Wheatland															
Worland															
Totals	17,425.20	16,732.83	14,704.03	13,700.96	14,866.67	17,298.51	18,651.88	19,664.31	16,407.57	17,373.76	14,348.95	14,685.55	15,465.11	17,569.25	15,217.99

# CEREMONIALS 2015

Worthy State Deputy, Rev. Fr. Ogg, State Officers, Activities Chairmen, and Brother Knights.

I wish to acknowledge those present that serve on degree teams.

1<sup>st</sup> degree please raise your hand.

2<sup>nd</sup> degree team, raise your hand.

Old 3<sup>rd</sup> degree team, raise your hand.

Current 3<sup>rd</sup> degree team, Conferring Officers, please stand, state your name, council and years that you have been a conferring officer. Jack Rogers from Cody has been a CO since 1988. Those of you that do the Fraternal Charge do the same. Dennis Beadre and Jack Rogers from Cody do the Fraternal Charge. Wardens, do the same.

(If present) Introduce Mark Vetter –Council 3447 Gillette, now learning the CO part.

How many of you present are from a council that has a 1<sup>st</sup> degree team with all parts memorized?  
Please raise your hands.

How many of you have never seen a 1<sup>st</sup> degree done with all parts memorized? Please your hands.

As I see it, our current biggest need is a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree team in the Casper-Douglas area and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree teams in the Sheridan, Buffalo, Gillette, and Newcastle area.

Degree work is the responsibility of all councils, so I strongly encourage councils to have a ceremonials chairman and the Grand Knights ask for a report at every meeting.

When a council or member wishes to pursue 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> degree work, let me know or the new Ceremonials Chairman know, to order the books.

Thank You all for being a part of this great Catholic organization.

Jerry Hoefler Ceremonials Chairman

## EXHIBIT A

### Wyoming State Council of the Knights Of Columbus Charitable Trust

#### Statement of Investment Objectives and Policies January, 1991

##### General

This statement is intended to set forth the factors involved in the management of investment assets for the Wyoming State Knights of Columbus Charitable Trust. The Responsibility of the Knights of Columbus is: to establish broad investment policies, guidelines and objectives for the Trust Estate. The responsibility of the trustee's is to develop and implement management strategies in accordance with the stated investment policies, guidelines and objectives, in a manner consistent with the "prudent man" rule for similar funds, i.e., with care, skill, prudence and diligence, with full discretion subject to the guidelines and applicable statutes. The investment manager is responsible for optimizing return within guideline constraints.

##### Philosophy

In developing this investment policy, a Total Portfolio approach to investments has been adopted. The Knights of Columbus recognizes that distinct asset classes have unique return and risk characteristics. Further, it understands that the combination of asset classes produces diversification benefits in the form of enhancement of expected return at a given risk level and/or reduction of the risk level associated with a specific expected return.

In developing this policy, the Knights of Columbus and its Advisers carefully evaluated the long term goals for monies contributed to the Trust. Consideration was given to the Trust's financial requirements, the nature of the liabilities to be discharged and its risk taking capacity. Finally, the Knights of Columbus considered the range of historic and expected returns, both nominal and real.

The Knights of Columbus, therefore, has decided to pursue a strategic investment plan that, over a long term, will:

- 1) enhance the real purchasing power of plan assets and;
- 2) not threaten the plan's ability to meet committed obligations.

## Strategic Asset Allocation Plan

The Knights of Columbus has adopted a target asset allocation policy as follows:

	<u>NORM</u>
Domestic Equities	25%
Domestic Bonds	70%
Short Term	5%
	<u>100%</u>

## Component Returns and Program Administration

At least semi-annually, the Trustee shall prepare an analysis that reflects the effects of the Trust's objectives and the actual and targeted asset allocation decisions. This analysis shall include recommendations with respect to the targeted percentage allocation, if appropriate.

Significant changes in the relative values of assets or significant shifts in the Trust's asset allocation policy may require actual transfers of assets among asset classes.

## Social and Moral Responsibility in Investments

The Knights of Columbus believes that it must conduct its financial affairs in a manner consistent with the social, ethical and moral teachings of the Church. Toward this end, certain investments shall be prohibited.

The specific types of investments to be prohibited shall be subject to regular periodic review by the Knights of Columbus.

In addition, indirect investments in mutual funds or other collective vehicles shall be precluded unless the vehicles are managed in accordance with the same social investment policy.

## Performance Measurement

Performance evaluations will be constructed in order to provide a uniform and consistent basis for the evaluation of the Trustees as well as the Trust Estate. The Trust Estate results, as well as those of the Trustee, will be evaluated against several benchmarks. This evaluation also shall examine the individual and aggregate characteristics of the Trust's investment program to ensure that the Trust Estate is operating in the intended manner.

Evaluations shall be adjusted to reflect the consequences of the Knights of Columbus Social Investment restrictions as appropriate.

### Reporting and Communication

Trustees are expected to meet as least semi-annually with the Knights of Columbus and/or its representatives. In addition, the Trustees are expected to periodically report on Portfolio operations, holdings, performance and outlook. Trustee's are required to immediately communicate organizational changes, unusual financial market developments, guideline questions and/or personal changes to the Knights of Columbus through its appointed representatives.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITABLE TRUST**  
**April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE MAY 23, 1991</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
Contributions			
First Interstate Bank	\$39,621.36		
Hilltop National Bank	<u>\$393,928.45</u>		
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		<b>\$433,549.81</b>	
Dividends/Interest/ Gains and Losses			
First Interstate Bank	\$958.70		
Hilltop National Bank	<u>\$237,098.06</u>		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b><u>\$238,056.76</u></b>	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>			<b>\$671,606.57</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Premiums			
First Interstate Bank	\$3,429.44		
Hilltop National Bank	<u>\$317,963.84</u>		
<b>TOTAL PREMIUMS</b>		<b>\$321,393.28</b>	
Fees - Hilltop, USPS, & Epperson		<u>\$46,957.44</u>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>			<b><u>\$368,350.72</u></b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE March 31, 2015</b>			<b>\$303,255.85</b>
<b>Adjustments for market value on Insurance Policies</b>			<b>\$381,895.45</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE March 31, 2015</b>			<b>\$685,151.30</b>
<b>Earnings to Date</b>		<b>\$238,056.76</b>	



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITABLE TRUST  
INSURANCE POLICIES UPDATE AS OF March 31, 2015**

The following is an update on the three purchased to date.

**Policy #1**

Insured: Rev. Carl Beavers 1548770

Annual Premium: \$3,704.00

Date Policy Issued: July 22, 1992

Policy Face Amount: \$150,000

Premiums Paid Thru July 2015

July 21, 1992	\$3,939.31 (Paid quarterly)
July 22, 1993	\$3,704.00 (Paid annually)
July 22, 1994	\$3,704.00 (Paid annually)
July 22, 1995	\$3,704.00 (Paid annually)
July 22, 1996	\$3,704.00 (Paid annually)
July 16, 1997	\$3,704.00 (Paid annually)
July 16, 1998	\$3,704.00 (Paid annually)
July 27, 1999	\$3,704.00 (Paid annually)
July 13, 2000	\$3,704.00 (Paid annually)
September 13, 2001	\$3,704.00 (Paid annually)
July 10, 2002	\$3,704.00 (Paid annually)
July 18, 2003	\$3,704.00 (Paid annually)
July 14, 2004	\$3,704.00 (Paid annually)
July 15, 2005	\$3,704.00 (Paid annually)
July 13, 2006	\$3,704.00 (Paid annually)
July 13, 2007	\$3,704.00 (Paid annually)
July 22, 2008	\$3,704.00 (Paid annually)
July 27, 2009	\$3,704.00 (Paid annually)
July 13, 2010	\$3,704.00 (Paid annually)
July 12, 2011	\$3,704.00 (Paid annually)
July 10, 2012	\$3,704.00 (Paid annually)
July 9, 2013	\$3,704.00 (Paid annually)
July 11, 2014	\$3,704.00 (Paid annually)

**\$85,427.31**

**Policy #2**

Insured: Rev. Ron Stolcis 101644298

Annual Premium: \$3,885.00

Date Policy Issued: August 1, 1993

Policy Face Amount: \$150,000

Premiums Paid Thru July 2015

August 1, 1993	\$3,907.54 (Paid quarterly)
August 1, 1994	\$3,885.50 (Paid annually)
August 1, 1995	\$3,885.50 (Paid annually)
August 1, 1996	\$3,885.50 (Paid annually)
August 15, 1997	\$3,885.50 (Paid annually)
August 27, 1998	\$3,885.50 (Paid annually)
July 27, 1999	\$3,885.50 (Paid annually)
July 26, 2000	\$3,885.50 (Paid annually)
September 24, 2001	\$3,885.50 (Paid annually)
May 5, 2004	\$8,414.31 (Paid annually)
July 19, 2005	\$3,885.50 (Paid Annually)
August 17, 2005	\$221.80 (Add'l Premium)

July 18, 2006	\$3,885.50 (Paid Annually)
November 22, 2006	\$4,136.15 (Add'l Premium)
July 20, 2007	\$3,885.50 (Paid annually)
July 21, 2008	\$3,885.50 (Paid annually)
July 22, 2009	\$3,885.50 (Paid annually)
July 20, 2010	\$3,885.50 (Paid annually)
July 19, 2011	\$3,885.50 (Paid annually)
July 20, 2012	\$3,885.50 (Paid annually)
July 24, 2013	\$3,885.50 (Paid annually)
July 22, 2014 <i>W</i>	\$3,885.50 (Paid annually)

\$86,618.80

Policy #3

Insured: Rev. Fred Wendel 1764494

Annual Premium: \$3,221.00

Date Policy Issued: August 10, 1994

Policy Face Amount: \$150,000

Premiums Paid Thru July 2015

August 10, 1994	\$3,221.00 (Paid annually)
August 10, 1995	\$3,221.00 (Paid annually)
August 10, 1996	\$3,221.00 (Paid annually)
August 4, 1997	\$3,221.00 (Paid annually)
August 27, 1998	\$3,221.00 (Paid annually)
January 3, 2000	\$3,304.34 (Paid annually)
August 11, 2000	\$3,221.00 (Paid annually)
July 31, 2001	\$3,221.00 (Paid annually)
July 26, 2002	\$3,221.00 (Paid annually)
July 28, 2003	\$3,221.00 (Paid annually)
August 9, 2004	\$3,221.00 (Paid annually)
July 27, 2005	\$3,221.00 (Paid Annually)
July 31, 2006	\$3,221.00 (Paid Annually)
August 1, 2007	\$3,221.00 (Paid annually)
July 29, 2008	\$3,221.00 (Paid annually)
July 28, 2009	\$3,221.00 (Paid annually)
July 28, 2010	\$3,221.00 (Paid annually)
July 29, 2011	\$3,221.00 (Paid annually)
July 30, 2012	\$3,221.00 (Paid annually)
July 30, 2013	\$3,221.00 (Paid annually)
July 29, 2014 <i>W</i>	\$3,221.00 (Paid annually)

\$67,724.34

Policy #4

Insured: Lauree R. Scott 2956661

Annual Premium: \$627.00

Date Policy Issued: 12-5-2006

Policy Face Amount: \$20,000

Premiums Paid Thru May 2015

March 7, 2007	\$166.10 (Paid Quarterly)
May 22, 2007	\$627.00 (Paid Annually)
May 19, 2008	\$627.00 (Paid Annually)
May 19, 2009	\$627.00 (Paid Annually)
May 19, 2010	\$627.00 (Paid Annually)
May 18, 2011	\$627.00 (Paid Annually)
May 22, 2012	\$627.00 (Paid Annually)

May 22, 2013  
May 19, 2014  $\lambda$

\$627.00 (Paid Annually)  
\$627.00 (Paid Annually)

\$5,182.10

Policy #5

Insured: Donald J. Scott

2956662

Annual Premium: \$761.20

Date Policy Issued: 12-4-2006

Policy Face Amount: \$20,000

Premiums Paid Thru May 2015

March 7, 2007

\$201.70 (Paid Quarterly)

May 22, 2007

\$761.20 (Paid Annually)

May 19, 2008

\$761.20 (Paid Annually)

May 19, 2009

\$761.20 (Paid Annually)

May 19, 2010

\$761.20 (Paid Annually)

May 18, 2011

\$761.20 (Paid Annually)

May 22, 2012

\$761.20 (Paid Annually)

May 22, 2013

\$761.20 (Paid Annually)

May 19, 2014  $\lambda$

\$761.00 (Paid Annually)

\$6,291.10

Policy #6

Insured: Andrew Duncan

2965912

Annual Premium: \$626.00

Date Policy Issued: 1/18/2007

Policy Face Amount: \$20,000

Premiums Paid Thru July 2015

April 18, 2007

\$156.50 (Paid Quarterly)

July 11, 2007

\$590.80 (Paid Annually)

July 8, 2008

\$590.80 (Paid Annually)

July 6, 2009

\$590.80 (Paid Annually)

July 7, 2010

\$590.80 (Paid Annually)

July 6, 2011

\$590.80 (Paid Annually)

July 6, 2012

\$590.80 (Paid Annually)

July 9, 2013

\$590.80 (Paid Annually)

July 9, 2014  $\lambda$

\$590.80 (Paid Annually)

\$4,882.90

Policy #7

Insured: James Pieper

2994203

Annual Premium: \$611.80

Date Policy Issued: 5/1/2007

Policy Face Amount: \$20,000

Premiums Paid Thru April 2015

July 20, 2007

\$162.10 (Paid Quarterly)

August 1, 2007

\$305.94 (Paid Annually)

April 22, 2008

\$611.80 (Paid Annually)

April 21, 2009

\$611.80 (Paid Annually)

April 20, 2010

\$611.80 (Paid Annually)

April 19, 2011

\$611.80 (Paid Annually)

April 20, 2012

\$611.80 (Paid Annually)

April 19, 2013

\$611.80 (Paid Annually)

April 24, 2014  $\lambda$

\$611.80 (Paid Annually)

\$4,750.64

Policy #8

Insured: Chad Ekberg 2996502  
Annual Premium: \$790.80  
Date Policy Issued: 5/3/2007  
Policy Face Amount: \$20,000  
Premiums Paid Thru April 2015

August 1, 2007	\$593.10 (Paid Annually)
April 22, 2008	\$790.80 (Paid Annually)
April 21, 2009	\$790.80 (Paid Annually)
April 20, 2010	\$790.80 (Paid Annually)
April 25, 2011	\$790.80 (Paid Annually)
April 24, 2012	\$790.80 (Paid Annually)
April 23, 2013	\$790.80 (Paid Annually)
April 23, 2014 X	\$790.80 (Paid Annually)

\$6,128.70

Policy #9

Insured: Patrick Hoefler 3002061  
Annual Premium: \$289.80  
Date Policy Issued: 5/24/2007  
Policy Face Amount: \$20,000  
Premiums Paid Thru August 2015

August 13, 2007	\$289.80 (Paid Annually)
August 19, 2008	\$289.80 (Paid Annually)
August 12, 2009	\$289.80 (Paid Annually)
August 18, 2010	\$289.80 (Paid Annually)
August 12, 2011	\$289.80 (Paid Annually)
August 13, 2012	\$289.80 (Paid Annually)
August 13, 2013	\$289.80 (Paid Annually)
August 13, 2014 X	\$289.80 (Paid Annually)

\$2,318.40

Policy #10

Insured: Michael Estes 3023307  
Annual Premium: \$483.20  
Date Policy Issued: 9/6/07  
Policy Face Amount: \$20,000  
Premiums Paid Thru November 2015

November 29, 2007	\$483.20 (Paid Annually)
November 25, 2008	\$483.20 (Paid Annually)
November 25, 2009	\$483.20 (Paid Annually)
November 29, 2010	\$483.20 (Paid Annually)
November 22, 2011	\$483.20 (Paid Annually)
November 27, 2012	\$483.20 (Paid Annually)
November 26, 2013	\$483.20 (Paid Annually)
November 25, 2014 X	\$483.20 (Paid Annually)

\$3,865.60

Policy #11

Insured: Leland J. Vetter 3030854  
Annual Premium: \$656.60  
Date Policy Issued: 10/14/07  
Policy Face Amount: \$20,000  
Premiums Paid Thru January 2016

March 7, 2008	\$656.60 (Paid Annually)
January 9, 2009	\$656.60 (Paid Annually)

January 5, 2010	\$656.60 (Paid Annually)
January 5, 2011	\$656.60 (Paid Annually)
January 6, 2012	\$656.60 (Paid Annually)
January 2, 2013	\$656.60 (Paid Annually)
January 3, 2014	\$656.60 (Paid Annually)
January 6, 2015 <i>✓</i>	\$656.60 (Paid Annually)

\$5,252.80

Policy #12

Insured: Remy Larson 3038468

Annual Premium: \$706.20

Date Policy Issued: 12/20/07

Policy Face Amount: \$20,000

Premiums Paid Thru September 2015

March 13, 2008	\$367.20 (Paid Quarterly)
September 9, 2008	\$706.20 (Paid Annually)
September 9, 2009	\$706.20 (Paid Annually)
September 8, 2010	\$706.20 (Paid Annually)
September 7, 2011	\$706.20 (Paid Annually)
September 12, 2012	\$706.20 (Paid Annually)
September 10, 2013	\$706.20 (Paid Annually)
September 10, 2014 <i>✓</i>	\$706.20 (Paid Annually)

\$5,310.60

Policy #13

Insured: Matthew M. Burgard 3053587

Annual Premium: \$275.80

Date Policy Issued: 1/22/08

Policy Face Amount: \$20,000

Premiums Paid Thru April 2015

April 14, 2008	\$275.80 (Paid Annually)
April 9, 2009	\$275.80 (Paid Annually)
April 13, 2010	\$275.80 (Paid Annually)
April 11, 2011	\$275.80 (Paid Annually)
April 10, 2012	\$275.80 (Paid Annually)
April 9, 2013	\$275.80 (Paid Annually)
April 9, 2014 <i>✓</i>	\$275.80 (Paid Annually)

\$1,930.60

Policy #14

Insured: Michelle M. Burgard 3053586

Annual Premium: \$559.20

Date Policy Issued: 1/21/08

Policy Face Amount: \$20,000

Premiums Paid Thru April 2015

April 14, 2008	\$559.20 (Paid Annually)
April 7, 2009	\$559.20 (Paid Annually)
April 13, 2010	\$559.20 (Paid Annually)
April 11, 2011	\$559.20 (Paid Annually)
April 10, 2012	\$559.20 (Paid Annually)
April 9, 2013	\$559.20 (Paid Annually)
April 9, 2014 <i>✓</i>	\$559.20 (Paid Annually)

\$3,914.40

Policy #15

Insured: Grant F. Havens 3052304

Annual Premium: \$362.80

Date Policy Issued: 1/09/08

Policy Face Amount: \$20,000

Premiums Paid Thru March 2016

March 31, 2008	\$362.80 (Paid Annually)
March 31, 2009	\$362.80 (Paid Annually)
March 29, 2010	\$362.80 (Paid Annually)
March 28, 2011	\$362.80 (Paid Annually)
March 27, 2012	\$362.80 (Paid Annually)
March 27, 2013	\$362.80 (Paid Annually)
March 26, 2014	\$362.80 (Paid Annually)
March 30, 2015 <i>x</i>	\$362.80 (Paid Annually)

\$2,902.40

Policy #16

Insured: Ralph V. Trotter

3078536

Annual Premium: \$761.20

Date Policy Issued: 05/1/08

Policy Face Amount: \$20,000

Premiums Paid Thru July 2014

July 22, 2008	\$761.20 (Paid Annually)
July 22, 2009	\$761.20 (Paid Annually)
July 20, 2010	\$761.20 (Paid Annually)
July 19, 2011	\$761.20 (Paid Annually)
July 20, 2012	\$761.20 (Paid Annually)
July 24, 2013	\$761.20 (Paid Annually)
July 22, 2014 <i>u</i>	\$761.20 (Paid Annually)

\$5,328.40

Policy #17

Insured: Brian P. Dever

3076140

Annual Premium: \$332.00

Date Policy Issued: 04/8/08

Policy Face Amount: \$20,000

Premiums Paid Thru June 2015

September 23, 2008	\$244.10 (Paid Annually)
June 24, 2009	\$332.00 (Paid Annually)
June 28, 2010	\$332.00 (Paid Annually)
June 27, 2011	\$332.00 (Paid Annually)
June 29, 2012	\$332.00 (Paid Annually)
June 25, 2013	\$332.00 (Paid Annually)
July 8, 2014 <i>u</i>	\$332.00 (Paid Annually)

\$2,236.10

Policy #18

Insured: Brian D. Gray

3082939

Annual Premium: \$385.80

Date Policy Issued: 05/9/08

Policy Face Amount: \$20,000

Premiums Paid Thru July 2015

August 6, 2008	\$385.80 (Paid Annually)
July 28, 2009	\$385.80 (Paid Annually)
July 27, 2010	\$385.80 (Paid Annually)
July 26, 2011	\$385.80 (Paid Annually)

July 26, 2012	\$385.80 (Paid Annually)
July 30, 2013	\$385.80 (Paid Annually)
July 29, 2014 0	\$385.80 (Paid Annually)

\$2,700.60

Policy #19

Insured: Mary R. Larson 103113133

Annual Premium: \$704.80

Date Policy Issued: 09/30/08

Policy Face Amount: \$20,000

Premiums Paid Thru December 2015

December 26, 2008	\$704.80 (Paid Annually)
December 29, 2009	\$704.80 (Paid Annually)
December 21, 2010	\$704.80 (Paid Annually)
December 22, 2011	\$704.80 (Paid Annually)
December 18, 2012	\$704.80 (Paid Annually)
December 24, 2013	\$704.80 (Paid Annually)
December 23, 2014 0	\$704.80 (Paid Annually)

\$4,933.60

Policy #20

Insured: Bret Ladenburger 4014936

Annual Premium: \$363.40

Date Policy Issued: 01/19/09

Policy Face Amount: \$20,000

Premiums Paid Thru April 2015

April 7, 2009	\$363.40 (Paid Annually)
April 6, 2010	\$363.40 (Paid Annually)
April 5, 2011	\$363.40 (Paid Annually)
April 9, 2012	\$363.40 (Paid Annually)
April 9, 2013	\$363.40 (Paid Annually)
April 9, 2014 5	\$363.40 (Paid Annually)

\$2,180.40

Policy #21

Insured: Michael Pieper 4155581

Annual Premium: 374.00

Date Policy Issued: 11/13/10

Policy Face Amount: \$20,000

Premiums Paid Thru August 2015

August 2, 2011	\$374.00 (Paid Annually)
August 1, 2012	\$295.60 (Paid Annually)
July 30, 2013	\$295.60 (Paid Annually)
July 29, 2014 3	\$295.60 (Paid Annually)

\$1,260.80

Policy #22

Insured: Rebecca Dever 4193767

Annual Premium: \$451.80

Date Policy Issued: 05/11/11

Policy Face Amount: \$20,000

Premiums Paid Thru September 2015

September 20, 2011	\$451.80 (Paid Annually)
September 6, 2012	\$451.80 (Paid Annually)
September 4, 2013	\$451.80 (Paid Annually)
September 5, 2014 3	\$451.80 (Paid Annually)

\$1,807.20



Policy #23  
Insured: Brian P Dever 4193769  
Quarterly Premium: 218.80  
Date Policy Issued: 05/11/11  
Policy Face Amount: \$20,000  
Premiums Paid Thru May 2012

August 12, 2011	\$218.80 (Paid Quarterly)
November 15, 2011	\$218.80 (Paid Quarterly)
February 13, 2012	\$218.80 (Paid Quarterly)
May 14, 2012 ✓	\$826.60 (Paid Annually)

Removed

Policy #24  
Insured: Kolton Havens 4207305  
Annual Premium: \$251.20  
Date Policy Issued: 07/13/11  
Policy Face Amount: \$20,000  
Premiums Paid Thru October 2015

September 30, 2011	\$251.20 (Paid Annually)
October 1, 2012	\$251.20 (Paid Annually)
September 30, 2013	\$251.20 (Paid Annually)
October 1, 2014 }	\$251.20 (Paid Annually)

\$1,004.80

Policy #25  
Insured: Joseph M Dever 4254180  
Annual Premium: \$194.60  
Date Policy Issued: 2/15/2012  
Policy Face Amount: \$20,000  
Premiums Paid Thru May 2015

May 1, 2012	\$194.90 (Paid Annually)
April 30, 2013	\$194.60 (Paid Annually)
May 1, 2014 ✓	\$194.60 (Paid Annually)

\$584.10

Policy #26  
Insured: John P Dever 4367974  
Annual Premium: \$216.60  
Date Policy Issued: 7/7/13  
Policy Face Amount: \$20,000  
Premiums Paid Thru October 2014  
October 16, 2013

\$216.60 (Paid Annually)

\$216.60

Policy #27  
Insured: Michale F. Hackett 444309  
Annual Premium: \$1,220.40  
Date Policy Issued: 11/11/14  
Policy Face Amount: \$20,000  
Premiums Paid Thru October 2015  
October-29, 2014

\$1,220.40 (Paid Annually)

\$1,220.40

Policy #28  
Insured: Joseph M. Vigneri Jr. 4455895

Annual Premium: \$377.35  
Date Policy Issued: 08/19/14  
Policy Face Amount: \$23,867.54  
Premiums Paid Thru November 2015  
November 6, 2014

\$377.35 (Paid Annually)

\$377.35

Policy #29  
Insured: Catherine M. Maass 4448946  
Annual Premium: \$448.00  
Date Policy Issued: 09/10/14  
Policy Face Amount: \$10,000  
Premiums Paid Thru March 2016  
November 26, 2014  
February 24, 1015  
March 5, 2015

\$118.70 (Paid quarterly)

\$118.70 (Paid quarterly)

\$448.00 (Paid Annually)

\$685.40

**Total**

**\$317,036.44**

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1							
2		<b>KOC TOTALS --<del>2013</del></b>					
3							
4	<b>Council</b>		<b>Council #</b>		<b>Amount Paid In</b>		
5					<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
6	Buffalo		3332		\$5,388	\$5,413.33	\$5,513.33
7	Casper		9917		\$32,962.34	\$33,266.34	\$33,862.34
8	Casper		1563		\$13,833.48	\$14,423.48	\$15,148.48
9	Cheyenne		801		\$57,623.40	\$59,663.90	\$61,673.90
10	Cody		4031		\$24,193.95	\$24,533.95	\$25,078.95
11	Douglas/Glenrock		6558		\$3,155.00	\$3,485.00	\$3,835.00
12	Evanston		6216		\$3,893.25	\$3,893.25	3,993.25
13	Fr. Bridger		10027		\$3,151.00	\$3,151.00	\$3,151.00
14	Gillette		3477		\$36,440.00	\$38,445.00	\$40,750.00
15	Green River		7453		\$12,848.00	\$13,658.00	\$13,958.00
16	Greybull		7214		\$8,146.45	\$8,206.45	\$8,336.45
17	Jackson		9431		\$34,897.53	\$35,572.47	\$36,672.47
18	Kemmerer		2337		\$1,908.94	\$1,908.94	\$1,908.94
19	Lander		5447		\$26,119.00	\$26,669.00	\$27,169.00
20	Laramie		2720		\$8,878.32	\$9,268.32	\$9,268.32
21	Laramie		10773		\$1,962.50	\$1,962.50	\$1,962.50
22	Newcastle		6334		\$3,960.50	\$4,210.50	\$4,385.50
23	Pine Bluffs		7789		\$2,370.00	\$2,370.00	\$2,370.00
24	Pinedale		9756		\$8,712.00	\$8,832.00	\$9,072.00
25	Powell		3043		\$5,884.00	\$6,484.00	\$8,309.00
26	Rawlins		2128		\$11,060.00	\$11,075.00	\$11,350.00
27	Riverton		3237		\$12,712.00	\$13,322.00	\$13,447.00
28	Rock Springs		2441		\$11,954.47	\$12,389.47	\$12,664.47
29	Saratoga		11291		\$11,586.20	\$11,711.20	\$11,811.20
30	Sheridan		2104		\$23,709.00	\$24,349.00	\$24,349.00
31	Thermopolis		2578		\$1,430.00	\$1,430.00	\$1,430.00
32	Torrington		6623		\$22,388.95	\$23,411.14	\$24,006.14
33	Wheatland		3551		\$13,323.90	\$13,415.90	\$13,520.90
34	Worland		8635		\$9,530.00	\$9,650.50	\$9,750.50
35	Wright		8542		\$826.00	\$826.00	\$826.00
36	Members without a council					\$1,510.00	\$6,584.00

## 2015 Disaster Coordinator Report

Worthy Supreme Director, State Deputy, State Officers, Delegates, and Brothers All,

It is my privilege to be the State Disaster Relief Coordinator. We must remain vigilant and prepared for the unexpected. All of us have heard throughout our lives of the importance of emergency supplies. This is all good advice and I won't waste your time to repeat it. The Supreme Council is in the process of restarting the program. I spent several hours on the phone talking with the Supreme Disaster Relief Coordinator in the last couple of weeks. Supreme is concerned about jurisdictions performing activities that could cause the Knights legal liability such as "Search and Rescue", "Militias", etc. They also realize that many organizations already perform 2<sup>nd</sup> responder duties like the Red Cross and Salvation Army. In June, Supreme will be sending the State Deputies a letter that outlines how this program should work going forward. Once we have this guidance, I will submit it for inclusion in the Cowboy Bulletin. Do not let this stop you from helping those in need, just remember that you are representing the Knights of Columbus and do not put the organization in jeopardy. If you have any questions about a situation, do not hesitate to give me a call or send me an email.

Vivat Jesus,  
John P. Svoboda  
State Disaster Relief Coordinator

**KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS  
2015 WYOMING STATE CONVENTION**

**Report of the Family Life Directors**

State Officers, Brother Knights, and Friends:

We regret that we cannot be with you at this convention, but we are off the continent as the convention convenes. We offer our prayers for a successful and rewarding gathering of the Wyoming Knights of Columbus.

Regretfully, participation in the Knight Family of the Month program has decreased in Wyoming. Even so, we congratulate the family of Tom and Norma Atwood of Council 3237 in Riverton for having been selected by Supreme Council at the beginning of this past Fraternal year as Wyoming's Knight Family of the Month.

Since our last report we have been informed that we too, were selected by the Supreme Council as a Knight Family of the Month. This is a very pleasing way to leave our tenure as the Wyoming Family Life Directors. We wish every success to the couple that will be appointed to this directorship by our State Deputy Elect.

As of this writing we have heard nothing of family activities conducted by other councils. We sincerely hope that the Past State Deputies have had a difficult time deciding between the several activities submitted for the award. Likewise, we will miss presenting the award for Knight Family of the Year, a duty we thoroughly enjoyed.

Vivat Jesus

David and Dolores Langerman  
Family Life Directors



## Knights of Columbus Wyoming State Council

### Food for Families

April 24, 2015

Worthy State Deputy,

Participation in the Knights of Columbus "Food for Families" program among councils in Wyoming varies only a little from year to year. However, fluctuations are much more noticeable when tracked month to month. We see most of our efforts concentrated around Thanksgiving and Christmas, when the need tends to be the highest.

Although needs may vary throughout the year, our efforts to collect nonperishable food should be sustained year-round. As in the past, I would encourage councils that have successful annual collection programs to consider holding similar campaigns every 3-4 months.

Those councils that participate at an advanced level may gain an advantage toward earning the Columbian Award, since this single activity is counted as four Family activities for purposes of earning the award. Also, councils should be sure to complete the Food for Families Reimbursement Program form to receive a partial refund and a plaque. For each \$500 or 1,000 pounds of food donated by a council during a fraternal year, the Supreme Council will refund \$100 to the council, up to a maximum of \$500.

The "Food for Families" program continues to be one of the most effective charitable initiatives our organization has ever implemented. This is a program that is scalable and adaptable to any council's local community.

Fraternally,

Bill Briere, P.S.D.  
Food for Families chairman  
BreakingCodes@gmail.com

# **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**WYOMING STATE COUNCIL**



**WYOMING PRO-LIFE ACTIVITIES**

**2014**



**SUBMITTED BY**

**Paul Novak**

**Patricia Novak**

**WYOMING PRO-LIFE COUPLE**

**Culture of Life**



## CULTURE OF LIFE

### GOALS AND ACTIVITIES 2014-2015

We did accomplish our two year goal of visiting every pro-life pregnancy center in Wyoming. The success rate of the pregnancy centers is reported as 85-90 %. The centers express total gratitude to Wyoming Knights for the Ultra Sounds and all the support throughout the years. By visiting these centers we were able to understand their individual activities and goals. Through our visits to centers we defined two goals: 1<sup>st</sup> to thank the centers for their commitment to life, and, 2nd to maintain an open line of communications between the centers and the Knights. Our visits validated the truth that they are the first line of offense and the last line of defense in the fight for new life. The majority of activities on which we focused were concerned with Supreme Council's Ultra Sound Initiative.

### EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES 2014-15

- We accomplished our mission goal. We visited the eight of the nine centers located in Wyoming: Sheridan, Cody, Riverton, Rock Springs, Cheyenne, Casper, Jackson, Laramie, and we anticipate seeing the center at Pinedale, which is desperately in need of an ultra sound. The prime purpose of this activity was: 1. Thank the centers on behalf of the Knights of Columbus for their commitment to life. 2. Open a dialogue with the centers on the subject as to how the Knights can support and sustain these centers and their pro- life activities.
- At the request of Ken Stockwell we are responding to our Wyoming Bishop's request to validate the value of the Ultra Sound Initiative by obtaining statistics from each center. We can validate a success rate of the centers at about 85% of the pregnant clients who enter the center choose life for their babies. The per cent of those pregnant and abortion-minded who enter the pregnancy center and ultimately choose life for their babies ranges from 79 to 100% in all 9 Centers. (Please note individual stats on separate sheet)
- We now have 3 councils starting the process of adding an Ultra Sound to a Pregnancy Center.
- We have set up an educational table on 2 separate occasions. The table theme is Ultra-Sound.
- To indicate Wyoming Knights of Columbus presence, we attended three annual fund raisers which each supported a local Pregnancy Center.
- Communications have begun with pro-life Wyoming legislators to initiate an Ultra Sound Bill for the 2016 legislature.
- We have attended, on behalf of the Wyoming Knights of Columbus, two sessions of 40 Days Prayer for life in front of the Planned Parenthood facility, Fort Collins Co.
- In January, 2015 Wyoming March for Life, Wyoming Council 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights and many Knights, friends and families were wonderfully represented in the Annual March for Life. Hats off to Wyoming Knights for your participation.
- The Wyoming Council participated in supporting the Pro- Life booth at the Wyoming State Fair. Knights donated three days in the fair booth.

Goshen County Right and Laramie County Right to Life are ecumenical groups in which we participate and support. We feel strongly that all who support life issues must co-ordinate efforts for our desired result: saving all life!

## CLOSING

Completing this mission and accomplishing our goals was an unbelievable experience. The mission, accomplishments and commitment to the life issues was confirmed in each center we visited. It also created awareness that without these centers the Knights' message of pro life would be very different. The best way we can communicate the need for these centers is to reiterate our beliefs that these centers are the defense against Planned Parenthood.

All Wyoming Knights' Counsels need to include active involvement in supporting a Pregnancy Center in Wyoming.

Included is a suggested activity for the Wyoming State Council Officers to consider which will address this issue of Council support.

"ADOPT A CENTER"

IT'S ALL ABOUT Life

Paul & Pat Novak

Pro-Life Couple



## ADOPT A CENTER

### SUGGESTED COUNCIL PRO-LIFE ACTIVITY

The Knights of Columbus remains firmly committed to defending the right to life for every human being. To focus on this commitment the Supreme Council has encouraged all Knights' Councils to conduct activities that incorporate their Ultra Sound Initiative. They specifically encourage each council to contact a pro-life pregnancy center. With this directive we are suggesting Knights take this one step further and each Wyoming Counsel ADOPT a pregnancy center.

To assist in this challenge the Wyoming centers and contact phone numbers are listed below. Activities your council might consider pursuing are also given below. PLEASE, BE CREATIVE!

#### WYOMING PREGNANCY CENTERS

<b>CASPER</b>	<b>CHEYENNE</b>	<b>CODY</b>	<b>GILETTE</b>
<i>True Care</i>	<i>Life Choices</i>	<i>Serenity</i>	<i>Women's Resource Center</i>
307-472-2810	307-632-6323	307-213-5025	307-685-2211
<b>JACKSON</b>	<b>LARAMIE</b>	<b>PINEDALE</b>	<b>RIVERTON</b>
<i>Turing Point</i>	<i>Heart to Heart</i>	<i>Pregnancy R. C</i>	<i>Abba's House</i>
307-733-5162	307-745-3444	307-367-7077	307-856-0999
<b>ROCK SPRINGS</b>	<b>SHERIDAN</b>		
<i>IN SIDE CONNECTION</i>	<i>Legacy</i>		
307-362-5217	307-673-4757		

#### ACTIVITIES

Prayer should support all pro-life activities

- Contact you center to be placed on their prayer list.
- Pray for the abortion minded/and all who have had abortions
- Pray for life, in your councils meetings
- Pray for the success of your center. Support fund raising (individual support and council)

## 2014-2015 Report of the State Church Director

Worthy State Secretary:

Please extend my fraternal greetings to Bishop Etienne, Fr. Ogg, the state officers and brother Knights. As I have other commitments this weekend, I am unable to attend this year's convention.

As my young family continues to grow, I have come to realize that my involvement in their busy lives has left me less time to devote to other functions. Needless to say, the state church director's position has not received the attention it deserves.

While it will be up to the next state deputy to select his church director, please exclude me from that consideration.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all councils for their continued efforts supporting the retired Clergy of Wyoming. It is only with the help of all the councils and parishes within the state that we are able to make the St. Joseph's Society raffle successful. I would encourage all councils to continue their support.

It is my hope that this year's convention is successful and productive. Congratulations to the Gillette council, as I'm sure they will host a very hospitable convention.

Vivat Jesus,

Grant Havens



**Knights of Columbus**  
WYOMING STATE COUNCIL



# Grand Knights Reports

## **GRAND KNIGHTS REPORT**

### **COUNCIL #1563**

January, 2014 Prepared breakfast for Clergy institute

Jan. 11-12, 2014 Baby Bottle hand-out after each mass (St. Anthony's)

Jan. 26-27, 2014 Baby Bottle hand-out after each mass (Lady of Fatima)

Feb. 4, 2014 Knights of Columbus Membership Drive (Info. Night)

Feb. 9, 2014 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree

April 11, 2014 Last Lenten Fish fry. Presented ARC of Natrona County and the Special Olympics the checks of \$450 from Tootsie Roll profit.

April 26-27, 2014 Distributed Fund Raising Brochures for True Care after each mass (Lady of Fatima)

May 31, 2014 Will be serving breakfast for True Care Walk For Life

July 15, 2014 Hung pictures of all past St. Anthony's priests and Wyoming Bishops in O'Reilly Hall.

July 18-19 2014 Sold tootsie Rolls at the Casper Cutthroats baseball game.

August 11, 2014 University of Wyoming Football Pool fundraiser began.

Oct. 12, 2014 Corporate Community Mass

Oct. 19, 2014 Ultra-sound fundraiser announcement at all masses

Nov. 1-2 Respect for Life Lifesavers initiative.

Dec. 13, 2014 Catered evening meal for Winter Convention.

Dec. 21, 2014 Honor guard for Christmas recorded mass.

Jan. 11, 2015 Baby bottle handout at St. Anthonies

Jan. 18, 2015 Baby bottle handout at Lady of Fatima

Jan. 26, 2015 Fundraising complete for Ultra-sound initiative (\$23,000 has been raised.)

Feb. 20, 2015Lenton Fish Fry (every Friday during Lent)



# Knights of Columbus

## WYOMING STATE COUNCIL



Phil Sheridan Council 2104 Sheridan, Wyoming

April 21, 2015

To Worthy State Deputy Joe Welte

I finish out my position as Grand Knight come this July hoping to have set a tone for the much needed desire men have to love and serve others. As Grand Knight of Sheridan council 2104 I am grateful for the opportunity to lead a group worthy to be called Knights of Columbus. Our council stands firm and on the move while engaged with many activities that feel guided by the Holy Spirit.

Our council fulfilled many of the usual opportunities to serve such as Life Save Sunday, First Communion breakfast, school supported breakfast, stations of the cross, etc. but this year saw a few knights responding and working as individuals on projects that required council support.

A year ago in my state deputy letter I mentioned we were ramping up to bring John Michael Talbot to Sheridan. The evening was a great inspiration for so many people getting to know John Michael Talbot's ministry for the first time. Our brother Vince Mockensturm headed this project with council support, a true spirit of light.

After many years sitting idle and a sign half completed, our right to life billboard finally went up on a piece of property owned by Father Ron Stolcis at a highway intersection with good traffic flow. Brother knights Steve Washut (DGK) and Greg Hampson(recorder) took the bull by the horns to finish erecting the sign to completion. Thank you gentlemen.

We have a brother knight, Greg Marshall who takes little credit but really is the heart and soul of bringing EWTN catholic radio to the Sheridan area. Greg saw a need to bring our catholic faith not only to the homebound but to all people willing to listen and learn about our savior Jesus Christ. The station is low frequency and is pretty much self-supported. The station antenna sits on top of the knights business office building with a cross towering over the city.

Our brother knight Dave Paullin did a nice presentation before the council asking for financial support to build a home in the Caribbean with Food for the Poor people. What Dave ended up with was more than we imagined. With funds collected we were able to support two homes and long list of amenities for each. Once again a brother knight saw a need and took it to an





# Knights of Columbus

## WYOMING STATE COUNCIL



International level. A report will come later as this project is in the construction phase.

Serving as Grand Knight these past 2 years made me realize the importance we can have to our priests and parish community. Engaging ourselves as knights and offering a hand is what it is all about. I made it known to the council that our hall should be available for use to our religious education, parish needs and school opportunities. When we allow the use of our hall we better inform people who we are and the good works we do. I believe many people think that the knights are old guys who gather to complain, wear blue aprons and flip pancakes now and then.

We have a good group of guys and need to keep the spirit alive and pray that men will take on the roles necessary to keep this service council alive. I believe if we help feed each other slowly by example and word, the absent men of our council will find a new face of the knights and a clearer understanding of love and service to our heavenly Father.

Sincerely,

Ken Weber G/K

Vivat Jesus





# Knights of Columbus

Frank Plemel Council 2441  
Box 764  
Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901

## Grand Knight report for Council 2241

This year we supported an Eagle Scout project for Nicholas Allen. We helped him by giving him money towards his project. The project that Nicholas did was to repaint the Memorial for the Unborn, that our council owns, in the cemetery in Rock Springs. Nicholas also put a bench there as part of his project. We had the honor guard for him when he received his Eagle award.

For Lent our council served fish dinners on Friday nights in the SCM parish center for the community to come to.

We also did a baby bottle campaign for the Inside Connections Pregnancy Center in Rock Springs. For this campaign we raised over \$5000.00. We have supported many activities of the church. And have a hand made cross project going on for the retired Priest fund that is in the beginning stages.

Brad Bettolo  
Grand Knight Council 2441

# Grand Knights Report 2015

## Council 2578

### Thermopolis, Wyoming

I am pleased to report that council #2578 is alive and kicking. After a dreadful spring of anticipating losing our charter because we had no members who wanted to serve as Financial Secretary or Grand Knight for the 2014-2015 year, new life began. Thanks to our Chaplin Father Hugo Blotsky and Ken Stockdale of Cody, our council not only survived but grew in membership and insurance members. I volunteered to be Grand Knight for one year and Thomas Schoenewald, who wanted to step down after six years, volunteered for another three year term as financial secretary. A total of 10 members were added to the council, five through 1<sup>st</sup> degree initiation and 5 through transfer. The following is a summary of our council 2578,s activities since July 1, 2014.

- Three 1<sup>st</sup> degree ceremonies held in Thermopolis; 1 by team and 2 by DVD
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> degree presented by team and hosted by Thermopolis Council
- Family open meeting for fellowship, inform family members of council activities, thank families for their support
- Gift certificates for all Mass servers
- Cooking and serving for the Parish Mass in Hot Springs State Park
- Two Parish after Mass pancake breakfasts as fundraisers and fellowship
- Knights serving at Mass as lectors, servers and ushers
- Supporting council 9917 Gun Raffle
- Sponsoring a food drive for the local food banks school Backpack Program
- Continuing the Wyoming Highway Cleanup 2 mile area
- Donation to Hot Springs County Special Olympics through Special Olympics Wyoming
- Donation to local H.O.P.E. Agency for domestic violence and sexual assault

Council 2578 hopes to present an even more productive report for the 2016 state convention.

Respectively,

Daniel Fahrenkrug, Grand Knight 2014-2015

Council 2578,



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



14 April 2014

Worthy State Deputy and Brother Knights,

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as Grand Knight for St. Laurence O'Toole, Laramie Council 2720 for this past year in both the capacity of Grand Knight. With the help of my Brother Knight and Officers we have been able to continue to serve our community, ensuring that our projects, activities, and the needs of our parish community were fully met and completed. Their selfless service to our faith, our catholic school, and our community serve as a shining example of what being a Knight really means.

Since the last Annual Report, which ended in April of last year, our Council has remained active in our efforts to recruit new membership to our ranks. To date we were successful in attracting three good men to join Council 2720, bestowing upon them the Order of the First Degree. And we look forward to welcoming three more Catholic gentlemen into our council in May. With the help of the Cheyenne Degree Team we were able to host a successful Second and Third Degree, at which eight of our brothers took part. In November we host an Exemplification of the Fourth Degree. Nineteen brother Knights from the Eastern part of the state travel to Laramie to participate.

We have held a monthly meeting for each month of this year. Our Council participates in the Family of the Month, a lollipop drive to benefit the Heart-to-Heart Pregnancy Center, as well as selling our "Keep Christ in Christmas" cards during the Christmas holiday season.

As a community service project, and in our commitment to be a good steward of God's many blessings, we held our annual bi-parish picnic, bringing together, and feeding, about 500 people. We carried this stewardship forward, holding food drive for those in our community who are less fortunate, "40 Cans for 40 Days" raised at total of 2265 pounds of food. The donations were delivered to Interfaith Good Samaritan and the Laramie Soup Kitchen.

Throughout the year we have hosted multiple Knights of Columbus breakfasts and had the opportunity to help with Campus Ministries, who began an annual banquet called the "Hunger Banquet" which illustrates how the poor of the world survive on so little. We also participate in the Lenten Ladles project.

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 Joshua E. Boudreau  
Laramie Council 2720



# Knights of Columbus

## WYOMING STATE COUNCIL



Knights of Columbus  
Shoshone Council 3043  
Powell, Wyoming  
Grand Knight Report - 2014

Another successful year has come and gone. Our council had several fun events. The action started with the fifth annual "Harvest Dinner" that was held in November of this year and included a live auction of home baked goods. This event generated over \$1,000.00 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 cooking and serving breakfast on the second Sunday of each month. Good food and fellowship is also a product of this tradition.

Every spring, our council hosted a free throw contest. This event has shown to be our fastest growing function. In years past the average participating count was nine kids. This year we had forty young participants. Our new Chairman for this event did a wonderful job capitalizing on creative advertising and exposure. We even had some of our local kids qualify for state.

Another spring event we call the "Spring Clean Up" is on the calendar. This is a work day scheduled by the Knights offering 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. Our council averages about a thousand dollars in charitable funds with this program.

The "Soup Friday" is a meal we offer every Friday during Lent. This event allows us to feed about sixty to seventy people and makes a great venue for fellowship and donations. The Friday Soup is usually after a Lenten Mass and Stations of the Cross follows.

Our Council also sponsors a scholarship program that thus far is assisting in the education of our youth population here at St. Barb's church.

One of our newest events is the "Powell Pony Race" the Knights developed two years ago. This is an event that offers food, fellowship and an interactive pony race for all ages. This year will be our third year hosting this event and it proved to show growth and potential. We usually raise about three thousand dollars and enjoy a full day of fun and excitement. This year we are working with a local farm and ranch store that is owned by a fellow Knight and expect it to be a fun event. The pony racers aged from two to twelve years in age. Our goal is to grow this event into a major fundraiser and grow in community participation.

Our council has made financial contributions to several community programs such as the Dano Camp, Knights in Need, scholarships, and people within and outside our parish. The Shoshoni Council is also blessed with a large number of Knights who go above and beyond on a personal level to contribute to folks in need. I have been blessed to be part of several efforts by these Knights

to offer personal financial assistance to those who can use a little help. I have also learned of Knights who purchase food for families in our community who may be struggling.

Our council is also showing support for a mobile ultra sound program that has been presented to us. We have agreed to support this program and have been working close with its chairman for further progress to be made.

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

John T. Silva

Grand Knight.

Knights of Columbus  
Father DeSmet Council #3332  
Buffalo, Wyoming

Grand Knight Report  
Blaine Horn

Father DeSmet Council #3332 finished the 2013-2014 year by having a First degree ceremony in May where we welcomed two new members to the Knights and our Council.

Brother Ross Elliott installed a 'Right to Life' sign along HWY 16W on the west edge of Buffalo. This is the second of these signs that he has installed, the other one is located on the St John the Baptist church grounds along Hart Street (US HWY 16E).

We began the 2014-2015 year as we did last year by frying hamburgers for participants to the Ecumenical Service to honor First Responders held on 6 July at Washington Park in Buffalo.

Our Council continues to help with the Buffalo Senior Center's Meals on Wheels program by delivery meals every Thursday noon throughout the year.

We offered breakfasts following the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses the first Sunday of the month beginning in September. We have two teams doing this so no one has to help with it but once every two months. These have been well attended, especially following the 8:00 a.m. Masses and Father Pete has informed us as to how well he appreciates us doing this as he is big on Parishioners having opportunities to get to know each other. We do not charge for these breakfasts but ask for a free-will donation. However, the receipts have more than paid for the supplies. We will finish the year with a breakfast for First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We view this breakfasts as our effort towards the "Building of the Domestic Church" as they have provided a venue for fellowship among St John the Baptist Church Parishioners.

Our Past Grand Knights dinner was held in November with leg of lamb as the main dish prepared by one of our Brother Knights. It was the best attended dinner in quite some time. We were glad to have attend this dinner our new District Deputy Mike Fulton. Grand Knight Blaine reported on the results of a study he is doing looking at timing and amount of precipitation and resultant rangeland forage production.

In December we held an Advent Social for Brother Knights and their spouses or significant other. The Social was well attended an indication it was a mistake to not have had it the year before.

In November the Parish had a spaghetti feed in which the Knights set up the tables and chairs in the Parish Hall for. While we were doing this a Mr. Victor Hannuneh arrived to set up his display of olive wood Christian carvings and asked if the Knights would be willing to purchase an item to raffle off as a fund raiser. We decided to do so and purchased a very nice Crèche for \$479. We sold \$903 in raffle tickets for this and drew the winning ticket at the Parish's Advent Dinner in December. Due to the success of this raffle we will probably do it again this coming year if Mr. Hannuneh returns to our Parish to sell olive wood carvings prior to Advent.

Our annual fish fry and main fund raiser was held on Shrove Tuesday. We served about 600 people this year which was better than the last few years. Due to a structural problem with the Parish Hall we had to move the fish fry to the Community Building on the County Fairgrounds. Although this was a bit of an inconvenience as we had to haul our cooking and serving utensils from the hall to this building it turned out to be a blessing in disguise. The Community Building is larger than our Parish Hall and thus can accommodate more people. This resulted in folks staying longer to visit as they did not feel they had to leave to make room for others and enjoyed the event even more so. We are seriously considering to have the fish fry at this site in the future.

One of the main beneficiaries from the funds received from our fish fry is at least one Catholic High School Graduating Senior as we award a \$1000 scholarship. We again awarded two scholarships as we had sufficient funds to do so; \$1000 to one applicant and \$500 to another applicant.

In mid-March we held our Free throw contest for youth 9 – 14 at the Middle School gym. There were 14 boys and three girls that competed. All participants received a participation certificate and the winners of each boys' and girls' age group received a Champion certificate and a plaque with their name engraved on it. This was the first year in many that we gave out plaques and they were well received by the youth. Two of the boys' champions were able to attend the State competition in Casper and came away as Champions of that event.

We donated \$50 to the Knights of Columbus Charities for Christian refugees in the Middle East.

We donated \$100 to the local YMCA to assist with their maintenance fund.

We donated \$200 to the Diocese seminarian fund.

We donated \$50 to the Cooper Schroefel fund. These funds are to help his family offset the medical costs for Cooper. Cooper has a rare brain disorder that has required multiple surgeries.

Grand Knight Blaine completed the three online training modules offered by Praesidium's *Armatus* to satisfy the Order's Safe Environment Program.

Council #3332 will continue to provide man power for setting up tables and chairs for funerals, dinners and other activities at St John the Baptist and continue to strive to do our best for our Parish and Priest, and our Community. In addition, Council members have contributed nearly 60 hours in community service to our local American Legion. This will continue into the New Year as well.





# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

Monsignor James Ruddy  
Council 3477  
Gillette, Wyoming

April 10th, 2014

Worth State Deputy and Brother Knights

Our council had a busy year since the last State Convention and we are excited and honored to host the 2015 State Convention in Gillette. The funds that we raise during our social event and silent auction will go to assist St. John Paull II Catholic School.

I would like to draw your attention to a number of the highlights of our year. Our Council put together once again our Smokin' on the Prairie Kansas City Barbeque Contest serving more than 700 people of our community a tasty barbeque treat. This event raised in excess of \$15,000.00 of which supports much of our charitable giving with three of the main charities being the Women's Resource Center (helping young mothers to choose life); Close to Home Hospice and Hospitality House and the Yes House (Youth Emergency Services for children at risk). This event alone has over 40% of our council members working side by side. A great brother experience.

We are very privileged to have one of our own brothers Andrew Kinstetter become a Deacon. God willing this will be a "transitional diaconate", on to a priestly ordination next year. Andrew was fortunate to come into possession of Monsignor Gerald Sullivan's chalice and paten and our council paid to have it refurbished for that time when Andrew is ordained a priest.

Our fifth Sunday breakfast charities this year provide funds for the RSVP program, Military Chaplin's Scholarship Fund.

We host a family social on the first Thursday of every month and also hold a men's social on the fifth Thursday of a month to share our lives in a social only setting. Our Christmas social is the time when we invite the St. Mathews Parish and St. John Paull II teachers and staff. We also collect warm hats, gloves and mittens to give to the Council of Community Services during this social.

Our Council participated in Respect Life Sunday lollipop sales, tootsie roll sales and Sanctity of Human Life Sunday by passing out baby bottles for parishioners to fill with their pocket chains. We participated in the Keep Christ in Christmas program and this year we started the Light a Tree Program for Christmas and expect this to grow to a large church event.

Our Council prepared a Parish Family Meal for all those involved in our church ministries and provided four meals this year for our youth groups.

We held our annual Wives Appreciation Night near Valentine's Day, hosted the Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose and had a winning float in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

Our Council sponsored a breakfast for our graduating seniors and granted \$2000 in scholarships to Catholic men and women attending college

Each Year we provide a scholarship for a needy student at St. John Paul II and donate to the Springfest fund raiser. This year we also helped the staff at the school by removing carpet from class rooms, it was glued on so it was physical and during the summer heat!

Our assembly 1651 held a fourth degree social, put on a Blue Mass and participated in honor guard for Blue Mass Midnight Mass, Ash Wednesday, Easter Vigil, Confirmation and numerous funerals throughout the year.

There is so much more this council has been involved in but this should provide you with a good summary of our year.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully

Craig D. Grassel  
Grand Knight, Council 3447



# Knights of Columbus

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

## Report of the Grand Knight April, 2015

This year, as we near the end of another fraternal year, we are proud to announce the formation of Round Table within Wyoming Catholic College. Currently 10 young men have expressed interest in joining the Knights and form 100's are being collected and we should have 1<sup>st</sup> degrees for these future Knights sometime in late April, early May.

Our sales of Safeway and Mr. D's gift cards continue to be a great success bringing in \$400+ per month, providing funds to support our council's programs and outreach.

Church activities this year was kicked off with some of our brother Knights restriping the church parking lot and designated handicap parking area. Over 40 hours of labor went into this much needed task and the results are great! Our annual Keep Christ in Christmas billboard provided over a month of silent witness to the real meaning of Christmas to our community. Many of our brothers and their families continue to be a vital part of our Sunday liturgy as ushers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and altar servers giving hundreds of hours of their time in the service of Our Lord and parish community.

Our participation within our local community continues as well. Highway clean-up days brought out not only Knights but many volunteers from the church and college as well. Financial assistance was provided to the Special Olympics and presented during one of our meetings, giving us a chance to meet with the organizer and a couple of contestants. This year we also celebrated 40 years of participation in the Knight's tootsie roll sales with 105 cases being sold. Brother Knights reached out to those in need this past Christmas with manual labor filling and delivering Christmas baskets to the needy.

Reaching out to the families of our parish through family activities during the year included participation in the parish & college fall picnic. The Knights provided a stupendous cookout with plenty of brats, burgers, sides and trimmings, all served up with a heaping helping of smiles and good cheer! Lent provided us with the opportunity to once again to bring families together in celebration of Lent and the family by providing weekly Friday fish fries and Sunday morning brunches during the season. The weekly Coffee & Rolls, following the Sunday Mass, is regularly provided by brother Knights, providing a chance for parishioners to regularly meet and get acquainted/reacquainted. Mother's day we will once again provide carnations to all mothers at each Mass and a Mother's Brunch after the Sunday Mass.

Youth activities and events this year included our continued presence and support of those going to World Youth Day by providing personnel to man the concession booths at the Pioneer Days Rodeo. This is the single largest fund raiser for WYD, providing thousands of dollars towards travel costs for those attending. This year we have opened up the Knight's Hall, not only to our youth group, providing a quiet space for their monthly Adoration, Praise and Worship service, but also to the Religious Education program's pre-school class which began this year. For the younger generation, we continue to put on our annual Santa's visit after the Christmas Vigil Mass and an Easter Egg hunt after the Easter Sunday Mass.

Finally, let us not forget those of our brothers serving in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Honor Guard whose presence and spirit is an invaluable asset to our church community; Providing Honor Guard for funerals, Wyoming Catholic College's Convocation and Bachelorette Masses, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion and Confirmation Masses,

Vivat Jesus,

Michael Lewis  
Grand Knight

Our council had a very eventful year from 2014-15. We said goodbye to our priest, Father Steve Titus and hello to Fr. Bill Hill almost in the same week in July. It seemed to be the fastest goodbye and hello dinners in history.

We gave out seven scholarships to senior high school students from Glenrock and Douglas, helped deliver Christmas boxes of food to needy families and sold Christmas trees. Our Knights choir sang for all the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday masses, as well.

We also cleaned a two mile section of I 25 West of Douglas. In our spare time we put on four pancake breakfasts, co-sponsored with St. James and St Louis Churches and raised funds for a wheelchair for the disabled. During Lent we held four fish fries, two in Glenrock and two in Douglas for our scholarship funds.

Thanks go out to other state councils for your donations and help at our annual Wyoming State Fair Right to Life Booth. We look forward to your continued help again this coming year. We also raffled off a fancy handmade birdhouse created by one of our brother Knights. The raffle raised over \$300.00 for the state priest retirement fund. We were saddened by the loss of our longtime, Brother Knight, George Ovecká.

We are staying busy with our recruiting of members and supporting our church activities, such as our choir singing and the giving out of roses on Mother's Day.

Our best goes out to all the councils at this year's Wyoming State Convention.

Foster Green

Grand Knight, Council 6558

Douglas/Glenrock

Vivat Jesus





# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Torrington  
Council  
# 6623

**Grand Knight's Report**  
**Torrington Council #6623**  
**April 25, 2015**

Torrington Council #6623 has continued to be very strong during 2014 and 2015 year with many activities being funded and run by our council members. Our main fund raiser is our Monday night Bingo and this event continues to be very strong and is growing. Our Bingo is currently supervised by council brothers Paul Puebla and Delfino Martinez and many others. With this we are able to assist our council, the church our youth, families and community. Problem areas still include recruitment and retaining members.

**YOUTH**

The council still has the annual Tootsie Roll Drive since the retirement of Leland Vetter, Lou Kuhnel has accepted the position and has done very well. The drive is run in Mid-May by 20-plus Knights and includes our St. Leo's Round table in Lusk. Because of our up-dated bingo the demand for this operation is highly in demand. There is no charge for non-profit organizations.

**Community**

Our right to life activity is funded by the Breakfast which is held at St. Rose of Lima Social Hall in the Month of January. This function is supervised by Brother Tim Pieper and his crew. After expenses are met; a portion is used to maintain the Pro Life Signs throughout Goshen County and the Right to Life organization in Goshen County. The council also assists the Goshen County Task Force against Family Violence.



## **Church**

Our council is deeply involved with the religious education of our youth. With the use of the bingo program and the use of the concessions the youth have been able to attend the youth ministry camp at Nortra Dame University in the Month of June. The change in these youths is tremendous which makes the council very proud and honored.

## **Family**

We help fund the Domestic Violent Task Force of Goshen County each and every year through money we raise with Bingo and other events we hold thought out the year. And we hold these events at St. Rose of Lima Social Hall in Torrington. We also help the Guadalupe organization and the C.C.W. with money we raise with Bingo. We help all these organizations after all our expenses are met.

## **Council**

We have our Round-Table at St. Leo's in Lusk and we the council maintains very close relationship all year long. The council in Torrington is very proud of St. Leo's in Lusk and the people of the church.

**In Summary:** Council #6623 of Torrington is very strong. With the strength of our current members and the determination the council is accomplishing many things in many areas of our Community. We are proud Knights of Torrington Council #6623, and will stand strong in all the activities we do.

Jose R. Landeros, Jr., Grand Knight Council #6623



Knights of Columbus  
Wyoming Council 7453  
Grand Knights Report

2014-15 was a very successful year for the Monsignor James Godley Council 7453. As a council, we donated over 4000 hours of volunteer hours and over \$5500 in charitable contributions. We have made a concerted effort to increase our visibility within our Parish. We include in the Parish Bulletin a weekly newsletter highlighting our activities and inviting the Parish members to join in community.

During the past fiscal year, our Council has brought in thirteen new and/or transferred members. Our degree teams conducted two 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree exemplifications, and three 4<sup>th</sup> Degrees.

Our council presented two college scholarships (\$500 and \$750) in honor of Aaron Palm, a deceased member of our Order.

Our Church activities included:

**Honor Guard for Confirmation and Bishop visits.**

**Tuxedo Sundays – second Sunday each month.**

**Protection of the Unborn – participated in a Human Chain prayer line along Unita Drive for 1 hour of prayer for the unborn.**

**Distributed Palms on Palm Sunday, Flowers on Mother's Day, and American Flags for Veteran's Day and honored our Veterans during the Church Service.**

**Planted trees throughout the Church property for Fr. Denis.**

**Kicked off Advent with a blessing of the Nativity Scene and coffee/hot chocolate/cupcakes and donuts afterward.**

**Lit Luminaries along the Church property and around the Nativity Scene before each Advent Evening Mass as a reminder of the Advent Preparation season.**

**Donated \$5000 for the repair of the Church roof.**

Our community activities included:

**Cook-outs, breakfasts and dinners.** We participate each year in the Flaming Gorge Days and Riverfest activities in Green River, cooking a variety of meals from burgers and brats to spaghetti. During Lent we cook our Friday evening Fish Fry and on Sunday mornings, our Lenten Breakfasts. We cook burgers and hot dogs for the Parish Picnic.

Our Council donated our food and cooking skill in support of the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Immaculate Conception Summer Festival. This event raised over \$2000 for the Parish capital improvement fund. These activities highlight our presence in the community and we have been told how people look forward to our cook-outs.

We boiled and colored over 70 dozen Easter Eggs and filled over 36 dozen plastic eggs in our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. We had over 100 kids from ages 0 to 12 years of age – who in less than 15 minutes scoured the Church property collecting the eggs. Quite a show!

Our council participates in the Highway Clean-up campaign and dedicated over 13 hours cleaning the interstate coming into Green River.

Our community charities included:

**Food for the Poor** collection – we donated over 570 lbs. of food to the Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen.

**Coats for Kids** – we donated over 60 coats to local kids in need.

**Elementary School Backpack Program** – we donated over \$250 in food for the local elementary school program.

We donated \$1500 to the **Aaron Palm High School Senior scholarship program**.

**Special Olympics** – we donated \$100 to the Special Olympics.

**Military Chaplin's Fund** – we donated \$100 to the Military Chaplin's fund.

**Stop Persecution of Christians in Ukraine and Iran** – donated \$200.

**Living and Giving in Christ** – Donated \$500.

**Priest's Retirement Fund** – We sold our remaining "7 Wonders of Wyoming" coffee table books with those donations going to the Priest's Retirement Fund. We sold more books than the Rock Spring's Chamber of Commerce and now must have the books delivered to our church instead. We advertise the Gun-A-Week Raffle in our KofC weekly newsletter and have seen good Parishioner participation.

The Knights of Columbus can serve as the voice of the Church in social awareness, and our Council does that. As part of our weekly newsletter, we bring awareness to such things as International World Day of Peace, Pilgrimage for life (which several of our Knights attended), Prayer Day for Religious Freedom, to name a few.

Members of our Council march in the annual March for Life in Cheyenne. We stood in silent prayer vigil along Unita Drive for one hour praying for the unborn and a change in government's support of abortion.

We honored our Veterans by handing out American Flags to the Parishioners at each of the weekend Masses, and spoke from the podium to have them rise and be applauded for their service to country and community.

To Keep Christ in Christmas, we not only sold the magnets and pins, but we had a Nativity Celebration on the First Weekend of Advent Sunday evening Mass where Father Denis blessed the KofC Nativity Scene.

This has been a year of active involvement and visibility – with hopes of gaining Parish interest in joining the Knights. Our Membership drives were not successful, but we still were able to bring in 13 new/transferred members. As Grand Knight, I will continue to keep our activities and presence visible.

Yours truly,

Vic Braman, Grand Knight, Council 7453.

Viva Jesus!



# Knights of Columbus

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. Our monthly meeting follows.

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

We sponsor a golf tournament in May or June.

We assist the CCW with their fall dinner.

The proceeds of these endeavors go to specific needs of our parish community. 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. We built a ramp for a handicapped parishioner. We also serve lunch after the outdoor mass celebrated at Our Lady of Peace shrine.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Plover".

Robert Plover

# Knights of Columbus

## Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity 2014-15

CCD/Y-Disciple: The Knights again committed to helping with the senior junior/high school CCD program.

It has been a great opportunity for us to involve our youth in unity with the Knights of Columbus.

Five Brothers have developed and directed St Mary Magdalen's youth program to include the great pilot program called Y-Disciple, the study of the Saints and youth activities like Christmas Caroling. The Y-Disciple program is a nationwide program on the discussion of being a youth leader and evangelists in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Our youth have really enjoyed the program.

We have two Bingo nights, one in Nov. and one in April. These have been very popular with our parish and community. Our proceeds go toward our Charity and Scholarship programs.

This year we had our annual Christmas Caroling night with the youth group and let them invite friends from other denominations. We had in excess of 40 youth. Our visits where at the Worland Rehab and Retirement center, Bee Hive assisted living center and the Big Horn Enterprise's Housing center was great fun.

In January we had a pancake supper with all the trimmings for members and anyone in the Parish interested in becoming an Knight. It was a lot of fun and a good turnout. We had two visitors as well. One of our visitors did become a Brother Knight. That was great.

Our March meeting was full of fun and activities. First of all we had a trout and catfish supper for our members and for our new member. The fish and side dishes were restaurant quality and little leftovers. After the supper we installed our newest member using the DVD program for 1<sup>st</sup>. Degree Installation. We then had our meeting and listened to a presentation by Brian Dever on Knights insurance.

Three of our members will judge the college scholarship applications for the Knights, Parish and CCW.

In May we will have our annual HWY cleanup and BBQ program.

We will have a special Bingo afternoon for all of the 6<sup>th</sup> graders in the dist. The school furnishes the prizes and 2 or 3 Knights do the bingo. What an afternoon that turns out to be, lots of fun.

The Brothers have revived the cinnamon roll and coffee fund raiser for support of our two seminarians that we are supporting. We have this on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday from Oct through May. We have been selling out again.

David Mischke

Grand Knight

Council 8635

Knights of Columbus  
Council 9431  
Grand Knight Annual Report

Our council participated in many wonderful events this year and were able to contribute to many different causes. As we have done for many years, we ended our fiscal year with the Bar J Chuckwagon Dinner in support of our local Pregnancy Resource Center, Turning Point. Last year the Bar J Event raised over \$19,000 dollars which brought our total since 2011 to over \$82,000. In addition to supporting Turning Point, we were also able to provide financial assistance to eleven seminarians (through the RSVP Program), provide scholarships to several local high schoolers, and continued our support of the St. Joseph's Society retired priest fund.

We invite all our Brother Knights from around the state to come join us this year for another delightful night at the Bar J Chuckwagon. The event will be held May 26 here in Jackson. Tickets are available through our two delegates at the Convention or via email at [kofcjackson@gmail.com](mailto:kofcjackson@gmail.com).

A huge thank you to the Gillette Council for hosting the State Convention this year and I am very sorry to not have been able to attend myself.

Chris Jaubert  
Grand Knight  
Council 9431

## Grand Knights Report 2015

In 1989 we formed the Bindl Council 10027 in Fort Bridger, we currently have 29 members. We have added one new 3rd degree member and 6 new 4th degrees.

We have monthly meetings the 3rd Sunday excluding the summer months.

Our main fund raiser is doing bingo on Tuesday nights.

We are in good standing with our State and Supreme councils financial and paper work.

Our church activities consist of cooking breakfast on the fifth Sunday of the month.

We help cook breakfast for the community during Labor Day weekend.

We help the C.C.W. during the Lucky 17 St. Patrick's Day smorgasbord and raffle.

We help support the church by doing repairs inside as well as outside.

We help keep the grounds clean and neat.

We give a \$500 scholarship to a high school senior from our congregation to use towards their college education.

We support our seminarians with \$500 thru the RSVP program.

We also donated to Father Jaime's mission in Columbia.

We donated \$440 for 2 cases of coats for the Coats For Kids program.

We sold Keep Christ in Christmas magnets during the holidays.

We honor a family a month during mass with a certificate.

We helped finish building the picnic pavilion by wiring outlets and lights, purchasing bbq grills, cooking hardware and picnic tables.

We helped pay for siding of the church and added a new outside storage area which included insulation, lighting and shelves.

All in all we stay very active in our church and community.

Father Tim has our total support and gratitude





# Knights of Columbus

## WYOMING STATE COUNCIL



SNOWY RANGE COUNCIL NO. 11291  
Saratoga, Wyoming 82331  
April 11, 2014

RE: The Grand Knights Report to the State Convention

Though small, the Saratoga Snowy Range Chapter of the Knights of Columbus continues to be an integral part of the Platte Valley community. Unfortunately, our efforts to recruit new members has not produced any results this year, but we are still able to provide assistance to St. Ann's church and the valley community.

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, support the museums 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 1000 pounds of processed and wrapped meat to people in need. Hunters and outfitters paid for all of the processing, while our job was to request, secure and deliver the wild game to the community pantry. Three knights participated in this effort again this year, providing a valuable service to those in need in our community.

Our major church activities included supporting a seminarian and providing help for our priest, Father Joey Beaucamino. Our cost for these projects was over \$1100.

We have made an ongoing commitment to a Wound Warriors Project by supporting the Trout Unlimited effort to provide a superior outing for Wyoming Warriors to enjoy the Platte River Valley --fishing and feasting. Our donation is \$500.

To fund our charitable projects and council activities, we rely heavily on profits from recycling aluminum cans. Using a heavy-duty crusher, we smashed over 4000 pounds of cans that Platte Valley neighbors place in our collections trailers, making \$3334. 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.

Our family activity is the annual parish picnic. Five knights set up the park for Mass, cooked and served a picnic meal for the sixty or so parishioners in attendance. Our cost was \$395.

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. Ten knights helped with the preparation, serving and clean-up. We served 130 dinners and made \$300 at the event. Our goal is not fund raising but community spirit.

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 to continue for at least the next year. The priests gather for the tournament at the Old Baldy Club Golf course and afterwards we barbeque steaks for them at St. Ann's. Five knights helped serve the twelve grateful priests.

Respectfully submitted

Robert V. Johnson, Grand Knight



**Knights of Columbus**  
WYOMING STATE COUNCIL



# State Award Committee Reports



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WYOMING STATE COUNCIL

April 24, 2015

Worthy State Secretary,

The Wyoming State Deputy has created a Wyoming State Council Awards Committee and has delegated to it the authority to select the winners of several state-level awards.

May the record reflect that the committee met this morning and made the following selections from among all worthy applications and nominations.

Council Activities Award — Council 2578, Thermopolis

Community Activities Award — Council 10027, Ft. Bridger

Church Activities Award — Council 3237, Riverton

Family Activities Award — Council 4031, Cody

Culture of Life Activities Award — Council 801, Cheyenne

Youth Activities Award — Council 2578, Thermopolis

Knight of the Year — Jim Storey, Cheyenne

Family of the Year — John and Maggie Cosner, Gillette

The Tootsie Roll Sales Award (for last year, 2014), which is earned without committee deliberation, goes to Council 3477 Gillette.

Fraternally,

William J. Briere

Chairman

Wyoming State Council Awards Committee



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# STATE COUNCIL SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS

## ENTRY FORM

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**CATEGORY (MARK ONE):**



**CHURCH**



**FAMILY**



**COMMUNITY**



**CULTURE OF LIFE**



**COUNCIL**



**YOUTH**

**FROM: GRAND KNIGHT:** Mike Greff **TELEPHONE NUMBER:** 307-857-4606

**E-MAIL** Michael D Greffe@hotmail.com

**COUNCIL NAME** Wind River **NUMBER:** 3237

**LOCATION:** Riverton WY  
(TOWN OR CITY) (STATE OR PROVINCE)

**Project Title:** Knights of Columbus Lenten Breakfast

**Date Project Conducted:** Feb. 22 thru Mar 29 2015

**Purpose of Activity:** (In the space provided below, describe in one sentence the purpose of this activity. This section must be completed.)

To serve the parish a pancake breakfast, every Sunday of Lent, and raise money for the seminarian fund.

**Number of council members participating in project:** ..... 26-28

**Percentage of council members participating in project:** ..... 20 %

**Number of man hours expended in project:** ..... 540

**Chairman's Name:** Jeff J Schieffer **Telephone Number:** 307 851-5816

**Mailing Address:** top of the hill auto repair 70@hotmail.com

**E-mail Address:** 400 S. 4th W. St. Riverton WY 82501

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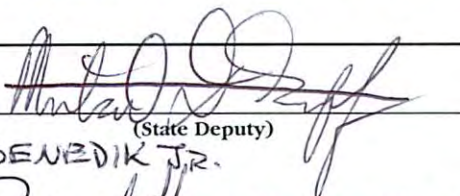
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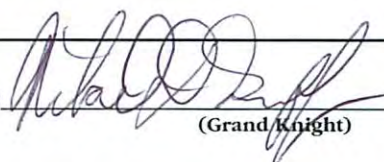
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Start up crew shows up about 6:00 AM every Sunday during Lent. Half start setting up tables and chairs. Tables are set with K.C. place mats (we figure this is a good opportunity to maybe get some men in the parish interested in the knights). Other half of crew starts frying Sausage, making pancake batter, and scrambling eggs. We start serving breakfast at 8:00 AM but the big crowds show up after the 8:00 and 10:00 masses. Palm Sunday usually is the biggest Sunday. All total over the 6 different Sundays 26-28 members participate. The project took in a gross total of \$4335.00. Expenses came to \$2091.28. With a net profit of \$2243.72 to be donated to the seminarians fund. Work hours totaling between 540 and 560 seems like a lot of time but if one weighs that against the amount of fellowship that goes on, it is a small price to pay. Everyone that is involved enjoys it, from the knights to the parish. Father also likes to come eat the pancakes. We expect to do it again next year. We will choose that benefactor at a later date.

ATTEST:

  
(State Deputy)

Signed:

  
(Grand Knight)

John E. BENEDIK JR.

John E. Benedik Jr.  
State Deputy Elect

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CATEGORY (MARK ONE):

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CULTURE OF LIFE

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YOUTH

FROM: GRAND KNIGHT: Ronald Niemi TELEPHONE NUMBER: 307-782-3763

E-MAIL maudiuch@bvea.net

COUNCIL NAME Bindl NUMBER: 10027

LOCATION: Fort Bridger WY  
(TOWN OR CITY) (STATE OR PROVINCE)

Project Title: St. Helen's Family Pavilion

Date Project Conducted: 07/01/2014

Purpose of Activity: (In the space provided below, describe in one sentence the purpose of this activity. This section must be completed.)

To make a picnic social area next to the church for the parishioners of St. Helen's Church and the rest of the communities of Bridger Valley.

Number of council members participating in project: ..... 7

Percentage of council members participating in project: ..... 30 %

Number of man hours expended in project: ..... 48

Chairman's Name: Peter Roitz Telephone Number: 307-780-7490

Mailing Address: 3285 CR 219 Fort Bridger, WY 82933

E-mail Address: proitz@hotmail.com

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Father Jaime Bueno and the parish council of St. Helen's church thought it would be nice if there were a location that the members of St. Helen's Parish and the rest of the communities in Bridger Valley could use for social gatherings, picnics, cook outs, etc.

The Bindl Council 10027 proceeded to make this happen. The council members got together and came up with ideas for location, name, design and costs. Father Jaime and the parish council decided that the location would be behind the church. The Councils design was accepted. Father Jaime wanted the name of the location to be called "St. Helen's Family Pavilion". Cost would run around \$7,000.00.

Everything started out great when one of our previous Knights (Dan Rinker) who now lives in Morristown, Arizona, donated \$5000.00 for the construction of the pavilion in memory of his late wife (Betty Rinker). That left about \$2,000.00 to raise for the completion of the project. The Knights and parishioners of St. Helen's came up with the remaining monies.

A contractor was enlisted to do the actual construction. The pavilion was built starting with a 20'x30' cement slab. 6"x6" posts were installed on the corners and middle of the long side of the pavilion. To those posts, a gable metal roof was installed to cover the pavilion. Diagonal corners of the pavilion were studded and sided with metal siding for support and protection from the wind and weather. These corners were where the food could be placed, heated and prepared.

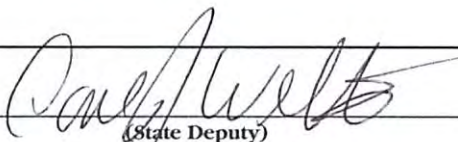
The Knights purchased and picked up ten (10) all weather picnic tables from Salt Lake City for seating along with two (2) gas barbecues for cooking.

Knights of Columbus members installed electricity to the pavilion from the church's main electrical panel. They then proceeded to wire the pavilion with lights and outlets.

The pavilion was such a success that we are considering pouring more concrete to increase the eating area and making it more accessible for the handicap.

Father Jaime is no longer with us in Fort Bridger, but our new priest Father Tim Martinson will really enjoy the pavilion.

ATTEST:

  
(State Deputy)

Signed:

Ronald Niemi

(Grand Knight)

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**COMMUNITY**

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**CULTURE OF LIFE**

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**COUNCIL**

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**YOUTH**

**FROM: GRAND KNIGHT:** Dan Fahrenkrug **TELEPHONE NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL** Financial Secretary Thomas Schoenewald tj.schoenewald@bresnan.net

**COUNCIL NAME** Monsignor Philip Krass **NUMBER:** 2578

**LOCATION:** Thermopolis **WY**  
(TOWN OR CITY) (STATE OR PROVINCE)

**Project Title:** Building the Council

**Date Project Conducted:** 07/14/2014

**Purpose of Activity:** (In the space provided below, describe in one sentence the purpose of this activity. This section must be completed.)

The purpose of the project was to save the council's charter, find a grand knight, find financial secretary and grow the council.

**Number of council members participating in project:** ..... 15

**Percentage of council members participating in project:** ..... 50 %

**Number of man hours expended in project:** ..... 30

**Chairman's Name:** Thomas Schoenewald **Telephone Number:** 307 864-3213

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 549 Thermopolis WY 82443

**E-mail Address:** tj.schoenewald@bresnan.net

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July 15, 2014 was only one date of this ongoing project. Three months before, Council 2578 faced loosing their charter. The Grand Knight was moving to take on a new career, the financial secretary had served two terms and was ready to "retire", and no other third degree knight was willing to step forward to take charge. Then, by chance, 2578's chaplain Father Hugh Blotsky, happened to mention to Supreme Council member Ken Stockwell of Cody Wyoming that 2578 was preparing to fold. Once Ken found out what the situation was there was no turning back. The phone calls and emails came on a regular basis. A meeting was set with the chaplain, Ken, financial secretary and council member Dan Fahrenkrug. Instead of advising us how to disband, Ken advised on how to grow. The wheels were set in motion and there was plenty of grease. Instead of folding, council 2578 was destined to reach a membership level it hadn't seen in 10 years. Meetings with Father Blotsky, letters to prospective members and family members to a council picnic, and phone calls by Dan. Dan volunteered to be Grand Knight for a year and was voted in. The financial secretary agreed to stay on as financial secretary and was successfully reappointed. With a Grand Knight and Financial Secretary, plus Ken's help, the council took on new life. On July 15 council 2578 hosted a 1st degree ceremony with Degree Team Council 4031 conducting the degree ceremony. Six new members with three for 2578 were inducted. The momentum continued with 2578 conducting two additional 1st Degree Ceremonies by DVD. 2578 then sponsored a 2nd and 3rd Degree Ceremony in November and two of the new members became 3rd Degree. Throughout this time into January 2015 another five members joined 2578 through transfer. In seven months the council grew from 23 members to 33. 2578 sponsored two pancake breakfasts as fund-raisers and was able to donate funds to Hot Springs County Special Olympics. Christmas gifts for Mass servers. and repair of the 10 Commandments monument lettering. Monthly meetings are well attended. 2578,s February meeting involved an open meeting with family complete with a pie social. The moral of our story is: There is help available. You don't have to do everything by yourself. Chaplains, Supreme, State, neighboring councils are there to help you. You need only ask. Oh, and don't forget prayer.

ATTEST:

John E. Benedek  
(State Deputy) Elect

Signed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Grand Knight)

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**CATEGORY (MARK ONE):**

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**CHURCH**

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**FAMILY**

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**COMMUNITY**

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**CULTURE OF LIFE**

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**COUNCIL**

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**YOUTH**

**FROM: GRAND KNIGHT:** John Kaiser

**TELEPHONE NUMBER:** 307-635-6050

**E-MAIL** jkaiser3@msn.com

**COUNCIL NAME** Bishop McGovern

**NUMBER:** 801

**LOCATION:** 507 West 28th St., Cheyenne

WY

(TOWN OR CITY)

(STATE OR PROVINCE)

**Project Title:** 40 Days For Life - Right to Life Prayer Vigils

**Date Project Conducted:** 03/27/2015

**Purpose of Activity:** (In the space provided below, describe in one sentence the purpose of this activity. This section must be completed.)

This council participated in a prayer vigil in front of the abortion building in Ft. Collins Colorado every Friday after during the 40 Days For Life campaign, which this council has been involved with during the Advent seasons of 2012, 2013 and 2014 the Lenten seasons of 2013, 2014 and 2015. However, this entry form is for the Advent season of 2014 and the Lenten season of 2015.

**Number of council members participating in project:** ..... 10

**Percentage of council members participating in project:** ..... 3 %

**Number of man hours expended in project:** ..... 105

**Chairman's Name:** Tom Jacobson **Telephone Number:** 307-630-7738

**Mailing Address:** 2367 Fishing Bridge Rd., Cheyenne, WY 82009

**E-mail Address:** tlj@bestprop.com

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This project was initiated to bring more attention to the pro life ideal that is sorely lacking throughout our communities. Fortunately, Cheyenne does not have an abortionist, but we felt the need to support the 40 Days For Life campaign in Ft. Collins Colorado by committing time on Friday afternoons to stand on the sidewalk in front of the abortion business, Planned Parenthood, with time in silent prayer or holding signs supporting the right to life. 40 Days For Life event takes place 40 days during both Advent and Lent and has grown considerably throughout the country and has even become international. Fridays and Saturdays are the abortion days at the Planned Parenthood business and the Knights of Columbus in Cheyenne chose to participate on Friday afternoons because fewer people are able to commit to Fridays than Saturdays when many more people have time off of work.

The mission is, in our view, paramount to most other events as support to the fundamental right to life is in itself the basis and dignity that determines our best virtues. Without this dignity as the basis for our conduct, every other action, decision or virtue in our lives is negotiable.

The Knights have taken the courage to stand in front of the public often ridiculed or subject to profanity by those individuals that believe women have the right to murder the innocent babies. This action by the Knights also provokes support and encouragement from those people who believe in the right to life, but are afraid to take a stand. These actions, though small, are critically important in planting the seeds that can shift the hearts and minds of people to realize the truth that babies inside or outside of the womb are humans and should enjoy the rights endowed by our Creator as with the person-hood of any other individual.

While the spiritual battle is very real in this setting, prayers and convictions of the Knights who participate are making a difference. We have been told that the Planned Parenthood abortion business is reduced as much as 70% with no show appointments when people are on the sidewalk attending these prayer vigils. While we don't know specifically how many babies have been saved from the abortionist, we know that many have been saved because the parents tell the participates they have changed their minds about having an abortion and keep the baby because they see people standing on the sidewalks in defense of life. Planned Parenthood knows our actions work.

ATTEST:

*John E. Benedek*  
(State Deputy) Elect

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

(Grand Knight)

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☐ COMMUNITY  
☐ COUNCIL  
☒ FAMILY  
☐ CULTURE OF LIFE  
☐ YOUTH

FROM: GRAND KNIGHT: Alex Sitz TELEPHONE NUMBER: 307-250-3195

E-MAIL asitz@wavecom.net

COUNCIL NAME Maurice F. Burke NUMBER: 4031

LOCATION: Cody WY  
(TOWN OR CITY) (STATE OR PROVINCE)

Project Title: Fundraiser for family emergency

Date Project Conducted: 03/30/2015

Purpose of Activity: (In the space provided below, describe in one sentence the purpose of this activity. This section must be completed.)

Raise funds for medical emergency - immediate funds to help with food, lodging, etc for stay with son in Billings Hospital

Number of council members participating in project: ..... 23

Percentage of council members participating in project: ..... 15 %

Number of man hours expended in project: ..... 48

Chairman's Name: George Morris Telephone Number: 307-250-4836

Mailing Address: 20 Marquette Drive, Cody, Wyoming 82414

E-mail Address: gwm2@msn.com

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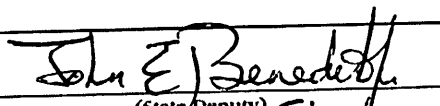
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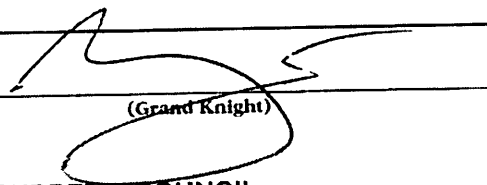
Brother Knight, Joe Beaudrie's son, Danny (a Cody High School freshman), and three other members of his wrestling team along with his coach and coach's daughter were involved in a horrific automobile accident in the Wind River canyon south of Thermopolis when a large boulder fell on top of their vehicle at approximately 10 pm at night while they were traveling just north of the tunnels. The team and coach had been returning from a national wrestling tournament in Colorado. Some members were taken to the hospital in Thermopolis, the coach and daughter were life flighted to Denver and Danny was life flighted to Billings. Danny suffered severe facial trauma including a severe concussion, being scalped, breaking both eye sockets, and also suffered a fractured neck and spine. The initial surgery was successful but it still required him to be in an ICU hospital room for a week and a half before being released to go home on Holy Thursday. Grand Knight Sitz immediately started the prayer chain for Danny and his team mates as well as notified the parish. That following Sunday the Knights held a fundraising breakfast to garner funds to aid the family including the \$43,500 life flight bill, and to help defray the medical expenses for a week and a half stay in ICU. We invited the whole parish to attend a lenten breakfast after Sunday morning mass on Palm Sunday and under the leadership of veteran chef Bill McCormick we served 150-200 people a delightful breakfast that morning. The council netted over \$1900 to help the Beaudrie family with their expenses which is incredible considering a normal lenten breakfast traditionally nets only \$200.

With the help of a lot of prayers, family support, and a great medical staff, Danny is currently doing well but he still has a long road to recovery including daily therapy and continued doctor visits. As a freshman Danny was on the Cody State champion football team, placed 3rd at the State wrestling competition this year in Casper, and had also placed third at the national wrestling tournament that he was returning from that horrific weekend. He is a faithful and very devout young man, and although this has set him back it has further strengthened his faith and undoubtedly strengthened his will to return to the athletic field that he loves so much.

ATTEST:

  
(State Deputy) *Eleet*

Signed:

  
(Grand Knight)

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Council 3477

Gillette, WY

April 2015

To: Esteemed Selection Committee for Family of the Year

Our Council selection for Family Of The Year is John and Margaret "Maggie" Cosner.

John and Maggie exemplify what our council believes to be a model family. You will see their involvement in our Council, Church and community. You will truly enjoy John and Maggie's story that is attached to this brief introduction.

What you won't read in their story is that John is a quiet man, both of his parent were deaf so no need to raise your voice. John is the banker that knows how to roll up his sleeves put on his gloves and get his hands into a project. What you won't read in their story is that Maggie is a gregarious women, she needed to be with a mixed family of 21 children. She is a retired educator that gave her time to children she is has replaced that time by giving in so many more areas

What you won't read in their story is that they would and have done everything they could for their daughter Anna but did not exclude the values necessary in raising a stable God loving child. That included mowing the yard, shoveling snow spending the necessary time to care for and train Anna's show dogs and getting to your confirmation classes!

What you won't read in their story is what I would describe as a family with "soft hearts". They feel peoples pain, sorrow, and joys and share in those with them. They are a strong faith filled Catholic Family. You will see the volume of their lifetime in this submission. I hope you have the opportunity to meet them and be blessed like our Council has been that they are part of our family.

Respectfully,

Craig D. Grassel  
Grand Knight

State Deputy Elect  
John E Benedek



# **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

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## **Family of the Year Resume**

**John and Margaret Cosner**

**2014 - 2015**

### **Personal**

Married in 1984 at Saint Matthew's Catholic Church in Gillette, Wyoming

1 Child: Anna Marie (22), a UW accounting major.

### **Knights of Columbus History**

John has been a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1988.

John has been a Fourth Degree Knight for over 20 years.

### **Knights of Columbus Activities**

- John has held various offices including: Inside Guard, Treasurer, Deputy Grand Knight, Grand Knight, Trustee.
- Fourth Degree offices held include Faithful Purser and Faithful Navigator.
- Chaired numerous projects including breakfasts, bingo teams, helped with the annual BBQ, hall cleanups and repairs.
- Participate in most of the business meetings, men's night and family social events.

### **Parish Volunteerism**

- Eucharistic Minister, Lector. Past member of the finance council, parish council. Helped with the capital fundraiser for the Family Life Center.
- Helped with repairs to St. Matthews Church and Family Life Center, decorated for Christmas.
- We attended various classes as well as bible studies organized by the church.
- Sign Language interpreter for a deaf RCIA student as well as for John's parents.

## **Community Activities**

- President and organizer of Gillette Main Street, an economic revitalization of downtown.
- Volunteered County 4-H program and continue to serve as Superintendent of County Dog Show during the fair.
- Past Board member of UW Alumni Association
- Past Advisory Board member of State Fair, Wyoming Relay for the Hearing Impaired.

## **Hobbies and Interests**

- \* Golfing, Camping, Traveling.
- \* Interested in the preservation of downtown buildings.
- \* Supporter of St John Paul II School; Seminarian Education and Catholic Education
- \* Interest in learning more about our faith through bible studies and discussions.
- \* Weekly Adoration

Margaret "Maggie" Cosner

## **Knights of Columbus Activities**

- Helps with Smokin on the Prairie BBQ
- Cooks & donates food for Knight functions
- Family Socials

## **Parish Volunteerism**

- CCW Activities
- Sponsored and organized Stephen Ray Retreat for our Parish
- Worked on Leadership Team organizing Parish Bazaar
- Bake/Cook for youth group and church activities
- Made and donated quilted wall hangings for the Adoration Chapel and the Children's Sunday School Room
- Lector
- Eucharistic Minister
- Deanery Representative for St. Matthew's Parish
- Previously served on Parish Council for 6 years
- Served on Planning Committee and Leadership Team for John Paul II School
- Taught sign language to students at John Paul II for several responses at mass

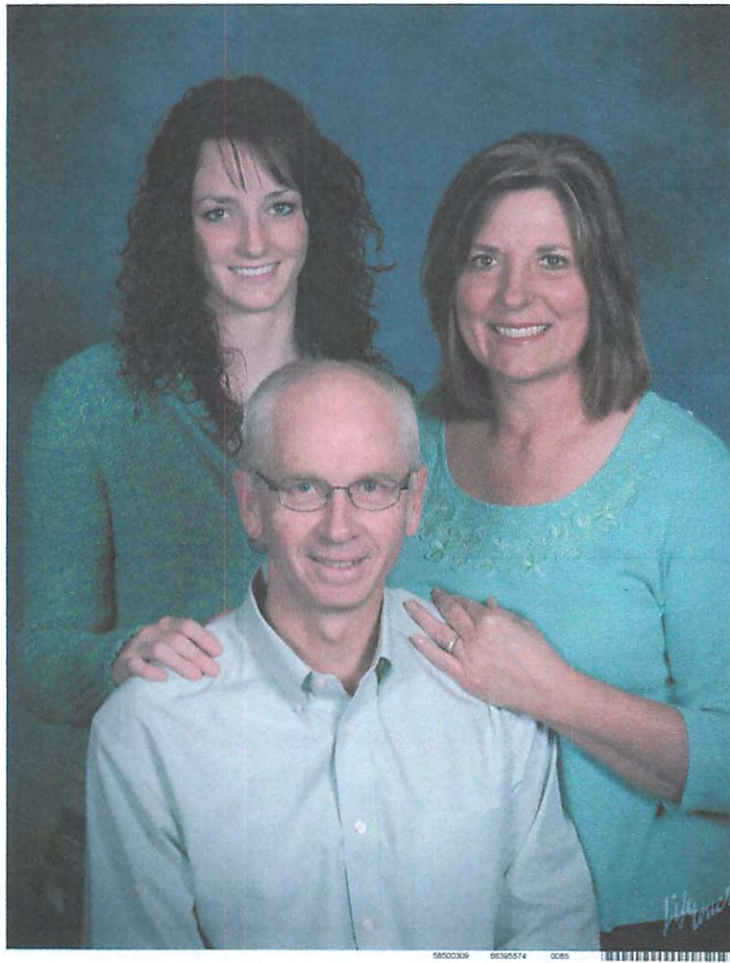


**Community**

- 4-H Dog Program Involvement for over 10 years
- Assistant Superintendent for County Fair Dog Show
- Regular Supporter of Women's Resource Center
- Donate handmade items to Public Library Fundraiser
- Participated in Clam Chowder Cook Off for Main Street Organization

**Hobbies and Interests**

- Quilting, Reading, Camping, Traveling,
- Family
- Weekly Adoration
- Supporter of St John Paul II School; Seminarian Education and Catholic Education
- Interest in learning more about our faith through bible studies and discussions.



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## John and Maggie's Story

Margaret, "Maggie" Cosner was born in Hays, Kansas in 1956, 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest of nine children. She attended catholic schools 1<sup>st</sup> grade through high school. Maggie's father suddenly passed away after her high school graduation and it wasn't long before her family became a "Yours, Mine and Ours" when her mother married a man with 11 children and her half sister was born a year later. The uniqueness of having two large families join together came with many challenges and most certainly had a major impact on her life. Maggie's Catholic faith has always been a huge part of her life and she has said that it was a guiding light for her as she traveled to Wyoming upon graduating with her master's degree in the area of special education, specializing in working with emotionally disturbed children.

On January 1<sup>st</sup> 1958 John was born, the youngest of four boys. His Mom and Dad didn't quite make it to the hospital from their ranch south of Wright and as a result, he was delivered by his dad on the side of the road. John's parents were both deaf since before they were two years of age, and although that presented some interesting challenges, it also created many opportunities for John and his brother's to be the ears for their parents. John would not only interpret for his parents but also for other deaf individuals who needed some help communicating. The love, care and respect that John showed to his parents has always been a most endearing quality.

Growing up with deaf parents was one of the reasons church attendance was not a part of John's formative years. Upon meeting Maggie, however, the allure of the catholic faith began for John. Her love of her faith and the important role it took in her life was something that John wanted to learn more about. After a brief engagement, we were married in 1984 at St. Matthew's Church. In 1985, John joined the church and together we have been active in a variety of ministries over the years in all the communities in which we have lived. The desire to participate fully in the Catholic faith became like a growing seed that we nurtured together and it continues to blossom in our lives as we continue to learn and grow in our faith. In 1992 we were blessed with a daughter, Anna, who is currently attending the University of Wyoming studying accounting. She attends the Newman Center and participates in activities when she can.

John's parents were influenced greatly by his decision to join the Catholic Church and both his parents eventually joined prior to their deaths. Many people would often comment how beautiful it was to see him signing for his Mom at church on Sunday's in the last few years of her life. Maggie had learned to sign as well over the years and would attend weekly Mass at Pioneer Manor with Lola signing for her and helping her learn about the Catholic Church. After Lola had passed away, Maggie began attending the children's mass and has taught some sign language for



several responses to the students at St. John Paul II. The students continue to sign and can sometimes be seen signing to these responses at mass on Sundays.

Having worked in the area of banking for over thirty years, John is currently employed by First National Bank. In addition to working in the world of banking, John has always been active in his community believing in the importance of volunteering beginning with the Gillette Jaycees, Campbell County 4-H program, Knights of Columbus, St. Matthew's Parish and Gillette Main Street Organization in addition to many different boards he has served on over the years.

Maggie is retired and claims to be busier than ever. Over her 30 years in the field of education, she has taught all grades Kindergarten thru college and prior to retiring in 2008, worked as an elementary principal for 18 years. She often described her job as a vocation, going far beyond just teaching, but truly creating a caring environment wherever she was employed modeling the morals and Christian values she was raised with. Over the years, she has served on a variety of boards such as the Y.E.S. House, the Children's Center, Healthcare Foundation Board, the School Planning Committee for St. John Paul II School, the Parish Council and the Leadership Team. She has been able to spend more time quilting and some of her work can be found in the Adoration Chapel at the Family Life Center and in the children's Sunday school room at St. Matthew's Church. She has been more active in the CCW organization and has just accepted the role of representing our Parish on the Deanery Board.





## **Knight of the Year Nomination: Jim Storey**

Bishop P.A. McGovern Council 801 is honored to nominate Jim Storey as Knight of the Year for the State of Wyoming. Jim leads by example, he does not need to be in the front and likes to see his brother Knights succeed and get the credit. Jim is very humble in his service to the Knights. Always the first to volunteer and the last to leave, it's as if he does not know the meaning of the word NO. This pattern of service began during Jim's formative years by volunteering in his community and excelling in school. This is evident by his selection to the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. Upon graduation, he was commissioned in the Marine Corps. He was a helicopter pilot serving with distinction and being selected to fly Marine 1 during the Carter administration. He retired at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel after 20+ years of service to our country.

Jim's service is not limited to Council 801. Jim has over 780 hours in 3 years of volunteer service to our Veterans at the Cheyenne VA hospital (see attached letter from the Chief of Voluntary Services). Jim has been a volunteer for Cheyenne Frontier Days (CFD) on the Contestants committee for over 30 years, and has been recognized as a HEEL (an elite organization of volunteers who have gone above and beyond for many years to ensure the success of CFD) (see attached email from CFD Contestants Committee).

Jim is very involved in the Pro-Life Activities of Council 801. He has been active in the 40 Days for Life by spending time holding vigil in front of the Planned Parenthood Clinic in Fort Collins, Colorado. He has also participated in Pro-Life activities in Cheyenne including the March for Life to the State Capitol (See attached letter from Council 801's Pro-Life Director).

Jim has quickly become a fixture at all Council activities.

*Council fundraising dinners and breakfasts:* Jim is a very dependable team member. He is typically one of the first to arrive to start setup, preparing, cooking, and the last to leave after clean-up is complete. He always serves with a smile on his face and looks for ways to improve the experience for all.

*Knights of Columbus Free throw contest:* Jim took on an active role in assisting our Council Chairman in ensuring that this event was a success for the last 2 years.

*Keep Christ in Christmas:* Jim has been an active participant in assembling and disassembling the Council's float in the Cheyenne Christmas Parade. He also has helped with the Christmas decorations at the residences of both Bishop Etienne and Bishop Emeritus Hart.

*Ceremonials:* Jim has expressed an interest in becoming the Warden on our 2nd Degree Team and is currently in training for this role.

*Bingo Crew Member:* As Jim puts it he is a proud member of the second Sunday Bingo crew helping raise funds to support Council activities.

As you can see by Jim's actions, he would be a worthy recipient of this honor and would represent Wyoming well at the Supreme level competition. He embodies and demonstrates through his life all of the principles of a true Knight. I am proud to call him Brother. Thank you for your time and consideration of Jim Storey as the Wyoming Knight of the Year.

Vivat Jesus,  
John Kaiser  
Grand Knight, Council 801



State Deputy Elect  
John E. Benedict



*Jim Storey hard at work*



April 13, 2015

Dear Tom:

On behalf of the Cheyenne VAMC Voluntary Service, I would like to let you know that Mr. Jim Storey is an asset to our service. He signed up to be a volunteer on January 26, 2012. He has been with voluntary service 3 years. He received his 500 hour award pin on August 12, 2014. And as of today he has a total of 788 hours.

Jim is a very dependable volunteer and a very good escort. He is always willing to do anything asked of him. We wish we had more volunteers like him.

Sincerely,

*Linda G. Brown*

LINDA G. BROWN  
Chief, Voluntary Service

**SVOBODA, JOHN P CTR USAF AFGSC 90 CES/CEIH**

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**To:** John Svoboda  
**Subject:** RE: Contestants Committee Request

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From: Wes Shafer <deadhuntr@aol.com>  
Date: Fri, Apr 10, 2015 at 9:22 PM  
Subject: Re: Contestants Committee Request  
To: John Svoboda <huskerfan5050@gmail.com>

John

I talked to Jim Storey on Wednesday evening at a Frontier Days Meeting.

Both of us are out on the Contestant Committee and spend every day after the Fourth of July until after the County Fair (1st Week of August) with an average of 10 hours a day.

For the last couple of years Jim has been responsible for the passes and badges for the Contestant Committee. He also works the rodeos on one of the gates in the arena. He is a CFD Heel.

He is an important person for the success of the rodeo each year. A lot of it is just a job we all do.

Hope this helps you out.  
Wes Shafer



March 24, 2015

Knights of Columbus

Council 801

P.O. Box 1282

Cheyenne, WY 82003

To whom it may concern:

I would like to share a brother knight, Jim Storey, commitments with respect to our Pro-Life work in Cheyenne. Over the last two years we as a council have committed to having as many knights that are available driving to Ft. Collins Colorado to pray in a silent vigil in front of the abortion building during Friday afternoons. From the beginning Jim has participated by attending nearly all of our scheduled trips. This work is a spiritual battle you experience especially while standing in front of such a devastating place. We see a huge mix of responses to our work which isn't always easy or comfortable to participate. Jim also is present at most of the pro-life activities in Cheyenne, like the march for life and prayer vigils. Jim's dedication to the innocent life is sublime. I wanted you to be aware of his work. Thank you.

Vivat Jesus!



Tom Jacobson

Pro-Life Director

Knights of Columbus

Council 801



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**CULTURE OF LIFE**

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**COUNCIL**

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**YOUTH**

**FROM: GRAND KNIGHT:** Dan Fahrenkrug **TELEPHONE NUMBER:** 307 864-2243

**E-MAIL** Financial Secretary Thomas Schoenewald tj.schoenewald@bresnan.net

**COUNCIL NAME** Monsignor Philip Krass **NUMBER:** 2578

**LOCATION:** Thermopolis WY  
(TOWN OR CITY) (STATE OR PROVINCE)

**Project Title:** People for People Backpack Program

**Date Project Conducted:** 04/29/2015

**Purpose of Activity:** (In the space provided below, describe in one sentence the purpose of this activity. This section must be completed.)

Lend assistance to the People for People backpack program to help alleviate hunger. among elementary school children over weekends.

**Number of council members participating in project:** ..... 20

**Percentage of council members participating in project:** ..... 60 %

**Number of man hours expended in project:** ..... 2

**Chairman's Name:** Thomas Schoenewald and Father Blotsky **Telephone Number:** 307 864-3213

**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 549 Thermopolis WY 82443

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Many communities have begun food for backpack programs sponsored by various food banks. Our local food bank, People for People, began a backpack program last year for eligible elementary children and their families. Eligible includes those students who qualify for free or reduced lunches under the federal program. People for People collect approved food items from various sources or purchase them with grant funds. People for People fills 150 backpacks (sacks) every Friday for elementary students to take home to their family to provide nourishment over the weekend. Council 2578's backpack food drive began Ash Wednesday and ended Palm Sunday. A final tally of food and dollar donations were not available at the time this report was completed.

ATTEST:

  
(State Deputy) *Elected*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

(Grand Knight)

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For more information on the Service Program Awards go to [www.kofc.org/service](http://www.kofc.org/service) and click on the left-hand "Council" link.

**April 3, 2015**

**Father Hugo & Congregation**

**St Francis Catholic Church**

**808 Arapahoe St**

**Thermopolis, WY**

**I want to thank you for your support and explain a little about our program.**

**The People for People Backpack Program is designed to feed our School Children. Our Goal is to Stop**

**Hunger, Create better test scores, generate positive behavior, improve health and increase attendance.**

**We are sending out approximately 150 bags of food every week. We are providing meals for all grades**

**from Kindergarten to grade 12.**

**We are finding that it takes about \$100.00 dollars per student per year. Totalling \$15,000 dollars for the**

**school year. We are providing meals for all grades from Kindergarten to grade 12.**

**With your support you have helped us succeed feeding our children on the weekends here in**

**Thermopolis this year. Our Community has been very generous donating financially, donating food and**

**volunteering their time.**

**We purchase food from the Food Bank of the Rockies and supplement locally. We receive**

**approximately 3-4 tons of food every month for 10 months of the year. We have volunteers that unload**

**the trucks, pack 750-800 bags of food to be delivered, and volunteers every Friday morning pick up the**

**bags and deliver to the public schools. It is larger than I ever imagined it would be. The 50 or so**

**volunteers that volunteer for our program could be you or your neighbor. These volunteers are amazing**

**and we couldn't do this without them.**

**We have received positive feedback from the school district, teachers and students. They need our**

**support. We are making a difference. This program is definitely needed in our community.**

**Thank you so much for your support of our Backpack Program. It is always overwhelming to me the**

**kindness and generosity of our little community.**

**The world is a better place with each one of you in it.**

**Thank you,**

**Judy Carswell**

**People for People Backpack Program**

**Carswell\_judy@hotmail.com**

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**Knights of Columbus**  
WYOMING STATE COUNCIL



# State Miscellaneous Reports & Information

# General Agent Report

2014 was an outstanding year for Knights in <sup>Wyoming</sup> ~~NAME OF STATE~~, and an outstanding year for the Knights of Columbus Insurance program as well.

This past year marked our fourteenth consecutive year of growth. For 14 consecutive years, despite economic turmoil and uncertainty, the Knights of Columbus has issued a record volume of insurance. Our \$8.24 billion issued volume in 2014 pushed us to a record \$96 billion of life insurance in force at year's end. We anxiously await reaching the \$100 billion milestone, which we expect to hit later this year. It will cement our position as not only the premier Catholic life insurer, but one of the biggest and best life insurers in North America.

Other notable achievements in 2014 also included three major program launches: the introduction of Accelerator Term Insurance, the re-launch of Long-Term Care Plus Insurance, and the unveiling of the Young Adult Insurance program.

2014 was also the year that we surpassed 2,000,000 contracts in force. More brother Knights and more of their family members are trusting the Knights of Columbus to protect them.

These are impressive achievements.

But how did we get there?

There are many reasons, but among them is the fact that we got there because our members understand – just as Father McGivney did more than 133 years ago – that Catholic families need to be protected from financial ruin.

We got there because our members understand – just as Father McGivney intended more than 133 years ago – that the Knights of Columbus can provide that needed protection.

We got there because our members understand – just as Father McGivney would've wanted – that our products are top-of-the-line, while still being flexible and affordable to fit the individual member's needs.

Put simply, we got there because our members trust us.

And why do they trust us? Three reasons: our size, our stability, and our standard.

When it comes to size, you all know that we're one of the largest Catholic organizations in the world, but with nearly \$100 billion of life insurance in force and more than \$21 billion in assets under management, the Knights of Columbus is also tops in the industry, and is in the top five percent of life insurers in North America, as well as a Fortune 1000 company.



When it comes to stability, the Knights of Columbus is untouchable. For 39 consecutive years, the Knights of Columbus has earned the highest possible ratings for financial strength (A++, Superior) from A.M. Best. There is no more highly-rated life insurer in North America.

And, when it comes to our standard, the Knights of Columbus is committed to being one of the most ethical companies in business. It's not just a wish, it's a duty. We owe it to our founder. We owe it to the faith that we represent. And we owe it to you.

But it's not just a duty either. It's a reality.

This March, for the second year in a row, the Knights of Columbus was named one of the World's Most Ethical Companies by the Ethisphere Institute. It is a great honor, and one that we intend to continue living up to.

So, as we gather here this weekend to celebrate your tremendous achievements in the past fraternal year, what does all of this mean for you and your members?

It means that as a proud member of the Knights of Columbus, you can rest assured knowing that your most valuable fraternal benefit – our insurance program – is here for you and your family when you need it most.

There will come a time in your life – if it hasn't come already – where you will be looking for life insurance to protect your family, or retirement annuities to plan for your golden years, or long-term care insurance to make sure you're taken care of, or disability income insurance to secure your hard-earned paycheck. And, when that day comes, we'll be there.

I hope you'll take the time to meet with us because we have spectacular products that will help you reach your goals.

I hope you'll take the time to meet with us because we have size, stability, and a standard that you can rely on and believe in.

I hope you'll take the time to meet with us because you'll want the added comfort of knowing that your premium dollars aren't going to cute advertising campaigns or golden parachutes, but to the community and to the Church.

But most of all, I hope you'll take the time to meet with us because you're a brother Knight, and protecting brother Knights is what we do. It's what we live for. We're Knights just like you.

This organization is your organization. This company is your company. Take advantage of it. See what we have to offer.

And, precisely for that reason, I want to take this opportunity to ask each of you, as leaders in your councils and your districts, to be advocates and centers of influence for this great fraternal benefit. The members in your councils respect and admire your abilities and your achievements. And they also respect and value the opinions and perspectives that you have on our organization – and the insurance program included.

Support from district deputies, grand knights, and all of the council officers goes a long way in helping to open the door for our hard-working field agents. These men are brother knights who are trying earnestly and honestly to carry out Father McGivney's mission, and to protect Catholic families. So I thank you in advance for encouraging your councils to let the agent in and to listen to what he has to say.

Congratulations again on a spectacular fraternal year. I look forward to working with you in the days and weeks to come.

Vivat Jesus!

CHARLES E. MAURER JR.  
SUPREME SECRETARY

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April 17, 2015

Carl J. Welte  
State Deputy  
805 Frelmuth  
PO Box 576  
Lingle WY 82223-0576

Worthy State Deputy:

The following excerpt taken from minutes of meeting of the Board of Directors held April 10-12, 2015, will be self-explanatory and is forwarded to you for your information:

VOTED, upon request and approval of Wyoming State Deputy Carl J. Welte, to merge St. Paul's Newman Center at the University Council No. 10773, Laramie, and Laramie Council No. 2720, with the merged council to be known as Laramie Council No. 2720. Laramie.

Fraternally,



Charles E. Maurer Jr.  
Supreme Secretary

CEM:mgc

Cc: Josh E. Boudreau, Grand Knight/2720  
John J. Van Heule Jr., Financial Secretary/2720  
Robert L. Taylor, District Deputy





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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
WIND RIVER COUNCIL #3237  
P. O. BOX 1314  
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### The Knights of Columbus Traveling Door

This is the story of the beginning of the K of C Traveling Door, as written by George Burns, PSD. The history of the Traveling Door begins in 1960. My wife and I attended the K of C State Convention, in Laramie that year. We attended the Sat. evening banquet and dance that followed. We were told there would be a door prize awarded to some lucky winner at mid-night. We were all given a lucky ticket for the drawing. We danced visited with the other Knights and their wives. We had a good time.

At midnight the drawing was held. I don't remember if Ann's ticket or mine was the winner. They brought the door prize out to us. It was a door, how appropriate. We loaded it in the back of our station wagon, and took it home the next day.

We had a door, but didn't need a door in our home in Dubois.

Over the next several days, maybe a week, we talked about what to do with the door. Finally one evening, at the supper table, one of us suggested that we take the door to Riverton, to the next Council meeting, and ask them if e could make this a Traveling Trophy for the K of C's. The suggestion was accepted whole heartedly, and the Traveling Door Trophy was born.

We decided, that since the door came from Laramie, we would make the Laramie Council # 2720, the first Council on the door.

We had the door in our possession so we kept it, as we were to host the State Convention the following year, 1961. When we approached the end of the Convention, we brought the Door to the front of the room, called Casper Council # 1563, to the front, presented them with the Door, and then told the delegates the where, how, and why, of the Traveling Door. It must have been accepted, as the Traveling Door has been traveling around the great State of Wyoming ever since.

I guess a correction should be made here, as there were a few years when the Door was retired, but that took the fun and stories about the Door, out of the proceedings, and the Traveling Door was soon back in action.

I'm hoping the Traveling Door continues to be passed around the State for another 50 years. I'm also hoping this story becomes a part of the History and Tradition of the Wyoming State Council, of the Knights of Columbus.



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My wife and I are proud yet humbled to be a part of our History.

George A. Burns, PSD, 1962-64

Thank you my Brother Knights.



*In Memory Of*  
Thomas Leo Davis Sr.

*Born: March 20, 1931*

*Died: January 28, 2015*

Date of Service  
Saturday, January 31, 2015

Place of Service  
St. Helena Catholic Church  
Clayton, Georgia

Officiating  
Father Alvaro Avendano





# Knights of Columbus

## WYOMING STATE COUNCIL



### **Resolution to Change By-Laws approved by Supreme Board 13 day of December 2012**

**WHEREAS**, Article III, Officers, Section 1 reads:

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

**WHEREAS**, there is no Article III, Officers, Section 9, add Section 9,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Article III, Officers, Section 1 reads:

Section 1. The State Deputy, State Chaplain, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate, and the State Warden shall hold the same relative position in the State Council that the corresponding Officers hold in the Supreme Council. **The State Executive Secretary shall be appointed by the State Officers and shall have no voting rights at State Meetings.**

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Article III, Officers, Section 9 reads:

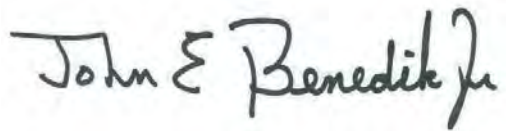
**Section 9. State Executive Secretary shall be appointed by the State Officers, for a period of 3 to 5 years. The State Executive Secretary shall be the State's Audit Advisor and work with the State Treasurer to insure all documents are provided to the States Auditing Firm to perform the state's financial audit and file the State's Tax Return 990-EZ. Shall be the main contact of the State Council for the IRS. Shall be the Tax Advisor and work**

with all subordinate councils and assemblies in the State and advise them of filing 990-EZ's or 990-N's and receive copies of all subordinate councils 990-EZ's and 990-N's. An allowance of \$75.00 per year shall be made to the State Executive Secretary to defray the incidental expenses of his office.

**Vote by State Council Delegates:**

Pass   X        Fail           

**Signed**

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

**Date: 26 April 2015**

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**John E Benedik Jr.  
Wyoming State Secretary  
Wyoming State Deputy-Elect**



# WYOMING STATE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BY-LAWS



## ARTICLE I Eligibility

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

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

## ARTICLE II State Convention

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

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

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

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



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

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

Section 7. Councils who elected to participate in the liability insurance program and not having paid duly levied assessments by the State Council for the Insurance shall not have the names of their delegates or alternates placed on the temporary or permanent roll of the State Council until such insurance assessments have been paid.

Section 8. A majority of the eligible voters of the State Council shall constitute a quorum. Majority vote shall govern all matters. Eligible voters shall consist of all State Officers, the State Chaplain, last living Past State Deputy and Delegates or their alternates from each council.

Section 9. All meetings of the State Council shall be in the third section. All duly qualified third degree members shall be admitted as spectators.

Section 10. The order of business shall be as specified in the constitution and laws of the Order.

Section 11. Each Council is entitled to two votes. In the event only one delegate is present, he shall be entitled to cast the two votes for his council.

Section 12. In the absence or inability of the State Deputy, the State Secretary shall execute all the duties of the State Deputy. In the absence of the State Deputy and the State Secretary the obligation of executing the duties of the State Deputy shall devolve on the other State Officers in the following order: State Treasurer, State Advocate and State Warden.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Officers**

Section 1. The State Deputy, State Chaplain, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Advocate and the State Warden shall hold the same relative position in the State Council that the corresponding Officers hold in the Supreme Council. **The State Executive Secretary shall be appointed by the State Officers and shall have no voting rights at State Meetings.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 9. The State Executive Secretary shall be appointed by the State Officers, for a period of 3 to 5 years. The State Executive Secretary shall be the State's Audit Advisor and work with the State Treasurer to insure all documents are provided to the States Auditing Firm to perform the state's financial audit and file the State's Tax Return 990-EZ. Shall be the main contact of the State Council for the IRS. Shall be the Tax Advisor and work with all subordinate councils and assemblies in the State and advise them of filing 990-EZ's or 990-N's and receive copies of all subordinate councils 990-EZ's and 990-N's. An allowance of \$75.00 per year shall be made to the State Executive Secretary to defray the incidental expenses of his office.

## **ARTICLE IV**

### **Committees**

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

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

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

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Finances**

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

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

Section 3. Payment of State Council funds for authorized expenditures shall be made by the check of the State Treasurer upon receipt of approved expense voucher signed by the State Deputy and State Secretary.

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

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

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

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

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

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Elections**

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

Section 2. Order of Election.

- (a) The nomination of candidates for and the election of the State Deputy shall first be held, and the results declared.
- (b) The other State Officers in order shall then be nominated and the results declared.
- (c) Then shall follow the nomination and election of representatives to the Supreme Convention, which shall be nominated at once and elected on the same ballot. As many of those receiving the highest vote and who belong to the insurance class as there are insurance delegates to be elected shall represent the class. As many other candidates who receive the highest vote, whether associate or



insurance, as may be required to fill the delegation shall represent the associate class.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Raffles and Lotteries**

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

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

## **Article VIII**

### **Insurance**

Section 1. Subordinate councils shall be able to buy liability insurance for their individual councils needs. This insurance will be voluntary and based upon the membership of the council. The State Secretary will bill the councils desiring the insurance based on the current rate for the year as quoted by the Insurance Company per member based upon their present membership number as of June 1. This insurance will cover what the diocese requires for us to have for our events and programs that are held upon church property.

## **Article IX**

### **Supreme Convention**

Section 1. State Chaplain: 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. The mileage will be figured from the State Chaplain's place of residence to the location of the Supreme Convention. If the State Chaplain receives per diem from Supreme, then the State Council will pay only mileage.

## **Article X**

### **Miscellaneous**

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

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

Section 3. The Wyoming State council has established the Change From Heaven as a way to collect money for the Charitable Trust and Fr. McGivney Burse for seminarians. The councils are asked to collect change during the year and present it at a roll call of the councils present at the convention. The money will be split equally between the Chartable Trust and the Fr McGivney Burse.

Section 4. These By-laws, or any part thereof, may be amended or repealed at any regular meeting of the State Council by a majority of those present, subject to approval by the Supreme Council.

Approved this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015



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WYOMING STATE DEPUTY-ELECT

Approved this

See letter from Supreme Secretary

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**and**

**Fr. John Brady Assembly 1651**

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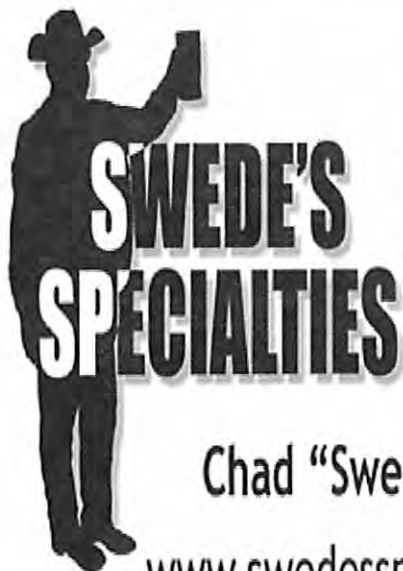
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# Diocese of Cheyenne

Office of the Bishop

April 2015

Dear Friends in Christ,

Welcome to the 95th Annual Wyoming Knights of Columbus State Convention! Unfortunately, I will not be able to join you this year.

Over the past five years, I continue to be impressed with the dedication and support of the Knights of Columbus throughout the Diocese of Cheyenne. I am grateful to the Knights for their presence at parish and diocesan events. I'm especially grateful to the Knights for their leadership in promoting marriage, family, pro-life activities, and vocations.

This year's priority of the Diocesan Strategic Pastoral Plan focuses on *Family and Vocations*. The Knights of Columbus is a family-oriented organization where wives and children are involved in serving the Church. What a wonderful opportunity as family to share our faith - as the family is the seedbed for vocations!

Please be assured of my prayers for you and your families. Thank you for your service to your communities, to your parishes, and to the Diocese of Cheyenne.

In The Heart of Christ,

*Paul D. Etienne*

The Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL  
Bishop of Cheyenne



CARL A. ANDERSON  
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March 18, 2015

Carl Joseph Welle  
State Deputy  
Wyoming State Council  
Knights of Columbus



Worthy State Deputy and dear Brother Welle:

On behalf of the Supreme Officers and Board of Directors, I welcome this opportunity to offer greetings to you and to all my brother Knights as the Wyoming State Council comes together for its annual convention. This gathering not only provides an opportunity to reflect upon the achievements of the past year, but just as importantly to plan for an even brighter future in the year to come.

Membership growth must be a perennial concern for every state and local council, since as our ranks grow, so too does our capacity to provide charitable and volunteer service in our communities and to the Church. And never more than now has there been such a need for the witness and work of Knights of Columbus, as we put our faith into action.

At your state convention, I ask that every council set its sights high and commit to striving for Star Council this fraternal year, and laying the groundwork to do so next year. We have a moral obligation to invite every eligible Catholic man to become a Knight, and to protect his family by participating in our extraordinary insurance program.

Let me conclude by offering my sincere thanks to you, the state officers and program directors, district deputies, council officers, general and field agents, and each and every brother Knight who has helped bring the vision of Father McGivney to life in Wyoming.

May Our Lady of Guadalupe watch over and guide your convention, and may Venerable Michael McGivney intercede for us all.

Fraternaly,


Carl A. Anderson  
Supreme Knight

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ant, "*

Matthew 20:26

Thank you Msgr James Rudy Council 3477 for hosting the  
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My Brother Knights and Families,

Lesa and I are humbled and delighted to join you for this 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Wyoming Knights of Columbus. I am proud to represent Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and the Board of Directors in my home state. We are looking forward to joining our friends from around the state renewing old friendships and beginning new ones.

Together we will recount the many fraternal deeds done for the Diocese of Cheyenne and the State of Wyoming. We will remember fondly and in prayer our Brother Knights who have gone on to their heavenly reward. We will take stock of where we have been, where we are and where we will go.

The challenges that faced the Knights of Columbus in Cheyenne in 1919 are in many cases the same challenges we face today. Building and expanding the faith - we the laity must be ever more committed to evangelizing our Catholic Faith. We must be cognizant of the needs of our community and ready to share our resources. We must be the men who lead and protect the sanctity of marriage and family life. We must aid our youth and be the example of how to be a loving parent. We must celebrate the Culture of Life from conception to a natural death. We must also be our brothers keepers and exercise Fraternal Charity. My Brother Knights, I am excited to be a part of you and to help plan our next Fraternal Year.

Vivat Jesus!

Ken Stockwell

## Wyoming Knights of Columbus

Brother Knights and Families;

Sally and I would like to welcome you to the ninety forth annual Meeting of the Knights Of Columbus. Please plan to join us in Gillette for this event. The Knights and their Families of the Gillette Council have invested a lot of time and hard work in preparation for the convention when you see one of them thank them.

I would like to thank all of you that have worked so hard on membership. We have done -better and are almost into positive numbers. We have won some money that will help our State.

I would like to thank all of you for letting me have the chance to serve as your State Deputy. It has been a real pleasure for Sally and I. Hoping to see you at the convention.

I pray that all of you and your families have a safe trip coming and going to the convention.

Vivat Jesus;

Carl (Joe) Welte  
Wyoming State Deputy

Sally S. Welte  
Wyoming Knights First Lady



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FROM COUNCIL 2104

Sheridan, WY

As we look towards our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and hopes of hosting  
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**FROM  
STATE WARDEN  
SHERWIN D. (BUDDY) CATER**



## **2015 Wyoming Knights of Columbus State Convention**

**Abbreviated Agenda– See handouts for more detail**

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH**

8:00 AM - Registration Opens at St. John Paul II (St. JP II) Main Area

8:00 AM - Awards Committee meets / St. JP II

9:00 AM - State Officers meeting / St. JP II

10:00 AM - State Officers and District Deputies meeting/ St. JP II

**11:00 - 1:00 LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**

1:00 PM - Opening Mass / St. Matthew's Catholic Church

2:00 PM - Open Session / St. JP II GYM

**3:15 PM - BREAK**

3:30 PM - Closed Session / St. JP II GYM

4:30 PM - Standing Committee Meetings

**6:00 PM - Social & Dinner at the Council 3477 Knights of Columbus Hall**

Entertainment to follow!!

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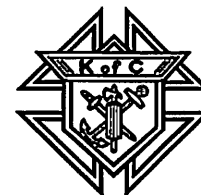
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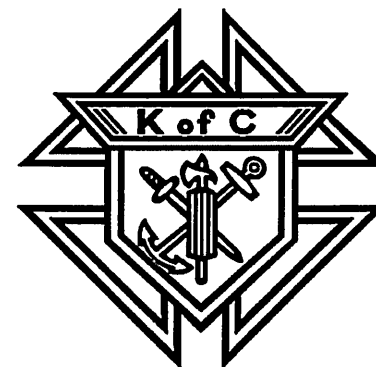
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**7:00 PM - Banquet and Awards / Knights of Columbus Hall**

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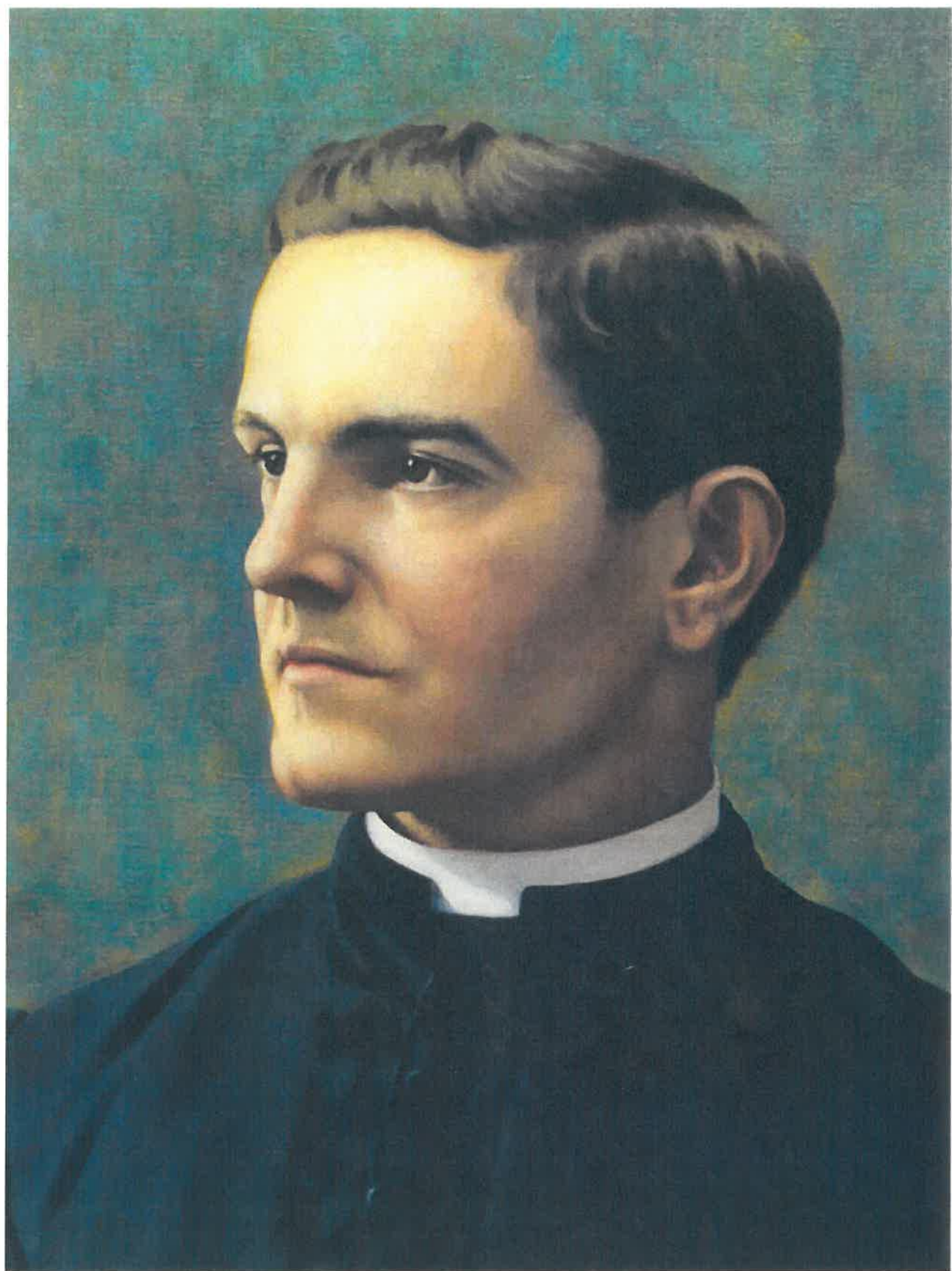
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Fr. Michael J. McGivney