



## Ministry Weekly Digest

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# Knights of Columbus

The local charitable activities support an almost infinite variety of local, national and international projects. Locally, our projects include the Blue Mass, hosting the breakfast for our local first responders, Respect Life Sunday Lollipop Drive, Parish Potluck Socials, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday rosaries and benefit breakfasts, Veterans' activities, Christmas gifts for clergy, Christmas lights on the church, parish picnic, local scholarships for high school students, and the Graduation breakfast. They also provide help to the Parish Pantry and the ultrasound initiative for the Gillette Women's Resource Center. The Knights also established the annual "Smoken' on the Prairie Charitable BBQ" which raises money for local charitable organizations.

The Knights also participate in national initiatives such as Coats for Kids and Keep Christ in Christmas. Our group has partnered internationally with the Special Olympics to raise awareness and funds through the annual Tootsie Roll drive.

The Knights have a great opportunity to participate in activities that deepen their faith and spiritual resources to help others to be better Catholic men and strengthen our Parish. They are also offered the benefit of the world's most ethical and top-rated insurance companies. Members are eligible to purchase K of C life, disability income and long-term care insurance, as well as retirement products.



In 2016, the Knights of Columbus set a record in charitable giving for the 18<sup>th</sup> consecutive year and a record on charitable service with more that 75 million hours of service.

The K of C is made up of men of faith and charitable action. Our local group serves St. Matthew's in Gillette, St. Patrick's in Moorcroft and Blessed Sacrament in Wright. Since 1882, membership has been open to men 18 years or older who are in good standing with the Roman Catholic Church.

If you would like to be part of an international organization of nearly 2 million men and 180 local men whose principal work involves helping others in need, the Knights would like to meet you and invite you to join. We meet every third Thursday at 7pm in the basement of Newell Hall.

Ask any Knight how you can become a member. You are welcome to call the Grand Knight, Jay Hasquet at (307) 689-6222 or join on-line at <http://www.kofc.org/un/newjoin/en>

