



Sept 16	FS Training-Billings
Oct 4	State Officers/DDs meeting 8:30 PM

Knights' Visions

Montana State Council

September 2017

Ron Kazmierczak, State Deputy

Allen Cormany, State Secretary

From the State Deputy

The Supreme Convention was very informative. Our supreme knight Carl Anderson outlined a blueprint for the fraternal year. We are reminded of the Order's missionary spirit which not only builds the faith of its members, but also motivates them to assist the needy, underprivileged and marginalized through corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

The new fourth degree uniform was introduced and discussed. The board of directors unanimously voted to adopt the new uniform for the Forth Degree.

Once again we are all called to prayer, especially during these times when Satan seems to be in control. We call on the Holy Spirit for guidance and strength to be a light in the darkness that surrounds us. Let us build the Domestic Church together.

I would like all District Deputies to participate in the conference calls on the first Wed. of every month. They will start at 8:30 PM. - **Ron Kazmierczak, State Deputy**

From the State Secretary

Has your council sent Form 185, Report of Officers Chosen for Term? This form updates the state directory. The Form 365, Service Program Personnel Report was due August 1ST. Is your council current with this form?

Has your council scheduled a Tootsie Roll drive? Monies from this activity help individuals with intellectual disabilities. Please schedule a Tootsie Roll drive today.

Attention Financial Secretaries:

Dates to Remember –

- The Affirming the Culture of Life assessment for 2017 is now due.
- 2018 Green Sheets will be mailed in November 2017
- 2018 Per Capita will be mailed in January 2018..-**Allen Cormany-State Secretary**

Membership Program Consultant

At the June State Deputies meeting the Supreme Knight challenged all state deputies to jump to a "Fast Start" in the first three months of the fraternal year. His challenge was to set an Intake goal of between "one more new member than your best" and "10% above your best" as measured over the past 5 years. This goal was reiterated during the state secretary - state membership meeting in Dallas at the end of June. I have added in the data for August on the chart below. Please note where your state finished at the end of August.

CONGRATULATIONS to ARIZONA and MINNESOTA for reaching that target goal for August!!! Great job Guys!

And CONGRATULATIONS to MINNESOTA and OREGON for hitting their accumulated goals for the two months of July and August! Again - Great Job!

Remember - you may not hit your COH Goals in July -August - September - but you certainly can LOOSE achieving your goals in these months! Let's make September a Great Month!-**Patrick M. Maloney, Membership Program Consultant Fraternal Mission Supreme Council - Knights of Columbus**

From the Training Coordinator

Knights of Columbus Fraternal Officer Training

Building Mission in your Council

Your council's charitable outreach is a direct extension of the vision of our founder, Father Michael McGivney. Is your council's charitable outreach truly responding to the needs of your parish and/or community? How is that outreach perceived within the parish and the broader community? What is the perception and the reality?

Join us for an hour and we will delve into:

- Enlivening the vision of Fr. McGivney today - how can we stay true to our mission of caring for the most needy?
- Charity is our Order's first principle and our charitable outreach is a good gauge of council success
- How to plan your council's charitable programming

Remember that working together with a focus on Charity will help you build a stronger council - Charity engages and attracts!

Register today. All webinars are recorded and available on demand. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#). -**Steve Zachmann-State Training Coordinator**

From the Program Chair

It's time to catch up on reporting the activities your Council completed during the summer. Reports can be submitted any time-you don't have to wait until a week before the convention to submit. All forms are available on the state website-montanaknights.org.

All Councils do a lot. Many Councils don't report anything they do. In our times, we need to speak out and let the world know about the charitable

things we do. Ask someone in your Council to be responsible for one in your Council might be looking for a job and this could be a good one for him.

This year, Councils should be looking for new activities centered on Building the Domestic Church. This fall, I plan to call all Grand Knights to answer questions you have about Building the Domestic Church and discuss Domestic Church activities. Some of the activities to consider are Family Rosary Programs, Family Week activities, Journey to the Inn and Keep Christ in Christmas Campaign. Please use the 2017 **Fraternal Planner** to record program activities and to plan for the fraternal year.

As always, include new members in all activities and remember to ask men to join the Knights!

If you have any questions about report submittal, please call me at 406-442-9804.-**Marty Beatty, State Program Director**

From the Family Director

At this summer's Officers' Meeting in Roundup I shared some goals for the Family program for this fraternal year. I would like to highlight one in particular.

One of the biggest attacks on the family is the presence and use of pornography. We need to take a stand to purify our homes and our communities. Our brothers, our sons, our neighbors are being destroyed. Marriages are falling apart, vocations are being lost, and we are not standing up as guardians of our families. We need to support each other in this battle against sin. Pray and confess so that we are strong in this battle for our families and for our souls! In addition to prayer, practical tools I would like to see us implement are:

1. Move your home computer into a public space in your home. Monitor the monitor!
2. Have your kids check in their phones at night. We have all electronic devices

charging in one place at night so nobody is on them after 9 p.m.

3. Install Covenant Eyes (or a comparable program) on all home computers and handheld devices. This provides protection and accountability.
4. Develop a traveling kit to reduce the temptations of viewing pornography and other inappropriate material when traveling and away from the family. Consider including some or all of the following items: Holy Water, Candle, Rosary, Prayer Cards, Holy Image, Crucifix, and Family Photo. Replace the source of temptation (i.e. television in a motel room) with holy images and spiritual weapons.

I would also encourage you to read and reflect on Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori's recent article "Blessed are the Pure of Heart" (8/1/2017). The subtitle is "The scourge of pornography prevents the true happiness that comes with integrity and sacrificial love." We need to understand the effects of pornography and make the effort to defend our families and Brother Knights from this evil. You can find the article on the Knights of Columbus website:

http://www.kofc.org/en/columbia/supreme_chaplain/2017-08-lori-chaplain.html .-Zane Fulbright

Family Program Director

From the Youth Director

Good day fellow Knights! I am **Kevin Holland**, one of your State Youth Director chairmen. My duties this year are to help organize, facilitate and judge some of the different contests we Knights sponsor for our youth. The first one I want to talk about is one that gets very little input or response, the **Catholic Citizenship Essay** contest. This contest asks our youngsters in grades 8th through 12th to submit an essay 500 to 750 words long. The subject of the essay is always based on young people's roles as a Catholic citizen from a variety of perspectives. This is an easy contest to organize and run, however last year we only had 3 entries

from the whole state. I would ask each council to try to submit at least one essay.

The second contest I want to talk about is the **Free Throw Contest**. This is a lot of fun, only takes an hour or two and almost every one is a winner! Co-State Youth Director, **Andy Mikes** runs this contest. Again every council should be able to organize and run one of these contests. Feel free to contact either myself or Andy for further details. **The Soccer Challenge** is another activity that Councils can pursue. Contact Andy for details. The final contest I want to talk about today is the **Drug and Alcohol Awareness** poster contest. This contest is for ages 8 to 11 and 12 to 14 and it is for either drug or alcohol awareness. I am seeing some interest in this contest and receive about 40 to 50 posters each year but they are only from 4 or 5 different councils. I would ask more councils try to get involved, this is a fun event and kids love to draw and color. As a bonus winners get cash prizes at both the Council and State levels. All three of these contests can be easily conducted if you work with the church youth groups and or local schools. All of these contests have detailed information on rules and how to conduct the contests on the KofC.org website. This is the time of the year you can schedule these contests for your youth. I would suggest it be between now and next April. I hope you consider one or more of these activities for your council and your youth. I can be reached at 406-254-1450 or email of kccholland@charter.net if I can be of any assistance in more participation. I am looking forward to your councils entrees!-**Kevin Holland-Youth Director/Essays and Posters. Andy Mikes-Youth Athletics**

From the Tootsie Roll Director

Not much to report now. There are a few forms coming in. Fall is a great time of the year to do a Tootsie Roll Drive. Remember each Council was given two cases of Tootsie Rolls at the Convention in Polson. The idea is that your Council would do a candy drive. Please do a candy drive, fill out the appropriate form and return the form to the State Secretary and the Tootsie Roll Chairman

When you do a drive, please send a completed form and funds to the State Secretary Allen Cormany. Please send a copy of the form to Joseph Bugni, 905 Hauser Blvd., Helena My phone number is 406 459-6187.-**Joseph Bugni, Tootsie Roll Chairman**

From the Montana Knights of Columbus DES Chairman

“WHERE THERE’S FIRE—THERE’S DEFINITELY SMOKE”

The title says it all. Our beloved “Big Sky Country” Montana, is now “The Big SMOKE FILLED Sky Country “Montana.

Wildfires have been our statewide 2017 disaster and will continue to so until precipitation comes to our aid. The statistics are overwhelming. I captured a MTN News bullet stating there were 1543 fires having burnt 587,105 acres. I also received from my Musselshell County DES contact, Adam Carlson, that there were 47 fires in Musselshell County consuming over 5000 acres of land. What are we to do? Are we as Knights, ready to assist with wherever our talents and resources are needed? Do we have a plan of action to do so? What can I do as an individual? Is there a “niche” that needs filled?

In Roundup and Musselshell County, Roundup Council 2464 is already in readiness to “give assistance” whenever called upon. The Council and members of St. Benedict Parish, come together to provide meals for the initial responders fighting “Wildfires”. The total so far this year is 680 meals. I do need to state, that even when the Montana Knights of Columbus State Officers were having their “summer meeting” in Roundup on July 14, the state members joined in assisting in preparing 60 hotdog meals (lunch) followed by 120 hamburger meals (supper) for the fire fighters of the “Delphia Fire” in Musselshell County. It was stated by some of the visiting members, that this was a “unique experience” to have been a part of. Other members said to me (this is tongue in cheek humor) that, “Pat, you really need not stage an event, just to prove the DES workings within your community and Council”. We were glad to

have the extra hands. The visitors also observed how the community rallied together and that St. Benedict’s Catholic Church became the “drop-off point” for materials to go out to the firefighters.

Another point that becomes quite evident, is the generosity from which others contribute to a cause. Items show up after being collected from wherever to be transported to a location, neighbors helping neighbors, (Montanan’s or out-of-starters), disaster funds set up, loads of hay transported, animals relocated and pastured, fencing materials come forth, Diocesan “Special Collections” are taken. These are examples of “Charity” and “Love” for our brothers and sisters in Christ. We as Knights, are followers of our Lord Jesus having “Charity” as one of the “Cardinal Principles” of our order, implementing and practicing what we believe. For this we give thanks to God.

I do not know just how much other K of C members or Councils have been involved in the wildfire disasters throughout the state. I hope and pray that many have participated in some way. I offer any help to those members or councils that may wish more details on what is already in place here in Roundup, along with being able to try to assist in any way that I can.

I leave you with my contact information: Pat Perrella, 303 Third Street East, Roundup, MT. 59072, 406-323-2202 W (best), 406-860-1623 C, 406-323-1032 H patdeb@midrivers.com or mikesgmc@midrivers.com

May God Bless and Keep the firefighters safe and in the “Hallow of His Hand”. Please Heavenly Father, send your “Rain Upon Us”. Amen. - **Pat Perrella, MT. K of C DES Chairman**

From the State Seminarian Support Coordinator

My name is **Sam Prestipino**, and I am the Coordinator of Seminarian Support for the Knights of Columbus. I am a Life Member of Helena Council # 844 and a Life Member of Helena Assembly #589.

As the Coordinator, I provide the Name, Seminary and Address of the currently enrolled Seminarians, statewide, for both Diocese to all Councils and Assemblies.

Through the 12 District Deputies, I will provide the seminarian information to any Council who wishes to participate in the RSVP (Refund Support Vocations Program)

If your council is already participating, please verify the level of participation and to whom. District Deputies, my contact information is: Sam Prestipino, 2243 Gold Rush Ave, Helena, MT 59601-5819, 406-431-0574. My email address is: samar@mt.net - **Sam Prestipino**

From the Master of the Fourth Degree

I am sure all have heard of the uniform change for the 4th Degree. This new uniform is a blue blazer with the 4th degree emblem over the pocket. A white shirt, with a blue 4th degree tie. The lapel pin that you received at your exemplification and black beret with the 4th degree emblem. Ranks of 4th degree members will be distinguished by a color patch under the emblem of the beret. In color guard formation a service baldric and sword may be worn. This uniform will become the official dress of the 4th degree on July 1, 2018. The uniform may only be purchased from **Knightsgear** at Supreme. The cost is \$510 + Shipping. If you order the uniform in September you will receive a 25% discount.

There have been a lot comments about the new uniform. I would like to remind all Knights, that it is not the uniform that makes a Sir Knight of the 4th Degree. Our patriotic fervor and actions are why we are 4th Degree. There have always been 4th Degree who never had a tuxedo, cape, sword or chapeaux. Those Sir Knights who want to go the extra mile and purchase a uniform and participate in the celebrations, masses or funerals will be the visible arm of our order. Very rarely do we wear our uniform when visiting VA hospitals or helping our disabled vets.

On a bookkeeping note, there are several assemblies that have not turned in the officer

report and/or audits that were due July 1st and August 1st. Please get these to me ASAP.

Also, now is the time to get busy and get your assembly on track to receive a Star Assembly award from Supreme. Items that are required is an increase in membership, turning in Annual Fraternal Activity, Audits and Officer reports, submit Be A Patriot and Civic awards and a bi-monthly 4th degree newsletter. If you have an active assembly, let everyone know it and get an award.

If your assembly would like to host an exemplification please contact me and we can get the ball rolling. - waynem@midrivers.com 406 772-5831 PO Box 191 Plevna, MT 59344.- **Wayne Mangold, MFD**

The Holy Family Icon Schedule

The schedule below is for this fall. At the winter meeting we will establish a schedule for the remaining six districts.

Fall Schedule:

District 2 has one of the Holy Family icons and prayer booklets. District 2 will transfer the icon and booklets to District 3 before October 22nd.

District 4 has one of the Holy Family icons and prayer booklets. District 4 will transfer the icon and booklets to District 6 before October 22nd.

District 10 has one of the Holy Family icons and prayer booklets. District 10 will transfer the icon and booklets to District 5 before October 22nd.

All councils that use the icon in a prayer service should indicate the date of the service and the number of people in attendance. I will collect that information at the winter meeting. - **Bill Burke, Marian Hour of Prayer Chair**

What's happening around the State?

Bozeman/Belgrade

The Honor Guard participates in the visitation of the "Our Lady of Fatima" statue. The icon is traveling the country to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Blessed Mother appearing to the children of Fatima, Portugal.



The Belgrade council had its annual Golf Tournament on August 26th to benefit St. Catherine's Health Care Center in Belgrade. 11 teams participated in the event at Three Forks Golf Course.



The Belgrade Council will be on hand at the Belgrade Fall Festival selling their famous Fry Bread. The Festival will be Saturday, September 23rd at Louis and Clark Park. –**Rick Pearrow, District Deputy-District 4**

Helena Council 844

The Helena Council did a small Tootsie Roll Drive and raised \$300 for the Flower Trading Company to use in their new green house. Last year, the Council donated \$3,000 to significantly help pay for purchasing the green house.



The Holy Family icon at Saint Mary's Parish in Helena



The icon was displayed during a Marian Hour service at Saint Mary's with 92 participating. The liturgy was held on August 14th, the Vigil of the Assumption. The icon was also displayed at Mass on August 15th-The Assumption.



Roll. The meals were delivered to fire fighters in insulated packaging so they were hot when they got them.



Roundup Council 2464

The State officers Summer Meeting was hosted by the Roundup Council at Saint Benedicts Church on July 15th. As state officer's arrived in Roundup, they were quickly recruited to help the Council provide meals for the firefighter's fighting several fires near Roundup. State officers helped Knights in the Council provide hot dog lunches and hamburger dinners to the fire fighters. Meals also included watermelon, cookie, chips, condiments and a **Knights of Columbus Tootsie**

Installation of New State Officers

Dan Hallsten was installed as the State Treasurer and new District Deputies were installed at the Summer Meeting of State Officers held in Roundup at Saint Benedict's Parish. New District Deputies are Rick Pearrow, Larry Cutrone, Jared Keller, Allan Hauer and Larry Hilliard.



Knights Visions Material

The Knight's Visions is electronically posted by the Montana State Council of the Knights of Columbus. If you have information you would like published in the newsletter, submit information to Marty Beatty at mnmbt@attglobal.net by the 15th of the month.

Articles about what's happening in your Council and pictures in jpg format are always welcome.

**ONE MEMBER PER COUNCIL
PER MONTH.**