

Jan 17-19	Winter Meeting-Columbus
February 22	Fourth Degree Exemplification-East Helena

Knights' Visions

Montana State Council

December 2019

Allen Cormany, State Deputy

Dan Halsten, State Secretary

From the State Deputy

To my Brothers and their Families,
Merry Christmas
And a
Blessed New Year!
Allen

*Give the gift of Membership this Christmas

Allen Cormany, State Deputy

Co-membership Chairs

Become

A KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

The Knights of Columbus changes lives and saves lives! Catholic gentlemen should have the opportunity to participate in the charitable programs of the Knights of Columbus. Join the Knights of Columbus today!

New members that join the Knights before Christmas will receive a special Montana Knights of Columbus Christmas ornament to hang on their tree. New members can join online at www.kofc.org/join. To get your ornament, join the Knights before Christmas. If you need additional information, contact Marty Beatty, Co-membership chairman at (406)442-9804 or Pat Perrella at (406)860-1623.

Pat Perrella at:

membership-east@montanaknights.org

Or Marty Beatty at:

membership-west@montanaknights.org

JOIN US TODAY!

Insurance Agents

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the McCaughan Agency.

It has been another year of growth in Montana and we thank you for your continued enthusiasm for Fr McGivney's vision. We finish the year with a team of five field agents.

Erin O'Neill – (406) 885-1033 – Billings -East
Matt Stevens – (406) 321-0964 – South Central
Matthew Hauk - (406) 941-1111 – North Central
Scott Mycke - (406) 460-2317 – North West –
Rocky Mountain front Mike Keffler – (406) 829-5664 – Bitterroot

For all other areas I will be the contact.

We look forward to protecting your family against the unexpected. We can ensure your golden years are lived with peace of mind and dignity. We can make sure that you never out live your money and that what is left behind goes to your loved ones and not the IRS.

We are thankful for the blessings we received in 2019 and we are excited for what awaits us in 2020.-**Dermot McCaughan, General Agent**
(406) 438-1113



Faith in Action Program Directors



In January, I will have meetings with Councils in the Bitterroot Valley about the Mass and how to attend and participate as a member of the Knights of Columbus. The idea is to bring back the reverence of the Mass and how to be reverent during Mass. This will be made available to all Councils in the state after the Bitterroot meeting. Knights of Columbus Faith Program Director-**Thomas Weber**



We tend to surround ourselves with family at Christmas. Kids come home from college, we travel to visit grandparents, enjoy big family meals, reminisce and tell stories of how things used to be. We also worship together, whether it's with all of the kids and grandkids jammed into the family pew, or simply with our parish community. This is a good time for us to strengthen our families by consecrating our families to the Holy Family. Sunday, December 29, 2019, is the Feast of the Holy Family, the day the Church presents the Holy Family as the model and exemplar of all Christian families. Work with your pastor to conduct a Consecration to the Holy Family in your parish. Invite your entire parish to participate.

For more information, check out the Knights of Columbus's updated website:

<https://www.kofc.org/en/programs/family/consecration-to-the-holy-family.html#/>, or feel free to contact me at zane.fulbright@gmail.com or 406-366-9765. If you don't think you're prepared to conduct a consecration now, consider organizing it on Mother's Day or Father's Day. *Council participation in Consecration to the Holy Family is required to qualify for the Columbian Award.* Knights of Columbus Family Program Director: **Zane Fulbright**



The annual March for Life at the Montana State Capital will take place on January 18, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. This year's event will feature a live ultrasound utilizing Montana's recently acquired mobile unit in addition to two speakers that have escaped the horror of abortion. This is an event you won't want to miss. Your presence says you are a voice for the voiceless, the most vulnerable among us, and the unborn. Montana Life Program Director.-**Dan Wing.-**
Life Program Chair



I hope the Holidays find you and your families inspired in the faith of our Lord. Half the K.C. year is over and I hope you and your councils are working on or have worked on completing a community activity.

The Soccer Challenge is pretty much wrapped up and the Basketball Free Throw Challenge

is now starting. A fair number of councils have done the Coats for Kids program. So keep working on the community programs and have the best year ever. If any District Deputies need District Free Throw medals please let me know. Have a Blessed year. Knights of Columbus Community Program Director: **Andy Mikes**

2019 Resolutions

Grand Knights of all Montana Councils
Financial Secretaries of all Montana Councils and
State officers:

GREETINGS FELLOW KNIGHTS!

The 2020 State Convention for the Knights of Columbus is on the horizon and looks to be a refreshing and upbeat convention. As you may not be aware, the 2020 convention will be held in Billings, MT from May 1-2nd, 2020.

A major order of business at the convention deals with the consideration of resolutions presented by the State Officers or by individual Councils. Now is the time to prepare any resolutions that your council may want the state convention to consider.

If you wish to have a resolution considered, it must be in my hands no later than 1 March 2020. This date must be strictly observed because of the necessity to compile all resolutions so that they can be mailed to each council for consideration at your council's general membership meeting prior to the state convention.

Any resolution not in my possession by the 1 March 2020 deadline may not be presented to this year's convention assembly due to the lack of sufficient time to transmit it.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated by all of the State Officers.

E-Mail or snail mail your resolution to the following address: Thanks and have a very holy and blessed Christmas season.

Mail your resolution to:-James M Taflan, State Advocate, 2850 King Edward Ct, Helena, MT 59602 Or Email: taflan@bresnan.net .-**James M Taflan, State Advocate**

From the State Warden

On behalf of all eight Knights of Columbus Councils around Billings, it is my honor to invite you to the 116th Annual Montana Council State Convention April 30- May 2, 2020, in Billings, MT. Our planning committee has been working hard to make sure that the convention will be a wonderful experience to all those who attend. We are striving to limit the travel during the convention.

Our Committee has chosen Billings Hotel and Convention Center (BHCC) at 1223 Muldowney Lane in Billings, as our convention site. This venue choice will allow us to keep the bulk of convention activities in one building. General Sessions, meetings, some of the Ladies' programs, meals during the convention, and both Friday morning and Saturday evening Masses will be held at BHCC. For the limited off-site activities, a bus has also been reserved to shuttle ladies during their outings, and for all guests to and from an open house at the Columbia Club.

A block of 150 rooms has been reserved for us at BHCC. They have given us a special convention rate for our rooms of \$99/night + tax. Reserve your rooms online at www.billingshotelmt.com with the code **KOC20**, or phone (406) 248-7151 and let the staff know that your room is for the Knights of Columbus Convention.

There are also a number of other hotels/motels in close proximity to the BHCC. More detailed information will be released as the committee finalizes plans, and information packets will be sent out to Councils as the convention draws closer. kc2020mt@gmail.com is the email address for additional information.

I look forward to seeing you all in Billings for this most excellent convention we are planning.-**Josh Twichel-State Warden**

Our Faith in Action

Council 13093 had a Thanksgiving Basket and duffel bag program. Homeless veterans received a duffel bag with warm weather goods and toiletries. 85 food baskets went to the needy in the Bitterroot valley.

Council 6130 did Coats for Kids and adults at the several drop points in Hamilton. They also did a Christmas party for the parish after the Christmas Pageant. A Second and Third Degree Exemplification will be held in February. The annual Free Throw Competition for the Bitterroot Valley will be held January 22nd. The Bitterroot Valley Winter Special Olympics will be held January 27-28th at Lost Trail Ski area.

Council 2464 at the suggestion of the Parish Priest and Council Chaplain, Fr. Amalraj, the Knights created a "Remembrance Tree" and its stand. It was placed in the sanctuary of the church during the month of November. Being similar to the "Jesse Tree" in Advent, instead of ornaments being hung on the tree, pictures of the dearly departed were placed upon it. We "Remembered Our Deceased" throughout the month of November.

The council participated in the "KofC Coats for Kids" program. Having met the needs of the Roundup Schools, the Council contacted the outlying schools in its assigned jurisdiction of St. Benedicts. Coats were supplied for, Melstone (Our Lady of Mercy), Winnett (St. Aloysius), Ryegate (St. Mathias), and Broadview (St. Theresa of the Little Flower.)

Council 1021 did a Light for Christ program in Missoula.

Council 844 will host **Consecration** to the Holy Family. Families today face many cultural pressures and personal struggles that accompany family life. Families also have a great capacity for love and joy that is strengthened through the peace and truth found in Christ. To support and help families live out this joy, the Knights will be sponsoring a prayer of *Consecration to the Holy Family* at the 11:00AM Mass on December 29th,

which is the Feast of the Holy Family. Prayer cards will be handed out by Greeters before Mass. Following Mass, *Complete My Joy* booklets will be available in the back of the Cathedral by the Great Doors. It is part of the "Building the Domestic Church" series and is intended to help families grow spiritually in service of God, parish and each other.

Please plan to attend with your family!

Council 1413 did a project to Change public hearts and minds about family, marriage, religious freedom and life issues.

Goals: Provide visible & financial support for the Montana Family Foundation during their Annual Fundraising Banquet.

This project benefits our families, our community and our culture by standing up at the state and local levels for public policies related to family, marriage, religious freedom and the sanctity of life.

Laws promoting abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, same-sex marriage and sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) are being proposed. The MT Family Foundation works with the Cities, the State Legislature and the Judicial System on behalf of families, marriage, and the dignity of life human.

Council 9395 In recognition of "*World Day of the Poor*" observed on November 19th, *Worthy Grand Knight Billy Ross & Brother John Gort*, Council #9395 in Great Falls spearheaded their council's drive to reach out and help those in need. Their council delivered a trailer full of food, approximately 1,000 pounds, and 160 of the new premium extreme weather winter coats to the *Little Flower Catholic Church* in Browning, MT, for distribution to members of the Blackfeet Tribe. The donation of coats was part of Council #9395's 5th Annual "*Coats for Kids*" winter coats give-away project. Council #1493, also in Great Falls was invited to "partner- in" and took part in this event by contributing mittens, gloves and hats as part of the give-away items.

In addition, the councils conducted a second very successful "*Coats for Kids*" winter coats

give-away session on November 23rd at the *Saint Vincent de Paul's Thrift Store* in Great Falls.

Altogether, Council #9395 acquired approximately \$8,000.00 worth of new winter coats for their annual charitable event to benefit the needy in the community.

A “*Superb*” charity motivated accomplishment by both Councils.

Council 8345 Billings Heights Council donated \$1,100 raised by a fund drive to Eagle Mount Billings, an outdoor recreational center for children and adults with physical and intellectual disabilities. (This blurb appears in the December 2019 *COLUMBIA* magazine.)

Did you know?

Total number of Montana councils **54**.

The Montana State membership quota is **174** new members. So far we have **56**; need **118**.

Circle of Honor among all States **46**.

Our online membership goal is **25** members. We currently have **5**. We need **20** to meet the goal.

Total membership right now: **4967**.

Councils not recruiting a member this year: **38**.

Councils not completing a Form 365: **31**.

Councils not completing a Form 1728: **16**.

Councils not completing a Form 185: **14**.

9 councils **100%** compliant for Youth Safe Environment Training.

Fourth Degree

Brother Knights I wish you good tidings and best wishes for a blessed new year. There are a few things I would like to publish as District Master. We extend to our new Bishop our hearty welcome and pledge our continued prayers and

support. Bishop Vetter is a 4th degree member of our order.

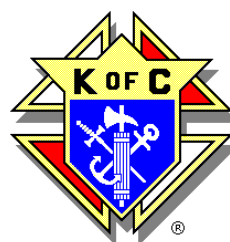
Congratulations to John P Carroll Assembly 3249 Bozeman, on earning Star Assembly for the 2018-2019 fraternal year. Keep up the good work. There will be an Exemplification of the Fourth Degree on February 22nd at SS Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church in East Helena, Candidates please arrive by 12 noon that day, with the start time at 1 PM. This is the 120th Anniversary of the first exemplification in New York held in the year 1900. Let's make this the largest class in District history.

My continued thanks for all the hard work you all do for the Knights in Montana. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!-**Chris Curtis, District Master Fourth Degree Montana**

WE NEED NEW MEMBERS!

We are 6 months into the fraternal year-so we've got some work to do. **These statistics include inactive and suspended Councils.**

The November Montana Family of the month winner from Supreme is **Willy Frank, Council 844-Helena.**



ONE MEMBER PER COUNCIL PER MONTH.

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