



Knight's Visions

Montana State Council

February 2020

February 22	Fourth Degree Exemplification-East Helena
March 28	Retreat with Bishop Warfel in Roundup
April 30-May 2nd	State Convention-Billings

Allen Cormany, State Deputy

Dan Halsten, State Secretary

From the State Deputy
New Degree - Charity, Unity and Fraternity Exemplification – Announced at Mid-Year Meeting

At Montana's Mid-Year Meeting, the new Charity, Unity and Fraternity Exemplification was presented after the closing Mass at St. Mary's Church in Columbus. The New Degree will replace the current First, Second and Third Degrees. Some of the benefits of the New Degree is it can be conducted in thirty minutes, families are invited to attend and it will help in building the Order. Since the Mid-Year Meeting, we have welcomed 12 new Brothers into our Order using the New Charity, Unity and Fraternity Exemplification.

Additional information about the New Degree will be presented during a workshop at the State Convention.-**Allen Cormany, State Deputy**

Program Award Submittal

Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, District Deputies and State officers:

STSP Program report forms, the Knight of the Year, the Family of the Year, the 1728 – Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity and the Priest of the Year forms have been sent to all Councils. Please complete an STSP form for the Faith in Action Programs you have completed to be eligible for a state award. The due date for the forms is March 15^h for your council to be eligible to earn awards at the Convention. All of our councils have done great things during the year and now it's time to report the Faith in Action programs you have completed. If your Council has already submitted the forms, thank you!

If you have any questions about forms, programs please feel free to contact Marty Beatty, State

Program Director at this email address. My phone is (406) 442-9804 or Pat Perrella at (406) 860-1623. You can also contact the Faith in Action Chairs:

- Tom Weber thomascorvallis@gmail.com (406) 207-0724
- Andy Mikes andymariann@outlook.com (406) 672-1483
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- Dan Wing danielwing1956@gmail.com (406) 439-4715

Many Councils are close to earning the Star Council Award. Most Councils can earn the Columbian Award. Please keep these goals in mind and diligently try to earn both awards. I look forward to seeing your reports. Submit forms to Marty Beatty at 100 South Davis, Helena, MT 59601 or to mnmbt@attglobal.net by email or snail mail. **Marty Beatty-Program Chair**

SOMT REGIONAL HAPPENINGS

I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends! I can't believe we are off and running here in 2020, but here we go!

The first of the year means two VERY BUSY seasons kicking off for our SOMT athletes...bowling and winter sports! Over the next 2 1/2 months our athletes will be competing in 5 Regional Bowling Championships and 4 Area Winter Games. Below are the dates if any of you wish to attend and volunteer or cheer on the athletes:

- Bitterroot Winter Games - Lost Trail Powder Mountain: January 28 and 29
- **Havre Regional Bowling Championship** - Harvest Moon Lanes: February 7
- **Billings Regional Bowling Championships** - Sunset Bowl & Fireside Lanes: February 9
- **Bigfork Regional Bowling Championship** - Pick's: February 21

- **Butte Regional Bowling Championship -** Star Lanes: February 21
- Big Sky Area Winter Games - Moonlight Basin: February 24
- Charles Russell Area Winter Games - Showdown: March 6
- Glacier Area Winter Games - Whitefish Mountain Resort: March 20

We are also looking for volunteers to assist at the SOMT Regional Bowling Championships. If you know of anyone that might be interested, I'd ask that you share the link below to the online volunteer sign up that's hosted on the SOMT website.

<https://www.somt.org/day-event-volunteer-openings/>

Volunteer opportunities include: score keeping, assisting with award ceremonies, and serving lunches.

Thanks in advance for sharing the sign up link! I hope each of you finds time to volunteer, or join us at one of the many events prior to Area Spring Games and the State Summer Games, May 13 - 15, 2020 in Great Falls

RAFFLE IN FULL SWING

As we move forward to the State Games lets get out there and get sales going!

Please make it a point to sell tickets.

These are how we support athletes with this years expenses for the various Regions and State programs for Athletes.

As always acknowledgement and a monetary prize for large and small councils for sales of tickets at the State Convention, this year in Billings.

Need posters or more tickets, contact Art Malisani 406-761-0108 or art@malisaniinc.com

SOMT ENDOWMENT REMINDER

Let's provide SOMT a legacy to Athletes whom Bob Norbie has supported for over 25 years.

If your Council has not yet, the Montana State Council at the State Convention in Great Falls, with the support of delegates, all councils were encouraged to make a \$250.00 contribution to the State Council in support of the Special Olympics Endowment fund. This fund is to ensure that athletes from all over Montana would be able to attend and participate in Special Olympics in the future. If all councils participate we could raise over \$12,000.00 for this worthwhile fund.

Please make checks payable to: **Montana State Council, Memo: SOMT ENDOWMENT**
Mail to: **WSS Dan Hallsten, 60 Buckhorn Trail, Bozeman, MT 59718**

Hold an event, ask members to please consider contributing, raise some fun and raise some funds!
Thank you in advance.-PSD Art Malisani, K of C Chairman Special Olympics

Co-membership Chairs

Come follow me

And I will make you

Fishers of men

Join the Montana Knights of Columbus today!

Every new member's name will be entered into a drawing for a complete fishing apparel package. The package includes a K of C fishing vest, hat, cooler and more!

Every Knight who sponsors a new Knight along with the new Knight will be entered into the drawing. The drawing will be held at the State Convention in Billings in May if we recruit 50 new members.

**There's NO limit! Catch all
the new members you can!**

Join online at

www.kofc.org/joinus

**Or complete a Form 100 and
turn it in today.**



JOIN US TODAY!

**Marty Beatty and Pat Perrella, Co-membership
chairs**

From the State Warden

116th Annual Montana State Convention April
30- May 2, 2020 – Billings, MT
St. Patrick Council #1259 – Billings St. Benedict
Council #2464 - Roundup Fr. Owens Council
#5527 – Hardin Fr. Shevlin Council #6455 -
Laurel St. Bernard Council #8345 – Billings St.
Pius X Council #9976 - Billings Don Ryan
Council #13050 – Billings Fr. M. Kelly Council
#16483 – Columbus Brother Knights,
On behalf of all eight Knights of Columbus
Councils in Districts #5 and #6, 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
Mullowney Lane, 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 Columbia Club.

The Ladies have a full schedule planned. On
Friday, May 1st, after the awards lunch, the ladies
have the option to travel by bus to help at Family
Services, a local charity helping families and

individuals in need. Saturday arts and crafts
projects, as well as the ladies luncheon are all
scheduled at the BHCC. On Saturday morning
there is a bead craft, pocket rosary project. Then
the Ladies Luncheon with a guest speaker from
Angela's Piazza. In the afternoon, there is canvas
painting. Please note: There is a \$25 charge for
doing the canvas painting project, (listed on the
Registration Form). This fee includes the canvas,
all paints and art supplies, plus instruction. All
other ladies activities are included with their
registration.

Registration forms are due by April 7th.
Registration prices include breakfast and lunch on
Friday, and breakfast, lunch and a banquet meal
on Saturday, along with snacks throughout. We do
have a limited number of extra seats available for
Knights not attending the whole convention. We
do ask however for those not attending the whole
convention to also register, and to pre-purchase
any meals, as "Additional Meals," on the
Registration Form. As a matter of fairness, we will
implement a first come, first accepted policy, if
extra seating edges near capacity.

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

Did you know?

Total number of Montana councils **54**.

The Montana State membership quota is **174** new
members. So far we have **86**; need **88**.

Circle of Honor among all States **35**.

Our online membership goal is **25** members. We
currently have **8**. 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: **15**.

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

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



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.