



April 12	Easter Sunday

Knights' Visions

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Allen Cormany, State Deputy

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From the State Deputy

It was announced by Supreme that all group conventions are canceled. The Billings convention committee will be returning the registration monies. Anyone that made hotel reservations should cancel them. Details of what is next for Montana's 2020 State Convention will be announced soon.

During this medical emergency, here are five points to remember:

- Reach out to members
- Provide for your parish
- Care for your community
- Promote blood donations
- Support local food banks

An article about a donation by Havre Council 1644 to St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic School is in the March issue of **Columbia**. The full article is in the **Knights In Action** column on page 27.-
Allen Cormany, State Deputy

From the State Chaplain

This is a Lent like none other we've experienced. Some of us may have had some rough Lents with the death of a loved one, or some other tragedy that may have struck imposing a penance upon us that we were not expecting. This year, however, all of us have received an unexpected penance. With the Covid-19 circulating around the country and around the world, we have all had some of our plans changed. We are all being asked to do things that are different from our usual routines or our plans for this spring.

I've been mentioning to many people in spiritual direction or in confession that Lent is meant to

lead us to the joy of the Resurrection. While we are making our Lenten Pilgrimage each year we are reminded that the sacrifices we make today are meant to prepare us to celebrate and appreciate all the more the joy that comes with Easter and the celebration of the Jesus rising from the dead.

While I am sure the difficulties of the coronavirus are not going to magically disappear on Easter Sunday and that our penance may be extended longer that we would like, we need to look forward to the resurrection event that comes at the end of the current difficulties. We need place our hope in the fact that Jesus will be with us through our current journey and that he'll be waiting for us when these troubling times are past. When they are past, remember what we've been through and be ready to celebrate again. Let us not take for granted the opportunities we have after the resurrection, but appreciate them, realizing how fragile our lives really are. Let us remember that fraternity, charity, unity and patriotism are meant to be lived more fully as we move forward. -

Father Leo McDowell, State Chaplain

An Act of Spiritual Communion

**My Jesus, I believe that You
are present in the most Holy
Sacrament of your Body and Blood.
I love You and desire to receive You.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You and unite myself
wholly to You. Never let me
be separated from You.**

Program Award Application Submittal

STSP (State Council Service Program) 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 **April 10th** for your council to be eligible to earn awards this year.

If you have any questions about forms or 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
Zane Fulbright	zane.fulbright@gmail.com	406) 538-8995
Dan Wing	danielwing1956@gmail.com	(406) 439-4715

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**

Truck Raffle in Full Swing

The state games are postponed, but please continue to sell truck raffle tickets. This is how we support athletes for their expenses at Regional and State programs.

As always, large and small councils will be recognized for best ticket sales with a monetary prize. **If you need 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.

All Councils are encouraged to make a \$250 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 for this worthwhile fund.

Please make checks payable to: **Montana State Council, Memo: SOMT ENDOWMENT and Mail to: WSS Dan Hallsten, 60 Buckhorn Trail, Bozeman, MT 59718.-PSD Art Malisani, K of C Chairman Special Olympics**

Co-membership Chairs

While we are confined to our homes, this would be a good time to call the gentleman you saw at Mass that you think would make a great Knight! Call him up and tell him about how to join on line!

www.Kofc.org/Joinus

Marty Beatty and Pat Perrella, Co-membership chairs

Did you know?

Total number of Montana councils **54**.
Our membership quota is **174** new members. So far we have **99**; **need 74**.
Circle of Honor among all States **39**.
Total membership right now: **4968**.
Councils not recruiting a member this year: **29**.
Councils not completing a Form 365: **28**.
Councils not completing a Form 1728: **14**.
Councils not completing a Form 185: **9**.

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**ONE MEMBER PER COUNCIL
PER MONTH.**

**CHECK ON A BROTHER
KNIGHT TODAY.**

Knights Visions Material

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mnmbt@attglobal.net. Articles about what's
happening in your Council and pictures in jpg
format are always welcome.**