



Membership Report Montana State Knights of Columbus 2018-2019 Circle of Honor Winner

Membership in Montana Knights of Columbus has been an interesting ride this Fraternal Year. There is a membership representative in the East and the West. Pat Perrella handles the Diocese of Great Falls/Billings and Marty Beatty works on Membership in the Diocese of Helena. This concept works very well in Montana!

Catholic gentlemen can join the order as an e-member. All of the qualifications are the same-18 years old, practical Catholic, etc. A Catholic gentleman can join using a computer, phone or other electronic device. Simply by going to www.kofc/joinus a man can join as an e-member which gives him all the benefits of the Knights, he has a membership number and a card, he receives the Columbia magazine and he can attend a council meeting as an e-member, but cannot vote. He can join a Council if he chooses. Our e-membership goal from Supreme was 25 new members this year. We have currently recruited 22 new e-members. We need 3 new online members to reach our on-line goal.

Our first membership promotion was Make the Right Call- new Knights and their proposer are entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate to the Montana College or University for college apparel. We gained about 30 Knights with this promotion.

Our Knight Before Christmas promotion was popular again this year. New Knights and their proposers were given a Montana Knights of Columbus Christmas ornament. We gained about 15 members with this promotion. We used up all of the ornaments from the previous year. Be watching for this program again hopefully in November, 2020.

Our current membership promotion is for a Knights of Columbus fishing vest, hat and cooler. Every new Knight and his sponsor's name is entered into a drawing to be held later this spring or early summer.

We have 23 Councils that **have not recruited a new member** this year. Our quota-set by Supreme- is 174 new members. We have gained 120 members thus

far. **WE NEED 54 NEW MEMBERS TO MEET OUR QUOTA-either on-line or through Council 1st Degrees-both work. Every new member counts toward the goal.** We have 54 active Councils. If each Council recruited one new member...

Several Councils are very close to earning the Star Council Award. **WE NEED TO GET FIRED UP ABOUT STAR COUNCIL! We don't want to sit around smoking cigars and eating chocolate. We need to get around to recruiting new members and earning the STAR COUNCIL AWARD before June 30.**

This year several Councils participated in **DELTA CHURCH DRIVES!** Delta was a special Supreme membership campaign program and was completed by several Councils throughout the state. The General Insurance Agent helped several Councils with this drive and we brought in several new on-line members. Unfortunately Delta Church Drives have been suspended because of the pandemic and membership growth has slowed dramatically. Councils can't meet and large gatherings are not allowed. We can't ask anyone to join the order face to face which has worked so well in the past. Supreme has done new Virtual On-line Exemplifications. The first was April 17th, April 23rd and April 30th. We have had a few new Knights come in on-line.

The Montana State Council conducted its first combined exemplification in the **basement of Saint Mary's Church** in Columbus, MT. State officers and State Council Directors conducted the historical degree. There were four new members brought into the Knight and for the first time **ever, their families were allowed to be present at the exemplification. The new exemplification takes into account all** three of the former degrees. The exemplification is excellent and takes thirty minutes and can be done virtually when we are not allowed to gather.

Saving the best news for last!

MONTANA MADE CIRCLE OF HONOR

What is the Circle of Honor?

The Supreme Knight's Circle of Honor Level One Award recognizes state deputies who achieve 100 percent or more of their annual membership, net/net and star council quotas. Honorees and their wives were guests of the supreme knight and the board of directors at a resort and spa in Orlando, Florida. Co-membership chair Pat Perrella and State Deputy Allen Cormany attended the award presentation. Congratulations to Worthy State Deputy Allen Cormany and Crew!

So let's earn this honor two years in a row! Right now, to meet our quota we need 54 new members. If every Council would recruit one new member, we would meet our quota! Let's "getter" done!

Thank you to everyone that has worked so hard this year make our 2019-2020 Membership year successful. We look forward to working with you in the future

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