



July 18	Virtual Organizational meeting

Knights' Visions

Montana State Council

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Allen Cormany, State Deputy

Dan Halsten, State Secretary

From the State Deputy

“FISHERS OF MEN”

Over the last 138 years, millions of Knights have risen to meet the unique challenges presented by the times they lived in. We have been no different. The past 40 years have been some of the most difficult times Knights have faced. The Order struggles with declining membership numbers but we rose to meet the challenge, and became a Circle of Honor jurisdiction in 2019. Now, we face new challenges brought on by Covid-19. One way of going about rising to meet our needs is continue to focus on the recruitment of new members and on retaining current members. The numbers tell a story and in the story there is a way forward.

We have accomplished many goals these past two years including upgrading our website, streamlining our convention, increasing contributions to the Green Sheets, introducing the new Degree and many more. We have built up the Montana Knights of Columbus and need to support our new officers and continue the job.

As Knights, we are ever mindful of our first principle, Charity. Now, more than ever, is the time to contact members you haven't seen in a while and find out how they are doing and if they need anything. A little help can go a long way. If ever we need each other and if ever our parishes and communities needed the Montana Knights of Columbus, the time is now.

Thank you for your help and May God bless you all as together we move forward to better times. VIVAT JESUS!-Allen Cormany, State Deputy

From the State Deputy Elect

“GET FOUND IN MONTANA”

First, thanks to everyone for your support through the years. It is much appreciated and I hope for continued support in this new position with the Montana Knights of Columbus. Also, in order to save a few dollars, a special thanks to PSD Don Hartmann, William Burke, Bob Murphy, Rod McElwee, Art Malisani, Steve Zachmann, Ron Kazmierczak, and Allen Cormany.

I look forward to working with all the councils to explain and achieve our goals. I hope to do this by reinstating regional conference calls, in person visits, and utilization of social media (look for our own state Face Book channel coming soon).

The rally cry I have selected to get things launched is “get FOUND” in the Montana Knights of Columbus! This of course is a play on Montana's tourist industry slogan of “get LOST” in Montana. We don't want you lost in your fellowship, brotherhood, faith, or community.

We want you FOUND in service to all.

So, let's go brothers and help **others get FOUND!**

- Dan Hallsten, State Deputy

From the State Chaplain

Do they have Fourth of July in England? Many people want to say "no" because we have a celebration that takes place on the fourth of July and that celebration was not a good thing for the English. In reality, the English do not skip from the third of July to the fifth of July. While we are talking about patriotic things, what is the name of the monument in South Dakota memorializing four presidents? Many of us would say Mount Rushmore, but the actual memorial is the Shrine

of Democracy which is carved into Mount Rushmore. I hope that one or both of these "facts" are new for you, or are reminders of something we may have learned, but misplaced a part of the whole story.

When we think about our faith, we can often fall into some of the same assumptions. I have often asked people about the ministers for various sacraments. Most of us know that only a bishop can ordain a man as a deacon, priest or bishop. The ordinary minister for confirmation is a bishop, but it can be delegated to a priest. Celebrating Mass, anointing the sick and hearing confession can only happen with a priest or bishop. A deacon, priest or bishop can baptize a person. After talking about the other six sacraments, I ask about the minister of the sacrament of matrimony. A lot of people will say a deacon, priest or bishop. In reality, the minister for the sacrament of matrimony is actually the bride and groom who are bestowing the sacrament upon each other. The deacon, priest or bishop is an official witness for the Church that the sacrament has taken place.

How much do we think we know versus what we actually know about our faith? The Knights of Columbus offer a great resource for us to grow in our understanding of the faith. Through the Catholic Information Service the Knights of Columbus we can learn about important information from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. We can learn about the truths of our faith and the lives of the saints. If you've not checked out the resources at the Catholic Information Service that are offered through the Knights of Columbus, I encourage you to do that today.

Having said all of this, may you have a blessed Independence Day. - **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.**

Montana Knights Earn Circle of Honor Award

The Knights of Columbus Circle of Honor celebrates the State Deputies who achieve the highest levels of success growing membership, charitable activity, and community engagement in their jurisdiction. Montana earned this award and the award was presented in Orlando, Florida in February, 2020. Pat Perrella, Montana Program Director for Montana, his wife Deb and State Deputy Allen Cormany received the award for Montana in Florida.



Pat Perrella, Deb Perrella, Vanessa Kelly and Deputy Supreme Grand Knight Patrick Kelly

Montana is close to earning the Circle of Honor again this fraternal year. Winners will be announced until mid-July.

Name Game

Our monthly Business Meetings are now called Membership Meetings. And, Officer's Meeting has been retitled Monthly Officers Business Meeting. The concept here is to do the nuts & bolts, paying bills, etc. at this meeting. Then, report to the Membership Meeting in a condensed form for all members to discuss.

Council Pandemic Guidelines

Monthly Council Meetings. Person to person monthly meetings are allowed under our state's Phase 2 plan. Here are a few suggestions for your meetings:

1. Clean surfaces, door handles etc. before and after the meeting.
2. Provide hand sanitizer especially at the entrances to the meeting area.
3. The use of masks is per the requirements of local health departments and parishes.
4. Provide social distancing in the seating arrangements.
5. We still have members staying home so provide a digital option.
6. Use entry controls such as asking if a member feels well enough to attend the meeting.
7. Make a list of all members in attendance for each meeting.

Meals

Resuming meals is a council and parish decision. Conducting meals will need to follow the requirements of local health departments and any Diocesan rules. Here are some suggestions from Supreme:

1. No self-serve food or drink.
2. No buffets.
3. All food must be plated and served to patrons.
4. All condiments are individually packaged.
5. All utensils and napkins will need to be individually packaged for each patron.
6. Sanitize each dining table after patron use.
7. Provide sanitization stations.

Future State Convention Sites

- 2021** Billings
2022 Fairmont Hot Springs, Anaconda
2023 Lewistown
2024 Columbia Falls

Supreme Convention

The Supreme Convention in Washington D.C. has been cancelled. A virtual convention for delegates will occur in August.

Leave No Neighbor Behind

Continue to help one another. A Supreme award will recognize our state's top Leave No Neighbor Behind activity. We had several councils report activities of helping our neighbors, parishes and communities.

The Councils participating in L.N.N.B programs during the pandemic are:

2464, 6130, 844, 1644, 10576, 668, 1413, 882, 4069, 3250, 7009, 1518, 8329, 2360 and 8375.

The accomplishments of these Councils have been submitted to Supreme for consideration of a Leave No Neighbor Behind Award. Good work Brother Knights.

Charitable Giving

Since March, the Montana Knights of Columbus have not been able to do our business in traditional ways, but we are still in business. And, we continue to complete the tasks that need to be accomplished. The following is the State's 2020 giving:

University of Providence- Great Falls Scholarship

\$1000

Carroll College Scholarship

\$1000

Montana Hope Project

\$3525

Bishop Vetter Support

\$2000

Bishop Warfel Support

\$2000

Supreme Wheelchair Project

\$2537

Poor Clare’s of Montana

\$4125

Special Olympics Montana

\$5000

Special Olympics Montana Foundation

\$1813

Montana Catholic Conference

\$1000

Montana Catholic Social Services

\$5000

During the fraternal year, we also made contributions to the Montana Catholic Social Services Golf Tournament at Helena & Kalispell, a Memorial gift to the Past Supreme Knight Virgil & Ann Dechant Foundation, Legendary Lodge youth camp, St. Thomas youth camp, Sonlight Fundraiser, Father Julius Foundation, Diocese of Great Falls/Billings Africa Mission, Woman’s Conference and the Men’s Conference.

Thank you for supporting our state giving through your Per Capita and Green Sheets.

Awards

Here are some of the awards that were originally going to be presented at the State Convention. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the awards will be presented as soon as possible. The awards are in the possession of the General Program Director.

Congratulations to:

Teton Council 6200: **50** years of service.
Malta Council 2124: **100** years of service.

The following Councils earned the **Columbian Award** from Supreme for 2019-2020:

- Thompson Fall Council 11190
- Bozeman Council 1413
- Hamilton Council 6130
- Baker Council 6294
- Billings Council 8345
- Helena Council 844
- Belgrade Council 10432

Lewistown Council 1508

The following Council earned the **Columbian and McGivney Award:**

- Columbus/Absarokee Council 16834
- Roundup Council 2464

The following Council earned the **McGivney and the Founders Award:**

- Big Fork Council 14060
- Geyser Council 7726

Contest of Champions Membership Award

- 7728 Geyser Council 125%
- 14060 Bigfork Council 125%

Star Council Award

The Star Council award for membership quota and insurance quota is presented to:

9395 Great Falls Council
Billy R. Ross-Grand knight

Congratulations Brother Knights for a job well done!

Program Awards

Thank you to Councils that have sent in STSP forms for the program activities they have completed again this year. Also thanks to Councils that have nominated a Montana Knight of the Year, a Family of the Year and a Priest of the Year. Because of COVID 19, many Councils had to cancel, reschedule or postpone many of the events they usually do.

Program winners have been submitted to Supreme for the Faith in Action Programs. When Supreme sends the plaques, winners will be announced. When and how the plaques will be awarded will

be announced when a decision is made by State Officers.

A Knight of the Year, Family of the Year and Priest of the Year have also been selected and the awards will be made at a special Council ceremony at a location and time to be announced.

Because of the pandemic, 2020 has been an interesting year. What the Knights have in Montana is incredible. As a result of the virus, a new program called **Leave No Neighbor Behind** has been initiated. Montana Knights have done some incredible tasks. Many Councils called all of their members just to say "hello" and make sure they were doing ok. A couple of Councils built ramps into residences of disabled people. Another Council gave over \$1000 to a local restaurant so the hungry could eat with no questions asked. Another Council organized and scheduled a blood drive and donated 50 pints of blood. Almost every Council donated more food or money for food to local food pantries than usual. All Councils helped out at the church. Another Council moved furniture from a store next to a restaurant that was on fire. Another Council gathered an enormous amount of firewood free to those who needed it.

Keep up your good work. Every Council does something. Don't be reluctant to report what you do!

The Program Director for the upcoming year is Zane Fulbright. July 1st I will take over duties as State Secretary. Zane will be in contact with you soon-he will do an excellent job as we move forward

A big THANK YOU to the Program Chairs. You are the best. Program Chairs are Andy Mikes, Tom Weber. Zane Fulbright and Dan Wing.
Marty Beatty-Program Chair

Special Olympics

Once again, Montana was ranked first in our Division for Special Olympics activities and reporting. Supreme sent an award check for Special Olympics Montana in the amount of \$6250.00 which was presented to Montana Special Olympics during the week of June 22ND.

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 Marty Beatty, 100 South Davis, Helena, MT 59601.-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

Did you know?

Total number of Montana councils **54**.
Our membership quota is **148** new members. So far we have **135**; **need 13**.
Circle of Honor among all States **28**.
Total membership right now: **4965**
Councils not recruiting a member this year: **25**.
Councils not completing a Form 365: **27**
Councils not completing a Form 1728: **12**
Councils not completing a Form 185: **7**
Marty Beatty and Pat Perrella, Co-membership chairs

Supreme Family of the Month Winner

Miles City Council 1518 Dustin Strong

Congratulations!

VIVAT JESUS!

Montana Knights of Columbus!

WE ARE

OPEN FOR BUSINESS



**ONE MEMBER PER COUNCIL
PER MONTH.**

**CHECK ON A BROTHER
KNIGHT TODAY.**

LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND

Knights Visions Material

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