



Oct 31	Beatification of Father McGivney
Nov 3	Election Day

# Knights' Visions

## Montana State Council

Dan Halsten, State Deputy

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### From the State Deputy

#### ***“GET FOUND IN MONTANA”***

Worthy Brothers who are **FOUND** in the Montana Knights of Columbus!

I am excited that October is here. As many of you know, October is a traditional month to have membership drives at our churches. I'm excited to work with you to invite more men to be **FOUND** in the Knights of Columbus. Let's help our fellow men be **FOUND** living faith, helping the community, saving lives and supporting families. All of this **IS** the Knights of Columbus!

Promote our Membership Team's **TOOL** promotion! The tool is so cool that mine has already been taken out of my hands! I guess I need to earn another! Also, don't forget my offer that at the end of December if your council achieves your quota in new membership you will receive a **MONTANA** flag for your council.

I know many, including myself, are a bit frustrated maneuvering through the restrictions that COVID19 has placed on us in conducting our business. However, if we pray for the gift of creativity, we can get things done. People are counting on us to provide donations, coats for kids, blood drives, food drives and anything we can do to help. I know there are many ideas out there and I hope to hear from councils on how they are managing, and we will share the ideas.

Also, if you need technical help in setting up virtual meetings or “get togethers,” please let me know and we will do our best to help!

My final thought is that our founder will be beatified on October 31<sup>st</sup>. What a great event! Please consider spreading the word to all

parishioners and invite men and their families to a watch party to view this blessed event. I can't think of any other fraternal organization available to men that can boast such a blessed base for its members. Again, October is going to be great! Thanks to all! - **Dan Hallsten, State Deputy**

### From the State Chaplain

As I am typing this article for the Knights of Columbus newsletter the Mass readings this weekend were about giving to Caesar what is Caesar's. In our opening prayer we asked God that our ways conform to His and that we serve His majesty with sincerity of heart.

I'd like to address our will conforming to God's first. It is important for us to remember that conforming to God's will is not an emotional response. It's a response of reason, studying what God has taught us through the Church and through Sacred Scriptures. It is a time of reflection.

Many times we think that we should act in a certain way because our feelings overcome what is reasonable. When we look at the issue of abortion, many people respond with an emotional response to validate their acceptance of this practice. “What about the woman involved?” They forget to ask the question, “What about the innocent child involved?” What we often forget is that the baby that is being aborted is made in the image and likeness of God just as we all are. When Jesus asks those trying to trick him whose image is on the coin used to pay the temple tax they respond “Caesar's”. It is true that the coin bears his image and thus is his. The child in the womb bears the image of God. That gift of God should be given the opportunity to live and give his or her life back to God through service.

As we prepare for Election Day let us remember this important element of our faith. We prayed to

conform ourselves to God's will. God's will is that all of us, created in His image, are able to grow in holiness and share life with Him in heaven. We can let our emotions get in the way and fail to see the value of His will or we can conform ourselves to the teachings He gives us through His church and Sacred Scripture. Let us truly strive to live the out expectations of doing what is right in the eyes of God. - **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.**

### **AGENDA OF LIVE ONLINE BEATIFICATION EVENTS OF FATHER MCGIVNEY**

#### **PRAYER VIGIL**

Friday, October 30 at 7:00p.m. - 9:00p.m. ET at Saint Mary's Church in New Haven, CT

#### **BEATIFICATION MASS**

Saturday, October 31 at 11:00 a.m. ET at Saint Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford, CT

#### **MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR BEATIFICATION**

Sunday, November 1 at 12 p.m. ET at Saint Mary's Church in New Haven, CT

**All events will be live streamed on the K of C website.**

### **Prayer for the Canonization of Father McGivney**

Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Father Hail Mary Glory be to the Father

#### **Tootsie Roll Suspensions**

The Montana Knights of Columbus Charities Inc. board, under the recommendation of the State Deputy, voted to suspend the annual Tootsie Roll campaign for 2020-2021. Due to COVID 19 restrictions and the uncertainty that public distribution of the product has on the health of others the decision was made. This decision was also made to protect councils from potential lawsuits and negative publicity.

Please suspend any activities you have initiated this year. We regret the situation but will work to help find ways to keep our commitment to fund Montana Special Olympics and your many contributions to the charities you support with your annual campaigns. -**Dan Hallsten, State Deputy**

## Fall Membership Tool Promotion



*“Christ Himself, Who is God, despoiled Himself, making Himself similar*

*Become a better Catholic, father, and gentleman – join the Knights of Columbus*

*to men; and he chose not a life of privilege, but he chose the condition*

*Father McGivney’s vision for Catholic gentlemen was charity*

*of a servant (cf. Phil 2:6-7). He annihilated Himself by making Himself a*

*Knights of Columbus are in service to others – Charity, Unity and Fraternity*

*servant. He was born into a humble family and worked as a craftsman...*

*Faith in Action-Family program - Faith, Community and Life*

*He stood among the sick, the poor, the excluded, showing them God's*

*Leave no neighbor behind – leave no Brother behind*

*merciful love. And many times He was judged an impure man because*

*Join the K of C today and receive a special tool to remind you of what Knights do*

*He went to the sick, to lepers..., according to the law of the age. And He*

*Join online today at:  
[www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus)*

*took risks to be near to the poor.”*

*Every Catholic gentleman 18 years and older should become a Knight! -Pope Francis - GENERAL*

AUDIENCE- AUGUST 19, 2020.



**RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER TODAY AND GET YOUR MEMBERSHIP TOOL TODAY!**

### Program Chair

Dan Wing, Montana Life Program Director, has been promoting the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Initiative. He has been coordinating with Curt Fuqua with Samsung who has contacted and demonstrated new Ultrasound machines to the Pro-life clinics in Helena and Miles City.

The Clinics want new machines because the technology has improved to the point that the person getting the ultrasound can clearly see the baby and arms legs and heartbeat at very early stages and so it has more people who are abortion minded choose life instead of abortion.

Marissa Morford, Executive Director and Fertility Specialist at the Miles City Outreach Clinic explained why need a new machine, and that the Knights of Columbus Councils in her area are in contact with her. They have already received \$500.00 from the Baker council.

Dan has also contacted Tracy Ullrey at Options Clinic in Helena and discussed the same topics with the same conclusion. The Helena machine is ten years old and the reliability and image is very lacking compared to the new technology.

The cost of a new machine is \$30,436.00. Local councils are challenged to raise half of the funds and Supreme will provide the match to fully fund these projects.

Please get your councils involved so that we can demonstrate our pro-life commitment. For more information please contact Dan Wing at 406-439-4715, or [danielwing1956@gmail.com](mailto:danielwing1956@gmail.com) .

## In the Dark about Programs?

If your council doesn't know how to conduct Faith in Action programs, or you feel like you're not getting enough information about what the Knights of Columbus is doing it may be that your council has yet to submit its Service Program Personnel Report (365). As of October 15th, 34 councils in Montana have not completed and submitted that report. Once you submit the report the State Officers and Program Directors can reach out to you and provide you with support. The councils listed below are delinquent:

668 882 1021 1259 1274 1644 1810 2360 2464  
2613 2860 2997 3250 3911 4069 5189 5527 6260  
7009 7630 7726 7782 8255 8370 9172 9248 9976  
10432 13050 13093 14060 16228 16834 98025

For more information about Faith in Action, or on submitting this report, please contact State Program Director Zane Fulbright: 406-366-9765 or [zane Fulbright@gmail.com](mailto:zane Fulbright@gmail.com).

## Coats for Kids Update

As your council and community prepare for winter, here are some important updates about the 2020-2021 Coats for Kids program.

While every council has the freedom to use their own coats for the program, the Supreme Council has worked hard to simplify this process for councils and provide the highest quality coat for the cost. We have compared many styles, colors and qualities of coat and chose a style to ensure that you and your council members are proud of the coats that are distributed to children. Every coat in this year's line-up, has a zero-degree rating. For more info on the program, please visit [kofc.org/coats](http://kofc.org/coats) or access the Coats for Kids FAQ's [here](#).

## Faith: Marian Prayer Program

Knights step into the breach by joining their prayers through Our Lady in support of

persecuted Christians. To learn more info on this program, visit [kofc.org/marianprogram](http://kofc.org/marianprogram).

## Family: Food for Families

Knights step into the breach by ensuring as few as possible go to bed hungry through the Food for Families Program which supports food pantries, food banks, and soup kitchens in local communities. For more info on this program, visit [kofc.org/food](http://kofc.org/food). If your local food bank is not accepting donations of food during the pandemic you can always do direct financial donations.



## Council 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.

### 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](http://www.Kofc.org/Joinus)

### **Did you know?**

Total number of Montana councils **54**.  
 Our membership quota is **160** new members. So far we have **7**; need **153**.  
 Circle of Honor among all States **67**.  
 Total membership right now: **4932**  
 Councils not recruiting a member this year: **25**.  
 Councils not completing a Form 365: **34**.  
 Councils not completing a Form 1728: **12**.  
 Councils not completing a Form 185: **25**.  
**Marty Beatty and Pat Perrella, Co-membership chairs**

***VIVAT JESUS!***

**Montana Knights of Columbus!**

**WE ARE**

***OPEN FOR BUSINESS***



**ONE MEMBER PER COUNCIL  
PER MONTH.**

**FISHERS OF MEN**

**CHECK ON A BROTHER  
KNIGHT TODAY.**

**LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND**

***GET FOUND IN MONTANA***

**Knights Visions Material**

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