



Knight's Visions

Montana State Council

February, 2021

Dan Halsten, State Deputy

Marty Beatty State Secretary

From the State Deputy

March will shortly be upon us. March has traditionally been a month for church drives for new membership.

COVID has reduced new membership numbers from previous years to unprecedented lows. Montana councils only have 4 more months to recruit to their quotas. Please consider the following:

- Our worthy directors of membership are launching a "Here I am Lord let me be your servant" campaign, use their posters
- Radio spots are going to be played on Catholic radio
- On line registration is FREE with code "McGivney 2020"
- Consider offering one year free at the council level as well
- Invite men to events or families to events
- Survey all your members to solicit names of potential Knights
- Ask your Pastor for candidates
- Invite new Catholics to the knights as they are confirmed into the church this Easter
- Invite men to gather and pray in person or virtually
- Use our Montana sticker for distribution and a talking point starter
- Work with an insurance agent to help spread the benefits of the Knights

The most important step is to ask someone and answer the WHY question with your heart and faith. Your personal WHY.

March 29 is Founders Day. Make sure you take your pastor to a meal and let him know he is appreciated. Our relationships with our clergy is most important. None of this brotherhood would be here today without our founder, the Blessed Father Michael McGivney. - **Dan Hallsten, State Deputy**

From the State Chaplain

On Wednesday of the first week of Lent each year we hear the reading of the gospel of Jesus telling the people who are gathered that the generation is an evil generation. He went on to comment about the people seeking a sign but the no sign would be given except that of Jonah.

As he spoke to the people of his time, much of what he has to say can be applied to casual Catholics. We are happy living our life how we want to live it. We hear the message of needing to repent and change, but we seldom do it.

Jesus comments on how the people of Nineveh repented when Jonah came through predicting their doom in 40 days. They put on sackcloth and ashes. He goes on to talk about the queen of the South who sought the Wisdom of Solomon.

Oftentimes we fail to seek the wisdom of Christ in our lives. We need to ask ourselves, "Are we going to be condemned because of our failure to repent?" Lent is a season to turn away from our old lives and return to the Lord.

On Ash Wednesday we heard either, "Repent and believe in the gospel", or "Remember you are dust and unto dust you shall return". It is not too late to make ourselves right before the celebration of the Paschal mysteries at Easter.-**Father Leo McDowell, State Chaplain**

From the State Advocate

Grand Knights of all Montana Councils and Financial Secretaries of all Montana Councils State officers and District Deputies:

The 2021 State Convention for the Knights of Columbus is on the horizon and looks to be a refreshing and upbeat convention. At this point it is unknown whether the convention will be once again a "virtual" meeting or a "real" live in-person convention. Notice will be sent out as soon as that decision has been made.

A major order of business at the convention deals with the consideration of resolutions presented by the State Officers or by individual Councils. Now is the time to prepare any resolutions that your council may want the state convention to consider. If you wish to have a resolution considered, it must be in my hands no later than 1 March 2021. This date must be strictly observed because of the necessity to compile all resolutions so that they can be mailed to each council for consideration at your council's general membership meeting prior to the state convention.

Any resolution not in my possession by the 1 March 2021 deadline may not be presented to this year's convention assembly due to the lack of sufficient time to transmit it.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated by all of the State Officers.

E-Mail or snail mail your resolution to the following address: Thanks and have a very holy and blessed Christmas season. Stay safe and healthy!!-**James M Taflan State Advocate**
850 King Edward Ct, Helena, MT 59602

Or Email: taflan@bresnan.net

**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.**

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Knights of Columbus

A LETTER FROM THE MCCAUGHAN AGENCY

Building Father McGivney's Vision!

Brother Knights,

Last year was a banner year for KC Insurance in Montana. In October we saw our founder, Blessed Fr McGivney be canonized. We were able to protect and serve more families here in Montana than ever before, a blessing in such unprecedented times. We surpassed our previous sales records and had one of our agents qualify for the prestigious Million Dollar Round Table, for the first time in Montana history!

Now looking to the future, we are happy to usher in the next chapter in Fr McGivney's vision for the order in Montana. We are pleased to be merging and coming under the umbrella of the successful **Wheaton Agency of Colorado and Wyoming**. Headquartered in Denver, this will take both our agent and client's experience to the next level.

The McCaughan Agency team will be staying together, serving the same councils as before and will now be armed with more resources to better serve you and your loved ones for years to come.

**HOW GOOD IS GOD TO GIVE BLESSED
FR. MCGIVNEY TO THE CHURCH AND THE KNIGHTS!**



FRATERNALLY,
DERMOT MCCAUGHAN & ANDY WHEATON

Wheaton Agency
Sales Manager & Agent

Wheaton Agency General Agent
Colorado, Wyoming & Montana

From the Co-membership Chairs

Preparing for a New Beginning...

**Our Parishes and Communities
are beginning to open up.
We need your help re-opening our
Churches and supporting our
Communities.
Get involved and become a
Montana Knight of Columbus!**



*Here I Am Lord... Let Me Be YOUR
Servant
Does this appeal to you as a Catholic
Gentleman?*

**IF SO,
WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN THE
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.**



www.kofc.org/joinus

Join on-line for free today!

**Use code:
MCGIVNEY2020**

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

From Program Director

Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney Prayer Hour

This year we were not able to share our traveling icon. In its place we are instituting the BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY PRAYER HOUR. Built around the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, the prayer hour features writings from recent popes and reflections on the life of Blessed Michael McGivney. The prayer hour is a way for the entire parish community to invoke the blessed founder of the Knights of Columbus and to be inspired by his life and legacy.



Just this week we learned that Supreme has extended the deadline to submit essay contest winners until March 6. If you are holding on to any essays please get them submitted to Kevin Holland as soon as possible.

Has your council been busy this past year? Have you done activities that are noteworthy? Get your Service Program Award forms submitted no later than April 1 so we can consider them for recognition at the State Convention. You can find

the form on the kofc.org website in the "For Members" section, Council Forms.
(https://www.kofc.org/en/forms/council/state_serviceaward_p.pdf) All submissions should be submitted using this form. State winners (one each for Life, Community, Faith, and Family) will be forwarded onto Supreme for recognition at Supreme Convention.

Are you confused about which form to use for which activity? Supreme is attempting to simplify that for you. More events and programs are now using one form: Form 10784. To help you sort it all out Supreme has posted a short video that will guide you, appropriately called: Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784) Training Video. On the kofc.org website you can find this video under Faith in Action Resources under Forms. The link is in the text for this form. If you need assistance please reach out to me.

Below are samples of the Knight of the Year and the Family of the Year nomination forms. The forms are found on the Montana State Knights of Columbus web site: www.montanaknights.org Both are fillable documents and can be downloaded to a file on your computer. The forms can then be submitted electronically to the State Program Director. If you need assistance finding the document, contact the Program Director or the State Secretary.

SAMPLE FORMS



Montana State Council Knights of Columbus
Founded in Faith / Faith in Action

2020-2021 Knight of the Year Entry Form

Knight of the Year Name:

Address: _____ City: _____
_____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number:

Positions held in Council:

Participated in activities in the following categories: *(use back or additional pages for more details)*

Life:

Faith:

Community:

Family:

Grand Knight Name:

Grand Knight Signature:

_____ Telephone # _____

District: # _____ Council:

_____ City: _____

Mail or email completed form to:

Zane Fulbright
State Program Director
312 10th Ave N
Lewistown, MT 59457
zane.fulbright@gmail.com



Must be received by April 1, 2021

FAMILY OF THE YEAR ENTRY FORM

Council/Jurisdiction: _____ Date: _____

Instructions

Local Councils: To enter your Family of the Year into jurisdiction competition, complete this form and forward it to the state deputy. Additional paper may be used if space allocated is not sufficient. Photographs, news clippings, letters of commendation or other special exhibits may be included. **Note:** Individual jurisdictions set their own deadlines for state/provincial competitions, so watch for deadline dates or contact the state deputy.

Jurisdiction: Select one entry to honor as Jurisdiction Family of the Year. Submit that entry form, with the state deputy's signature and all collateral material, to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission by June 1 for consideration in the International Family of the Year competition.

A. Personal Data

Member's Name: _____ (Membership Number) _____

Wife's Name: _____

Children/Ages: _____ Children/Ages: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Business Telephone: _____

Parish: _____ Pastor: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

B. Knights of Columbus Data

Family nominated by Council _____ in _____ (location)

For how many years has husband/father been a member of the Knights of Columbus? _____

Positions (offices/program directorships/chairmanships/committee assignments) held:

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FAITH IN ACTION

FAMILY

.-Zane Fulbright, Montana Program Director

You Can Make a Difference

Every year, Montana Knights come together to donate to the organizations on the Green Sheet. This past fraternal year, Montana Knights contributed significantly to this program.

Now more than ever, these organizations are asking for the Montana Knights to help them. Can YOU help make a difference?

Please give generously to the Green Sheet Funds. Contact your Financial Secretary or Montana Charities INC. President Allen Cormany for more information on how to contribute.-**Allen Cormany Immediate Past State Deputy/President, Montana Charities, Inc.**

Green Sheets and **Per Capita** are due!

If you have submitted them,

THANK YOU!

If not, please submit them soon to the
State Secretary!

Montana Knights of Columbus!

WE ARE

OPEN FOR BUSINESS



**ONE MEMBER PER COUNCIL
PER MONTH.**

**CHECK ON A BROTHER
KNIGHT TODAY.**

GET FOUND IN MONTANA!

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.