



Membership Report Montana State Knights of Columbus 2020-2021

Membership in Montana Knights of Columbus has been anything but normal 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. Because of the Beatification of Blessed Father McGivney, membership fees have been waived and will continue to be waived until June 30th. He can join a Council if he chooses. Our e-membership goal from Supreme was 30 new members this year. So far this year we have 47 e-members.

Our *Knights 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 20 members with this promotion. We used up all of the ornaments from the previous year. Be watching for this program again hopefully in November, 2021.

We have 38 Councils that **have not recruited a new member** this year. Our quota-set by Supreme- is 136 new members. We have gained 67 members thus far. **WE NEED 69 NEW MEMBERS TO MEET OUR QUOTA-either on-line or through Council Degrees;-both work. Every new member counts toward the goal.** We have 54 active Councils. If each Council recruited one new member...

Several Councils will earn the Star Council Award this year. **We have not been sitting around smoking cigars and eating chocolate.**

Because of COVID 19, not many **CHURCH DRIVES have taken place.** The General Insurance Agent helped several Councils and we brought in several new on-line members. Church Drives have been suspended because of the pandemic and membership growth has slowed dramatically. Councils can't meet and large gatherings are still not allowed, but it's getting better. 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 and these have been fairly successful in Montana.

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 are slated to be guests of the supreme knight and the board of directors at a resort in the Bahamas. Co-membership chair Marty Beatty and State Deputy Allen Cormany are slated to receive the award presentation. Congratulations to Worthy State Deputy Allen Cormany and Crew!

So let's earn this honor three years in a row! We are very close to earning the Circle of Honor award again this year.

Team members have called every Grand Knight or Financial Secretary in the state. We asked them to get form 100's in or sign prospects up as E-members. We know we are really close...

Thank you to everyone that has worked so hard this year make our 2020-2021 Membership year successful. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Pat Perrella and Marty Beatty,
Co-Membership Chairs
Montana State Council
Knights of Columbus