



## Report of the Montana State Programs 2020-2021

Worthy State Chaplain, Supreme Representative, State Officers, Past State Deputies, State Directors and Chairmen, Sirs and Brother Knights:

This past fraternal year has offered challenges to implementing programs in the Montana Knights of Columbus. So many familiar ways of operating were shaken up, and the anxiety and fears surrounding the pandemic kept many parishes and Knights isolated and shut down. “Be not afraid!” we have been instructed. Yet for many of us, that call was hard to hear, and even harder to respond to.

To all of our Brother Knights who did respond, often in spite of their own fears, I thank you. Now Past Supreme Knight Carl Anderson challenged us to “Leave No Neighbor Behind.” And many of you took up that call. “Into the Breach,” you charged, and fed the hungry, sheltered the homeless, clothed the naked, prayed for those in despair, defended the innocent.

We collectively scratched our heads, trying to figure out how to operate in a socially distanced and shut down world. How do we support the Special Olympics without Tootsie Rolls? How do we raise money for our programs without pancake breakfasts or fish fries? How do we build community without in-person Masses? Based on the forms that were submitted at the end of the year, you found a way.

This year as forms were changed, often many times throughout the year, Montana councils reported activities in all of the Faith in Action categories: Faith, Life, Family, and Community. For state recognition, eleven councils from ten districts reported 90 activities, eight Knight of the Year nominations were submitted, as were six Family of the Year nominations. This is a small snapshot of the work completed by our Montana councils. How do I know? My own council did much more than what was reported, and stories in the Knights Vision newsletter highlighted other great accounts.

The March for Life occurred across Montana – Thank You Brother Knights! The KC’s Ultrasound Initiative, involving Life Program Director Dan Wing and Brother Knights, successfully supported pregnancy care centers in multiple Montana communities. Family Program Director Joel LaLiberty developed a Natural Family Planning (NFP)/Fertility Awareness brochure for distribution to parishes in Montana. It’s available on the [montanaknights.org](http://montanaknights.org) website.

Brother Knights, BE NOT AFRAID! Be strong in your faith, return to the Sacraments, pray your Rosary, and call upon St. Joseph, our Mother Mary, and Blessed Michael McGivney to strengthen us to be the Men of Christ we are called to be.

Vivat Jesus!  
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