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# Knight's Visions

## Montana State Council

August 2021

Dan Halsten, State Deputy

Marty Beatty State Secretary

### From the State Deputy

The end of Q1 is upon us this September. A way to go to finish the year but it is never too late to get started on making our goals (Council Forms and membership quotas)! Many of you have taken the first two months off because it is summer.

Delaying inviting new men into the Knights and delaying in helping your parish with a COVID Recovery Plan. Let's not delay any further! With that said I will extend the Corn Hole the COVID incentive until the end of September. I only know of two small councils that have organized and conducted this incentive. I know of at least two large councils that could easily adapt this program into their usual corn hole contests. Please let me know if you need any information on the Supreme COVID Recovery Plan or the Corn Hole the COVID incentive offered to you by the State Council.

Speaking of forms, we are still in need of 185's (Officers chosen) from at least half the councils. PLEASE turn them into us and Supreme. The extended deadline for 365's (Service Program personnel) is September 1<sup>st</sup>. These are very important forms so that the structure of your council can mesh well with the State Council and Supreme as far as communication.

I look forward to closing out Q1 with better participation in all aspects of the Knights from all of you. Please don't hesitate to send pictures and stories of your activities to the State Secretary, Program Directors, District Deputies or myself! I know there are a lot of picnics, barbecues and golf

tournaments going on and I'd love to see the results!

Also, looking forward, start planning Coats for Kids, food drives, soccer and basketball shoots! Always make plans for council and family prayer hours. Tootsie Roll Drives can proceed! Another thought is if you have kids attending college away from home, contact the local council of that college site so they can let the student know we are always here to help! -**Dan Hallsten, State Deputy**

### From the State Chaplain

It is hard to believe that summer is over and school has started. As most of you know, I've been moved St. Patrick Co-Cathedral to serve as the pastor. With all of the activity with the move and getting established, I think this summer went by faster than many others.

It has given me a little time to think about change. One thing we realize in life is that things around us seem to change a lot. We get older. Many of us start to have our hair change from a darker color to a lighter color. We may even find that we've put on some weight, or lost some.

However, one thing we need to remember is that truth never changes. Christ is present in the Eucharist. Taking an innocent human life is wrong. Note the word innocent. As we look at our faith we can see a number of truths that have always been, and will always be. It is important for us to continue to educate ourselves in the truths of the Church. If something sounds off, look

it up in the catechism. Look to see if there have been any official pronouncements. - **Fr. Leo McDowell-State Chaplain.**

*Worthy State Deputy Dan Hallsten at the District Deputy Organizational Meeting*

## **The MONTANA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RACE TO COMPLIANCE!**

### **HELP WANTED!**

#### **Leadership openings:**

1. **Executive Secretary:** Serves as correspondence coordinator from Supreme, the State Council and council officers. Records minutes for board meetings of the Montana Charities Inc.
2. **State Warden: POSITION FILLED!** Thank you **James Powell** for stepping forward.
3. **Hispanic and minorities Membership coordinator:** Coordinates efforts with the State Membership Director to invite membership within these communities.
4. **Coats for Kids Chair:** Coordinates statewide campaigns to distribute Supreme Discounted coats to the needy.
5. **District Deputy for district # 1:** In charge of councils in Polson, Ronan, Thompson Falls and Bigfork.
6. **District Deputy for district # 3: POSITION FILLED!** Thank your **Gary Wenger** for stepping forward!
7. **District Deputy for district #7:** In charge of councils in Cut Bank, Choteau and council 1493 Great Falls.

Contact State Deputy Dan Hallsten if you are interested in an office.



#### **Join the race .....**

##### **LEG ONE:**

- a. Complete **Form 185** – Officer Chosen
- b. Send into Supreme by 7/1/2021
- c. Send a copy to State Secretary Marty Beatty
- d. Complete Safe environment training for required officers
- e. Complete Form 365 – Program Personnel
- f. Send into Supreme by 8/1/2021
- g. Send copy to State Secretary Marty Beatty
- h. Complete Safe Environment training for required personnel

**\*WIN \$200.00 for your council if first to complete LEG ONE! \$100 if second and \$50.00 if third!**

##### **LEG TWO:**

- a. Completed form 1728 – Fraternal Activity
- b. Send into Supreme by 1/31/2022
- c. Complete Form SP7
- d. Send into Supreme by 6/30/2022

**\*WIN \$150 for 1<sup>st</sup> Place, \$75 for Second and \$50 for third place!**

**\* Ties will be broken by drawing.**

#### **From the Insurance Agent**

I know many of you will have seen some of the information coming from the regional Wheaton office in Denver about the RISE presentation from Chris Stefanick.

I'm already hearing lots of positive feedback from those of you who were able to watch it live on Wednesday night.

For those who missed it, good news, you can view it on-demand at <https://yourfaithinfinance.com/> until Sep 5<sup>th</sup>.

ALSO Chris Stefanick has gifted us access to his RISE 30 day challenge for FREE. You don't even need to be a Knight to take advantage of this!

Share with anyone who may be interested. If someone you know would be interested in joining the Knights send them to [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus) and use promo code - DMCCAUGHAN to join for free. - Dermot McCaughan Knights of Columbus Insurance



## Montana Get Found in Montana Bumper Stickers

Montana Knights of Columbus Bumper Stickers are available. If your Council would like some bumper stickers for your members, contact Marty Beatty, State Secretary:

[statesecretary@montanaknights.org](mailto:statesecretary@montanaknights.org)



## CORN HOLE THE COVID Council CHALLENGE

**A challenge to all Montana Councils to host a parish family Corn Hole Tournament!**  
**Combine this with our CRP**  
**One large council and one small council can win \$250 for the most attendance and most new members in July and August**  
**• Ties will be broken by drawing.**  
**HOST this family event for your parish!**  
**Montana Knights of Columbus**

**FORM 185 and FORM 365 ARE DUE**

**The following Councils have not submitted FORM 185's:**

668	882	1959	2613
2860	2997	3039	3250
3911	4272	5189	6260
7630	7726	7782	8255
9172	9248	13050	16228
16834			

**The following Councils have not submitted FORM 365s:**

668	844	882	1021
1259	1274	1328	1413
1508	1518	1644	1810
1959	2124	2360	2464
2613	2860	2997	3002
3039	3250	3911	4069
4272	5189	5527	6200
7782	8255	8370	8375
9172	9248	9976	10432
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**Please take a minute to submit these form today!**



**Membership 2021  
Montana Knights of Columbus**

We **DID NOT** earn Circle of Honor this year and we are disappointed! We did, however, exceed our on-line membership goal. Our goal last year was 160 new members and we were at about 60%

of our goal. Our e-member goal was 160. We got 85 e-members.

So most of our new members came from e-members. So what happened? The membership team promoted the Knights of Columbus and encouraged new members to join on-line. Councils did not do their part and recruit like the State Council and supreme wanted recruiting done. Yes, the pandemic played a big part. BUT it was easy to say “the church was closed” or “Father won’t let us do anything “and so on. Councils should have done more. As churches opened up, the Knights should have been present. Cleaning/sanitizing pews, lectors, Communion ministers, etc. IT was easier to just not be visible. Several Councils have not recruited a new member in several years. **Those Councils that did not recruit a new member this year as of June 29<sup>th</sup> are:**

668	882	1259	1493
1518	1644	1810	1959
2124	2613	2860	2997
3002	3039	3250	3911
4069	4272	5189	6200
6260	6294	6455	7630
7726	7782	8255	8370
8375	9172	9248	9976
10576	13093	16228	16834

**TOTAL COUNCILS NOT** adding a new member is **37**. Out of 56 total Councils, this is not good. **WE CAN DO BETTER CHEERFULLY.**

**Join the Knights today and you will receive a magnetic statue of Saint Joseph holding Jesus and a Knights of Columbus tool to help you remember that you are a now a Knight and now have the tools for Charity, Unity and Fraternity. - Marty Beatty and Pat Perrella, Co-membership chairs**

## From the Keep Christ in Christmas Chairman

The current Keeping Christ in Christmas evangelization season has gotten started yet is facing many challenges. The pandemic and its effects on production has left Christ is Christmas with difficulty fulfilling requests for English style cards. As a result of early requests for cards most of the specific card styles on the order form are depleted; substitution choices are becoming limited as well. Alternative cards will be offered as long as possible. After receipt of orders notifications are being sent conveying ~ filling as requested, alternative options, and/or "out of stock" status of the cards.

Many thanks for keeping your councils informed and are getting back as quickly as possible regarding approvals to move forward on adjustments.

There **will not** be a pre-set Assortment Case available this season. We encourage you to review the Council Order Form, choose among the card styles and KCIC products available and put together an order of items that will work best for your community.

There is a "shared shipping" rate set for the first 35 boxes shipping to the same location. The rate can be found on page 2 of the Council Order Form.

The challenges of 2020, including Covid-19 ramifications prompts review and adjustments to the program. While moving forward, we are working through production issues and reviewing manufacturing. There are a limited supply of English style Christmas cards this season. Orders will be filled until items are Out-of-Stock. It is expected the current supply of ethnic style cards as well as "KCIC Christmas Activity" materials and products will be available to fill all requests. Adjustments needed on any requests will be followed up on as swiftly as possible.

We encourage you to use a wide variety of products ~ magnets, bumper stickers, yard signs,

seals, pins and banners to spread the Christmas message and promote the Keep Christ in Christmas evangelization. This will give multiple added options as you continue to spread the message of the Birth of Jesus Christ. Notice on the brochure a larger variety of car magnets and additional yard signs.

The experiences faced by us all in the last year and a half have changed our world and environments very much and in many ways, however what has not changed is the hope and the salvation brought to us all in the Birth of the Baby Jesus.

We are called to Keep Christ in Christmas and evangelize the true meaning of Christmas with spiritual messages.

Prayers for our Lord's grace as we carry the Keep Christ in Christmas message and miracle of Christ's Birth on through 2021.

If you need assistance, call Bernie Adams at (406) 431-9514. Brochures and order forms are available on the state web site- [montanaknights.org](http://montanaknights.org)-**Bernie Adams, Christmas Card Chairman**

## Fourth Degree Exemplification



A 4th Degree Exemplification was held on August 22, 2021 at the Columbia Club in Billings. Team members were Historian - Nilo Cabera, Pat Perella , Jim Bore, Dave Plourde , Art Loendorf ,

Fr Leo McDowell , Kevin Holland ,Fran Rodgers and Andy Mikes.

## **WHAT MONTANA COUNCILS ARE DOING**

### **Council 1259 feeding the homeless in Billings**



### **Council 13093-Stevensville**

Well, the men of Council 13093 have had an atypically busy July/August with four events!

1. Mid July a handful of Knights helped to host a Summer Picnic for the local - St Mary Mission Parish. There we welcomed the new priest and fellow Knight Fr. Dave Severson in to his assignment to the parish, and fed the 74 attendees. Great kudos go out to our Financial Secretary, Ron Scholtz (former Insurance Agent) who worked the crowd for new members, while his Brothers tried not to burn the burgers. A great Day for a Great Event!
2. August 15th saw the Council step into a short-notice-request to host a breakfast for parishioners following Mass for the Feast of the Assumption. A small group attended but again we worked the crowd with coffee in one hand and some Form 100s in the other.
3. August 22nd was witness to the 57th time the Knights have lead and hosted a hike to the summit of St. Mary's Peak in the Bitterroot Valley overlooking Stevensville. 57 times, men of Council

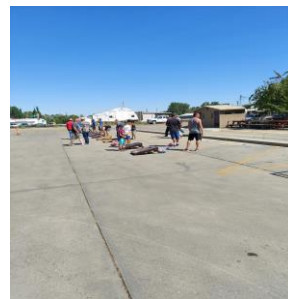
13093 have lead an occasional hesitant few of within a faithful group to the summit. This year we had 59 hikers - possibly a record number. As is tradition, the rosary was said at rest spots along the hike, with a mass held at the summit, offered by Fr. Severson. Following the long but majestic hike back down, a lunch was served by other Knights to 47 attendees (and perhaps a few new families with prospective Knights within).

4. August 25th the Officers fo the Council came together with some hope, food and proposals and were able to assemble a calendar of events for 2021-22 and the associated annual budget. Its now ready for second reading and voting next week! Nice job Knights!

For sure a strong bit of activity during our often restful summer months. September will be a mild month of preparation as we prepare for an October Breakfast, a tie-in to our local Scare Crow festival and our biggest event of the year in November; where we provide to 100 local families a Thanksgiving Dinner box (with all the fixins) and 40 Winter Gear Duffle Bags for homeless Veterans in the Missoula and Bitterroot area.

Council 13093 is hopeful each Council finds time to meet their community where they are and where they have need.-**Todd Wholman-Grand Knight**

### **Barbecue competition in Malta**





### **Helena Council 844, East Helena Council 10576 and Helena Assembly 589**

The two Councils and an Assembly parked cars at the Last Chance Stampede and Fair to earn \$5,000 for the R.S.V.P. program. Through the efforts of several individuals and lots of help from Council and Assembly members, the event was successful. New seminarians in the Diocese of Helena will receive a check for their personal financial needs. R.S.V.P. checks are not used for tuition but for the seminarian's personal needs.



### **Saint Benedict's Parish Picnic-Roundup**

The Knights of Council 2464 planned, prepared and served at the parish picnic. Pulled pork sandwiches and all the trimmings were served!



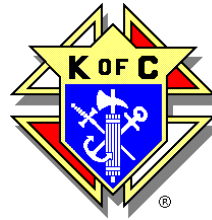
## **Attachments**

There are a couple of attachments to this newsletter. First is the **Territorial Training Schedule** and a **Directory of State Officers and Program Chairs**. The directory for Council Officers will be available in the near future. If you have corrections, please contact State Secretary Marty Beatty at [mmmbt@attglobal.net](mailto:mmmbt@attglobal.net).

# **Moving Forward CHEERFULLY!**



**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](mailto:mnmbt@attglobal.net). Articles about what's happening in your Council and pictures in jpg format are always welcome.



***Tell us what your  
Council is doing! We  
are always looking for  
articles and pictures.***

***Montana Knights of Columbus!***

**ONE MEMBER PER COUNCIL  
PER MONTH.**

**CHECK ON A BROTHER  
KNIGHT TODAY.**

**FISHERS OF MEN**

**GET FOUND IN MONTANA!**