



Knights' Visions

Montana State Council

September 2021

Dan Halsten, State Deputy

Marty Beatty State Secretary

From the State Deputy

Summer is over! Let's get going on the things that matter to your parish, community and council! Normally, at this time a year, we should be getting close to having a Soccer Shoot, Tootsie Roll drive and ordering essay and poster contest kits. Also, it's time to consider winter. Coats for kids and basketball free throw contests. Most importantly, these things and the other things your council does cannot be done without help. Help can come in the way of NEW membership! October is church drive month!

Hopefully, someone in your council has attended a Delta Church Drive seminar and can organize events. Encouraged this year is an exemplification Sunday afternoon following all masses. That way everything is done on one weekend. A great celebration can be had if all are gathered shortly after signing up. If planned early enough, our region can possible send someone out to help! Consider on-line sign ups on your smart phones or laptops. Takes little of a man's time to sign up that way. **BE PREPARED TO TELL WHAT YOUR KNIGHTS DO! BE PREPARED TO GIVE YOUR PERSONAL REASON ON BEING A KNIGHT!** Also, have a list of potential candidates for all Knights to make sure these men are personally invited at each drive! These are ways to help bring in men to the Knights.

I look forward to hearing of your successes! Keep in tune with our Membership Directors (Pat and Marty) for promotions! We are also extending the Corn Hole (Bean Bag Toss) the COVID

promotion until November 30th! An easy way to win \$250.00!

Get Found in the Montana Knights of Columbus with a cheerful and moving forward attitude!-**Dan Hallsten, State Deputy**

From the State Chaplain

One of the principles for Knights is to be "in solidarity with our priests." The month of September offers us two such opportunities. On September 9th a web page called the Catholic Gentleman <https://catholicgentleman.com/> has encouraged Catholic gentleman to a buy a priest a beer. For about the past 9 years this has been promoted as the International Buy a Priest a Beer Day. Reading the history of this one realizes they are encouraged to use a beer as an opportunity to get to know your priest. Not all priests would appreciate a beer. There are other ways to get to know your priest. You can invite him out for a cup of coffee or invite him over for dinner. The point is get to know your priest.

The other celebration in September is Priesthood Sunday. It is the last Sunday in September. This is a day to show our appreciation for the priest(s) serving your parishes. Mention of the event could be made at Mass as a way of showing appreciation from the local council. Perhaps Knights could plan a social event with the priest as the center point. You could check out the website <https://serraus.org/priesthood-sunday/> to see other suggestions. This is an ideal time to show solidarity with our priests. - **Fr. Leo McDowell-State Chaplain.**

**WATCH FOR COATS FOR KIDS
PROGRAM INFORMATION!
COMING SOON!**

From the Tootsie Roll Chairman

The Tootsie Roll Program is ON for this fraternal year! As the newly appointed Program Director, I encourage every Council in our great State to participate. What a great safe & charitable way to engage with others in our communities! PDF fillable forms are available at <https://www.montanknights.org/forms>. As per previous years, the Tootsie Rolls will be distributed at the State Convention. Please do not hesitate to contact me (Stephen Bradford – gypsum60@live.com, 406-580-7953) with any questions. God Bless & Vivat Jesus! - **Stephen Bradford, Tootsie Roll Chairman**

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: POSITION FILLED!** Thank you **Billy Ross** for stepping forward.

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.

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



Join the race

LEG ONE:

- a. Complete **Form 185** – Officer Chosen
 - b. Send into Supreme by 11/1/2021
 - 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 11/1/2021*
 - 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 1st Place, \$75 for Second and \$50 for third place!**

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

From the Insurance Agent

The truth certainly stings.

More than 70 percent of Americans over the age of 65 will need long-term care services at some point in their lives, according to a study by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. If that doesn't open eyes, consider the following HHS statistic: Anyone reaching the age of 65 years has a 40 percent chance of entering a nursing home, with a 20 percent chance of staying there for at least five years.

(<https://longtermcare.acl.gov/the-basics/how-much-care-will-you-need.html>)

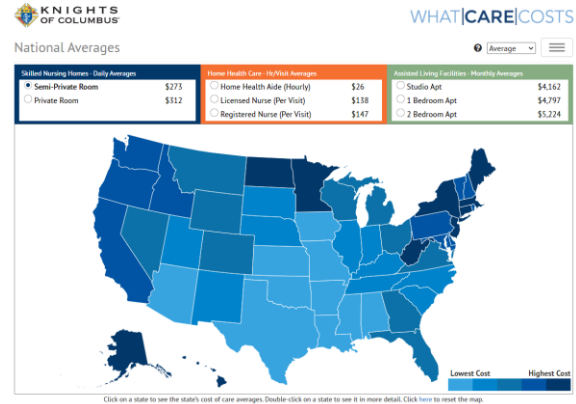


Employer-provided health insurance — generally, all health insurance — does not provide coverage for long-term care. If you're thinking that Medicare will absorb the related costs, you're wrong. Medicare only covers up to 100 days of long-term care, but only if you've previously been in a hospital for three consecutive days prior to needing long-term services. Additionally, only the first 20 days are covered in full; the remaining 80 require a daily co-payment. Medicaid, you say?

Sure, but only if you're indigent — in a word, broke.

If one requires extended long-term care in a nursing home, the associated uninsured expenses may lead to just that.

WhatCareCosts.com/knightsofcolumbus/kofc



The average cost of a semi-private room in a nursing home at \$97,090 a year, or \$266 a day. A private room is \$303 a day, or \$110,595 a year. These are average costs, bear in mind. In states like Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New York, it is not uncommon for the expense to exceed \$150,000 annually or more.

Talk to your Knights of Columbus Field Agent about how he can help customize a plan to help you pay for the care you may need someday.-

Anna Schafer-Coffey, K of C Colorado Montana & Wyoming Agency, 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



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 from July -
October 31**

- Ties will be broken by
drawing.**

**HOST this family event for
your parish!**

**Montana Knights of
Columbus**

**If your Council needs more details
about a corn hole contest, please
let State Deputy Dan Hallsten know.**



Membership 2021 Montana Knights of Columbus

**Watch for our new MEMBERSHIP
CAMPAIGN that will begin in October.**

**More details in the next KNIGHT'S
VISIONS newsletter. - 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-**Bernie Adams, Christmas Card Chairman**

Fourth Degree Exemplification



Exemplification of the Fourth Degree

Sunday, October 10th, 2021

Saints Cyril and Methodius Catholic Parish

12 Cleveland Ave North

East Helena, MT

Candidates arrive by 12:00 Noon with Completed Form 4, 4th Degree Membership Document

Exemplification Ceremony Begins at 1:00 PM

Dress: Dark Suit and Necktie for Candidates, New Fourth Degree Uniform, Dark Suit with Tie, or Tuxedo for Attending Fourth Degree Sir Knights Attendees



Initiation Fee: \$70.00 (Special Offer: For every can of food donated ,one dollar will be taken off the fee.

Dinner to follow Mass in parish social with presentation of certificates

District 14 News

At the completion of the Installation of Council Officers ceremony conducted in September with Lewistown Council 1508, District Deputy

Sylvester "Sly" Barros acknowledged their retiring Grand Knight Paul Tucek for his dedicated leadership.

During his two-year tenure as Worthy Grand Knight, Brother Tucek's accomplishments at the helm of the council resulted in honor and glory to his jurisdiction and our Order.

Shown in the photo is DD Barros presenting retiring GK Tucek with a Certificate of Appreciation, a Past Grand Knight lapel pin and PGK medal.



Feeding the homeless in Billings

Roundup Council 2464

Council 2464 was called to another fire. On a moment's notice, the members of the Council can make breakfast, lunch and dinner for the firefighters! Breakfast is often times a pancake and sausage roll up, lunch is a double ham sandwich and dinner is pulled pork sandwiches. Each meal includes chips, cookies and a fruitcup. The Council delivers meals to the firefighters and special containers that the Council obtained to deliver meals when a disaster happens.

WHAT MONTANA COUNCILS ARE DOING

“Where there’s a need, there’s a Knight”

Council 1259 feeding the homeless in Billings



Wildlands fire West of Roundup



Council members make sandwiches for firefighters



The "Master of Disaster" Pat Perrella

Helena Assembly 589 and District 12 Councils

Helena Assembly and District 12 Councils are holding two food Drives-one is October 11th for Columbus Day and November 11th for Veteran’s Day. Sir Knights and brother Knights will deliver 1,000 granola bars and 1,000 juice boxes/fruit cups to Helena Food Share. On November 11, Knights will deliver meals in a can and other food items to a Veteran’s facility in Helena.

Council 1493-Great Falls

Upcoming Events

- Oct 1 - Relay for Life Dinner
- 12 - Officer’s Meeting 6:30pm
- 13 - 40 Days for Life Midway Ceremony
- 14 - Business Meeting 7:00pm
- 16 - Highway Cleanup
- 24 - Breakfast
- 31 - 40 Days for Life Closing Ceremony

- Nov 7- Coffee & Rolls Our Lady of Lourdes
- 14 - Harvest Breakfast Our Lady of Lourdes
- 27 - Put up Keep Christ in Christmas Signs
- 28 - Breakfast

Council 1413-Bozeman

After Mass at Holy Rosary Parish, a Ministry fair. Tables for the different ministries were set up in the church basement giving Knights and the parishioners an opportunity to learn more and sign up for various ministries. Knights were encouraged to become involved in different parish ministries.

The Council had a table set up to recruit new members. Brother Knights wore their council badges And encouraged male parishioners to join the Knights of Columbus.-**Tony Durant Grand Knight**

Moving Forward CHEERFULLY!



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!

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.

