



January 31st	Fraternal Survey Due
January 31st	Affiliate Membership Due
April 21-23rd	State Convention

Knight's Visions

Montana State Council

January 2022

Dan Halsten, State Deputy

Marty Beatty State Secretary

From the State Deputy

It is a great blessing to be a part of a brotherhood that has fought so hard for the lives of the unborn. Through prayer, action and marches we have shown where we stand with God's creations. We don't stop there. We raise money for pregnancy care facilities and ultra sounds. We support Special Olympiads as persons. Through the Tootsie Roll drive, we raise money for non - profits that educate and aid in the development of persons with mental handicaps. All life is precious to us and are not meant to be abandoned if not perfect.

As January comes to an end, this month's efforts must continue. As I see it, the Supreme Court will probably not end abortion. It will most likely leave it up to states to decide. Therefore, there will be a myriad of protection or no protections for the unborn. Also, there will be the abortion pill and its availability. Our efforts have always been to change the mindset and hearts of people about life. That means changing semantics and definitions of life. Is it a zygote or a clump of flesh or is it a baby?

The Webster's dictionary defines "being" as "something that actually exists" or "the qualities that constitute an existing thing". I doubt that anyone can argue that a zygote or a clump are not beings based on that definition. Further, what makes up that being? Human DNA. Therefore, we can define the beginnings of life a human being. Whether religious or not, humanity and all of its rules of ethics and social conduct must be

the priority of society for all human beings. God has provided us the science to prove the humanity in the womb, now it is up to us to prove we are humane enough to live by these revelations. So, with God, science and the goals of humanity on our side, let us continually move cheerfully forward to end the mindset of abortion. **Dan Hallsten, State Deputy**

From the State Chaplain

This past week we remembered the Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade. Any of us gathered around the state for various commemorations of that decision. We prayed for the unborn and for their mothers. We need to remember that our mission does not end with seeing the baby in the womb coming to birth. Our mission is to support all life. We have that opportunity when we support organizations like Special Olympics to the sale of our Chevy truck pickup tickets. I want to encourage everyone to take some time to help show our respect for all life in a special way and help Special Olympics out this year. **Father Leo McDowell, State Chaplain**

HELP WANTED!

Soon you will receive your annual per capita invoice from the Montana Knights of Columbus. As you recall the budget that was approved at the last state convention included a 10% reduction from this year's per capita charge. I am hoping that your council will consider donating that 10%

or part of it to a new program that the council officers wish to promote. It is called the “Unity in Faith Outreach”.

The program is an invitation for one Catholic representative of each Native American Nation within Montana to attend the state convention in Butte. A special time will be devoted to discussing efforts to meet as brothers in faith. We will discuss how the Knights can share in the practice of the faith together. Also, how that can be structured.

Your donations will go to pay for the travel and lodging expenses for the representatives. If donations are generous, we will also invest in flags representing these 8 different Nations. The flags can then be displayed at all state or district functions. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 for this effort to break down the wall between the Native Nations and our brotherhood.

Please consider our request and write a separate check to the Montana Knights of Columbus Council.

This is a one-time effort to include all Montana Catholic men into the brotherhood of practicing faith. -**Dan Hallsten State Deputy**

RESOLUTIONS FOR THE 2022 STATE CONVENTION

The 2022 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 or in all probability a “blended” convention of both live-stream and in person. 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 2022.** 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 2022 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: James M Taflan, State Advocate, 2850 King Edward Ct, Helena, MT 59602. Or Email: taflan@bresnan.net.- **Jim Taflan, State Advocate**

Missing in the Big Sky

- **District Deputy computer projectors.** Several past District Deputies had projectors to do Council presentations. Does anyone know where they are?
- **United States, Montana and Papal flags** are missing after conventions in Polson, Missoula and Butte. Does anyone know where they are?
- **Two Marian Icons are missing.** Does anyone know where they are?
- **A Crucifix** made from the pews of a church is missing. It was in a suitcase type satchel. Does anyone know where they are?
- **Several older exemplification Chalices** are missing. Does anyone know where they are?



Mid-Year Meeting Notes

- The Mid-year Meeting was held January 7th and 8th in the Social Center of Saint Mary's Church in Helena.
- State Officers met to discuss resolutions and the Saint Hubert Sportsman Club and Native American Outreach.
- Membership goal is 160 and we are currently at 37% of our goal. We need 100 new members,
- College Council update was given by the Immediate Past State Deputy.
- An R.S.V.P. was provided by the Vocations Chair. Ordinations in the spring were also discussed.
- Each District Deputy that was present was interviewed by Ryan DeHaan, a Supreme Representative from Canada. Each D.D. was give suggestions about how the make the Knights presence better known in their Districts.
- A Special Olympics update and Truck Raffle Tickets update was given by Art Malisani.
- Affiliate Membership Program reports are due January 31st.
- Each Council will receive 2 cases of Tootsie Rolls at the Convention.
- The new Icon of Saint Joseph was presented by the State Deputy.
- The 2022 State Convention is scheduled for April 21-23rd at the Copper King in Butte.
- The Worthy State Deputy gave excellent remarks about "good."

From the Program Chairman

It's that time of the year! Activity Reports need to be completed and submitted to State Program Chair Tom Weber. Send completed Activity Reports to 724 Lincoln View Corvallis, MT 59828. If you have questions, call Tom at (406) 207-0229.

Criteria for the Knight, Priest and Family of the Year will be available mid-February. Once again, we will do a large council and small council award.-**Tom Weber, Program Chair.**

From the Life Program Chairman

There were several Marches for Life this past few weeks. Helena, Bozeman, Billings, Miles City, Baker and more that I don't know about. Pro-Life is Pro-Love.

Go to you tube and watch the West Coast Walk for Life, the National March for Life. Our Supreme leader in the Knights of Columbus, Pat Kelly participated.

Lots of Knights participate year round, and this month's Columbia features great information as always.

It is great to be alive, and as Knights of Columbus we should do all we can to protect the preborn children in the womb. We also call them unborn, but they are not "un" anything, they are real and so is the pain that abortion causes in the mother, the family and in our whole society. **Dan Wing - Life Program Chair**

Special Olympics Chairman

Worthy Financial Secretary and Council Officers This year I am unable to submit a report for the State of Montana, this must all happen at the Council level to the Supreme Council.

This is very important for funding our usual check to SOMT at Convention. Please at the very least

provide a report for the truck raffle program, even if you sell tickets for athletes and not affiliated with the State Raffle program. Working events, coaching, score keeping any program. The Council diligence for these reports is appreciated by SOMT. If I were to guess I would say all councils would have a minimum of 40 hrs. of activity and \$200.00 for the year.

Please fill out the report online and get them in to Supreme. Council reports for the Special Olympics program were originally due January 31st, 2022. This year's deadline has now been extended to February 14, 2022. Councils must report their 2021 calendar year participation through the online [Fraternal Programs Report Form #10784](#). Please note that the Special Olympics Partnership Profile Report Form #4584 is no longer being accepted.

The more councils reporting participation in the program, the higher the check amount your state deputy will receive to donate to the state/provincial Special Olympics organization in your area.

Your jurisdiction's reports are made available each month to keep you informed about your jurisdiction's participation in the Special Olympics program. You can find your jurisdiction's data (based on reporting through December 2021) in the "Special Olympics" folder using this link: <https://app.box.com/s/nfd0xnqu3ygnl7rjmnbeempcbasjla2vj>. If there is nothing in the Special Olympics folder, no reports have been submitted by your jurisdiction's councils for the 2021 calendar year thus far. Furthermore, the name of the file in the folder reflects the last month a report from a council was submitted. If you have any questions, please contact me. -**Art Malisani PSD, SO State Council Chair**

Fourth Degree **EXEMPLIFICATION**



March 19, 2022

**St Williams Catholic Church
416 Preston Ave, Thompson Falls,
Montana**

Candidate check in at 12:00
Ceremony to begin at 1:00 pm

Public knighting and dinner to follow

Dress is dark suit and tie or military
dress uniform for candidates
Candidate fee \$70

The Mysteries of the Rosary in the **Bible**

Deacon Lee Pico did a presentation entitled, "The Mysteries of the Rosary in the Bible" at the Mid-year Meeting in Helena. Deacon Lee explained in detail each of the mysteries of the rosary using the Bible, commentaries by ancient Church Fathers as well as modern Catholic commentators, the Catechism of the Catholic Church and paintings of the great artists and music of the great composers. The purpose of his presentation is to bring to the audience a deeper understanding of each of the mysteries of the rosary. Ultimately, the Montana State Knights of Columbus hopes to make the live presentations available to the people of the communities where each Catholic parish is located and is served by a local Council of the Knights of Columbus in Montana.

More information on how to make this presentation available to your Council will be available in futures issues of this newsletter.-
Deacon Lee Pico-District 4 District Deputy.



*Deacon Lee Pico enthusiastically presents
 The Mysteries of the Rosary in the Bible.*

FORM 185 and FORM 365 ARE DUE

The following Councils have not submitted FORM 185”s:

1959	2613	2860	4272
5189	7726	7782	8255
9172	9248	16228	

The following Councils have not submitted FORM 365s:

668	882	1274	1328
1508	1644	1810	1959
2124	2613	2860	2997
3039	3250	3911	4069
4272	5189	6260	7009
7630	7726	7782	8255
9172	9248	10432	11190
14060	16228	16834	

The following Councils have not recruited a new member:

668	882	1328	1493	1508
1810	1959	2124	2464	2613
2860	2997	3002	3039	3250
3911	4069	4272	5189	5527
6130	6260	6294	6455	7009
7630	7782	8255	8329	8320
9172	9248	10576	13022	13050
14060	16228	16834		

Please take a minute to submit these forms today!

Montana Knights of Columbus Roundtable donation

Council 8375/Ennis Roundtable has donated \$450 to help defray the cost of new time locks to enable St Patrick’s Church in Ennis adopt His Excellency Bishop Vetter’s wishes for churches to be open during daytime hours.

Our rural Parish does not have staff available daily to oversee this important mission. Thanks and God Bless!-**Worthy Advocate Council 8375**
S. Steve Bradford PO BOX 206 Harrison, MT 59735



Dennis Spensly makes presentation to Father in Whitehall

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

**Moving Forward
CHEERFULLY!**



Membership 2022

Montana Knights of Columbus!

**ONE MEMBER PER COUNCIL
PER MONTH.**

**CHECK ON A BROTHER
KNIGHT TODAY**

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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.

