

April 1	Program reports due
April 1	Credentials and Necrology forms due



# Knights' Visions

## Montana State Council

February/March 2022

Dan Hallsten, State Deputy

Marty Beatty State Secretary

### From the State Deputy

Congratulations on all the events you have held in the last 9 months! It's good to see how many councils are active in this great state! If only we knew about them. It would be so inspiring. However, we don't know because the forms have not been turned into Supreme or to the state council. Only 9 councils have turned in the #1728 fraternal activity form which was due on January 31. My brothers, the forms are a necessary evil. We've heard the reasons why. "Don't need recognition", "No one wants to do them", "We just lose track of all the things we do and it's hard to do the form by memory on 1/30", "We've done the same things every year so there is nothing new to report", "We don't use a computer". These are the excuses but have you ever thought of the reason why these forms need your attention?

1. Does everyone in your council know what you did? The truth is only 20% of the membership does the work to put on events. Will the other 80% know what your council did? What you do may inspire others to participate next time or come up with an event they would like to launch.
2. Will potential new members know what your council does? Can you readily name what your council does when asked by someone?
3. Letting others know what you do can inspire other councils or Knight to do the same.
4. This form compiles all the work that is done to provide information to the public about our fraternal organization and to the

5. Federal government to maintain our Non-Profit status with the IRS.
6. Possibly, a pat on the back via recognition can be a motivator for your councils. Thus, keeping those volunteers to help again or grow your participation rate past 20%.
7. There isn't an escape from computers. I am sure most of you have smart cell phones. Those are devices that can look up forms on the K of C website. Therefore, you can show a wife, a sibling, a child or grandchild what you are looking for and they can bring it up and print it for you or help you fill in the forms online and submit online. Also, the 10784 ([Faith in Action Program Forms | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](#)) form can be filled out on your phone while you are holding an event. Then it will be cataloged by Supreme and brought back to you by the time you need to fill out the 1728 (Fraternal Activity form due 1/31), or the SP7 (Columbia Award due 6/30).

The state likes to hear about your activities by being copied on the Supreme forms but also through the forms on our State Website ([Forms – Montana Knights of Columbus](#)). These recap your activities in the faith in action programs and provide nominations for Knight of the Year, Family of the year and priest of the year. Please change the culture in your council and be proud and anxious to report your activities! We are proud to represent this state and its members and all that you do. Please let us know! - **Dan Hallsten, State Deputy**

## From the State Chaplain

On the First Sunday of Lent the Church traditionally celebrates the Rite of Election with the local Bishop. It is at this time that those who were ever baptized and wish to join the church at the Easter vigil are no longer considered catechumens, but rather the elect. They will receive the sacraments of initiation in a few short weeks. As parishes around the diocese prepare to welcome new members there is a great sense of excitement and joy. The work put in by the catechists and others in the formation of these individuals is about to pay off.

When we think about our local councils we can see the need for similar excitement. The excitement of having new members and providing the exemplification ceremony locally is equally a cause for joy. Just as it is the work of every Catholic to help evangelize and lead new members to the faith, it is the work of every Knight to promote the order and bring new members to the Knights of Columbus. I want to encourage one and all to strive to bring a new friend to the Knights of Columbus. While some of our smaller communities may think they are tapped out, when we are excited about the work we do as brother Knights others will seek to join us. If you are running out of Catholic men in your community help the church and the Knights by inviting non-Catholics to Mass. And then help in the process of welcoming them to the Church. Your excitement about your faith and about the work of your council will inspire others to want to become Catholic and/or to join the Knights of Columbus. -  
**Father Leo McDowell, State Chaplain**

### It's Almost Convention Time! April 21-23rd

#### Here are a few things you need to do:

- **Send your registration for the Convention to Anaconda. Forms are on the website.**
- **Register at the Copper King Inn in Butte.**

- **Send your Credentials form to the State Secretary. Form is on the website**
- **Send your Necrology to the State Secretary Form is on the website.**
- **Submit per capita payments if you haven't done so.**
- **Send your Green Sheet Contributions if you have not done so.**
- **Pay your liability insurance payment if your Council participates in the State Council Payne West policy.**
- **Submit all Program Reports to the State Program Chair**

## 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**

## **CONVENTION** **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

### **Audit Committee**

**Chairman – Howard Kavon, ST**

**Advisor – Marty Beatty, SS**

**844 1259 1328 1508**

**2124 2464 2860 8329**

**8375 6200 16834 4069**

### **Credentials Committee**

**Chairman – James Powell, SW**

**668 1413 1518 2245**

**2360 2613 3250 6645**

**8345 8370 9395 13050**

**16228 7782**

### **Mileage and Per Diem Committee**

**Chairman – Dan Hallsten, SD**

**882 1274 1810 1959**

**2997 3002 5527 6130**

**7726 3911 4272 3039**

**6294 6200**

### **Resolution Committee**

**Chairman – Jim Taflan, SA**

**Advisor – Allen Cormany IPSD**

**1493 1644 6260 7009**

**9976 13022 7630 10576**

**11190 14060 13093 16834**

## **From the Program Chairman**

With our State Convention approaching now is the time to complete and submit your council's nominations for Knight of the Year, Family of the Year, and outstanding programs for consideration

and recognition. Recognition will be given live and in person at the Copper King Inn in Butte! In order for us to make the selections for the state winners, and to determine who will be sent up for Supreme consideration I need you to submit your forms to me by **April 1**. You could submit a form for every activity your council has completed, but this is not necessary. All you have to submit are the forms for those activities that you think merit consideration for state recognition.

### **What I am requesting from each council is:**

- 1 Family of the Year nomination
- 1 Knight of the Year nomination
- 1 Priest of the Year nomination
- 1 Program form for each Faith in Action category (Life, Family, Community, Faith).
- STSP Program forms-as necessary

**All of the forms are available at the Montana and Supreme websites:**

[montanaknights.org](http://montanaknights.org)  
[kofc.org](http://kofc.org)

If you can submit these electronically that would be great. If not, please mail them to me.

Thank you all Brothers! I look forward to seeing all of your worthy council winners and programs! My email address and phone number is: [thomascorvallis@gmail.com](mailto:thomascorvallis@gmail.com) (406)-207-0229, 724 Lincoln View, Corvallis, MT 59828.-**Tom Weber, Program Chair.**

## **R.S.V.P. Program Chairman** **Vocations Chairman**

All of the Seminarians in the State of Montana from both Diocese are supported by Councils and Assemblies. Some seminarians receive more spending money than others. If your Council can afford to donate to a seminarian, please consider doing so today! If you need a seminarian's name, contact Sam Prestipino at (406) 431-0574 or email [samar@mt.net](mailto:samar@mt.net). R.S.V.P. contributions are not for tuition, but for spending money for the seminarians-for their trip home, for a haircut, a

pizza and so on.-**Sam Prestipino, Vocations and RSVP Chairman**

## **From the Life Program Chairman**

Thank you to all who participated in a March for Life in Montana and the in the USA. Many marched throughout the country to stop abortion and respect life from conception Until natural death.

Some of the programs your Council can do before the Convention is to plan a **Novena for Life** in your parish or council. Contact the Supreme web site at **kofc.org** for more information.

Hold a **Mass for people with special needs!** Again Contact - kofc.org for more information.

**Support Special Olympics** – Sell and buy \$5 raffle tickets for the 2002 Chevy pickup and other prizes offered by Special Olympics-Montana.

The Knights of Columbus have placed the 1500<sup>th</sup> Ultrasound machine! Check out this web site. Several of the machines are located in Montana.  
- [https://youtu.be/Ng\\_OWLeysmQ](https://youtu.be/Ng_OWLeysmQ)

Check out this video from Supreme about

### **Into the Breach:**

<https://www.kofc.org/en/campaigns/into-the-breach.html>

Men Share Faith and Fraternity at Breakfast Table.

Check out this YouTube video:

[https://youtu.be/1sWVV-dwn\\_M](https://youtu.be/1sWVV-dwn_M)

We are encouraged to **support our Ukrainian Brothers** in need and the Polish Knights of Columbus who are helping Ukraine in all ways possible. The Supreme Council recently sent over a million dollars to Ukraine according to the current KNIGHTLINE. To help, check out this web site:

<http://www.christianrefugeerelief.org/>

Please let me know who the Life Director is in your council – I have 11 of 53 Council's Life Directors listed from Supreme. Please send your Council number, name, email address

and home address to [danielwing1956@gmail.com](mailto:danielwing1956@gmail.com).

State Council Program Awards Entry Forms for Life Reports are due and should be sent to the Program Director by April 1.

*Stay Strong Keep the Faith, Men!* -Dan Wing –  
**Life Program Chair**

## **Special Olympics Chairman**

The **TRUCK RAFFLE** tickets represent our commitment as Knights of Columbus to those with intellectual disabilities. Your participation is critical to this mission. The State Council began this partnership with SOMT over twenty Ago and during that period we have helped thousands of athletes to participate in the local, regional and State Games.

SOMT has expressed that the partnership is truly a hand in glove kind of relationship and is thankful for our efforts in previous campaigns and is looking forward to working toward the goal of bringing more athletes to participate in the games.

We are all aware of the special circumstances that we have this year and I know that with our creativity we can adjust to make this year's ticket sales an absolute success! Yes, it will be a challenge, but if nothing is done, what can we gain? Truly consider sponsorships of books of tickets, perhaps ask each brother in the Council to buy at least one ticket. The five dollars that is spent has an absolute impact in the life of a SOMT athlete.-**Art Malisani, PSD and Special Olympics Chairman.**  
**Chairman/ PSD**



## From the Insurance Agency

### A Part of K of C's Suite of Insurance Products



#### What is it?

An annuity is a retirement savings product. You make contributions, and, after a specified amount of time, the annuity pays you a regular income stream.

#### Who needs it?

There are few financial matters we give more thought and attention to than our retirement. Everyone thinks about it. Everyone needs it. Retirement annuities help you ensure that you have enough money to live on in retirement. But retirement income can be a difficult thing to calculate, especially with a changing landscape of federal and employee-provided benefits.

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#### How does it work?

Once established, the money within a Knights of Columbus annuity continues to earn value, before eventually disbursing according to the options that you elect.

Knights of Columbus annuities also come with two important guarantees.

First, with a Knights of Columbus annuity, your principal is guaranteed. Regardless of market condition or company results, your Knights of Columbus annuity will not lose value.

Second, each Knights of Columbus annuity comes with a guaranteed minimum interest rate. No matter the market fluctuations, your annuity is guaranteed to never earn less than the contractually stated amount on an annual basis.

**CALL OUR REGIONAL OFFICE TO MEET WITH YOUR AGENT – (303) 427-5056**

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**“Where there’s a need,  
there’s a knight!”**

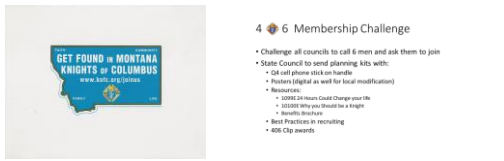
## Membership Program POWER POINT



A new membership campaign to help Councils that have not recruited a new member in the last couple of years. The POWER POINT was presented at District Meetings and the State Deputy, State Secretary and Co-Membership Chairs are happy to present the new program to your Council virtually.

The campaign asks Brother Knights to call six non-members from contacts in their cell phone and ask them to join the Knights of Columbus. Councils that get six new members will receive a tie bar and an opportunity to earn more tie bars.

Here's a couple **POWER POINT** slide samples:



**Gold Bar Club**

- Earn a bar for making the 6 calls
- Earn 2 bars for meeting the goal of 2 new members per council
- Earn 1 bar for each new member after the first 2
- Earn a bar for holding an exemplification
- The Grand Knight can dispense the bars allocated where he feels fit

4 is for:  
Faith, Family, Life  
and Community

...and  
6 is for:  
a challenge to call  
Men to talk and to invite them to join!



Interested? Contact [mmbt@attglobal.net](mailto:mmbt@attglobal.net) to schedule a presentation.

## FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATIONS



**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



**Saturday April 9, 2022**  
Carroll College, All Saints Chapel  
located near Carroll College library  
Entrance will be on the mezzanine level east side of building, and will be marked with K of C event signs.

Candidate check in at 12:00  
Ceremony to begin at 1:00 pm  
Public knighting at 3:00 pm  
Dinner to follow  
Dress is dark suit and tie or military dress uniform for candidates.  
Candidate Fee \$70

## WHAT MONTANA COUNCILS ARE DOING

### Council 1493-Great Falls

**Fish Fries Continue.**

**Please put these dates on your calendar.**

**March 11th and 26th. and April 8th.**

**Serving times are 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm.**

**Pease help!** This is our largest project, Please plan on being there.

**Raffle tickets for the SOMT Truck give away**

They are being sold at our Council Meetings, Breakfasts and Fish Fry's.

**Officers Meeting Mar 8th**

Rosary 6:30 pm, Meeting 7:00 pm.

**Monthly Meeting Mar 10th**

Meeting 7:00 pm. If you are interested in participating on a project or would like the Council to consider one, let us know.

**Monthly Breakfast Mar 27th**

Our next breakfast will be Sunday Mar 27, 2022, 8:30-12:00. We need members to cook and serve for this breakfast.

### Whitehall Council 8375

Council 8375 helps St Theresa of Avila afford new locks to make building access to church available to public during daytime hours. This is a program launched by His Excellency Bishop Vetter to get more people in the churches! Great job!



Father Lively and GK Jim Staedt

### Great Falls Council 9395 Calendar

**March 19th ... Fourth Degree Exemplification Ceremony- Saint Williams Catholic Parish, Thompson Falls, MT**

**March 19th "Saint Joseph Pilgrim Icon" Devotional Program Corpus Christi Catholic Parish 410 22nd Ave NE**

**March 20th ... Coffee, Breakfast Burritos and Cinnamon Rolls Parish Social and Council Church Drive - Holy Spirit Catholic Parish Social Hall - 201 44th St So – Following both Sunday Masses**

**March 20th ... "Saint Joseph Pilgrim Icon" Devotional Program Sacred Heart Catholic Parish, Cascade, MT**

**March 24th ... 40 Days for Life Procession-5:30 pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish – 409 13th St S**

**March 29th ... Founder's Day Celebration-Order wide Upcoming Projects & Events**

❖ April 9th 22: **Fourth Degree Exemplification Ceremony-East Helena, MT**

❖ **April 10th 22: Palm Sunday Benefit Breakfast - Holy Spirit Catholic Parish Social Hall - 201 44th St So**

❖ April 10th 22: **40 Days for Life** Closing Ceremony-Prayer and Peaceful Gathering at the Memorial for the Unborn- 2:00-3:00 pm, Mt Olivet Cemetery, 2101 26th St S

❖ April 10th 22: **Easter Sunday**

❖ April 21-23rd 22: **117th Annual MT K of C State – Sylvester Barros, District Deputy**

### Belgrade Council 10432

**Council 10432-Belgrade** built crucifixes out of the wood from the old pews at St John Vianney Parish. SJV just completed an expansion of the church adding nearly double the seating capacity. Therefore new pews were needed. The crucifixes were blessed by Bishop Vetter during his blessing of the church expansion. A crucifix for each family was provided after the dedication mass. This was the idea of the GK and he also has plans to make one larger one for the council to use in its Exemplification ceremonies.



State Deputy Dan, Grand Knight J.P. Pendleton, and Christopher Pendleton. Not pictured is DGK? Phil Williams.



### Baker Council 6294 Americanism Program

The evening, which was sponsored by the local Knights of Columbus, started with a Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance by the American Legion Post 35 and local cub scouts and would end more than an hour later with a benediction by Tony Breitbach.

In between, there was music from the Baker High School Choir, the O'Fallon Community Men's Choir, the Plevna Concert Choir and Plevna Cadet Choir and the Baker High School Band providing the finale.

The show came after a one year hiatus because of the COVID outbreak in 2021.

City of Baker Mayor Steve Zachmann, a past State Deputy of the Montana Knights of Columbus was the master of ceremonies in Longfellow gym, first welcoming the people and participants and then addressing the attendees.

It was the 57th time that the Americanism program was sponsored by the Matthew Gappa

Council of the Knights of Columbus, according to Zachmann.-Wayne Mangold, FS Council 6294.

## Moving Forward CHEERFULLY!

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

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

## Montana Knights of Columbus!

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

