

pril 20-23	State Convention-Lewistown



Knight's Visions

Montana State Council

April 2023

Marty Beatty State Deputy

Bernie Adams State Secretary

From the State Deputy

Spring is just around the corner so I walked around the corner and I found only winter. But each day is getting longer and we do find sunshine some days! I remind myself to be patient-God is good and He will give us sunshine when we need it.

The State Convention is coming up quickly-April 20-23rd in Lewistown. It's time to submit your STSP reports for all of the program activities you have done during the year. It's time to select a Knight of the Year, Family of the Year and Priest of the Year. You say your Council is not doing programs to win awards. I say baloney! Every Council has done at least one program activity in one of the four categories that the Council is proud of and that program should be reported.

If you can't find the forms, look on the web site-If you still can't find the forms call any of the state officers or your District Deputy-they can help you.

In the meantime, get your registration for the Convention turned in, nominate a Knight, Family and Priest of the Year-again this year, a small council and a large Council Family and Knight of the Year will be awarded.

This year, we continue to move "forward... cheerfully!" **Come, Holy Spirit, Come!** -Marty Beatty, State Deputy

Blessed Father McGinney pray for us and thank you!

From the State Chaplain

On the Fourth Sunday of Lent we hear the story of the man born blind on a three year cycle. If a parish has elect in the parish who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil, we'll hear it during some of the years in between as well. Being blind is something that can affect all of us. I'm not talking about physical blindness, but spiritual blindness. We can be blind to God's gift of grace. God gives us grace to help us in our quest for holiness.

Sometimes we treat this gift of grace like a white elephant gift. We forget about it and never use it, or as we might say, cooperate with it. We fail to see the gift for what it is. We try to control everything, blinded to God's action in our lives.

I pray that this season, you are able to have your eyes opened to God's gift and cooperate with that grace to make your lives the holy examples they are meant to be. As Catholic gentlemen we are called to live holy lives. Let's do what we can to lead by example so others can have their eyes opened to the gift of grace and follow after Christ.

Fr. Leo McDowell State Chaplain.

From the Regional Growth Director

How can we truly put our Faith in action as Easter approaches and beyond?

Have you ever asked the members of your Council, the District Deputies, Chairmen and Directors in your state or even your State Officers: "How many of you are Converts"?

When I have seen this question asked in any large gathering of Knights, I am always surprised by the large number of hands that are raised. That is the good news and we are blessed and made stronger by that.

Now the bad news. I have heard polls that tell us that, on average, of those entering the Church this Easter, by next Easter 50% to 75% WILL NOT be attending Mass regularly.

Why might that be? Because the evil one and his minions HATE when Christ gains another soul, another family, another Faithful Catholic and they fight in earnest to erode the conviction, to smother the enthusiasm, to amplify the doubts and the fears, to kill the joy and the excitement of these new Catholics.

Many of you have worked in and with the OCIA/RCIA programs in your Parishes. Many of you have been the sponsor for one or more new Catholics as they journey into the Church so you know.

For those of us lucky enough to have been born into the Catholic Church but who haven't participated in this process, have you ever thought about the progression, the prayer, the spiritual development and finally the joy of finding and working your way into the Church?

Have you really thought about the other side of that too? Have you thought about the upset and the frustration of leaving the faith and faith community you have known and been nurtured in? A faith community that perhaps generations of one's family has known and supported and thrived in?

Have you considered that there is perhaps anger and resentment at God for opening one's mind and heart to the fullness of the faith in the Catholic Church but also finding in one's heart that there is really other way to be faithful than to go where God leads? What about the terrible loss so many of our separated brothers and sisters must contemplate, discover, face and hopefully overcome in choosing to come into full communion with the Catholic Church? The loss of the fellowship, friendship and security they have known in their faith communities and traditions. The very real threat of economic loss due to the ending of jobs, contacts and careers. The terrible possibility of the estrangement of friends and family, perhaps forever.

We can't fully ward off or eliminate any of these realities that our soon-to-be joined with us brothers and sisters may well have to face but we can be a light, a refuge, a support system as they venture beyond the classes, the retreats and yes, the safety of the OCIA/RCIA program in our Parishes. HOW you may ask. By offering the fellowship of our Order! By inviting them and their families to our events. By providing the opportunities for them and their families to put their newly fulfilled faith into action; concrete, biblical, Gospel-inspired action of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked and consoling the sick and the imprisoned.

We can provide the fellowship they may have lost in their former faith community. We can be the contacts for business and the referrals for jobs. We can and should be their new friends and truly family members that may be missing from the move. And finally asking them and their families to join our family and become members, we

can offer them the full benefits we as an Order have to protect themselves and their families. That way they can not only grow with us in faith, but with us, can protect their both their spiritual and financial wellbeing.

Please, each Council through the Grand Knight, the Council Chancellor or the Council Faith Director contact your Parish Priest or DRE and get in front of the OCIA/RCIA programs and offer the Order to them. If this is too late, get the contact list of those new Catholics who came into the Church at the Easter Vigil and talk to them and their families.

Don't leave these new Catholic out in the cold to forge for themselves a new life as part of the Catholic Church.

This is a real chance to save souls, to be the armor of God and to offer the sword of prayer and the shield of good works formed by faith to all the members of our Church.

Please don't let this chance to serve pass your Council.-**Chuck Davlin PSD, FVSM, Regional Growth Director – Northwest Knights of Columbus**

From the Immediate Past State Deputy

As I promised as I became IPSD, I would continue to work on our efforts to reach out to our Catholic Brothers in the First Nations. You may recall that I asked councils to donate funds to this effort so we could have a conference where we could bring representatives together (maybe at the State Convention) to discuss ways to assist each other. Also, to purchase flags to represent these nations at our meetings.

Many of you came through with donations and we have enough to realize the purchase of 8 flags. We should have those unfurled at the 2023 State

Convention in Lewistown. I hope you have had time to consider sending delegates to this very centralized location for the convention. Also, possibly, can you think of a member of any of the 8 Native American Nations in Montana that you could nominate to represent your council at the convention? To support the cost of the trip less per diem? It would be a great step forward in our efforts. Please consider that proposal and let me know if you have someone in mind. Again, thank you for your support in this program.-**Dan Hallsten, IPSD**

St. Hubert Sportsman Club

A shout out to the Roundup members as they have secured a freezer at St Benedict Church to tithe meat for parishioners in need. They also tithed Elk, Deer and Antelope for their fellow people in need.

Look for updates on future activities! **Dan Hallsten, IPSD**

From the State Warden

State Convention 2023 is just around the corner! Lewistown Council 1508 is looking forward to greeting you April 20-21. For all of your convention forms (registration, donations, program ads, awards), check out www.montanaknights.org.

Please send your food donations, diaper/wipes donations, and silent auction items with your delegates.

We have a full agenda for your wives as well, so don't travel alone! Just a heads up: the meeting (and convention) site is 1.5 miles away from the church. Once you're here life may be easier if you carpool so your wife can have a car. Still have questions? Reach out to me at zane.fulbright@gmail.com, or (406) 366-9765. See you in April!-**Zane Fulbright, State Warden**

From the State Membership Chairman

If we do NOT recruit new members today, will there be councils tomorrow? You have heard this time and time again, but NOW is the time to get new members into councils. The Supreme Council determines a quota for each jurisdiction to achieve each Fraternal Year so that there will be councils in Montana tomorrow. Our quota this year is 138 new members. Here is how we stand as of today: 83 new members so we still need 55 new members by June 30th to meet quota. Today, Montana ranks 61 out of the 75 jurisdictions.

Recruitment is vital and recruiting needs to be done by individual councils. We need new members! There are several incentives for current members to recruit. We still have tie bars available to anyone who recruits a new member. Recruit 5 new members and get a 406 limited edition cap. Please ask OCIA candidates to join. Ask your pastor if your Council can do a Delta Church Drive on Sunday. Ask if you can have Knights in the gathering space with membership information and personally ask men to join our order. Who will our next new Knight be? Who will be our next recruiter to get a tie bar or 406 Cap?

April 1 is the start of the LAST quarter. With 54 councils in the Montana jurisdiction, and the need of 54 members, that means if EVERY COUNCIL would recruit ONE NEW MEMBER, we would achieve our goal.

All the work in recruiting 84 new members is greatly appreciated and to that I say "THANK YOU". There is still time to achieve our quota. We just need to work hard as a team, to reach our goal.

I wish all my Brother Knights, a prayerful completion of Lent and a HAPPY and BLESSED

From the State Membership Chairman
EASTER!-Pat Perrella Montana State
Membership Chairman

From the Master of the Fourth Degree

Congratulations go out to Billings Assembly 587 and Bozeman Assembly 3249. Both Assemblies received the Civic Award and Star Assembly awards for 2021-2022 Fraternal year. I have one more Star Assembly to deliver but have not received the award from Supreme yet. I will announce the winner after the award is delivered.

Congratulations to The new Sir Knights, 15 new Members were added to the rolls on the 19th of March. Five of those Sir Knights were from Cody Wyoming joining us at the request of the Wyoming Master. Three came from Assembly 3249 Bozeman, Three from Assembly 1865 Glendive and Four from Assembly 587 Billings. 2 of the new Sir Knights were Priests.

Special thanks to WFVSM Ken Kingman and his degree team from Billings. Job Well Done!

Our Annual meeting will be held at the State Convention, I look forward to seeing you there.-
Chris Curtis District Fourth Degree Master



Havre council St Patrick's Day Dinner

Catholic Social Services of Montana Executive Director

Dear State Officers and Brother Knights,
We're excited to announce the **24th Annual Catholic Social Services of Montana Golf Tournament**, taking place July 14th, 2023 at Bill Roberts Municipal Golf Course in Helena. I hope you can support CSSM with a sponsorship of the tournament. We had a great tournament last year and plan on it being even better this year! Additionally, if you have the time and the teammates, we'd love to have you join us as a team at the Tournament. Opportunities to win prizes take place on many holes and lunch is provided for all participants. We were blessed with a beautiful day to golf last year and are certainly optimistic again this year!

All funds raised from this event directly support CSSM's ministries. In 2022, our adoption services and family support ministries helped support numerous women, children, and families in Lewis and Clark County and across Montana, helping to build strong, loving families. Looking ahead to the remainder of 2023, we will continue to serve those in-need through this ministry, but are also working to expand our current work and add additional ministries in areas such as mental health, immigration, childcare, and potentially others.

It's certainly an exciting future for CSSM as we look to serve those in-need in greater capacity. To learn more about our ministries, visit our website at www.cssmt.org. You can also keep up with what's new at CSSM by following our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/CSSMT.

Below are our sponsorship levels this year, with a sponsorship form on the following page. If you prefer or would like to add to your sponsorship with an in-kind donation we could use as a giveaway or prize, that would also be very welcome. -**Scott Held, Council 844 Helena. scott@cssmt.org-406-442-4130. Executive Director, Catholic Social Services of Montana**



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The Most Holy Eucharist

Friday, May 5 6:00PM – 9:00PM

Saturday, May 6 8:00AM – 6:00PM

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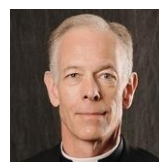
Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength – the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Right now, the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings is in the midst of a Eucharistic Revival, a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in Eastern Montana.

Join us May 5 & 6 for Eucharistic Revival 2023, an event designed to convert hearts and minds back to the Source & Summit of our faith, the Holy Eucharist. During these two days, we will explore what the Eucharist means in each of our lives, why this Sacrament is meant to be adored, how we cultivate Eucharistic amazement in our lives and how we, as the Body of Christ, become Eucharistic people.

To reserve your space and learn more, visit

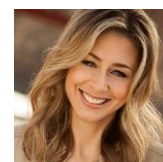
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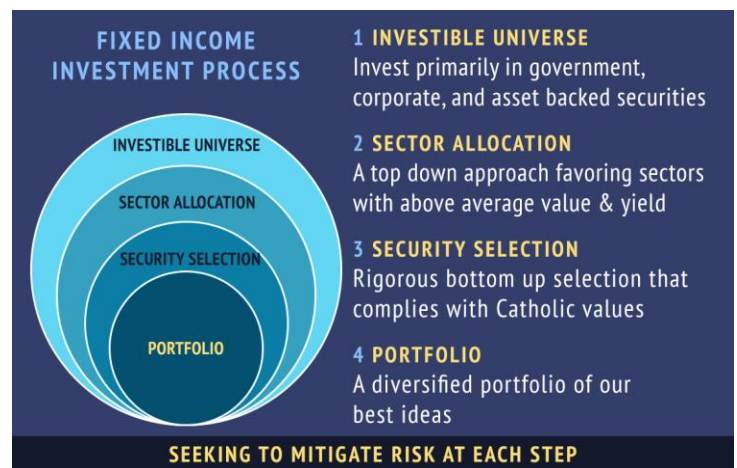


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Tell us what your Council is doing! We are always looking for articles and pictures.

