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Post-Easter, April 2024

State Deputy- Marty Beatty. State Chaplain- Fr Leo McDowell

An Update from the State Deputy

The 120th Montana Knights of Columbus Convention is less than a month away. If you haven't registered for the Convention in Hamilton, do so today! The registration form and other convention information is available on the state website Montanaknights.org. The Convention is a great weekend for prayer, charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Delegates should have their credentials turned in by now and remember that Supreme and state per capita for their Councils must be paid in order for delegates to be seated at the convention.

I look forward to meeting with our Supreme Representative, State Officers, District Deputies and Delegates in Hamilton!



-Marty Beatty, State Deputy



**We hope you,
your family, and
your friends
had a Happy,
Holy, and
Blessed Easter!**

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Upcoming Events

April 13, 2024

For the ladies. Catholic Women's Conference. Helena, MT. www.helenacwc.com.

April 18-21, 2024

120th Annual Montana State Convention of the Knights of Columbus. Hamilton, MT.

Visit www.montanaknights.org/state-convention/ for more information.

June 1-9, 2024

Fishing for Families. Open Statewide.

Fundraiser Tournament to support Catholic Social Services of Montana. Take a look at the tournament poster on the next page. Councils can enter a team(s) into the Knights of Columbus Challenge! Website- www.cssmt.org/fishing-for-families/.

July 12, 2024

25th Annual Golf Tournament fundraiser to support Catholic Social Services of Montana. Helena, MT.

www.charitygolftoday.com/catholic-social.

Montana's FIRST-EVER Statewide Fishing Tournament

June 1st – June 9th, 2024

Fishing
FOR
Families



Purple stars denote lakes included in this tournament!

*Scan this QR code to
be taken to the
tournament website!*



Fish for bragging rights for your Council in the
Knights of Columbus Challenge!

Visit www.cssmt.org/fishing-for-families/ to register and view the rules, list of lakes and species included, prizes, and other information about the tournament.

Register by May 24th. Entry fee- \$120 per team.

- 17 lakes, 5 fish species, 9 days of fishing! Participants can fish on any of the 17 lakes for the species listed for those lakes in the rule book any time between 8:00am on June 1st and 8:00pm on June 9th.
- The tournament format is “catch, photo, release.” Participants will measure, photograph, and submit the photographs of the fish they catch for measurement. Participants with the longest submitted lengths of their biggest 5 fish will win. Prizes are available for top finishers. Other competitions and challenges are available, also.
- Teams must include at least 1 dues paid, exemplified member of the Knights of Columbus. Bonuses are available for teams that include an ordained clergy member and/or new members of the Knight of Columbus on their team. Prizes are available for the top finishing team and the top individual fisherman.
- Fishing for Families is a fundraiser to support the ministries of Catholic Social Services of Montana, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that serve Montanans statewide with mental health counseling, adoption services, diaper bank services, and disaster relief. To learn more about CSSM and its work across Montana, please visit www.cssmt.org.

A Letter from the State Chaplain

Happy Easter! What a wonderful time as we talk about the resurrection of Christ and see new life creeping into the great outdoors of Montana. This is truly a great part of the year for most of us. Yet, there is one thing when we experience all the new life and think about the joy of Easter that we sometimes ignore. It is a reality that all of us are going to face. We think about the joy of the resurrection, but we realize that first comes the end of our current life. There is never a good time to talk about it, but I have come to know that there are a lot of things that we sometimes have to tackle head on.

While we celebrate the new life, we hope to live in Christ we must prepare for that transition. This is not going to be a talk about the importance of insurance. I'll let Dermot or Andrew address that topic and encourage you to contact them in that respect. It is more to do with the decisions that need to be made, often in our last days. I've been asked to help medical residents at Billings Clinic to better understand end of life issues from a Catholic perspective among other Catholic issues. While I've been preparing the information, I've come to realize that a lot of Catholics have never put much thought into the topic. I want to encourage you to talk to your family and your doctors about your end-of-life desires.

You might ask, "where can I find some good Catholic resources to help me out with this planning?" An answer to that is the National Catholic Bioethics Center. <http://ncbcenter.org/bioethics-resources>. They have a lot of resources and FAQ's to help make good decisions. They also have information on a wide variety of other health care issues. Another resource is from Human Life International. <https://www.hli.org/resources/catholic-living-wills/>. As I alluded to earlier, as we anticipate the joy of our own journey to heaven there are plans to be made. Let's prepare to leave this part of our life well.

Fr. Leo McDowell
Vivat Jesus



Catholic Counseling Available!

Catholic Social Services of Montana has launched a new mental health counseling program. We are actively accepting new clients.

- We have licensed counselors available to talk or listen.
- No topic is too big or too small for us to address. If we can't tackle it, we'll work with you to provide a referral.
- You can meet with us from your computer, cell phone, or any other online mobile device. If you live in or want to travel to Helena, you can meet in-person with us.
- We're Catholic. Faith can be a part of our conversation if you'd like, but is not required. We are here for everyone, no matter background, culture, age, or place in your faith journey.
- Your first session is free. If you choose to schedule another session, we accept insurance, Montana Medicaid, and private pay and offer reduced rates if you meet qualifying standards.

To get started, you can call (406)442-4130 or visit www.cssmt.org.



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Featured Programs to Remember

Want to extend the lifesaving and faith-filled reach of your Council? Remember the programs below!

ASAP (Aid and Support after Pregnancy)

This program supports pregnant women, mothers, and their children, both born and unborn, by serving pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes. Through ASAP, every \$500 a council donates (up to \$2,000), the Supreme Council will issue a \$100 grant to the same qualifying organization.

RSVP (Refund Support Vocations Program)

Through this program, Council and parish families raise funds to support seminarians in their area. For every \$500 given to an individual, the Supreme Council will refund the Council \$100. The maximum refund a Council can receive is \$400 per individual supported. Councils are also called to provide their "adopted" seminarian or religious aspirant with moral support and prayers for their success.

Future Editions of Knights Visions

We would like to make the Knights Visions newsletter a more regular occurrence than it has been in the past couple of years. To do that, we'll need content and want to share what your Council is up-to! Please send in any news, such as programs you've run, volunteer events you've taken part-in, or other relevant items, so we can share them with other Councils around the state. Who knows? Maybe it will inspire someone who will want to imitate or join you in your efforts to serve your communities. Our Councils do good things across our state, so let's make sure to share it with one another! Submissions (with pictures, if possible) can be sent to State Deputy, Marty Beatty, at mnmmt@attglobal.net.

Membership Challenge

Here's your chance to earn a new bamboo fly rod! Be the TOP RECRUITER for the Montana Knights of Columbus between February 1 and April 20 at the State Convention and you will earn a bamboo fly rod built by District Deputy Deacon Floyd McCubbins! Remember to recruit members either online or by using a Form 100! In the event of a tie, a drawing will be held to determine the winner.

If one member in each Council would recruit 1 new member, think of the good work the Knights could do.

If you have any questions, contact co-membership chairs:

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