



# Knights' Visions

Keeping the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney

September/October 2008

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**State Deputy's Message:**

I can't believe that summer is over. I hope that you and your families had a great summer. During the summer, a number of tasks were accomplished for the Montana Knights of Columbus. I attended the new State Deputies' orientation in New Haven, Connecticut from June 4-8, 2008.

Among other items, Supreme emphasized the following:

- Membership
- Insurance
- Charity
- Catholic formation

Catholic formation is a new goal this year. Councils and jurisdictions are urged to engage members in the ongoing study of the Catholic faith.

After New Haven, we had a successful summer meeting in Forsyth, Montana. Attending were District Deputies, State Officers, State Chairs, and our regional consultant from Supreme, Frank Pulice. The important item that was discussed and approved was the business plan for the Montana State Council. A copy of the business plan will be sent to all 51 councils in the state in September. As you may know if you attended the State Convention in Kalispell this past April, the State Council has limited funds for this fraternal year. We are putting into practice a business plan that will allow us to be fiscally solvent and still be able to conduct the work of the State Council.

After the summer meeting, I went to Glendive to find a Knight to serve as the District Deputy for District 10 and William Breitbach of Council 2245 has agreed to serve. Bill will do a great job.

To make travel reasonable, I rearranged three districts. District 11 will include Miles City, Forsyth, and Baker. Jerry Killen is the District Deputy. District 10 will include Glendive, Wibaux, and Sidney. William Breitbach is the District Deputy. District 9 will include Glasgow, Wolf Point, Scobey, and Plentywood. Terrance Cody is the District Deputy.

In July my wife and I met with Bishop Thomas and Bishop Warfel. They are both very committed to the Knights of Columbus and will work with us as we establish roundtables, etc.

With a recommendation from Dave McLean I appointed Nick and Jean Nardacci as the Montana State Council's Pro-Life Couple. Finally, we will be using the Montana Council web-site more and more. Our web-site address is: <http://montanaknights.org>. Starting in January, we will publish Knight's Visions on the web-site.

**September: Grand Knights' To-Do-List**

1. Schedule and hold a First Degree Exemplification
2. Send in Form 2629 Roundtable
3. Ask members to join the Father McGivney Guild
4. Attend your District Meeting with Officers and Chairmen
5. Conduct a recruiting **blitz** in early October

### **Knights of Columbus Family of the Month**

A Knight of Columbus Family of the Month is a special opportunity for our Order to celebrate and emphasize the importance of the family. Advertise your Family of the Month thus showing the community that families are the backbone of the community and the Knights of Columbus. Also, please send Steve Zachmann, Montana State Council Family Chairman, a copy of your Family of the Month information. His address is P.O. Box 1071, Baker, MT 59313.

### **District Deputies**

District Deputies should hold district meeting this fall, preferably in September. If possible the Grand Knight and the Financial Secretary should attend. Other officers and chairmen are welcomed. District meetings are important for establishing degree exemplifications; discussion of the roles of grand knights, financial secretaries, other officers and committee chairman; information about important dates such as the submission of resolutions, Family of the Year, Knight of the Year, etc.; and information from the summer meeting of the State Officers, State Chairmen, and District Deputies.

The District Deputies are not just envoys of the Supreme Knight and the State Deputy. They are also integral to communicating messages and practices to the councils and Grand Knights. The Grand Knights should rely heavily on the insight and training the District Deputies can bring to them. District Deputies knowledge and experiences can be a guiding hand to new Grand Knights. Each district/council must initiate, promote, and sponsor programs that reflect the ideals of our Catholic faith and be living examples to our Catholic brothers and sisters.

### **Supreme Convention in Quebec, Canada – August 5-7, 2008**

In August I attended the Supreme Convention. The Supreme Convention was an inspiring and meaningful event in my life and I am sure in the lives of the delegates and others who attended the convention. Montana was represented by myself, my wife, Judy; our Past State Deputy, Robert, and Mary Ellen Murphy; Terrance and, Kim Cody; Bernie and Paulette Adams; John and Sheryl Beck. The Supreme Knight recognized Robert and Mary Ellen Murphy for Montana achieving the Circle of Honor. This is the first time Montana has received the Circle of Honor. A jurisdiction receives the Circle of Honor if it meets membership goal (net/net) established by Supreme. I was assigned with helping write a letter of welcome to the Papal Nuncio and also to serve as an assistant warden at the business meetings of the Order.

I was moved by the address that the Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, made to those attending the convention. I wish that I could include his complete address in this newsletter but it is 30 pages long. So I will quote several of the remarks he made that I consider very important.

1. “Our support for active duty military, which began with U.S. and Canadian army ‘huts’ during World War I, is more widespread than ever in 2008. We have 52 military councils in places as far-flung as Japan, Korea, Germany, Italy and even the North Pole. We have roundtables in Iraq and Afghanistan, enthusiastically supported councils in Florida, Colorado and Pennsylvania.”
2. “Ever since the U.S. Supreme Court preempted the democratic process in 1973 and forced abortion on demand on the American people by judicial fiat, the Knights of Columbus has been at the forefront of the pro-life movement....We will never waver in the cause to ensure legal protection for every human being, from conception to natural death.”
3. “Once again we meet during a presidential election campaign in the United States....We are a non-partisan organization, and Knights belong to a variety of political parties. We do not endorse candidates for public office. But we do take a strong interest in certain critical issues that affect our most fundamental values as Catholic Christians and as citizens....As the Bishops of the United States recently stated, ‘The Church’s obligation to participate in ‘Faithful Citizenship’ shaping the moral character of society is a requirement of our faith.’...And at the top of the list of Catholic moral convictions, the bishops put ‘defending the inviolable sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death,’ and ‘defending marriage.’ In today’s world, defending life and defending marriage constitute two of our most urgent tasks.”

4. “We strive to be a people of life and a people for life committed to building a culture of life. We resolve to protect the basic building block of society – the family based upon the marriage of a man and a woman. We continue our works of charity to aid those in need and who suffer, bringing them hope and comfort. In these ways and many others, being strengthened by the Holy Spirit, we will continue ‘Building the Civilization of Love through Charity, Unity and Fraternity....It will not be easy. But it is our mission, our vocation, our solemn duty. In this task let us take to heart and make our own the words of Benedict XVI: ‘Being sealed with the spirit means not being afraid to stand up for Christ, letting the truth of the Gospel permeate the way we see, think, and act.’”

I thank all of our members for promoting the Knights of Columbus. I hope to visit each council during my term as State Deputy.-**Bill Burke**

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#### **Program Director’s Message:**

An integral part of a Knights of Columbus Council is its activities. Projects with church, community, youth, family or council reflect the goals of Fr. Michael J. McGivney. The K of C Supreme Council recognizes this and awards the Columbian Award to Councils that reports 4 activities in each of the categories. If your council is meeting this requirement your council should apply for the Columbian Award.

The Montana Knights of Columbus is initiating a similar award within our state council. The Montana Columbian Award will be given to a large and a small council that exemplifies the best activities in the 5 activity areas. To be eligible for the Montana award, Councils will need to have 3 activities in each category. The selection will be made by the State Program Director and the Individual Category Program Directors. The award will be presented at the Awards Luncheon at the State Convention. I hope to have a session at the State Convention to help councils fill out the paper work for the Supreme Columbian Award. My goal is to have **20 Councils** receive the Supreme Columbian Award this year.

A computer disk has been sent to all Grand Knights with the form for submitting activities to the Program Director for Montana State Awards. This will speed up the reporting process for your activity chairman and produce more reports sent to the MT Program Director for consideration. These disks may be copied and distributed as needed. You will also find this report online at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) or in your council reports folder. All forms may be sent to the Program Director either in hard copy form or electronically to Wayne Mangold, MT Program Director, PO Box 191, Plevna, MT 59344. My email address is [waynem@midrivers.com](mailto:waynem@midrivers.com) and my phone number is (406) 772-5831.  
-**Wayne Mangold**

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#### **Special Olympics Chairman:**

WOW! Let’s have a drum roll! We’ve done it again. Last year, we sold over 80% more Special Olympic truck raffle tickets than the year before. This year, we’ve sold 30% more!

Since 2004, the State Council and local councils across the state have sold \$114,636 dollars worth of Special Olympic raffle tickets. Good job, guys.

Tickets for next year will be available in late November or early December so we can start again. – **Art Gregr**

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#### **Tootsie Roll Chairman**

Over the years, the K of C Tootsie Roll drives have met with a reasonable degree of success when the drive has been done. The Tootsie Roll drive is the major fund-raiser the Knights do both on a national and local basis. The larger councils have continued with successful Tootsie Roll drives. Unfortunately, the Tootsie Roll drives have been virtually non-existent in the smaller councils. In an effort to make the Tootsie Roll drives more a part Knight’s life in Montana, let’s help smaller councils have successful Tootsie Roll drives by doing the following:

1. All councils, no matter what size, are encouraged conduct a Tootsie Roll drive this year.
2. In order to keep the price of the Tootsie Rolls down, we urge small councils to contact District Deputies and order Tootsie Rolls with other Councils.
3. It's possible to use Tootsie Rolls from previous years but it is not a good idea to use Tootsie Rolls that are several years old. If you have not had a Tootsie Roll drive and want to. Contact Dan Norman at 406-240-9371 or Art Gregr at 406-961-1371.

Let's make the Tootsie Roll Drive a part of as many councils as possible. If the Tootsie Roll Drive is going to be a success, it will not be because a few councils raise a lot of money, but because most councils raise some money. Don't worry about raising only a small amount – every little bit helps. I urge you to do your part.-**Dan Norman**

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### **Chaplain's Message**

Last month, we saw on television why it is important to fully understand our faith. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, claiming to be an "ardent, practicing Catholic" tried to use an obscure reference to St. Augustine to justify her stand on abortion. In the following days, several bishops clearly stated the Catholic Church's position. We must be careful that we don't fall into the trap of accepting our understanding of the Catholic Church from the media or politicians.

Oftentimes we take the reports from the media at face value. I remember when the new Catechism of the Catholic Church came out. When talking about various sins, cheating on ones taxes was explicitly mentioned. News reports at the time made a big deal saying that the Church had a new teaching-cheating on your taxes was sinful. Any ardent, practicing Catholic would have understood it was not a "new sin", but it is so easy for the media to mislead people.

As far as the issue with Speaker Pelosi, Archbishop Charles Chaput of Denver states, "Ardent, practicing Catholics will quickly learn from the historical record that from apostolic times, the Christian tradition overwhelmingly held that abortion was grievously evil. In the absence of modern medical knowledge, some of the Early Fathers held that abortion was homicide; other that it was tantamount to homicide; and various scholars theorized about when and how the unborn child might be animated, or 'ensouled.' But none diminished the unique evil of abortion as an attack on life itself, and the Church closely associated abortion with infanticide. In short, from the beginning, the believing Christian community held that abortion was always, gravely wrong."

Archbishop Chaput continues, "Of course, we now know with biological certainty exactly when human life begins. Thus, today's religious alibis for abortion and a so-called 'right to choose' are nothing more than that-alibis that break radically with historic Christian and Catholic belief."

I encourage all of you to take time to fully study our faith, to form your consciences and to be ready to defend the faith fully.

May God bless you in this quest.-**Father Leo McDowell**

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### **Ceremonials Chairman**

Two major degrees scheduled this fraternal year. On October 6th, Billings Council 1259 will host a 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree at their council chambers on Grand Ave, in Billings. On November 9th, a 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree will be held in Great Falls, at the Council Chambers of 1493 on Central Ave West.

The Helena Council is in the process of developing their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Team and it has been reported that they are enthusiastic. Helena will be ready to conduct 3rd Degrees in January. It has been a long time since we Knights have had more than two teams to do the major degree here in Montana. The Helena Team is a most welcome addition. Keep them in your prayers as they work toward this goal.-**John J. Glen, PSD**

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**Congratulations to the following 50 year members of the Knights of Columbus**

Wylie J. Osler-7630	Joseph E. Quinn-6130	Robert A. Sisk-2860
Francis X. Guardipee-2860	Peter F. Bachmeier-2860	William J Lubke-6130
Daniei J. Conway-13022	John C. Pellegrini-882	Thomas J. Radonich-882
Rev. John F. Ward-1413	Edward Reiser-1413	Vernon J. Wendt-1493
Aron Schank-1493	Rev. Eugene R Hruska-1493	Chas G. Jacoby-844
John A. Tecca-1274	William A. Hampson-1274	Melvyn L. Anzick-1274
Velferd L. Van Orden-1274	Robert Herbst-6294	Giles I. Majerus-1644
Francis J. Lutgen-8345	Charles F. Romee-9976	Victor Frank-9976
Theodore A. Schuman-9976	Alexander E. Makely-1518	Edsel O. Harbac-1518
LeRoy M. Carlson-1328	Ronald P. Bauer-8329	Larry A. Hale-1259
Elmer N. Reichenberg-1259	Arthur J. Hickey-1259	Roland L. Gorie-1259
Joseph E Seidlitz-5189	Vernon R. Moog-5189	Douglas R. Sipes-1259
Michael J. Whalen-1259		



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**In Memoriam**

Thomas Michael Jones died of natural causes at his home in Polson on Monday, September 1, 2008. Tom was born to Jim and Clara Kubas Jones on October 28, 1955, in Glendive. His family moved to Polson in the late 50s. Tom was a long time and proud member of the Knights of Columbus. He held all offices at the local level. He served at the state level as a district deputy and program director and was a Fourth Degree Knight. He is survived by his wife, Rosanne, and his son, Michael. Please keep his family in your prayers. May he rest in peace. He kept the faith.

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**District Deputies Report**

Wolf Point Council 1959 held their annual Missouri River Bottom- Boat Race on Saturday, August 17th. This is the annual fund raiser for the council. 300 4" wooden boats are shuffled, thrown into the river and float about a quarter mile down the Missouri river. The first boat to go under a bridge where judges are watching wins the race. The first place winner is awarded \$1000, second place winner \$300 and the third place winner \$100. Tickets are \$10. Included in the ticket price is a bbq beef or pork luncheon hosted by the Knights prior to the race. Lunch tickets without boats are \$5 and kids 12 eat free. Lunch starts at noon and the race begins at 1 p.m. The knights set up a netted canopy. 60 to 90 people who attend and watch the race.- **Terry Cody**

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District five and district six had a District Meeting on September 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Bernard's Church in Billings. Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries from Billings, Lewistown, Roundup, Hardin, Laurel, Billings Heights and Carbon Knights were invited to attend.

Highlights from the Summer Meeting were discussed and information from the Supreme Convention was provided. The agenda included membership, programs and roundtables, correspondence, a calendar of events and other items of interest. The meeting was conducted by Dale T. Blom, District Deputy five and David D. Scott, District Deputy six.-**Dale T. Blom and David R. Scott**

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In August, East Helena Council 10576 held a First Degree Exemplification and initiated one new member. The District 12 First, Second and Third Degree Exemplification planned for October has been postponed. More details will be reported here in the coming months. All Councils in District 12 have many activities planned for this autumn.-**Allan Cormany**

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In memory of Kelly O'Loughlin  
May 12, 1992 - April 27, 2008

THE HEALING POWER OF KINDNESS

1. One kind thought, one kind deed, one at a time, and the world will be transformed.
2. When we work with our inner world, our outside world changes. Think kindness, and kindness will be.
3. Kind thoughts enhance spiritual life. They prepare the way to prayer and meditation. Any type of discrimination, suspicion, and hostility become foreign to a healthy behavior and tend to dissipate.
4. Kind thoughts foster peace. War starts not when weapons clash but when minds and hearts are not at peace.
5. Kind thoughts bring deep joy to the heart. A simple kind and loving thought possesses the ability to dissipate the clouds of sadness, dissatisfaction, and depression.

KIND THOUGHTS MAKE MIRACLES.

6. Kind thoughts make us considerate of others. The talents and gifts God has given us are not for us alone. Our vocation must be oriented toward benefiting others.

-by Jean Maalouf

Helena Council 844 is making the legacy of Kelly O'Loughlin, "Kind Words" known to all so that others can learn to live by kind words. Kind words spoken to one another truly affect the way we live. Kelly was tragically killed in an automobile accident in April. Her father, Carl O'Loughlin, is an active member of Council 844. Council 844 supports Carl and Gail O'Loughlin by making the "Kind Words" posters available to anyone that needs to be reminded of them.

**Montana Knights Website**

The website for the Montana State Knights of Columbus is <http://www.montanaknights.org>. The webmaster is Randy Heintz and his email address is [randy@sfolife.net](mailto:randy@sfolife.net). Go to the website to see what's going on in Montana! The Knight's Visions newsletter will soon be available only on-line.

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