



Knight's Visions

Keeping the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney
September, 2009

State Deputy's Message:

I trust that you are having an enjoyable summer. I recently returned from the Supreme Convention in Phoenix. Other than the extreme hot temperatures in Phoenix, the convention was a very rewarding experience. If you have the opportunity to attend a Supreme Convention, do it by all means. It is an experience that you will not soon forget.

As we start this fraternal year, it is important that we continue to build the Order in Montana. We finished last year with a -71 members over the previous year. We had a large number of suspensions which I approved. Hopefully, we will have a banner year in recruiting new members. Our membership for Montana stands at 5,198 members. Our goal this year is to recruit **275** members. To accomplish this all 51 active councils need to recruit between 5-6 new members. Ron Kazmierczak, the State Membership Chairman, will work with councils in recruiting new members. Another excellent way to recruit new members is through round tables. On the average, a council will have at least three new members for every round table started. Bob Murphy, our State Council Chairman, will assist councils in starting and continuing round tables.

In addition to on-going recruitment, I am requesting that all fifty-one active councils in Montana hold a membership drive during the month of **October**. Our State Community Chairman, Marty Beatty, will put ads in our two Catholic newspapers, The Montana Catholic and The Harvest. I encourage councils to put notices in their local parish bulletins. Invite families to attend your membership meeting. While the Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal organization, it is also a family oriented organization. Explain to those who attend; the benefits of a man becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus but also the benefits to the family. Listed below are some of the benefits of being a member of the Knights of Columbus.

- **Columbia Magazine** – Each Member received a free subscription to the Order's monthly magazine which examines issues of concerns and interest to Knights, Catholics and families.
- **K of C Rosary** – During his First Degree, each new member receives a rosary blessed by the supreme chaplain.
- **Daily Mass Remembrance** – A daily Mass for deceased members and their wives and Squires is said at the birthplace of the Order – St Mary's in New Haven and by our state chaplain. Additionally, daily Mass is celebrated by the state chaplain for those that are in sick and distress.
- **Insurance** – The Knights of Columbus offers a portfolio of top quality insurance, annuity and long-term care products exclusively for members and their families.
- **Family Fraternal Benefits** – for eligible families:
 - Pays \$1,500 for child who dies before age of 61 days;
 - Pays \$700 for a child that is still born at least 20 weeks after conception;
 - Offers guaranteed-issue insurance up to \$5,000 for any child under age of 18 years.
- **Orphan Benefit** – Provides an \$80 monthly allotment for orphans of eligible members; up to \$7,000 in college scholarships available.
- **Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit** – This benefit provides accidental death coverage for eligible members and spouses at no cost.
- **New Member Annuity** – Offers a one-time low investment initial annuity plan to new members and their spouses.
- **Widow Benefits** – A widow's member:
 - Continues to be covered under the Member/Spouse Fraternal Benefit;
 - May purchase insurance or annuities up to one year after an insured members death;
 - Receives free lifetime subscription to Columbia magazine;
 - Remains eligible with children for scholarships.
- **Scholarships** – There are six different scholarship programs for members and their families & three different graduate fellowship programs and scholarship programs for seminarians that are offered.
- **Mathews & Swift Educational Trust Fund** – This fund provides scholarship benefits for the children of members who are killed or permanently disabled as a result of military conflict or as a result of criminal violence while lawfully performing their duties as full time fire/police personnel.
- **Leadership Development** – Membership in the Knights of Columbus offers the opportunity to build personal leadership skills through active involvement in the Order's unique structure supported by the *Knightline/Program Supplement*. Additionally, fraternal newsletters are mailed to state and local council officers

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Bill Burke

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Bob Murphy

State Warden
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State Program Director
Wayne Mangold

State Membership Director
Ron Kazmierczak

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and chairman to help with leadership development.

- **Fourth Degree** – Every Third Degree Knights has the opportunity to join the Patriotic Degree one year after initiation into the Order.
- **Honorary Life Membership** – After 25 years of continuous service, at the age of 70, a member merits the distinction of honorary life membership, and no longer needs to pay dues.
- **Catholic Information Service** – The Catholic Information Service provides the opportunity for members and their families to avail themselves of a variety of literature on Catholic Faith and spirituality.
- **Membership Card** – Possession of a Membership Card entitles members to participate in all Catholic, fraternal and social activities his council and other councils throughout the world participate in.
- **Family Activities** – Membership makes a man and his family eligible for recognition in the Order wide “Family of the Month/Year” program and participation in a wide variety of local family events such as Communion Breakfasts, and Knights of Columbus Family Week activities in August.
- **Athletic Programs** – Members can participate in council, state and international sports tournaments conducted locally as well as throughout the Order.
- **Youth Programs** – The children of members and other young people have the chance to participate in a variety of youth oriented events such as Columbian Squires, leadership training for youth and young Catholics, which are under council sponsorship. This also includes support for local Knights of Columbus free-throw contests and soccer shootouts.
- **Miscellaneous Support** – Membership in the Knights also promotes the standing with other Catholic men and their families to endorse the Support of our Bishops, Priests and Religious, Special Olympics Support, Support of Seminarians, Support for Cancer Care Centers, Kidney Centers, Support for our Troops overseas and other state and local community needs and services.

Although you share the above with those attending your membership drive, I also would put this information in you parish bulletin along with the contributions that the Knights of Columbus have made this last calendar year to our nation and our state. For the calendar year that ended December 31, 2008, worldwide the Knights of Columbus contributed more than \$150 million to youth, church, community, and family. Worldwide Knights also donated 68,783,653 hours of volunteer service. Independent Sector, a foundation that encourages charitable giving, estimates that the value of a volunteer hour in 2008 was \$20.25. That would put the total value of our volunteer efforts last year at \$1.39 billion. **The Knights are making a difference.** In Montana during the 2008 calendar year, we contribute more than \$290,000 to various charitable causes. We donated more than 267,670 hours of volunteer service. If a similar value of \$20.25 for each volunteer hour, the dollar value would be \$5,420,317. There is no doubt that **we are a committed group of people making a difference in Montana.**

When recruiting ask the prospective candidate if he is willing to put in at least 24 hours a year to the Knights of Columbus, in doing so he could make a positive difference in his community and Church. Below is an illustration of just how little time it takes to be an active part of the Knights of Columbus:

- **12 hours** a year reading the weekly parish bulletin, the state and local council newsletters, Columbia magazine, and surfing the state council and Supreme Council web sites.
- **2 hours** a year volunteering at a council charity activity.
- **2 hours** a year attending, with his family, two council religious activities.
- **2 hours** a year on a council-sponsored Church, community, council family or youth project of his choosing.
- **2 hours** a year attending at least one council meeting.
- **4 hours** a year enjoying (again, with his entire family) a council social function such as a dinner, dance, picnic, etc.

Since this is the Year for Priests as declared by Pope Benedict XVI, we can participate in many different ways. Here are several examples:

- Every First Degree ceremony should be conducted in honor of a priest.
- Hold a priest appreciation dinner.
- Become involved in the **RSVP** program (Refund Support Vocations Program). For every \$500 a council provides to a seminarian for expenses, Supreme will give the council \$100.00. Jerry Johnson, our State Church Chairman, will be in touch with councils regarding the RSVP program and the men from Montana who are presently in the seminary. At present, we have at least 14 seminarians from the two Montana dioceses. We want to make sure that all of our seminarians receive support from the Montana Knights of Columbus.

You will notice that there are four appendices in this newsletter. **Appendix A** is the 2009 business plan for the State Council. In the plan are the goals for this fraternal year. **Appendix B** is the financial statement for the period between April 1st and June 30th. Financial statements will be available hereafter for each quarter of the fraternal year. **Appendix C** is the letter from Don Ryan regarding the Life Conference being sponsored by the Dioceses of Montana this coming March in Billings. Our Bishops want to make this an annual event

regarding building a culture of life in Montana. I strongly urge every council to participate in helping to fund this conference. In future additions of our newsletter there will be more on this conference. **Appendix D** is the schedule for the 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplifications.

I look forward to working with you this fraternal year. If at all possible, I hope to visit council. God Bless and keep up the good work. -
Bill Burke

A. State Council Business Plan

1. The State Council will pay mileage (.23 per mile from the town of origin) and per diem (\$50.00 for each 24 hour period). No additional mileage and per diem will be paid unless authorized by the State Deputy.
2. All bills must be submitted to the State Deputy for his review and approval. If bills or expenses are approved by the State Deputy, he will forward the bill or expense to the State Secretary who will prepare a voucher for payment and submit it to the State Treasurer who will write a check for the payment to the appropriate party.
3. The State Secretary will keep track of money received and prepare receipts. The original copy of the receipt will be sent to the party who submitted the funds. The State Secretary will submit one copy of the receipt to the State Treasurer along with the money (check or cash). The State Secretary will keep the other copy for his records.
4. All expenses or bills must be submitted to the State Deputy within 45 days of incurring the expense. Any expenses or bills not submitted within 45 days of being incurred will not be honored unless an exception is made by the State Deputy. All checks written by the State Treasurer are to be cashed within 90 days or may not be honored.
5. The fiscal year for the Montana State Council will be from July 1st of one year to June 30th of the next year. At present, the fiscal year for the Montana State Council is from April 1st of one year to March 31st of the next year. By making our fiscal year correspond with Supreme's fiscal year and the IRS fiscal year, it will allow the State Council to be in accordance with usual fiscal practices as well as facilitating external audits. The voting delegates at the 2009 State Convention passed two resolutions regarding the fiscal year. One was to change the fiscal year dates and the other to approve a 90 day extension of the current Montana State Council's fiscal year thus extending the fiscal year to June 30th so as to make the 2009 fiscal year correspond to the IRS and Supremes fiscal year.]
6. Prior to the state convention each year the State Deputy along with the state officers will develop a projected budget for the coming fiscal year. Likewise, the Board of Directors of Montana K of C Charities, Inc. will develop a projected budget for the coming fiscal year. These budgets will be presented to the councils prior to the state convention for their consideration.
7. The State Treasurer will develop financial statements during the fiscal year showing the income and expenses of the State Council and the relationship of income and expenses to those listed in the projected budget for the fiscal year. The State Treasurer will submit to the State Executive Secretary by late December the mid-year financial statement so that the State Executive Secretary can mail the financial statement of the Montana State Council to the 51 councils (financial secretaries), the state officers, and chairmen/directors. The second financial statement will be completed prior to the state convention so that it is available to the delegates, officers, and chairmen/directors at the state convention. A final financial statement for the fiscal year will be completed at the end of the fiscal year and mailed to councils, state officers, etc.
8. Councils or state officers submitting resolutions that are to be acted upon by the delegates at the state convention should indicate the source of funding if the resolution(s) involve monetary commitment.
9. The duties of the State Executive Secretary shall include but not limited to the following:
 - a. Serve as the parliamentarian at state meetings.
 - b. Mail the state directory, state memorandums, state letters, etc. to the 51 active councils, past state deputies, state officers, state chairmen and directors.
 - c. Serve on the Board of Montana K of C Charities, Inc.
 - d. Serve as the taker of minutes of Montana K of C Charities, Inc.
 - e. Keep a copy of the minutes of state meetings.
 - f. Prepare letters and memorandums as directed by the State Deputy.
 - g. Plan Past State Deputies' Dinner at the State Convention.

10. The newsletter is no longer mailed but appears on the Montana K of C website, www.montanaknights.org.

MONTANA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHARITIES, INC
APRIL 1, 2009 - JUNE 30, 2009
AMOUNT TOTALS

Fund	Beginning Balance	Debits	Credits	Balance
Sidney T. Smith Birthday Club	\$1,248.39	\$1,200.00	\$408.50	\$456.89
Penny A Day A Knight	\$5,597.67	\$800.00	\$654.96	\$5,452.63
Right to Life	\$4,854.16	\$5,008.67	\$858.90	\$704.39
Past State Deputy	\$5,979.35	\$3,396.85	\$1,401.86	\$3,984.36
K of C Charities, Inc.	\$1,719.15	\$1,000.00	\$1,156.91	\$1,876.06
Heart to Heart	\$1,314.37	\$1,314.37	\$403.05	\$403.05
Poor Clares	\$2,444.85	\$2,444.85	\$890.40	\$890.40
Focus	\$1,376.80	\$1,376.80	\$519.85	\$519.85
Eleanor's Project	\$593.20	\$593.20	\$553.85	\$553.85
Native Americans Children's	\$1,044.90	\$1,044.90	\$631.40	\$631.40
Care and Share	\$250.00	\$250.00	-0-	-0-
Project Hope	<\$1,172.50>	\$2,500.00	\$1,751.50 <	\$1,921.00>
Tootsie Roll	\$11,780.69	\$16,657.71	\$6,096.28	\$1,219.26
Checkbook Balance	\$37,031.03	\$37,587.35	\$ 15,327.46	\$14,771.14
First Interstate CD	\$6,292.21	\$50.98		\$6,342.19
Total				\$21,113.33

Montana State Council General Fund
April 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009
AMOUNT TOTALS

Fund	Debits	Credits	Balance
Checkbook 4-01-09			\$42,135.38
Degree Work	\$590.46	-0-	<\$590.46>
Office Expense	\$171.98	-0-	<\$171.98>
Postage	\$225.57	-0-	<\$225.57>
Fund Raising	\$375.00	\$1005.00	\$630.00
Per Capita	-0-	\$8,220.00	\$8,220.00
Programs	\$643.66	-0-	<\$643.66>
Convention Expense	\$1,275.15	-0-	<\$1,275.15>
Insurance	-0-	-0-	-0-
Mile / Per Diem	\$24,873.78	-0-	<\$24,873.78>
Donations	-0-	-0-	-0-
Checkbook	\$28,155.60	\$9,225.00	\$23,204.78
First Interstate CD			\$3,254.40
Total			\$26,459.18

B. Strategic Plan including the goals set by Supreme

1. Our goals are the following:

- a. Have a positive membership number by June 30th of 2010. All councils will recruit at least two new members. During the 2008-09 year 16 councils (31% of the councils in Montana) did not recruit a new member. Every council should show membership growth. We should not have any councils who have not recruited a member.

- b. From July of 2009 to February 15, 2010, the State Deputy will honor all suspension if correctly completed by a council. After February 15th, the State Deputy will not approve suspension unless there is a compelling reason.
 - c. Develop an additional 2nd and 3rd degree team.
 - d. Increase the number of 1st degree teams. Currently, we have 19 first degree teams.
 - e. Establish at least 45 round tables. Each active round table can result in 3 new members. The Round Table Director with the help of the Membership Chairman will work with District Deputies and local councils to develop a plan for establishing round tables in their geographic area. The State Deputy will seek the help of the two Bishops in Montana in establishing round tables. Establish at least one round table on an American Indian reservation. The first possibility is on the Flathead Reservation at Ronan, Montana. In the past there was a council at Ronan but it has been inactive (non-existent) for years. Discuss with priests and tribal leaders about establishing round tables in the next two years at Harlem and Browning.
 - f. Continue to examine the organization of the State Council.
 - g. Continue to update the business plan of the State Council.
 - h. Increase the use of our Montana K of C website, www.montanaknights.org
 - i. Provide training seminars for the grand knights and council officers.
 - j. Organize the districts into 4-5 regions so that there can be regional meetings involving District Deputies, council officers, and state officers and chairmen.
 - k. Each council should appoint a Church Director who will work closely with the parish pastor. We want to increase our presence in parishes and missions. Dialog is a two way street. It is important to keep the pastor informed of what we are doing and for the pastor to keep us informed of needs and happenings in the parish or mission.
 - l. The State Church Chairman
 - m. All councils should achieve the Columbian Award. This means that councils have at least four activities during the year in each of the five categories (Church, Youth, Community, Family, and Council). It would be great if all 51 councils received the Columbian Award. It would probably be the first time in our history as councils in Montana.
2. **Supreme has set the following goals for the Montana K of C:**
- a. State Deputy intake Goal:---275---
 - b. State Membership Chairman Goal:---net gain
 - c. New Council Development Goal:---2---
 - d. Roundtable Development Goal:---45---
 - e. Council Reactivation Goal:---2---
3. Supreme indicated that success is measured by the following:
- a. Membership growth
 - b. Fraternal protection
 - c. Charitable service
 - d. Catholic formation [new and very important]
4. The theme for the coming fraternal year is “The Year of the Priest.”
5. The Montana State Council five (5) year goals and ten (10) year goals are listed below.

	Current	5 year Goal	10 Year Goal
Total Number Membership	5242	5375	5500
Total Number of Councils	51	52	53

Charitable Giving	\$155,000.00	\$169,000.00	\$185,000.00
Volunteer Hours	100,000	112,000	125,000
State Council Operating Budget (per capita, other revenue)	\$58,000.00	\$62,000.00	\$68,000.00
	\$1000.00	\$2000.00	\$3000.00

C. Chairmen and Directors

Supreme lists more than 30 chair and director positions. Given the number of Knights in Montana and our fiscal resources, we will have 11 chairmen and one historian. The list below outlines the Committee chairs and Directors.

1. **Program Chairman – Wayne Mangold**
 - a. **Awards and Reports Director—Wayne Mangold**
2. **Church Chairman – Gerald Johnson**
 - a. **Vocations Director—Gerald Johnson**
 - b. **Marian Hour of Prayer Director – Gerald Johnson**
 - c. **Father McGivney Guild Director – Bob Heinen**
3. **Council Chairman -- Bob Murphy**
 - a. **Round Table Director – Bob Murphy**
 - b. **New Council Development Director—Bob Murphy**
 - c. **Council Reactivation Director-- Bob Murphy**
 - d. **Council Retention Director-- Bob Murphy**
 - e. **Christmas Card Sales Director – Bernie Adams**
4. **Youth Chairman – John Beck**
 - a. **Free Throw Director—Terrance Cody**
 - b. **Soccer Challenge Director-- Terrance Cody**
 - c. **Focus Director-- Terrance Cody**
 - d. **Columbia Squires Director – Andy Mikes**
 - e. **Youth Programs Director-- Terrance Cody**
5. **Family Chairman – Steve Zachmann**
 - a. **Pro Life Couple—Nick and Jean Nardacci**
6. **Membership Chairman – Ron Kazmierczak**
 - a. **Membership Retention Director – Ken Meyer**
7. **Community Chairman – Marty Beatty**
 - a. **Public Relations Director & Editor of Bulletin—Marty Beatty**
 - b. **Webmaster – Randy Heinz**
8. **Special Olympics Chairman – Art Malisani**
 - a. **Tootsie Roll® Drive Director – Dan Norman**
 - b. **Wheel Chair Foundation Director – Chris Clasby**
 - c. **Campaign for People with Developmental Disabilities Director – Chris Clasby**
9. **Ceremonial Chairman – John Glen**
10. **Insurance Promotion Chairman –**
11. **State Fundraising Chairman – Don Hartman**
12. **Historian---State Secretary (Rod McElwee)**
13. Where appropriate, we need to appoint directors who will report to the appointed chairs. Usually the chairs will come to the summer, winter and state convention meetings. Chairs will receive mileage and per diem. If funds are available, directors will receive mileage and per diem to attend the state convention.

State Chaplain's Message

How many of us have gotten excited because we've got tickets to the big game? Our favorite NBA team, NFL team, college is playing and we can't wait to be there in person. We are excited about sports. We don't personally know any of the players, but we know all about them because we've followed the news of our favorite teams. Tickets to the big game are a real highlight. The teams use the proceeds from the sale of our tickets to pay big money to the players and to build huge, expensive edifices to honor their teams and major donors.

How many of us, other than parents of the players, get that excited about our local sports teams? We often think a \$5.00 ticket is expensive. Some of us might argue that we don't know any of the players, but the question might have to be asked "Why don't we know the players?" They are the children of our neighbors. We live in the same town and in some cases our kids attend the same schools. We should have a closer connection to these kids than we have with any professional or college team.

We read in the Gospel of Matthew: the disciples approached Jesus and said, "Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven?" He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said, "Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the Kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the Kingdom of heaven. And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me.

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

As Knights of Columbus, we make it part of our mission to reach out to the youth of our communities. I ask the question, are we doing our part as individuals? Are we supporting the efforts of our schools to assist these young men and women to excel, not only at athletic events, but school plays, concerts and other activities? The presence of carrying people, such as the Knights of Columbus, can God bless each of you. **Father Leo McDowell**

Bringing Hope to the World: Affirming the Culture of Life A Life Conference Sponsored by the Catholic Dioceses of Montana

Knights of Columbus have a long history of supporting our Church and its bishops. One issue that conflicts America today is the issue of "life." You know from reading *Columbia* magazine that our Supreme Knight has been consistent in supporting the Holy Father and our bishops on "life." On July 7th Pope Benedict XVI issued an encyclical titled "*Caritas in Veritate*" (Love in Truth). It deals with a variety of modern cultural issues...particularly those involving the culture of life.

The bishops of the Dioceses of Helena and Great Falls-Billings are taking action to educate Catholics on issues of life. They will begin annual educational conferences, alternating between dioceses, to affirm the Church's consistent ethic on issues of life. The first conference will be held at St. Bernard Church in Billings next March 19th & 20th. All Knights of Columbus councils in Montana are being asked to help sponsor this first conference by donating \$100 or more to get this conference schedule in motion. We suggest that your council hold a fundraiser of some kind...a breakfast or some other event...to raise the money.

The 2010 conference is titled "**Bringing Hope to the World: Affirming the Culture of Life.**" Featured speakers include **Immaculée Ilibagiza**, regarded as one of the world's leading speakers on peace, faith and forgiveness; **Camille Pauley**, who has been on the front line of life issues for many years; **Trish Short** and **Michael Bethea**, whom you have likely seen on EWTN singing the Praises to Divine Mercy; and **John Carr**, the Director of Justice, Peace and Human Development for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Speakers will address such "life" issues as capital punishment, abortion, stem cell research, euthanasia, social justice and God's Divine Mercy. You might Google the names of the speakers and learn more about their ministry on life issues.

I have been tasked with raising the money for this first conference. We hope to raise enough to have some left over to cover some of the up-front costs of the 2011 conference most likely to be held in Helena. Four individuals, two K.C. councils and one business have already pledged \$1,000 each so there is strong interest in this educational project.

Councils in the Western Diocese are asked to make out their donation checks to the "Diocese of Helena" and councils in the Eastern Diocese should make out their checks to "Diocese of Great Falls-Billings." **Please write "Life Conference" on the memo line of your check.** Mail the checks to your diocesan office or to Don Ryan, PGK #13050, phone 406-652-4374 E-mail: dryan630@bresnan.net.

On behalf of Bishops George Thomas and Michael Warfel, I thank you for your support.- **Don Ryan, PGK #13050**

Ceremonials Chairman’s Message

Past State Deputy John Glen listed the following exemplification schedule for the 2nd and 3rd degrees in Montana during this fraternal year and the team responsible for conducting the degrees.

Because of conflicts with some of the requested dates of 2nd and 3rd Degrees with our only certified CO it will be necessary for you to plan on changing your scheduled exemplifications.

- Great Falls is scheduled for 10/4/09 or 10/18/09 by the Billings Team.
- Butte is scheduled for 10/18/09 or 11/01/09 by the Great Falls Team.
- Billings is scheduled for 11/14/09 by the Great Falls Team.
- Bozeman is scheduled for 1/09/10 or 01/23/10 by the Billings Team.
- Kalispell is scheduled for 02/07/10 by the Great Falls or Helena Team
- Stevensville will be scheduled when a new CO has been certified.
- Great Falls is scheduled for 3/21/10 by the Helena Team.

It is important that the existing Billings Team is prepared for their scheduled dates. The Great Falls Team must appoint a new Team Captain and get their positions filled. The Helena Team must also start planning for and preparing their 2nd and 3rd Degree Team.

Let’s be ready to start our new fraternal year with well prepared teams. District Deputies it is your responsibility to schedule dates and **be in contact with** the assigned Team Captains for degree assignments. Together we can make a difference.-**John J Glen, PSD**

Pro-Life



For the past five years, each delegate of our state convention has received a devotional prayer card honoring the Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe. On the back of the card is the “Prayer for the Helpless Unborn.”

In the July 2009 issue of the Columbia, there is an excellent article entitled, “Building a Christian Continent.”

In all of the incidents involving an apparition of the Blessed Virgin, She has asked her viewers to do penance and pray for her special intentions. In the instance of the Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe, She has asked her viewer, Juan Diego, to “Build a temple and convert man to embrace the Catholic faith.” Many would argue that She is a distraction from devotion to Jesus Christ, when in fact; She is the most perfect messenger of her son. It is difficult for man to understand what God looks like, but everyone to include Jesus Christ has had a mother and can relate to that image. Jesus could not be the Son in the Blessed Trinity, if He did not have a mother.

Pope Benedict XVI declared that, “Mary is the Living Ark of the Covenant.” Pope John Paul declared that the Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe as “The Queen Mother of the Americas,” and as a result She is revered from the southern tip of Chile to the top of the Arctic in Canada. Our goal needs to be to see that the reverence for the Blessed Mother of Guadalupe is promulgated in Montana

One of the miracles of Guadalupe is the cloak or tilma that her image is imprinted on. This picture is commercially reproduced and is available for viewing in each parish. The mission of each council should be to make every effort for her image to be shared with all parishioners.

Through research on the internet, a website on the internet, MexGrocer.com, has an entire array of Guadalupe items. Of special interest are the matte, parchment pictures found under the search identities of 61002, 61003 and 61004. These recreations range in value from \$20 to \$30. The mating and framing expense will be a local expenditure. The email address for MexGrocer is: MexGrocer.com. The mailing address is:

MexGrocer
 4060 Morena Blvd Ste C.
 San Diego, CA 92117
 1-877-463-9476

Focus on the embrace of her image to embellish the Catholic faith in your parish. Help to build a “Christian Continent.” Talk to your parish priest and determine the size and location for the adoration of the Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe in your parish.

Church Director:

Following is a list of Seminarians in the state that qualify for the RSVP program. If your council does not participate in the program, the start of the Fraternal year is a good time to start. If your council needs more information or can support a Seminarian this year,, contact Jerry Johnson, Box 289, East Helena, MT 59635 or email Jerry at jj5mt@aol.com.- **Jerry Johnson**

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**Pray For Our Seminarians
Heavenly Father, please
Abundantly bless these men who are
In formation for the
Priesthood of your Son,
Jesus Christ.
Grant them gifts of wisdom,
Knowledge, and most of all,
Generous hearts, that may be
Enflamed with the love for You and Your
Church. Through Christ,
Our Lord.
Amen.**



Membership Director

KC's RECEIVE STIMULUS MONEY!!!!

The council that recruits the most members during the 2009-2010 year will receive \$100. This amount will be awarded to each division (councils with 100+ members and councils with less than 100 members). The top recruiter for the State of Montana will also receive \$100. New members bring new ideas and breathe new life into our councils. Every council has someone who has never been asked to become a Knight. Let's began this new year with a stimulated attitude and share it with our brother Knights!!!!-**Ron Kazmierczak**



The Veterans Administration Volunteer Service (VAVS) at Fort Harrison is asking the Knights of Columbus to make donations for phone cards so veterans hospitalized in Helena can call home without having to call home "collect." If your council can help purchase phone cards, checks can be sent to VAVS, Fort Harrison, MT 59636 or they can be sent to Jerry Johnson, Box 289, East Helena, MT 59635.

District Deputies Report

Thank you Councils 10576 and 844 for hosting the State Council summer meeting in July. Our worthy State Deputy presented a lot of great information for the upcoming fraternal year.

Goals our District will be working on this next fraternal year are recruiting the minimum 2 (hopefully more) new members per Council, member retention, establishing Round Tables, developing a Second & Third Degree Team and hosting with District First, Second & Third Degree Exemplification. More details will be coming about this degree work. Remember to Pray the Rosary for your personal needs and vocations-**Allen Cormany- District 12**

The Chester council did a community burger fry this summer to raise money for a swimming pool. The Havre council has a Tootsie Roll Drive scheduled in September. Havre will have a booth at the fair selling burgers and corn on the cob. This is the council's main fund raiser. After the Relay for Life this spring, breakfast was served outside to 200 participants. Several Knights in the council participated in the relay.

A District Meeting will be held in Havre early in the fall. -**Larry Hilliard, District 8**

Jake Steiner, a past Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator of the Glendive Council 2245 died August 4 in Glendive. Jake is survived by his wife, Frances, in Glendive, three sons and two daughters. Jake has held every office in the Knights and was well known in the State of Montana. Twenty two Fourth Degree Knights from all over eastern Montana formed an honor guard at his wake and funeral in Glendive. His nephew, Father Greg Stadinger, assisted at the funeral. May he rest in peace and our prayers are with him and his family.-**William Breitbach, District 8**

Supreme Council Montana Family of the Month

July 2009

George and Elaine Lane
Council 2245-Glendive



Congratulations!

Montana Knights Website

The website for the Montana State Knights of Columbus is <http://www.montanaknights.org>. The webmaster is Randy Heinz and his email address is randy@sfolife.net. Go to the website to see what's going on in Montana! The Knight's Visions newsletter is available only on-line. Councils must submit the name and email address of the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary to Marty Beatty, mnmbt@attglobal.net who will receive an email and a link to the Knight's Visions newsletter. Material to be included in the newsletter can also be submitted to mnmbt@attglobal.net. Send articles and pictures of what your Council is doing and we'll publish the information in the newsletter. Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and District Deputies are asked to appoint a Knight who can print and bring the newsletter to Council meetings. Anyone can read the current newsletter at <http://www.montanaknights.org>