



Knight's Visions

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

State Deputy's Message:

We have completed the 1st four months of this fraternal year. I have received from a number of councils via their newsletter and emails as well as my travels in the state the activities that they conducted during the last four months. It is quite impressive. Councils are involved in projects/activities designed to improve communities, aid their parishes, promote youth, and assist families in need. Keep up the good work!! On behalf of the State Council I want to congratulate the Glendive Council 2245 and the Great Falls Council 1493 for receiving the Contest of Champions trophies. These trophies are given to councils who lead the state in new members or who have attained the highest percent of new members. The State Council also congratulates Sean Bengochea and the Glasgow Council 2997 for sponsoring Sean Bengochea who was the 14 year old international winner of the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. Sean had a perfect score 25 out of 25 free throws.

An attachment to my message is a letter from the Supreme Advocate regarding tax exempt status. Please review carefully his letter. Also, if your council is not listed as having an EIN (employer identification number), please establish one. There is a form attached to the Supreme Advocate's letter. (*See pages 10-15.*)

Membership continues to be a major priority for us. We are currently have 5186 members down by 12 members from July 1, 2009. While we brought in 33 new members since July 1st, we have lost 45 members due to death, suspension, and or transfer. Hopefully, all councils are engaged in membership drives. One way to increase membership is by establishing Round Tables. Our Order's goal is the presence of the Knights of Columbus in every parish. The Round Table program can assist in accomplishing that. If your council serves more than one parish and/or mission, you should establish a Round Table in each of these parishes/missions. Past State Deputy, Bob Murphy is heading up our Round Table program for the state. If you need assistance, please contact Bob. His phone number is 406-248-7583 and his email address is murphy555@bresnan.net. We need to grow the Knights of Columbus in Montana if we are to be a strong moral force in Montana. In 1986 we had 5,840 members. Everyone should seek out men who would be good members of the Knights of Columbus.

Our web site continues to be our main tool for communicating with councils. Please continue to use the web site to access our newsletter and other information. In the future we will list upcoming events such as degree exemplifications, filing dates for submitting resolutions to be considered at the State Convention, information about the upcoming State Convention, etc. We will be updating our web site in the near future to include current officers of the State Council, insurance representative, and district deputies. Our web site is www.montanaknights.org. Randy Heinz from Billings is our webmaster. Also, if you as Grand Knight or your Financial Secretary haven't received a state directory for 2009-10, please contact our Past State Deputy, Bob Murphy. He has graciously accepted the duty of putting together our directory.

I would like to commend the Hamilton Council 6130 for their large pro life sign on Highway 93. The council wanted to have a large sign somewhere that supported Pro Life, Keep Christ in Christmas and an Easter theme. The goal was to have the ability to change the messages at the appropriate time of the year.

With much effort they were able to install a 10'X20' billboard. Dick Green a parishioner of St. Francis of Assisi allowed the council to place a billboard on his property. The location is on the west side of Highway 93 between mile marker 54 and 55. You can't miss it! Someday the council hopes to be able to illuminate the billboard so it will be visible 24 hours a day! Thanks to Dick Green for the site location and to Dean DeMott, George Gulli Jr., Nick Hooper, Tony Lecce, Pete

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Richards, Jim & Jamie Rivera, Gabe Sandland and Council 6130 for their efforts in making this “dream” a reality.

Since this will be our last newsletter until January, my wife, Judy, and I wish all Knights and their families a happy Thanksgiving and a merry Christmas. Keep up the good work in making a difference in our parishes and communities. God bless you all. -Bill Burke



State Chaplain’s Message:

In late September and early October I was able to accompany Bishop Warfel on a trip to India. It truly was an eye opening experience. I think it gives a whole new perspective of have vs. have not.

The area we visited had a literacy rate of about 30%. I visited a home for a family of four. The room was about 14 feet by 25 feet. One corner had a floor drain and a 1/3 height cement wall to cordon off the area for bathing and doing dishes from the rest of the house. They had electricity. This was nice compared to the rural areas where the houses were huts with no water or electricity. Water could be 100 yards away, or a half mile away. Bathing was often done at the local water pump, or in a river, or puddle of stagnant water. A lot of people walked, some used oxen or motorcycles to get around. A few had cars in the rural areas.

Sometimes we think that we are missing a lot in life. We have education. We have multi-room houses with running water and electricity. We have the ability to have hot showers in our private bathrooms. We have means to travel around town, around the state and even around the country.

As we look ahead to the end of the month, perhaps we should take a moment or two to think about why we should be giving thanks. If we think about things we want, it might again be time to ask are they things we need? As we look at what we have, perhaps we can think about helping those who have not.

May God bless each of you and help you value all of the gifts you've received. **Fr. Leo McDowell.**

Boy Scouts of America Report:

Bishops Warfel and Thomas have asked the Knights of Columbus to establish new Boy Scout Troops in the state. Our intent is to do this through the District Deputies and into the parishes. All District Deputies should be prepared at our winter meeting to review and accept this challenge. Art Gregr will have a packet for each District Deputy to take to their respective districts. Both Bishops consider this a top priority for our state. I know we can depend on all of the State Council to move forward with this project.- **Art Gregr, PSD**



State Secretary’s Message:

We are now into November, so this is just a reminder to the councils. Of course, the first order of business was sending in your FORM 185 which listed your new officers. If you only sent a copy to Supreme, please send me a copy because I am missing a few. Next is FORM 365, August 1st, your service program personal report. Also in August (15th) is your FORM 1295, semiannual council audit report. In September FORM 2629 - Notice of Appointment of Roundtable Coordinators were due. November is a good time to order free throw council kits.

In December, I will be sending the **GREEN SHEETS** to all councils. You will receive one copy on **white stationary** so councils can make as many copies as they need. It's hard to figure how many each council needs to mail with dues notices.

In January, each council will receive their **PER CAPATA** statements. The amount is based on Supremes membership figures. If your council is carrying a lot of dead weight, Financial Secretary's please get with your District Deputy, Grand Knight, Retention Chairman and get them off your rosters. It takes about three months to complete, so by January what ever the count is, you will be billed for. Just a reminder- if you have Tootsie Roll monies, they are to be sent to me. If there are any questions my phone number and e-mail address are in the State Knights of Columbus Directory..- **Rod McElwee**

Keep Christ In Christmas Program Chairman:

The annual KCIC Christmas Card program is in high gear. It's not too late to participate!

Any Council that would like to participate is welcome. It is not necessary to purchase an entire case of cards. A Council can utilize brochures to sell the cards and contact the KCIC Chairman with the orders. A portion of the sale is retained by the Council and can range from \$2 to \$5 per box!

We have more than Christmas cards! We also have bumper stickers, pins, Christmas seals, Ornaments and Magnets along with multi-language Christmas cards (French, Spanish, Polish, Tagalog, Italian and Ukrainian) .

A packet detailing the KCIC program was handed out to all Councils at the State Convention in Hamilton last spring. If you did not receive one or would like to receive further information or some sales brochures, please contact the State KCIC Chairman Bernie Adams at 406-431-9514 or via e-mail at bernie@amc-hln.com.

The sales brochure can be viewed at

http://www.christischristmas.com/orderforms/CIC_Christmascard_orderform.pdf

As a part of this program, a certificate of participation will be provided each council at the State Convention next spring. Additionally, there will be two plaques handed out to the Councils that mounted the most successful campaign. In the past we only presented one plaque to the overall Council. This next year we will present a plaque in two divisions. Large Council (over 100 members) and Small Council (100 members or under). – **Bernie Adams**



Knights of Columbus Wheelchair Foundation Chairman:

Eleanore's Project, a local Montana nonprofit organization chosen by the Montana State Knights of Columbus as the recipient of Wheelchair Foundation efforts, has continued this year to provide services internationally and in our own state. Despite the effects we have all felt from

national economic constraints, this organization continues to strive to provide wheelchairs and related adaptive equipment to those in need in Third World countries as well as to provide services in our own state.

Most recently, Eleanore's Project has been preparing for a wheelchair delivery expedition trip to Amman, Jordan to work with local providers and therapists in order provide equipment to those in need. Preparations were made to deliver over 150 wheelchairs, other adaptive equipment, and communication devices to children and young people in need in August, 2009. Due to some shipping complications and the timing of Ramadan, this trip was postponed and will occur in November, 2009. A team of 10 people, including the director of Eleanore's Project and other therapists and team members, will travel to Jordan to make sure that all equipment is properly fitted and recipients are positioned and functional.

Another exciting new event for Eleanore's Project occurred in Missoula in October, 2009. In efforts to strengthen local and area service provision to individuals with disabilities, Eleanore's Project sponsored and coordinated a conference at the Missoula Holiday Inn. With the theme of Transportation Safety for Wheelchair Riders and Children with Disabilities, Eleanore's Project brought in Sue Johnson, Director of Education and Information Technology at Columbia Medical Center. Attended by 125, the conference provided information about wheelchair transportation safety to transit company officials, bus drivers, therapists, therapy students, case managers, individuals and families with disabilities, and other disability care providers. This successful conference was the first of an annual conference that Eleanore's Project plans to coordinate.

Eleanore's Project is now looking ahead to another wheelchair delivery expedition to occur in Peru in June, 2010. As you can imagine, each of these delivery expeditions takes much work to coordinate. They are now gathering donated wheelchairs and funds, making shipping arrangements, preparing a team to travel and provide services, and working with local officials and providers to make sure that everything will go smoothly upon arrival.

Each of Eleanore's Project participants and team members are extremely grateful to the Montana Knights of Columbus for their ongoing support and sponsorship. Each donation, prayer, and thought of goodwill ultimately serves children in need. I thank each and every one of you for your service to the Knights of Columbus and to Eleanore's Project through our fraternal organization. I will do my best to keep you updated and let you know how your efforts are making differences in people's lives.-**Chris Clasby**,

Council Director's Message:



Thanks to all the councils that have their roundtables supported by only 13 council

renewed this year. Last year we had 37 council has the opportunity to support the "Knights of Columbus presence in every parish and mission," by forming roundtables in satellite parishes that are in your council area and are too small to support a council.

I ask every council to send me the name of a contact within your council that I can contact and discuss the roundtable program with. This is one of the easiest programs to administer that we have. I have the names of your council's active members who belong to a parish or mission and not the home parish. I would like to share this information with your council roundtable representative.

For councils in the western Diocese, Bert May, 406-257-2688, ammbmm@cyberport.net, is your roundtable contact, and I (Bob Murphy) 406-248-4583, rmurphy555@bresnan.net am your contact for the eastern Diocese. Your District Deputies are also available to help with getting you started. Forms are available on line, or in the forms booklet from Supreme. **Bob Murphy**

Program Director's Message:

As we head into the 2009-2010 fraternal year it is a good time to look forward to the end of the year. Awards are something the Knights of Columbus emphasize, not for the recognition, but to stimulate the KC's into action. The first thing that may be needed is to look at your calendar and plan your events for the coming year. Try to get your activities down on paper and assign a chairman. This gets things in motion and plans may be made. If you have a slow month, think of new activity.

Of course, to receive any of the awards a report must be made and submitted. The report form is exactly the same as last year. We will use the form provided by Supreme in the Council Report Forms Booklet page 23-24 that each Financial Secretary has, also found on the Supreme Website, www.kofc.org, or on the disk that was provided to each council through the District Deputies last year. I hope to have an improved copy for you to use later this year. I will email a copy to all Financial Secretaries or you can contact me and ask for a download. The final date for submission for consideration is:

March 1, 2010

But you may submit reports **anytime.**

Please submit these directly to me:
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MT State Program Director
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Please don't send reports to our State Deputy Bill Burke. He has enough to keep himself busy and he just sends them to me. If you like, you may send a copy to your District Deputy, to keep him informed of what your council is doing.-

As many of you know I am a big proponent of the Supreme Columbian Award. This award is given to any council who has 4 activities in each of the 5 main categories and completes the paperwork and submits it to Supreme by June 30, 2010. This is one of the easiest forms to fill out and shows your council activities and commitment. Be sure that your council has submitted its Service Program Personal Report for this year.

I cannot close without emphasizing two of our most important activities. First, the Family of the Month program. Here is a chance for your council to recognize a brother and his family for what they do for the KC's, Church, Youth and Community. Get this program going in your council. It will also get you set to nominate a family for the Montana KC Family of the Year.

Secondly, I hope you will consider nominating a member for KC of the Year for the State of Montana. I am willing to bet that each council has that 1 brother who does the little or big extra for the council. Let him know and let the whole state know that he is appreciated. Do this on a monthly basis and you will have all that you need to submit to me in February.

As always if you have any questions or need help please contact me.

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Family Director's Message:

Three months into the fraternal year and our families with children are probably back in the routine of school and related activities and/or day care. We Knights are hopefully back in a busy routine as well. Sometimes it takes a number of weeks to get settled in, but we do get back to a comfort level with our duties and projects.

We've received a number of "Family of the Month" nominations at Supreme and I've received copies via email directly from some of the councils. I appreciate and encourage your council to participate. It is not required to send the reports to the State Family Chairman but it is necessary to send them to Supreme. This will allow your selection to be entered into the random monthly drawings to receive a gift from Supreme.

If you haven't yet joined in the Family of the Month program, I encourage you to think of families of your Knights who have done something significant or consistent in your parish and community. Is there a family that has stepped up for someone or was a significant part of an important project or event? Is there a family that is always ready to lend a helping hand when someone is needed? How about the family that we take for granted because they are always there? That family may be an older couple without children or whose children have grown. They may be a young family just starting to enjoy membership in your church. Or a family that takes in every activity to support their children. Maybe you have a family that as a whole support the Knights activities regularly.

I was reading Our Sunday Visitor this last weekend and in the center section was an excellent article and short biographies of young people who are really making a difference in pro-life areas. I was struck by what a fine role model these young people are and how I felt drawn to somehow mimic even a little of what they do. I thought if I could emulate even a little of their virtues I may be a bit closer to what I'm called to do as a Catholic Christian and Knight.

Later, while I sat to ponder what to add to this month's Knight's Visions, I was reminded that this is why we select our Family of the Month. Obviously, in one way, we want to honor them. But don't we also want to shed some light on their good works so that others can be inspired. We read of the Lives of the Saints for inspiration and perseverance, why not take 10 to 15 minutes of our meeting time to discuss the good works of those around us. Of course, most of the families in our parishes may not make enough of a splash to make the national newsprint or ever be honored with a feast day (hopefully and certainly not as martyrs!) but their efforts can be acknowledged with a discussion around our chambers of their good works and faithful service. And honored, of course, with the completion and submission of that little nomination form!- **Steve Zachmann**

Ceremonials Chairman's Message:

A major degree was held in Great Falls on Sunday, October 18th with the Billings Degree Team conducting the exemplification.

Great Falls Team has a new Team Captain who District Deputies will be contact when that team is scheduled to conduct the exemplification. George Kupka, telephone 406-453-4470 home, 406-788-1771 cell, e-mail address kupkag@bresnan.net .

The next scheduled exemplification is November 14th at St. Bernard Church in Billings. The Great Falls Team will do the degree work.

At this time there are no other degrees scheduled. **John J Glen,PSD**

State Special Olympics Chairman

Truck Raffle tickets are expected out in November. Please start planning and gearing up for this year sales. The tickets will be sent to Councils directly from the offices of SOMT in Great Falls to the Financial Secretaries of Councils. Monies for sales are to be turned into District Deputies. Look for instructions as for time frames and reporting statistics in your packets.

A question has been asked about other organizations and local Special Olympics areas selling tickets in your Council areas. Proceeds that are generated during the sales of tickets directly benefit athletes in Montana through all the support, programs and funding that are generated through the SOMT State office. We are not in competition for funds with any local programs. We are helping Teams throughout Montana that do not, or are unable raise enough funds to send their athletes. All Councils should participate regardless of their relationships with other fundraising entities to help all athletes in Montana compete in the State Games.

I ask that all Councils please name their Chairman for this worthy fundraiser soon, so we can hit the ground running. I encourage Councils to plan at least one activity where the SOMT Truck Raffle tickets will be featured and or made a part of. We can help all SOMT Athletes by sponsoring this Raffle. -**Art Malisani**,

Membership Director

October was the month for membership drives in all Councils. We need to continue to add new members in order to keep our Councils active and viable, getting fresh ideas. It is very important that we continue to invite men in our parishes to become members, especially young men and keep the membership drive ongoing.

I will be contacting all District Deputies to get a report on new members in the Councils in their district. **Ron Kazmierczak**

Tootsie Roll Chairman's Message:

Tootsie Roll Drives are Continuing across the state. Call me if you need a report form or an order form. Remember if you order 33 cases or more there are no shipping costs. If you need less than 33 cases get with your District Deputy or call me and we will try to coordinate your order with a near by council. Things to remember when having a Tootsie Roll drive include:

- Try to get corporate sponsors to cover the cost of the Tootsie Rolls.
- Always set the date well in advance and make arrangements with stores well in advance.
- Send Thank You notes to all. There is nothing like remembering to say "Thanks"
- When and where possible have 2 workers at each location, for moral support.
- Not all workers have to be Knights. Recruit wives, children, friends, Religious Ed kids etc.
- If you are doing a Tootsie Roll drive feel free to call me for helpful suggestions.

Dan Norman

District Deputies Report

Dillon Council 4069

Meetings are the second Sunday in the Pastoral Center

Donated \$250.00 in memory of deceased Knights for window restoration project at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Dillon.

Installation of officers in September with a meal, State Deputy Bill Burk attended and spoke.

Selling tickets for a Thanksgiving Turkey raffle - drawing November 22nd

Sponsored four tickets for the fund raiser for the New Hope Pregnancy Center. Two Knights and wives attended the function at University of Montana Western Lewis and Clark Room.

Having a noon Mass said in November for deceased Knights of the Council.

Nominated Jim and Laurie Hagenbarth for Family of the quarter.

Whitehall Council 8375

Meetings - Winter first Thursday of every month

Breakfast scheduled for the Parish and Community of Whitehall the first Sunday in December

Bingo first and third Sundays each month fall and winter

Working on right to life project to be set up by the Parish

Knights cleaned the furnace filters at the church

Removed a tree at the Rectory

Getting eight to thirteen members at the meetings

Been praying for vocations

Deer Lodge Council 1818

Had an awards banquet and Columbus Day Dinner October 20th for Knights and wives and awarded the Family of the Year Award.

Anaconda Council 882

Meetings are the second Monday of the month

In September Anaconda had installation of officers with a meal for members and wives.

Louis Hull- District 3

EVERGREEN COUNCIL# 8329:

- Has been having a recruitment table after every mass during the month of October.
- They serve the parish a breakfast after mass every 2nd. Sat. of the month.
- October is their council's month for highway clean up.

KALISPELL COUNCIL # 1328:

- Had a 1st degree exemplification for 2 new Knights Aug 6. Their Degree team earned a
- Degree certification for their Council.
- Their recruiting blitz has the Membership Director manning a information table at the
- Knights monthly breakfast. 10 to 15 Knights work in their breakfast each month.
- September saw the Knights serve 300 parishioners at the annual St. Matthews dinner held
- In the school cafeteria. At this dinner 15 Knights handed out literature about the Knights
- and what we do as Knights.
- October 15 saw the Insurance Agent for their Council, Louie Zirbel, come for a Council
- presentation on K of C insurance.
- November 20th is the Annual Turkey Bingo fund raiser. 20 turkey bingos and 1 special
- bingo with prizes and toys for the kids will be held

POLSON COUNCIL #6260:

- Knights served 100 parishioners at their last monthly after church breakfast served on the 4th Sunday of each month.
- The knights widows and orphans project removed a wheelchair ramp from the home of a Knight that passed away and moved it to a lady in Pablo that had requested assistance getting into her home. The Knights also winterized the homes of three elderly couples in the community.
- Knights weekly collect food from the local Supermarkets and take it to the Food Bank for for them to distribute locally. 10 Knights also unloaded and repacked a semi-truck with food to be distributed to the needy through the Senior Center in Polson.
- The Annual Knights rummage sale and food booth concession will be held in conjunction with the Parishes Apple Festival on the 24th of October.

BIGFORK COUNCIL #14060:

- Bigfork Council was awarded a FATHER MCGIVNEY award FOR 2008-2009.
- Had a highway cleanup
- Hosted a "Share Day Choir" from St. Matthews, Risen Christ and St. Richards followed by a Pancake Breakfast for all.
- Membership Drive-- have one new Knight and one transfer.
- Put on the annual "Octoberfest" festival.
- Hosted the 4th degree Assembly 0591 and provided steak dinner for Knights & their Ladies.
- Had a Blood Drive and collected 35 units of blood.- **Dean Hermes, District 13**

A First, Second & Third Degree Exemplification is planned for February 21, 2010 in Butte. More details will be coming about this degree work.

East Helena Council 10576 received the Father McGivney award for earning membership quotas.

Remember to Pray the Rosary for your personal needs and vocations.-**Allen Cormany, District 12**

Councils from Districts 5 and 6 have been holding various fundraisers to support the upcoming summit called "Bringing Hope to the World: Affirming the Culture of Life" to be held March 19-20, 2010 at St. Bernard's Church in Billings.

The summit was an idea from Bishop Warfel, to educate people on what has become an attack on life, whether the unborn, the poor, stem cell research, social justice, capital punishment and euthanasia. It has since become what we hope to be a bi-annual event, with the blessing of both Bishop Warfel and Bishop Thomas. The Eastern & Western Dioceses will take turns hosting this event in alternate years.

The speakers will include:

- Immaculée Ilibagiza, the Rwandan woman who barely escaped being one of the millions hacked to death during the genocide in 1994. She is the author of *Left to Tell, Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust*.
- John Carr has served as director of the Department of Social Development and World Peace of the U. S. Catholic Bishops' Conference.
- Camille Pauley is the President and co-founder of Healing the Culture and a leader in pro-life education.
- Trish Short and Michael Bethea whom you may have heard of and seen on EWTN.
- Bishop Warfel and Bishop Thomas

It is expensive to bring in this caliber of speakers. We challenge each Council of the Knights of Columbus in Montana to donate at least \$100 or ask you to consider holding a breakfast/dinner or other fundraiser and donate the proceeds to this very worthy cause.

Last year Supreme spoke out very strongly in support of Life and the Sacrament of Marriage, so a request for a donation has been sent.

District Deputies Dale Blom and Steve Geiger are serving on the planning committee to support this event. Checks should be made payable to the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings, Respect for Life Conference and mailed to PO Box 20842, Billings, MT 59104. **Dale Blom District 5 Steve Geiger District 6**

State Convention Chairman's Message:

The 2010 convention planning is going very smoothly. We are going to have a Great Time in Great Falls. Set aside April 15 - 18, 2010, and make plans to come to Great Falls for the Montana State Knights of Columbus Convention. Activities will start with a full blown dinner and social on Thursday evening at Council 1493's newly remodeled hall. The Heritage Inn will be the site for the convention activities including the election of new state officers. We will wind up with a breakfast Sunday morning at the K of C hall. More information will be available on the website, as well as a lodging and restaurant guide. If you need more information please contact State Warden Tony Malisani at 406-761-0108 ext 102. **Anthony Malisani**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR LIFE

Worthy State Deputy,

As you know, the Knights of Columbus is exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code. In the past, councils with gross receipts of more than \$25,000 were required to file Forms 990 with the Internal Revenue Service. However, a recent change in federal law now requires *all* Knights of Columbus state councils and subordinate units (councils, assemblies, and chapters), as well as the Supreme Council, to file Forms 990 annually with the IRS. Councils with less than \$25,000 in gross receipts must now file a special electronic form called Form 990-N.

Each separate Knights of Columbus unit must obtain its own individual Employer Identification Number (EIN) from the IRS in order to file its own tax return and fully comply with the law. In order for the IRS to recognize the tax exempt status of each subordinate unit of the Knights of Columbus, the Home Office of the Knights of Columbus submits a list of each subordinate unit's EIN to the IRS. Accordingly, the Knights of Columbus Legal Department must keep a list of each subordinate unit's EIN on a master list in our database. Although there is no tax liability involved, *each subordinate unit is required to file an annual information return with the IRS*. If any subordinate unit fails to file the required informational return for three consecutive years, its tax exempt status may be revoked.

If any of the subordinate units in your state do not have an EIN, they need to obtain one immediately in order to come into full compliance with federal law and the corresponding Treasury Regulations. An EIN is also needed in order to open up any subordinate unit's bank account. To assist you in monitoring and ensuring compliance with these legal requirements, I thought it would be helpful to provide you with a list of the EINs we already have filed in our database for your state. That list is attached to this email.

The second attachment to this email is a form titled *Authorization to Apply for Federal Income Tax Exemption Under 501(c)(8)*. If a subordinate unit in your state believes that it already has an EIN but it is not included on the attached list, please have that unit complete this form and send it to our Legal Department, where the EIN will be checked, confirmed, and added to the IRS list as well as our database. If a subordinate unit has just applied for and received its EIN for the first

time, it needs to submit this form to the Legal Department along with a copy of the IRS EIN notification.

One final note: while home corporations are also subject to a filing requirement, that requirement is independent of the Knights of Columbus, the Supreme Council, the State Council, and all subordinate units; accordingly, each home corporation is solely responsible for its own tax compliance and any associated liabilities arising under the revenue laws.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter and for your dedicated service to the Order.

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John A. Marrella
General Counsel and Supreme Advocate

MONTANA

EIN #	CNL./ASSEMBLY #	COUNCIL/ASSEMBLY NAME	CITY
010667433	COUNCIL 13093	OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAINS	VICTOR
203871283	ASSEMBLY 2862	BITTERROOT ASSEMBLY	STEVENSVILLE
237139814	COUNCIL 3002	SIDNEY	SIDNEY
237142158	COUNCIL 5527	OWENS	HARDIN
237142167	COUNCIL 6130	FATHER ANTHONY RAVALLI COUNCIL	DARBY
237142280	COUNCIL 3911	MARION	FORT BENTON
237142629	COUNCIL 1021	FATHER J FRED REIDY SJ	MISSOULA
237178490	COUNCIL	MONTANA STATE COUNCIL	MILES CITY
237264489	COUNCIL 1644	HAVRE	HAVRE
237269530	COUNCIL 6455	FATHER SHEVLIN	LAUREL
237292904	ASSEMBLY 587	FR PAWELYN ASSEMBLY 4TH DEGREE	BILLINGS
237543383	COUNCIL 668	BUTTE	HELENA
237543385	COUCNIL 882	ANACONDA	ANACONDA
237543388	COUNCIL1274	LIVINGSTON	LIVINGSTON
237543389	COUNCIL 1328	KALISPELL	KALISPELL
237543390	COUNCIL 1413	BOZEMAN	BOZEMAN
237543392	COUNCIL 1508	LEWISTON	LEWISTOWN
237543395	COUNCIL 1810	DEER LODGE	DEER LODGE
237543397	COUNCIL 2124	MALTA	MALTA
237543399	COUNCIL 2464	ROUNDUP	ROUNDUP
237543400	COUNCIL 2613	PLENTYWOOD	PLENTYWOOD
237543401	COUNCIL 2860	CUT BANK	CUT BANK
237543402	COUNCIL 2997	GLASGOW	GLASGOW
237543404	COUNCIL 3039	FORSYTH	FORSYTH
237543405	COUNCIL 3250	LIBBY	LIBBY
237543407	COUNCIL 4069	FATHER HELLEHER	DILLON
237543408	COUNCIL 4272	SCOBEY	SCOBEY
237543409	COUNCIL 5189	FATHER SANSONE	CHESTER
237543410	COUNCIL 5527	FATHER OWENS	HARDIN
237543412	COUNCIL 6130	FR ANTHONY RAVALLI	HAMILTON
237543413	COUNCIL 6200	TETON	DUTTON
237543414	COUNCIL 6260	FATHER WILLIAM O MALEY	POLSON
237543415	COUNCIL 6294	MATTHEW GAPPA	BAKER
237546982	ASSEMBLY 585	THOMAS FRANCIS MEAGHER	ANACONDA
237546983	ASSEMBLY 586	FR DESMET	GLASGOW
237546984	ASSEMBLY 587	FR PAUWELYN	BILLINGS
237546985	COUNCIL 844	HELENA	HELENA
237546986	ASSEMBLY 591	GILMORE BISHOP	WHITEFISH
237546987	ASSEMBLY 592	MONSIGNOR MATTHEW M MCHUGH	GREAT FALLS
262380358	COUNCIL 2613	PLENTYWOOD	PLENTYWOOD
262690719	COUNCIL 2124	MALTA COUNCIL	MALTA
510229375	COUNCIL 7009	COLUMBIA FALLS	COLUMBIA FLS
760744619	COUNCIL 2360	TOWNSEND	TOWNSEND
810156286	COUNCIL 882	ANACONDA	ANACONDA
810156314	COUNCIL 1493	GREAT FALLS	GREAT FALLS

810203732	COUNCIL 1259	BILLINGS COUNCIL	BILLINGS
810332521	COUNCIL 1518	MONSIGNOR THOMAS HENNESSY	MILES CITY
810351469	COUNCIL 844	HELENA CHAPTER	HELENA
810371539	COUNCIL 1021	MISSOULA COUNCIL	MISSOULA
810372251		FOURTH DEGREE	MISSOULA
810391884	COUNCIL 7630	WHITEFISH	WHITEFISH
810396560	COUNCIL 7782	FR JEROME D ASTE	RONAN
810396823	COUNCIL 1518	FOURTH DEGREE MSGR TOM J HENMES	GLENDIVE
810402819	ASSEMBLY	4TH DEGREE ASSEMBLY	HAVRE
810410518		BILLINGS HEIGHTS	BILLINGS
810411094	COUNCIL 8375	ST TERESA OF AVILA	WHITEHALL
810419576	COUNCIL 8370	FATHERS SCHILOWSKI-LEAHY COUNCIL	WIBAUX
810455107	ASSEMBLY 591	BISHOP GILMORE	COLUMBIA FALLS
810457087	COUNCIL 9976	ST PIUS X	BILLINGS
816012940	COUNCIL 1959	WOLF POINT	WOLF POINT
816016205	COUNCIL 2245	GLENDIVE	GLENDIVE
820554030	COUNCIL 13050	FATHER THOMAS F POWERS	BILLINGS

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RE: Authorization to Apply for Federal Income
Tax Exemption Under Section 501(c)(8)

Worthy Supreme Advocate:

This authorizes you to apply for inclusion of our (council/assembly) in the Supreme Council's group exemption roster. Our (council/assembly) is a subordinate organization affiliated with and under the general supervision of the Supreme Council. If it is added to the group exemption, it will be exempt from federal income taxes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(8).

This authorization is given pursuant to Revenue Procedure 68-13.

Grand Knight/Faithful Navigator

Council/Assembly Name

Council/Assembly No.

Address

(Council's/Assembly's Federal
Employers Identification Number

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