

# Knights' Visions

Keeping the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney  
July 2011

## State Deputy's Message:

Our meeting on the 23rd of July will begin at 8:00 am at the church. Coffee and donuts will be served.

8:00 am - Mt knights Charity, Inc, meet

9:00 am - General meeting starts

Introduction of newly appointed DDs and Program Directors

report of meeting in New Haven

reveal state game plan

10:30 am - State Deputy break with DDs

State Secretary meets with Program Director

12:00 - lunch -served at church

1:15 pm - Start gathering for afternoon secession

1:30 pm - Membership Director, Terry Cody, report on meeting in Dallas, TX.

2:30 pm - Break

2:45 pm - membership cont.

4:00 pm - end general secession

5:00 pm - Mass and installation of Officers

6: 0? pm- Dinner at church

Sunday will be for traveling home

Dress for the meeting will be nice casual dress, no shorts. For the installation at Mass, jacket and tie are required. We want to leave an impression that Knights are proud of our Order and positions that we hold. See you in Baker! MT.-**Rod McElwee**

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## The Harvest and the Montana Catholic Ads:

Can your Council help sponsor a pro-life ad in one of our Catholic newspapers? Ads have been in the Montana Catholic monthly since last summer. The Knights of Columbus has had one ad in The Harvest in the last year. Our goal is to have a monthly pro-life ad in the papers monthly. Ideally, several Councils will chip in and pay for the ads. Ads for The Harvest are \$120 per month. Ads for the Montana Catholic are \$150 for a quarter. If you would like to sponsor an ad in one of the newspapers or if you need more information, contact Marty Beatty at [mnmbt@attglobal.net](mailto:mnmbt@attglobal.net). Talk to your neighboring Councils, gather the funds and list the pro-life agency in your area! When enough funds are gathered for an ad, one will be placed in the paper.

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Fr. Leo McDowell

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Art Malisani

State Treasurer  
Steve Zachmann

State Advocate  
Dave McLean

State Executive Secretary  
John Glen, PSD

Immediate Past State Deputy  
Bill Burke

State Warden  
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State Program Director  
Wayne Mangold

State Membership Director  
Ron Kazmierczak (West)  
Terry Cody

District Deputies:  
Kevin Miller  
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Eugene Miceli  
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# State Convention Awards And Photo Gallery

## KC Awards 2011

### **Community Supreme**

Bigfork Council #14060

The overall highest Community Award this year should go to Council #14060 from Big Fork. This council supported and helped with several blood drawings during the year and obtained close to 100 units of blood for the Red Cross. This project was not about money, but about life. Give part of your life to save another in the greater Community. This was a real endeavor for a small council. Grand Knight Ed Mitchke and Project Chairman James Hawley.

### **Community Division I**

Helena Council #844

This council provided Thanksgiving/holiday baskets for nearly 400 families in the Helena area. The council purchased 1700 pounds of food for the baskets, constructed nearly 400 baskets each containing a turkey. The baskets were distributed through Helena Food Share and the Salvation Army. Many Knights provided "family to family" baskets that they personally brought the entire basket. Grand Knight David Zachmann and Project Chairman Scot Buswell.

### **Community Division II**

Fr. Thomas F. Powers Council #13050-Billings.

This council did a fund drive for the Yellowstone Valley Billings Area Special Olympics. Members covered three entrances of an Albertson's Store in Billings and covered Coffee and Donuts after Mass at the St. Thomas the Apostle and collected \$568 for the Special Olympics. Grand Knight Thomas Keating Project Chairman Dave Bofto.

### **Family Activity Supreme**

Billings Heights Council #8345

Seder Meal for the Parish

This activity was chosen for its originality as well as for the number of Brother Knights who assisted in completing the activity. Hosting a re-enactment of the Passover dinner takes us back to our roots and the importance of family as well as the very foundations of our faith. Grand Knight Kevin Holland and Project Chairman Bob Murphy.

### **Family Division I**

Bishop Eldon B Schuster #1493

Children's Christmas Party

This council hosted a family Christmas party for Knights family members and included disabled members of the community. This is an ongoing activity where games are played, gift bags handed out and of course a visit from Santa always adds to the fun. Grand Knight George Kupka and Program Chairman David Glaske.

### **Family Division II**

Bigfork Council #14060

Mid-Winter Bowling Fest

This activity was chosen for the amount of time spent setting up an event that brought families together in a fun setting. This was not only for Knight families but also members of other faiths. Including a raffle in with the event built upon the original idea. Grand Knight John Krump and Project Chairman Curtis Supan.

### **Council Awards - Supreme Council Award**

Kalispell Council #1328.

Feast of St. Matthews

On the feast of their Parish's namesake, they came together as Group of 13 men and spent 52 hours in preparing, serving, and cleaning up, a luncheon for their church community of 325 to 350 parishioners. After the luncheon, the parish put on a fair, at which time this council set up a table and 6 men spent a total of 12 hours between them, presenting to the participants of the fair, what the Knights were all about and went on a recruitment drive. Grand Knight and Project Chairman William Glidden.

### **Council Awards Division I**

Billings Council #8345

Christmas Tree Sales

This activity brought together several councils. This council utilized nearly ½ of the membership and spent 1250 man hours. After their overhead costs and expenses, they turned a profit of \$8810.00.

Grand Knight and Project Chairman Kevin Holland.

### **Council Awards Division II**

Libby Council #3250

KC Triathlon

This project is 1 of a kind family, community, youth, and council activity. The participants take part in a Folf Tournament, Free throw contest, and horseshoes. Entry was by individual or 3 person team. More than 20 members contributed their time and this will be an annual event.

Grand Knight and Project Chairman Darryl Pfeifer.

### **Church Awards Supreme**

Council #8345

Diocion Presbyterate Dinner

We need to support our priest in all ways we can, and by enjoying getting out and a free meal, they don't have to fix always very well attended. This council provided a meal for visiting preists to enjoy and be supported.

Grand Knight and Project Chairman Kevin Holland.

### **Church Awards Division I**

Council #844

Support of Seminarians as we need many more and the future of our faith. This council participates in the RSVP program to support seminarians. Total donation for the year was \$600 for seminarians. Grand Knight David Zachmann and Project Chairman Sam Prestipino.

### **Church Awards Division II**

Fr. Thomas F. Powers Council #13050

This council developed an advertising campaign to bring lapsed Catholics back to the faith. This 13 week campaign was centered on bringing lapsed Catholics home for the Eucharist. Grand Knight Tom Keating and Project Chairman Don Ryan.

### **Youth Awards Supreme**

Council #9976 St. PiusX Billings

St. Francis/Fr. Steve Tokarski Scholarship Fund

To keep Catholic kids in Catholic School and to fund additional needs to special Ed students in the Catholic Schools. With virtually all members, wives and squires of this council involved in some way with over 341 man hours involved in raising and donating funds in excess of \$25,000, this will impact students, teachers, parents, and the community in a huge way. Grand Knight Chuck Legerski and Program Chairman Multiple chairman.

### **Youth Awards Division I**

Council #844 Helena

Kindness Makes Miracles

Second year project involving the media, churches and schools. To increase awareness that bullying is wrong and the importance of kindness to one another. Students in 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades participated in contest by creating a expression of kindness and anti-bullying in video, song, posters, and essays. Council put in more than 500 man hours. Grand Knight Dave Zachmann and Program Chairman Carl O'Loughlin.'

### **Youth Awards Division II**

Matthew Gappa Council #6294 Baker

Lenten Fish Frys to sponsor Scholarships for Graduating Seniors

The Council had over 25% of the membership participate in 150 man hours. Four \$300 Scholarships are given to graduating Seniors from three area high schools. Grand Knight Steve Zachmann and Program Chairman Wayne Mangold.

### **Pro Life Awards Supreme**

Msgr. Hennessy Council #1518 – Miles City, MT

Ultrasound Machine Purchase

Msgr. Hennessy Council #1518 of Miles City was asked by the Pregnancy Outreach Center in Miles City to help them obtain an Ultrasound Machine. The estimated cost of the machine was \$25,000.00. Matching funds of ½ of the cost of the Ultrasound Machine are available from Supreme. Through patience, perseverance, and a lot of hard work, Council #1518 were able to raise the \$12,500.00 necessary to apply for the grant from Supreme. In the time it took Council 1518 to raise the money, the actual cost of a new Ultrasound Machine had risen to \$27,264.00. Through the efforts of some generous individuals, Council #1518 were able to raise the extra \$1132.00 needed for this worthwhile project. Grand Knight Johan Raisler and Program Chairman PSD Don Hartman.

### **Pro Life Awards Division I**

Billings Heights – Council #8345

Restoration of Old Medical Clinic for use as LeVie Early Pregnancy Clinic.

LeVie (formerly CareNet), offers confidential counseling to women in early pregnancy. LeVie had limited office space in which to work and desperately needed to expand. St. Vincent's Hospital had an old medical practice building that was vacant and had suffered many years of neglect from weather and broken pipes. St Vincent's Hospital agreed to foot the cost if LeVie could find the labor. Council #8345 remodeled and LeVie now has a remodeled home to provide Pro-Life choices to women in early pregnancy. Grand Knight Kevin Holland and Project Chairman Doug Stengline.

### **Pro Life Awards Division II**

Father Tom Powers Council 13050 of Billings

Council 13050 provided hand sewn crib blankets, hooded bath towels, and layettes for the crisis pregnancy centers in Billings, Great Falls, Helena, Livingston, Bozeman, Belgrade, Missoula, and Kalispell. They are to be commended for their efforts to support mothers in need. Grand Knight Thomas Keating and Program Chairman Don Ryan.

### **MT Columbian Award**

#### **Division I**

Billings Heights Council #8345

### **MT Columbian Award**

#### **Division II**

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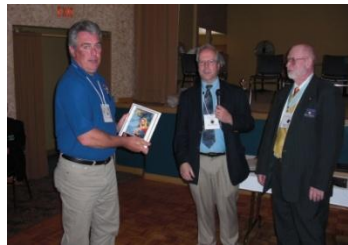
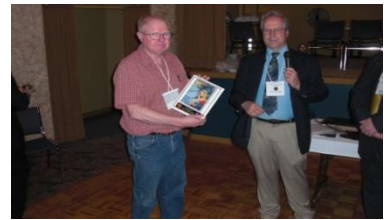


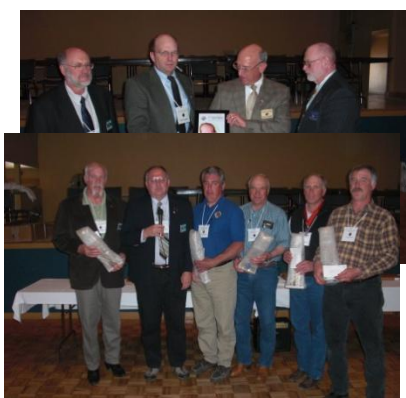
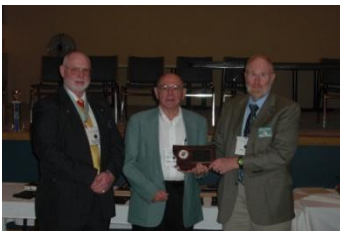
Knight of the Year

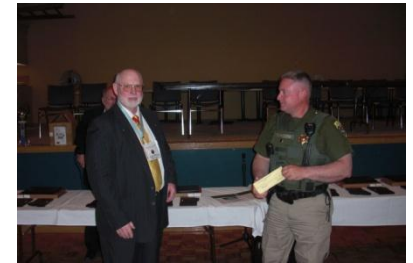


Marty Beatty  
Helena Council #844

Family of the Year  
Gerald and Judy Johnson Family  
St. Cyril and Methodius Council #10576 East Helena







## Wayne L. Mangold

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### **2011 Affirming the Culture of Life Conference:**

The Montana Catholic Conference is planning the 2<sup>nd</sup> *Affirming the Culture of Life Conference* for 2011. Last year's conference was held in Billings and this year it will be held in Helena. The conference will be held in the Civic Center in Helena Friday September 30<sup>th</sup> –Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Speaker this year will include Wesley Smith-Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia, Sister Helen Prejean-Death Penalty and Abby Johnson-abortion. The Knights of Columbus are integral in planning and assisting with the conference. Last year, over 700 attended the conference and the attendance goal for this year is 1,000. Several Knights are on the planning committee. Watch future newsletters for more information.

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### **District Deputies and Council Reports**



## ***Knights of Columbus***

### ***Heights Council # 8345***

**NEXT MEETING : Officers meetings July 19th and Aug 16th**

**Prayer of the month:** Lord, we pray for a safe summer for all, especially travelers. We pray for all who are struggling with flooding issues. We pray for a safe summer for all children as they enjoy this wonderful time of the year. We ask this in your name, AMEN

#### **Congratulations:**

**May Knight of the month:** Peter Mion  
**May Family of the month:** Leroy & Isabel Kudrna  
**June Knight of the month:** Jack Cavanaugh  
**June Knight of the month:** Jigger and Kathy Beuchler family

#### **Upcoming Events:**

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Summer is here and it's the time of year for our council where we take some time off.

That said we are still involved with our weekly help at Eagle Cliff Nursing Home. We provide a word service for about 10 to 15 folks every week, thanks to Tom Harmon who heads this program.

#### **Grand Knights notes:**

We have **7** Honorary members, to be an honorary Knight one has to have 25 years of consecutive service as Knight and be age 65. We also have **21** Honorary Life Members, to be an honorary Knight one has to have 25 years of consecutive membership and age 70 years or anyone with 50 consecutive years of membership, any age. I feel proud to in a council with so many Knights who have given so much for so long.

Remember there is a retreat dedicated to our Blessed Virgin Mary August 12th and 13th at St. Bernard's. Cost is \$30, contact Frankie Ehret at 245-7138 for more details.

This is my last newsletter as Grand Knight, my term is up and Mike Hopf is taking office July 2011. I want to thank all of you for your help, support and many hours of work over the past two years. I think we have accomplished a lot as a council and feel proud to have been a part of what we have done. I am moving on to District Deputy and will look forward to those challenges. I will be looking forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events. Thank you and God Bless.

**Closing Prayer:** Lord Jesus, hear us as we call to you each day to bless our families and friends. Guide those with illness to health and those you call home to an easy journey. Amen  
God Bless,

The newsletter can be made available to any Knight who does not have email but wishes to receive it. Please let an officer know and we will make sure you get a copy via snail mail.

Kevin Holland, Grand Knight Council #8345  
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**The election of officers** for St. Pius X Council 9976 took place June 16.

**Officers elected for the coming 2011-2012 Columbian year are as follows:**

Grand Knight: **James Conwell**; Deputy-Grand Knight: **James Holbrook**; Chancellor: **Robert Holbrook**; Warden: **Phil Zeeck**; Treasurer: **Art Loendorf**; Advocate: **Boniface Frank**; Recorder: **Andy Mikes**; Inner Guard: **Mike Olsen**; Outer Guard: **Clarence Propp**; Three year Trustee: **Chuck Legerski**; Two year Trustee: **Steve Geiger** and One year Trustee: **Vic Frank**. Financial Secretary **Robert O'Dea** is appointed by the Supreme Office. Our Council Chaplain is appointed by the Bishop. The Council Lecturer is appointed by the Grand Knight.

All new officers will meet for the first time at the Thursday, July 14 Officer's meeting.

**There will be a First Degree Exemplification at 6:30pm, Thursday, July 14,** prior to the regular Officers Meeting.

**The Council 9976 annual Awards Pot-Luck Bar-B-Que is Thursday, July 21 at 6:30pm.** Council Knight and Family of the Month awards and Knight and Family of the Year and other awards will be presented, along with checks, of over \$700.00 ea., from the Council's 22nd. annual Tootsie Roll Drive, that this year include: **Local Special Olympics, Special "K" Ranch, St. Francis Middle School Special Ed "Learning Lab," Yellowstone Association of Retarded People (YARP) and Special Bowlers.** **The council will provide the** hot dogs, burgers, drinks, buns and condiments. Council members with last names starting from **A to L** are requested to bring a **salad, etc.** and members from **M to Z** are requested to bring a **desert.**

**K. of C. ADULT BINGO, Friday, 7:00pm**

#### Montana Knights Website

The website for the Montana State Knights of Columbus is <http://www.montanaknights.org>. The webmaster is Bernie Adams and his email address is [bernie@amc-hln.com](mailto:bernie@amc-hln.com). 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, [mnmmt@attglobal.net](mailto:mnmmt@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 [mnmmt@attglobal.net](mailto:mnmmt@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>