

Knight's Visions

Keeping the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney
September 2011

State Deputy's Message:

GREETINGS Brother Knights and your families!

Our new Fraternal Year of 2011-2012 has started. Supreme this year sent our Eastern Montana Membership Director, Terry Cody to Dallas, TX for a meeting on June 26th. Ron Kasmierczak, the Western Montana membership Director, was unable to attend. The Montana State council held the Summer Meeting in late July in Baker. I want to thank all of the State Officers, DDs, and Program Directors who were able to attend because July and August are times for family reunions, class reunions and vacations.

All councils will appreciate what the State Council has done. Your District Deputies will inform you at your first meeting this year. Some councils have already received their packets and those councils that took the summer off will receive yours in September. When your District Deputy sets up his District meeting, please make every effort to attend so you can understand the changes the State Council has made. These changes will make it easier for all councils to fulfill their requirements.

One new requirement from Supreme this year is for councils to achieve Star Council is they must either hold or participate in **FOUR 1ST DEGREE Exemplifications** this year. This program is called "365" which means each council is asked to bring in at least one new member a month. Your District Deputy will explain the program at his District Meeting.

One incentive the State Council has instituted is that during the months of July and August, this Fraternal Year, for every new member that your council brought in, the State Council will deduct \$2 per new member off your yearly State per capita. Please inform your DD how many new members for those months. Another incentive from the State Council is if a council has met their membership quota, after suspensions and deaths at the end of the Fraternal year, will receive 50% of their inactive members per capita back.

If a council makes Star Council, at the end of the Fraternal Year, those councils will receive 100% of their inactive member per capita back. In my travels around the state this pass year, I learned that all councils are active in their parishes and communities, I never hear about it! Keep up the good work but please let us know so the State Council doesn't think you are inactive. Thanks again Brother Knights for your dedication to God and the Knights of Columbus.

This year Brothers Louis Hull and Bill Breitbach retired from our District Deputies

State Chaplain
Fr. Leo McDowell

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ranks. Thank you for your excellent service and we'll miss you both. Brother Steve Geiger moved from District Deputy to be our Church Director. Brother Bob Mazzolini, Anaconda, has replaced Brother Louis Hull, Brother Leon Setera, Wibaux, has replaced Brother Bill Breitbart, and Brother Kevin Holland, Billings, has taken Brother Steve Geiger place as District Deputy. I am pleased to announce that Brother Scott Kinzie, DD #9, is back on board and ready to be of service to all the councils in the N.E. corner of Montana. I am honored to have such a great Band of Brothers involved in the leadership of the Montana State Council.

Montana was represented at the Supreme Convention, in Denver, CO., by myself, Bill burke, PSD, George Kupka, Great Falls, and David Bofto, Billings. During the States Dinner, Montana was seated number **128** out of 211 tables. Montana started with a lot of suspension and didn't get started recruiting until January. Then councils came through and we almost made our net-net for the fraternal year! On June 29th. Montana was 2 over and on June 30th we were 4 under do to the death of Brother Knights. Though we mourn the deaths of Brother Knights, you can be proud of your accomplishments toward membership. When the going got tuff, the tuff got going! At this time, I would like to congratulate the "Top Recruiter" of membership in Montana, 2010-2011, Brother Mike Winters, Great Falls. Thanks Mike. If Mike can do it, so can you.-**Rod McElwee**

State Chaplain's Message:

As many of you are aware, World Youth Day was held in August in Madrid, Spain. I was fortunate enough to be able to accompany a group of nineteen other pilgrims from Montana on the adventure.

I'm not sure if you've heard much news about the protests that were taking place during this time dedicated to helping young Catholics grow in their faith. The main issue proclaimed by the organizers of the protest concerned the cost to the nation of Spain, but several groups gathered to attack the Catholic Church. Some of the biggest protestors were those pushing for same sex "marriage". What is amazing is the response by most of the pilgrims in the face of the attack. Some knelt down in the middle of the plaza where the protest was taking place and prayed the rosary. They stood firm in their faith (the theme of WYD this time).

As Knights, are we just as willing to stand firm in our faith. Are we willing to take on the hard issues of our society for the cause of the truth of the Gospel? This is not limited to same sex "marriages", but includes issues of abortion, embryonic stem cell research, and conscious rights for Catholics working in healthcare. Are we willing to take the heat for our faith?

As the strong right arm of the Church, we need to take on the most pressing issues to defend the Church in our words and actions. We need to be truly united with our bishops in defending our rights as Catholics. Let's take the example of the World Youth Day participants and stand firm in our faith. **Father Leo McDowell**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe
Knights of Columbus
Marian Prayer Program
2011-2013**

The Knights of Columbus has embarked on a pilgrimage with Our Lady of Guadalupe, bearing her image from council to council, from parish to parish to spread her message and her love. Through the Marian Prayer Program, we have a chance to gather as a family before the mother of humanity and offer our prayers and intentions.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is a beautiful icon that will be travelling throughout the state from council to council and from parish to parish. The icon has begun travelling through the Western Diocese of Helena and will start through the Diocese of Great Falls Billings in the near future. When the icon is in your vicinity, schedule a Marian Hour of Prayer. Leaflets are available for the Hour of Prayer and members of the council are encouraged to participate. A Marian Hour of Prayer was held at Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish in East Helena by East Helena Council 10576 on September 23, 2011 with 22 participating.

Pictures of the icon and Marian Hours of Prayer will be in the next edition of Knight's Visions.

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. 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.

Please consider paying for all or part of an advertisement in YOUR Diocesan newspaper! Thank you to all councils that have participated.

State Secretary's Message:

Let's strive to get our paperwork in on time. Some Councils have done a great job, as always we get involved with programs and the paperwork falls to the side. Once we allow ourselves to fall behind it becomes difficult to catch up. Please consider staying on top of it and make date deadlines so we may do a better job of serving our membership.

Please read the attached note from our Regional Rep. Benny Viegra. Art Malisani, State Secretary

Membership and Programs Coordinator's Message:

‘Membership 365’

**EVERY COUNCIL RECRUIT ONE MEMBER PER MONTH—
HAVE PROSPECTIVE MEMBER LIST—PROMOTE STRONG
MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE AT COUNCIL MEETINGS—
CONDUCT AND REPORT FIRST DEGREE EACH MONTH—
COUNCIL REQUIRED TO CONDUCT AND REPORT FOUR
FD'S PER YEAR**

MAY YOU ALL HAVE A NICE LABOR DAY WEEKEND. PLAN AN EVENT TO COMMEMORATE THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 9/11 TRAGEDY AND PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said, *“The theme of our convention this year is “so that the world may know new hope.” We bring new hope to the world through the millions of acts of charity we do each year. We bring new hope to the world when we live out our principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism in ways that change lives for the better. Our theme is taken from a prayer composed by Pope John Paul II. He had asked the bishops of the Western Hemisphere to “reflect on America as a single entity”. Let us increase our numbers to we can provide the extra hands and funds to help conduct our proposed programs of charity.*

<u>MONTANA 2011-2012 GOALS</u>		
<u>Intake—250</u>	<u>Net Gain—168</u>	<u>Net/Net--31</u>
<u>NCD—1,</u>	<u>RT—45,</u>	<u>Co. Reactivation—1</u>

ACTION PLAN FOR JULY—EVERY COUNCIL OFFICER TO RECRUIT AT LEAST ONE NEW MEMBER. HAS THIS BEEN DONE IN YOUR

COUNCIL? Every council meet, promote membership, submit their Officers for the Term Form #185. Council officers meet to plan yearly activities. Conduct a First Degree. Form Prospective Member List PLEASE CONTINUE TO CARRY THIS OUT IF YOU KNOW OF ANY COUNCIL THAT HAS NOT DONE SO.

ACTION PLAN FOR AUGUST—Celebrate Family Week, August. Bring your council's families together, and also invite the families of prospective members. GK hold officers accountable to bring in a member. “Every Member Active Program” Use Prospective Member List. Plan a membership drive. Plan a 10 year Memorial Service for 9/11 (Blue Mass, Prayer Service)

ACTION PLAN FOR SEPTEMBER—CONTACT ALL MEMBERS ON COUNCIL ROSTER AND INVITE THEM TO 9/11 ACTIVITY. HOLD OFFICERS AND MEMBERS TO BE MEMBERSHIP ACTIVE. CONDUCT PARISH MEMBERSHIP DRIVE. PLAN A PARISH FAMILY EVENT CENTERED ON RIGHT

TO LIFE, FAMILY, MARRIAGE, ROSARY—CONFER WITH PASTOR—ORGANIZE MEMBERSHIP TO HELP—PLAN INFORMATION NIGHT—CONDUCT FIRST DEGREES

MEMBERSHIP—SEPTEMBER 2, 2011—5158--INTAKE—5—Needed 245—2.00%-- #69 of 72 jurisdictions—MOVE UP! (2010 Intake—5)

NET GAIN-- -14—Needed 182-- -8.33%. LET'S TRY TO RECOVER FROM THIS LOSS. (2010 NG—3)

NET/NET— -20—We need to get this back up in positive numbers. (2010 N/N— -11)

WE HOPE TO SEE SOME CHANGES FOR THE BETTER IN MEMBERSHIP DURING SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER. WE NEED TO GET THE COUNCILS TO MEETING, SETTING UP PROGRAMS, CONTACTING PROSPECTS, SIGNING THEM UP, CONDUCTING FIRST DEGREES AND CONTINUE THE GROWTH OF THE ORDER IN MONTANA. WORK TO MEET YOUR GOALS—COMMUNICATE.

Jurisdiction Quick Start

Achieve 45% Membership Intake Goal—Be Membership Positive—By December 31, 2011-- \$2,000 added to Christopher Fund

Council Quick Start

Receive Official Beatification Portrait of Blessed John Paul II when: Submit Form #185 (Due August 1); Submit Form 365 (Due August 1); By September 30—Conduct a Recruitment Drive; Schedule & Conduct one or more First Degrees (Report on Form 450/450C) Recruiters will receive Blessed John Paul II Be Not Afraid Medallion—New Members will receive special certificate

District Deputy Quick Start

Three councils fulfill all the requirements will also receive portrait

NCD, RT'S, COUNCIL REACTIVATION—Is there any activity in the NCD, RT, or Council Reactivation areas? **NOW IS THE TIME** to start because the sooner we get started working on these factors, the sooner we get more new prospective members and new members into our councils. Also, please work on retention of your membership; follow the proper procedures to suspend members. Form those RT's early, submit forms.

NCD GOAL 1—GAIN 0—NEED 1

RT GOAL 45—GAIN 2—NEED 43

REQUIRED FORMS—**OFFICER'S FOR THE PRESENT TERM FORM #185** was due July 1, 2011. (21 needed as of 9/2/11)

The **SERVICE PROGRAM PERSONNEL REPORT FORM #365** is due August 1, 2011. (35 needed as of 9/2/11)

The **SEMI-ANNUAL AUDIT WAS DUE AUGUST 15, 2011**—(35 NEEDED as of 9/2/11)

PLEASE SEE TO IT THAT THE DISTRICT DEPUTIES ARE GETTING THESE FORMS FROM THEIR COUNCILS. Let's work together to get 100% of these forms in during this fraternal year.

IF THE COUNCILS REPORT THAT THEY HAVE SUBMITTED ANY OF THESE FORMS AND THEIR COUNCIL NUMBER IS STILL ON THE DELINQUENT LIST PLEASE SEND ME A COPY OF THE FORM AND I WILL SUBMIT IT OR TAKE IT PERSONALLY

TO THE SUPREME OFFICE AS I HAVE A MEETING THERE IN SEPTEMBER. Benny Viegra, Membership and Programs Coordinator

Western Montana Membership Director's Message:

A **NEW YEAR** for all of us to ask **ONE** person to join **THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!!!!**
Ron Kazmierczak

Christmas Card Chairman's Message:

Reminder. To receive a discount on the variety case of Christmas cards, please order no later than September 23rd.

To view the sales brochure and cards being offered this year, please go to this web address.

<http://www.christischristmas.com>

While at that address, note that personalized Christmas cards can be ordered as well as posters and banners. If your council decides to order any of these items, please contact Bernie Adams with your council number, items to be orders, quantity and mailing address for both the cards/items and for billing purposes.

Note: All items on the web site are retail prices. When you purchase cards through our program, your council makes anywhere from \$1.50 to \$3.00 per box sold.

Available from Supreme are Keep Christ in Christmas - Action Steps for keeping the true meaning of Christmas. This includes free public service announcements (PSA) for both radio and television. These are available on the Supreme site at:

http://www.kofc.org/un/en/service/church/christmas/action_steps.html

This is a great evangelization program to re-enforce the true meaning of Christmas being the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Questions? contact Bernie Adams at Bernie@amc-hln.com or call him at 406-431-9514. **Bernie Adams**

State Fund Raising Chairman's Message:

CAN I DEDUCT MY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?

The Knights of Columbus at the local, state and Supreme levels are organizations that are exempt from paying Federal Income Tax under 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code. This does not

mean that contributions to these organizations are tax deductible. These organizations are not 501(c)(3) organizations and therefore CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NOT DEDUCTIBLE. This is why the State Council and the Supreme Council have separate Charities, Inc. organizations.

At the State level we have an organization call "Montana Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.". Green slip charities request forms are sent out from the local councils, usually with their dues billing, each year, requesting that you donate to several diffierent charities listed. Any contribution made to the Montana Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. thru your local council green slip request ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

The Montana Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. board of directors use this money to make contributions to Catholic Social Services, Montana Catholic Conference, both Montana Bishops, scholarships, and many other 501(c)(3) organizations. **Donald J. Hartman, CPA**

2011 Affirming the Culture of Life Conference:

Floyd McCubbins Chairman

The biggest information that I can pass on as the Pro-Life Chair is as follows:

The Montana Catholic Conference is sponsoring the "Affirming the Culture of Life Conference " on Friday, September 30th and Saturday, October 1st, 2011 at the Civic Center in Helena, MT. If you did not receive a mailing from the Montana Catholic Conference, you can go online to www.MontanaLife.org and register for the conference. Registration is \$30.00 per person plus lunch at \$7.00 per person. The following speakers will be present to share their "Life Voices"

Abby Johnson - Former Planned Parenthood Director

Wesley Smith - Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia

Sr. Helen Prejean - Death Penalty

Shawn Carney - Co-founder / Director of 40 Days For Life

This is a very timely and worthwhile event as the Fall Campaign for the 40 Days of Life begins on Wednesday, September 28 and runs through Sunday, November 6, 2011. If you haven't participated in the 40 Days of Life Prayer Vigil, it is not to late to start. In the past those present at the Vigil have been pre-dominantly women. All of the 40 Days of Life Vigils in Montana and across the nation are asking that the Knights of Columbus step up and man the shifts during the night and into the early morning from 9:00pm-6:00am. Become a leader in this worthwhile cause to stop the needless killing of those who can not defend themselves.

When we convince a woman or a couple not to have an abortion, our obligation doesn't end there! A great project getting underway in the Kalispell area is a young couple who chose life. I am including the email that has been forwarded to me by Rod McElwee, the Worthy State Deputy.

Dear James and Cary: Worthy Faithful Navigator and Faithful Comtroller;

My wife JoAnn and I as you know are Right To Life Couple for our Council 1328 and we keep the Assembly informed and involved as appropriate information comes our way. I first saw the need addressed in this note to you in St Matts Prayer Line, communicated with Karen Trierweiler, Campaign Director Kalispell 40 Days for Life and jumped in...

Attached is a bit of information re: this young couple, Mikyel & Megan, who have made the Right Choice for their unborn child. Now that they have chosen Life we cannot be the Hands of Christ by telling them they made the right decision and then just walk away believing our job is done. It is not. It's really only beginning. I look upon this young couple soon to be a family as an opportunity to Be Christ in our thoughts, words and collective actions. We have talked the talk and now its time to back up the talk with action. They need our help.

I have the involvement of Council 1328 at St Matthews and now I am extending my request to all of our Brother Sir Knights of the Fourth Degree in the Bishop Gilmore Assembly. I, and the entire Pro-Life Movement, am counting on your support. The attached emails tell part of the story. Here's a nutshell overview.

This couple is known in the St Matts Community. The young man is working now at Tele-Tech due to the support of Karen Trierweiler working through her 40 Days For Life (40 DFL)

Group in concert with the Flathead Pro-Life Organization. This couple has promise of a small rental home for which we have by this time raised the necessary funds to help with First-Last-Deposit funds needed. St Matthews Social Concerns, KofC at St Matts, and a few individuals have contributed to the immediate funds needed. The young man wants to pay this money back and the plan is to use that money to start an endowment for future needs so future successes by Flathead Pro-Life and Social Concerns can be more quickly supported by this "trust fund." Hopefully it will grow as others contribute. The money will be earmarked and dedicated to this type of support. Cary informed me that unlike the local councils, the Assembly has no treasury funds from which to make a donation. That being the case I would hope you would make a plea to our members on behalf of not just this couple but 40 DFL and Flathead Pro-Life. Those

that feel moved to contribute can do so through whatever mechanism you choose. I would suggest all funds be marked for 40 DFL and sent to either Karen or Rod Stell, new Director of Social Concerns. Karen's number is [406-890-2297](tel:406-890-2297) or anyone can call me [406-249-5001](tel:406-249-5001) is my cell.

Now for the rest of the story: The couple has been working on the home prior to moving in. It is my belief that their are Knights with skills that might be of help to this couple now and others in future. That's what we're all about! Karen can help coordiate the what and when, where, how's. The couple also needs furnishings for the home. Cary has already offered some items. More are needed. They are starting from scratch so I'm sure the needs are many. Karen can tell us more.

Brothers this is a great opportunity for us all to be part of something bigger than each individual but it takes the response from each individual to somtimes nudge our Brother Knights toward a quick action as opposed to procrastinating. This situation is here and now.

We need everyone's help and ideas. Please act and coordinate through Karen and Rod with Karen as primary but most importantly Please Act. We can be the Hands and Heart of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is what he calls us to do.

Please take action now. Thank you and everyone else who responds. Karen, Pre-Life, 40 DFL and all of the unborn need our help.

Vivat Jesus. Your Brother Knight, Tom Donovan. Floyd McCubbins

Following is additional information on the Affirming the Culture of Life Conference:

PRESS ADVISORY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 6, 2011
Wosepka, Exec. Dir.,

Contact: Moe

Montana Catholic
Conference
(406) 442-5761

Montana Catholic Bishops to host national speakers at gathering in Helena Sept. 30 – Oct. 1

The Catholic Bishops of Montana announce their 2nd annual Affirming the Culture of Life Conference, to be held at the Helena Civic Center on Friday, Sept. 30 and Saturday, Oct. 1. Four nationally acclaimed speakers headline the conference, including Abby Johnson, Sister Helen Prejean, Wesley Smith, and Shawn Carney.

In 2010, the Bishops initiated this series of conferences with an event in Billings, which featured Immaculee Ilibagiza, a survivor of the 1994 Rwandan genocide. These conferences serve as a forum to raise awareness and educate on issues which pose an eminent threat to the culture of life in society.

This year's speakers will address the issues of abortion, assisted suicide and euthanasia, as well as the death penalty. Both of Montana's Catholic bishops -- **The Most Reverend George Leo Thomas** (Diocese of Helena) and **The Most Reverend Michael W. Warfel** (Diocese of Great Falls-Billings) -- will also address conference participants.

Keynote speaker **Abby Johnson** is a former Planned Parenthood director who left the abortion industry in 2009, after eight years. In her book *Unplanned*, she states, "As I took the ultrasound probe in hand, I could not have imagined how the next ten minutes would shake the foundation of my values and change the course of my life." It was her involvement with this ultrasound-

guided abortion that prompted Abby to leave Planned Parenthood. She is now a pro-life activist, speaker, and author.

Through her work with inmates on death row, **Sister Helen Prejean** has become well known as a death penalty abolitionist. Her book *Dead Man Walking* was made into a feature film. Dividing her time between educating citizens about the death penalty and counseling individual death row prisoners, Sister Helen asks people to pause and consider this practice. She has stated, “The profound moral question is not, ‘Do they deserve to die?’ but ‘Do we deserve to kill them?’”

Wesley Smith is a consultant to the Patients’ Rights Council, a bioethicist, an attorney and an award-winning author. The fight against legalized assisted suicide, occurring right now in our state, is a battle that has personal roots for this anti-euthanasia activist. Encouraged by material from the Hemlock Society, now Compassion and Choices, a friend of Wesley’s committed suicide in 1992. Wesley’s work focuses on efforts to destroy the culture of death and expose the myths associated with assisted suicide.

Friday night, Sept. 30, the conference will feature **Shawn Carney**, co-founder of 40 Days for Life. The 40 Days for Life campaigns include 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion, round-the-clock peaceful vigils outside local abortion centers, and grassroots door-to-door outreach. The first 40 Days for Life campaign, held in College Station, Texas in 2004, proved to be a breakthrough initiative when local abortion numbers were reduced by 28 percent. This successful effort has grown tremendously, with campaigns now held around the world, resulting in 4,313 lives reported to be spared from abortion.

Conference organizers assert that this line-up of four nationally renowned speakers in one location makes for a special event. More information about the speakers and the event is available at www.montanalife.org.

Take the time RIGHT NOW to register for AFFIRMING the CULTURE OF LIFE CONFERENCE!

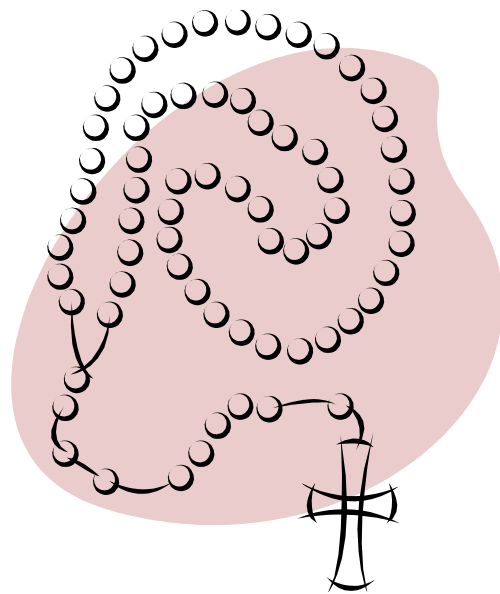
If any Knight would like to usher at the conference on Saturday, October 1, please contact Marty Beatty at 406-442-9804 by September 26. Several ushers are needed on Saturday and various shifts are available. You can help all or part of the day! It would be an honor for knights across the state to participate.

Family Program Chairman's Message:

Each month, councils have the opportunity to participate in the Family and Knight of the Month Program. Of all the Knights of Columbus Councils in the state, only two or three councils participate in the program!

It's hard to believe that Knights in our councils have done nothing to single out one knight or family that has done something extraordinary during the month! It is easy to honor these Knights. There are certificates available to present the Knights at your meeting and you probably can get their names printed in the parish bulletin. Nominations can be accepted at your monthly business meeting for the upcoming month. The monthly program makes it easy to select the Knight and Family of the year nominations for the State Convention in the spring.

For more information on this program, contact David Zachmann, 406-449-4064. **David Zachmann**





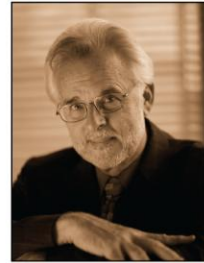
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Abby Johnson



Sr. Helen Prejean



Wesley J. Smith




Shaun Carney

September 30th - October 1st, 2011

Civic Center - Helena, MT

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Affirming the
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Seating is limited. Register now!

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Upcoming 4th Degree Events

September 18-19 2011 DeSmet Provincial Meeting - Rapid City SD

November 14 2011 Military Monday at the Golden Corral - Billings, MT

March 2012 4th Degree Exemplification - Libby, MT

April 2012 Montana District Biennial Assembly Meeting - Montana State 3rd Degree Convention

May 15-18, 2012 Montana Special Olympics - Billings, MT

June 2012 4th Degree Exemplification - Billings, MT

4th Degree Programs & Projects

Operation Phone Home continues, providing long distance phone cards to hospitalized Veterans at no charge.

5,000 Year Leap Program (Principles of Freedom 101) is preparing to be launched. This program is based on the book of the same name and is intended to encourage all Knights to read and review the Christian basis for the creation of our government as envisioned by our Founding Fathers. Each Assembly will be provided a copy of the book to read excerpts from it at meetings and all Sir Knights are encouraged to write their legislators in support of these values. **Ken Kingman**

Operation Phone Home Chairman's Message:

The Knights of Columbus has purchased and distributed 250-30 minute pre-paid phone calling cards for veterans in the Veterans Hospital at Fort Harrison Hospital in Helena. Calling Cards are necessary for veterans who don't own a cell phone and have no means to call home while in the hospital. Patients cannot use government phones to make personal calls.

\$963 has been contributed to the Operation Phone Home program by various councils in the state. Additional support is needed in December. To contribute to the program, send donations

and make checks payable to East Helena Council Knights of Columbus Council 10576,
ATTENTION: Jerry Johnson, PO Box 289, East Helena, MT 59635. **Jerry Johnson**

Has your council thought about doing a Tootsie Roll Drive This year?

Contact Jerry Johnson or Marty Beatty for more information!



District Deputies and Council Reports

District 12

There has been some shuffling in my District; Council 8375 in Whitehall is now in District 12 and Butte Council 668 is now part of District 3. Welcome Council 8375 to District 12 and thanks to Council 668 for all the accomplishments and good work these past three years. District 12 is home to Council 884 Helena, Council 2360 Townsend, Council 8375 Whitehall and Council 10576 East Helena.

I am very fortunate to be first to have the Our Lady of Guadalupe Icon in my District. East Helena Council 10576 held the first Marion Hour of Prayer with the Icon on September 13TH at Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish in East Helena.

Plans are being made to host the Montana KC State Board winter meeting in Helena January 6-8, 2012. More information will be coming. Hope to see you there.

Some Autumn activities District 12 is conducting; Council 2360 is selling corn and cold drinks at Townsend's Fall Festival, Council 844 is helping with a Boy Scout breakfast and Council 10576 is helping Father O'Donnell with Sts. Cyril & Methodius' Big Time Under the Big Top parish festival.

And, the Culture of Life Conference is in Helena September 29-October 1. Please attend if you can.

Remember to Pray the Rosary for your personal needs and vocations. **Allen Cormany**

Council 6455 in Laurel held a First Degree and participate in the parish picnic at Saint Anthony's parish in Laurel.
Kelly Smarsh-District 5



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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. 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 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. 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>