

Holy Family/Spirit of Christ Council 13022--
Carrying on the tradition of the first Knights of Columbus.

Founded on December 1, 2001 under the order of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus, the 30 “good practical Catholic men” who formed Holy Family/Spirit of Christ Council 13022 must have felt the same call as those 120 years earlier who met under the organization's founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, in New Haven, Connecticut.

Council 1021, better known as the “downtown council” was burgeoning at its seams and many of its members who were parishioners of Holy Family Parish saw a need to form their own council. Doug Glevanik, the present Grand Knight of 13022, was asked to lead the new charter as he had previously been Grand Knight of a Council in Idaho, but declined. “I was still working for the Forest Service and had three kids to raise,” recalls Glevanik, so the Council elected Gregory T.Mutzenberger, the chief proponent of the new council as its first Grand Knight.

Today, the fraternal organization has grown to over 70 members with Round Tables (sub-council groups) at Christ the King Parish in Missoula and Spirit of Christ Mission in Lolo. Members meet on the first Thursday of each month in the parish center of Blessed Trinity Catholic Community. The wall above their their meeting place is hung with the Council's Charter and numerous awards which mirror Father McGivney's original call to charity.

Chief among these are the placards denoting the Star Council Awards for the years 2010-2011 under Grand Knight Dale Barnum and 2013-2014 and 2014-15 under Grand Knight Dan Conway. As outlined in the [Knights of Columbus Leadership Resources](#) booklet, the Star Council Award is given if the council earns three separate awards: the Father McGivney Award for membership growth, the Founder's Award for increase in membership in the insurance program, and most visibly, the Columbian Award for charitable service and fraternal programs in six “Surge with Service” categories.

A partial list of the achievements of the 2013-2014 Council under each “Surge with Service” category is as follows:

Church Activities

- “At least 21 Knights served in various roles as Greeters, Ushers, Lectors, Choir Members, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers, and as Acolytes at Parish and Mission Masses”
- “Knights remodeled the Holy Family Parish House after the departure of a tenant. Doors and

bathroom fixtures were replaced, and Knights oversaw the painting and the installation of rugs throughout the entire house.”

- “Knights supported Blessed Trinity's International Dinner Night by assisting with the setting up of tables and later with the clean up of Parish Social Hall. Also, Knight purchased and served refreshments for the event.”

Community Activities:

- “Knights were active in supporting the Interdenominational Family Promise Program in Missoula which assisted destitute families find shelter and employment. One Knight was selected as the 'Montana State Knight of the Year' Program because of his outstanding personal contributions.”
- “Knights conducted a “Boots for Tots” program to provide 16 pair of young girls' boots to a nearby Public Elementary School located in an economic depressed area of Missoula. This program helped the girls weather the third worst winter in Missoula history.”
- “Two Knights served on the Missoula Habitat for Humanity Building Committee.”

Council Activities

- “Council conducted an energetic “Green Sheet” effort to increase the Council's donations to the Montana Charity Program. Results totaled \$1,064.30, the largest amount ever raised by the Council.”
- “Council conducted the Friday Lenten Fish Fries, along with Council 1021, and earned \$3,220 which will go to support Council charitable activities.”

Family Activities:

- “Knights held their annual 'Salute to the Wives” dinner at a local restaurant. Spousal support and their help has been invaluable in making so many of our activities a success.”
- “Knights assisted with the Diocesan Bishop's visit to downtown Missoula's Caras Park. Twenty-six Knights prepared and served over 400 family members at this public ecumenical event.

Culture of Life Activities

- “Knights purchased, prepared, and served breakfast to Parish members after a Sunday Mass. All proceeds (\$400) were given to Mountain Home Montana. This funded facility and volunteer staff members provide an alternative to abortion for young single ladies who are facing a tough decision on abortion.”
- “Seven Knights actively participated in the local “40 Days for Life” prayer vigil held near the Blue Mountain Clinic in Missoula.”

Youth Activities:

- “Knights held a Basketball Hoop Contest for community youth. Three young people qualified for Division Competition and two of the entrants won titles. One Young lady went on to win the State Championship for her age group.”
- “Knights purchased, prepared , and served a spaghetti dinner in the Blessed Trinity Social Hall. All proceeds went for scholarships for youth desiring to attend Legendary Lodge. This Catholic program in the Diocesan Legendary Lodge is held each summer and increases youth awareness of the teachings of Christ and prepares the to lead a more Christian life in the years ahead.”

Today, the dedicated members of Holy Family/Spirit of Christ Council 13022 continue this legacy of service. Under **Community Activities** for the **2014-2015** Star Council award, the council more than doubled their “Boots for Tots” tally from 16 to 33. At the 2014 State Convention, Layne Kaldor was chosen as the “State Knight of the Year, and in 2015, when separate awards were given according to the size of the council, Kevin Burke received the award for councils under 100 in membership.

The council's popular culinary duties include purchasing and preparing three meals a year at the Poverello Center, preparing several breakfasts at Blessed Trinity, and together with the downtown council the fish fries at St. Anthony's on the fridays of Lent leading up to Easter. The “Keep Christ in Christmas Program provides Christmas cards for Blessed Trinity Youth to sell to raise money for their activities.

Together with Council 1021, Council 13022 raised 15,000 dollars, matched by the Supreme Council, for the purchase of an ultrasound machine given to Care Net in Missoula in the Knight's continued support of the Culture of Life. They ran a major fund raising campaign for Family Promise, the interdenominational program supporting homeless families and tallied 325 hours of volunteer time for this past summer's Special Olympics. This past year saw the Ordination of Father Chris Lebsack, whom the council aided financially as a seminarian, and the tradition continues with their financial support of new seminarian, Aidan Toombs. Charity, Unity and Fraternity, the principles the Knights live by, are served well by Council 13022 and all who enter its open call to membership.