## Bozeman Knights of Columbus Council 1413 - What we Stand For

The Pope, the Worldwide Church, Priests, Brothers, Sisters and promotion of all religious vocations **The Family**, our foundation of Society

Life in all of its forms, from its beginnings all the way through natural death

The Disabled, the Elderly, the Poor, the Despondent, and those who have nowhere else to go

## What Local Projects We Are Involved In?

**Support of our Community:** We contribute time, funds and well wishes to social causes *including St. Catherine's Women's Clinic, Eagle Mount, Bobcat Outreach, Bozeman Nursing Homes, Gallatin Valley Food Bank, Blood Drives, and Montana Special Olympics,* along with visits to the homebound and patients in Deaconess Hospital.

**Support Family Values:** we promote strong family values by supporting youth fellowship and faith formation; by promoting the family through annual parish picnics for Holy Rosary and Resurrection Parishes, frequent breakfasts and dinners, the Resurrection Parish weekly 'Chunch' for students, and family-based celebrations.

We serve our Church in a variety of ministries including:

- Altar Servers, Acolytes, Greeters, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lecturers
- Service and funds to support Resurrection and Holy Rosary Parish student and faith formation programs including Legendary Lodge
- Support efforts to reduce poverty and mitigate disaster relief, and World Youth Day for outbound teens

To raise funds for these charities and local projects, the Knights have food booths at the Bite of Bozeman and downtown Christmas Stroll. All brothers contribute time and have a lot of fun in the process.

## What about the Knights on a worldwide basis?

The Knights are 1.85 million members strong around the world (U.S., Canada, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Bahamas, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Virgin Islands, Poland, Guatemala, Guam, Saipan, South Korea and the Philippines) represented in over 14,000 local councils.

Our fraternal insurance and financial products programs are ranked highest the U.S. in strength and stability (\$96 billion in force currently) and is considered by many to be *the* most professional and fiscally-responsible among any non-profit organization in the U.S. In 2013, the Order donated over \$170 million annually to charities around the world (totaling \$1.6 billion in the past decade), and contributed over 70 million man-hours.

We need dedicated men who seek fraternity with other Catholic men and their families, and who feel their contribution can have a noticeable impact on the many lives they will touch and influence.

## Join the Knights - When We Meet

Our local council – consisting of men from both Holy Rosary and Resurrection Parishes - is a Catholic, family and fraternal organization made up of dedicated men who support the ideals of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Though men are the members within a council, their primary function is to provide for the welfare of their spouses and children making it the largest Catholic family organization in the world.

- Business meetings are on the first *Monday* of each month (held at 6:30pm at the Bozeman Catholic Community Center) with family socials and breakfasts scheduled every few weeks throughout the year
- Local council dues are <u>\$33 per year</u>; at the time a member becomes initiated, a \$25 initiation payment is also due to cover future membership-related expenses.
- To inquire about membership, contact Mike Banville at 388.0455 or <u>mike@alltrips.com</u> and view our website <u>www.kofcbozeman.org</u>