

*Brother Knights,*

*“MY MOM CHOSE LIFE” is the motto of Stanton Healthcare. On November 4<sup>th</sup> I had the honor of attending their ninth annual fund raiser Gala dinner.*

*It was a huge event at the Riverside Hotel in Boise to raise funds for Stanton’s building projects, one of which will be a facility in Meridian, next to Planned Parenthood.*

*There were close to 800 guests, with the Knights being well represented by 28 of us and our wives, as well as The Worthy State Deputy for Washington State, Eddie Parazoo.*

*Our Worthy State Deputy Mike Townsend read a letter from Bishop Peter Christensen to the group outlining how important it is for all of us to stand up for life, and commended Stanton Health Care for their role in that mission. It was great to have our Catholicity on the agenda!*

*The keynote speaker was a young woman with her 9 year-old daughter. She was one of the*

*first women to visit the center after it opened in 2006 and her story was very touching.*

*Her boyfriend pressured her to abort the baby and went with her to Planned Parenthood for an ultrasound. She was told that at 10-12 weeks there is not a heartbeat yet.*

*Idaho Law requires that the woman be given time after the ultrasound to decide on the abortion.*

*Her relationship with her boyfriend continued to degrade and he gave her an ultimatum either to abort the baby or he would commit suicide.*

*She went to Stanton and was given new hope, heard the heartbeat and received so much love and support that she decided to give birth. The result was the beautiful young girl beside her on stage.*

*The event concluded with young families coming on stage with posters telling their stories in key words, like “scared”, “no place to go”, “no support”, and “helpless”.*

*It was very touching to all of us who care about life.*

*State Deputy Mike Townsend offered a closing prayer. It was inspiring to see the Catholics in the audience crossing themselves as they stood together.*

*Be Catholic! Be Proud!*

*Vivat Jesus!*

*Bill & Karron Pahl*

*Culture of Life couple*