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Call to Convention 2017

Lewiston Council 1024 - Lewiston, ID
April 21, 22 & 23

ARE YOU GOING ?????

Sign Up Today ... Here's the primary Information

Dear Brother Knights,

The 110th Annual State of Idaho Knights of Columbus Convention will be held in Lewiston, Idaho on the weekend of April 21, 22 & 23, 2017. This year's theme is **"We Are the Domestic Church"** and Lewiston Council #1024 will be the hosts. The convention meetings and guest accommodations are at The Red Lion Hotel, Lewiston.

Friday's Dinner will be held at All Saints Catholic Church, 3330 14th street Lewiston, Id 83501. The theme for Friday night's dinner is **"October Fest"**, and attendees should come in German attire or business casual. Saturday's formal Awards Dinner will be at the hotel in the Hotel Ballroom. Appropriate dress is coat and tie or tuxedo.

The Saturday Memorial Mass will be held at All Saints Catholic Church at 5 PM. Please be sure that State Warden George Mesina ... (208) 521-0707 or gmesina626@cableone.net knows of any deceased members of your Council in the past year. Also, if there are any Fourth Degree members interested in taking part in the procession in regalia please contact District Master John Pettinger ... (208) 830-0536 or jjpettinger@cableone.net.

This year's Ladies program, A Taste of Wine, will be held at a local winery.

Please travel safely and God Bless. Certainly let us know if you have any questions. Fraternally yours in Christ.

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THE *COUNTRY STORE* IS COMING TO THE IDAHO STATE KC - LOOK FOR IT

Star Council Corner

By: State Membership / NCD Director George Mesina

INSURANCE – Record-breaking Day

Incredibly, St Anthony Council 12953 signed up **21 new insurance members in one day!!** In the four months it took to set up the presentation and interview trip for General Agent Kevin Tuuri, men of the parish grew excited for the opportunity to obtain Knights of Columbus insurance. Kevin and his Spanish translator spent from 9 AM to almost 8 PM presenting, interviewing and writing policies. Accolades to Buhl 2685, Idaho Falls 1663, and Rupert 2792 for reaching ins. quota, qualifying for the Founders Award.

MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to **Post Falls Council 12560** for recruiting excellence: **6 members this month**. Great recruiting also by Idaho Falls Council 1663 and Boise 12172 which brought in 4 new knights each, and to Nampa Council 2014 which brought in 3. Congratulations also *Post Falls 12560, Buhl 2685, Boise 12172, and Fruitland 12516* for reaching their membership quota, currently qualifying for the *McGivney Award*.

INCENTIVE WINNERS

This year's Idaho incentive: recruit 1 - win a book; recruit 3 - win a folio; recruit 6 - win a jacket. So far, the winners of a Knights of Columbus jacket are: FS Robert Bluhm (Council 12560), State Secretary Shane Gehring, State Warden George Mesina and State Deputy Mike Townsend.

COLUMBIAN – Charity Leader Plaque

Delegates, turn in your council's completed Columbian Award (Form SP-7) at registration and win.

COUNCIL	DISTRICT	LOCATION	MEMBER %	INS %	1/1 -3/31	3rd Qtr.	Member Award	Insurance Award	Columbian
12560	011	Post Falls	183.33	0.00	6	Kiosk	McGivney		
2685	004	Buhl	150.00	166.67	0		McGivney	Founders	
12172	005	Boise	110.53	42.86	7	Kiosk	McGivney		
12516	008	Fruitland	100.00	0.00	3		McGivney		
2014	007	Nampa	87.50	83.33	8	Kiosk			
4058	009	Grangeville	87.50	0.00	7	Kiosk			
4013	006	Boise	75.00	0.00	2				
3762	011	Kellogg	66.67	66.67	2				
12531	006	Boise	66.67	0.00	4				
1663	001	Idaho Falls	62.50	116.67	4			Founders	
3703	005	Mt. Home	57.14	66.67	1				
3086	008	Caldwell	54.55	0.00	2				
12881	003	Burley	50.00	0.00	0				
3085	008	Emmett	50.00	0.00	0				
15304	011	Spirit Lake	40.00	0.00	1				
12854	007	Boise	40.00	0.00	1				
2792	003	Rupert	33.33	100.00	2			Founders	
1363	011	Coeur D Alene	30.00	0.00	2				
8310	006	Boise	28.57	0.00	1				
11548	007	Meridian	27.59	10.00	1				
12953	001	St Anthony	25.00	33.33	0				
12895	003	Aberdeen	25.00	33.33	1				
1024	010	Lewiston	25.00	0.00	2				
1397	010	Moscow	23.08	0.00	0				
2888	012	Sandpoint	14.29	0.00	1				
892	002	Pocatello	14.29	0.00	0				
899	006	Boise	11.11	66.67	0				
8930	002	Pocatello	11.11	0.00	0				
1389	009	Cottonwood	8.33	25.00	1				
11623	011	Coeur D Alene	0.00	66.67	0				
5444	004	Gooding	0.00	33.33	0				

KC Free Throw Contest - Pocatello

On March 10, Council 8930 held a free throw contest for the students of Holy Spirit Catholic School in the school gym with 50 students participating. Knights from the Council scored the made and missed baskets and other students help to rebound when not shooting. The students also provided encouragement to their classmates. There were four baskets used for the contests so things moved along quickly. The kids and Knights Keith Riemersma, Oliver Samora, Dave Berry, George Katsilometes, and Abe Abrams all had a great time.



Abe Abrams scores another made shot with George Katsilometes (blue dress shirt) keeping track of the other basket shooters.



Dave Berry, Oliver Samora, Sr. and George Katsilometes score the free throw contest.

Rupert Council 2792

Residents of the Mini-Cassia area enjoy a German Sausage and Sauerkraut dinner at St Nicholas Parish Hall in Rupert, Idaho, on March 4th 2017. The Dinner is an annual event of the Rupert KC Council 2792. The dinner was served family style from 5:00 PM to 7:00PM with the help of the members of the Council and their wives and children. Other volunteers from the parish also helped with 1,500 hundred pounds of sausage were processed and smoked with the help of the members. Frozen sausage in packages of 1, 2 and 5lb bags is available for sale at \$5.00 per pound.

Robert Vasquez
District Deputy-3



Father Invites You to Join

Parish priests are our spiritual leaders, and the Knights of Columbus seeks to support and share a close relationship with them. As part of your council's recruitment strategy, meet with your pastor about the possibility of conducting a "Father Invites You to Join" membership campaign in your parish.

Here are some steps to follow:

First, speak to your pastor about the "Father Invites You to Join" campaign. Explain that the campaign would begin by sending an invitation in his name to prospective members. Let him know that the letter would, of course, include any input he would like to provide. Or, if he is under time constraints, it can follow the format of the invitation found under the "For Members" section of kofc.org.

Second, ask your pastor for a parish membership roster. Using this, a team of five or six Knights — all of whom should be very active members of your parish — should review the roster and highlight any men they would recommend for membership.

Third, using the team's selections, make a list of prospects. Include each prospect's name, address, phone number, email and wife's name, if applicable. Take the prospect list to your priest and ask him to review it and validate each prospect as a practical Catholic. Also, ask him if there are any parishioners he would like to add to the list.

Fourth, schedule an open house. Make sure your pastor, recruitment team, council officers, field agent and several other council members are able to attend on that date.

Fifth, send the prospects a "Father Invites You to Join" letter and an invitation to your open house. In a few days, follow up with a phone call to encourage the prospect to attend.

Finally, conduct the open house. Ask your pastor to invite each prospect to join the Order. Have recruitment team members ready with *Membership Documents* (#100) and pens to assist prospects in signing up or to answer their questions. End the event with a prayer and information on when the next First Degree Exemplification will take place.

Sacred Heart Council 899 - Boise

Chef Vern

Vern Bauer is a chef, runs a culinary ministry, is the man behind the Sacred Heart Council bingo, is Deputy Grand Knight, and a powerhouse behind every food related event Sacred Heart Council 899 of Boise has. I'd like to submit his own words for the newsletter. Vivat Jesus.

SK J.A. Arroyo, PGK, DD #6



Hello culinary fans of *Food on Purpose*!

Thanks to everyone that ordered last week! We were busier because of your referrals! THANK YOU!!! Your rewards were well deserved!

Visit our updated website at www.kaiproject.org Remember the reason we're making these fabulous meals. The training and support this ministry provides to those in need will change their lives forever. **Please forward this email on to someone that wants to be part of this cause.**

For those wanting to get right to the order form cut and paste this link address into your browser ...

https://docs.google.com/a/isu.edu/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf_OUNHJWG1xBAXuQMgs8yo943DgGU-vjP7vDD9ggYiFzZhPQ/closedform

Because we were busier, the delivery took longer, so I'll start earlier. Thanks for your patience!

A footnote to delivery ... You've had to notice the enhanced packaging of the meals and supporting side items. I appreciate the very positive feedback. An issue this has raised is that many of the smaller igloo coolers you used to use are just too small. The best solution I've seen has been a large square foam cooler that's about 24"X20"X16" with 2 or 3 small YETI ice packs. The top is easily removed and it's a fairly inexpensive way to go.

If you could include a touch more detail to your order specifics that would help immensely. Be sure to include your name, phone, email, and physical address as the form instructs.

Finally, we are starting our Master Class chef instructed cooking classes for couples or small groups of couples so be sure to indicate if you'd like more information about that or *The Cutting Edge "Never a Dull Moment"* knife sharpening program.

Thanks for taking a moment to read the fine print! Don't forget to have your orders in by noon on Monday for delivery on Wednesday.

Thanks for your support & God Bless. Chef Vern

NEW AWARD ANNOUNCED

The Knights of Columbus Idaho State Council is pleased to announce a new award that is available to every Knights of Columbus council in Idaho. It is called the "**LEADER IN CHARITY AWARD**".

In order to qualify for this award, the delegates of a council must present a copy of their SP-7 Columbian Award Application to the State Secretary when they present their credentials at the convention. The SP-7 can be completed even if some of the qualifying events will take place after the convention. Councils should complete the SP-7 as if the events have already taken place. The completed SP-7 must be presented to State Secretary Shane Gehring when the delegates turn in their credentials prior to the start of the convention.



Monastery at St. Gertrude's

The Monastery of St. Gertrude has grown to a Benedictine community of sisters, oblates, volunteers, retreatants, and friends. Thousands of people visit our rural and forested monastery each year to renew at our retreat center, learn

more about local history at the Historical Museum, stay at our bed and breakfast, live monastic life through the volunteer program, attend classical and sacred music concerts in our acoustically acclaimed chapel, experience our land stewardship, join the sisters for Mass and prayer, and more. We believe that creating a home of hospitality, beauty, and healing that truly welcomes every person is needed in this world, now more than ever.



While the St. Gertrude's lay community is growing in new ways we also know God is guiding and renewing the cenobitic community of sisters. We are engaged in many endeavors to reach women who are called to religious life with us. This includes new printed materials that share our charism; mailings to parishes, campus ministries, young adult ministries, and contacts; travel to vocations events; hosting upcoming discernment events; and more.

We ask each Knights of Columbus council consider supporting our vocations endeavors with a donation. Your support will go a long way in

sharing the life and mission of our community with potential new sisters. We are also grateful for your continued support in prayer. We look forward to sharing with you our progress!

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Brothers,

I have received a couple of inquiries from various councils as to how to assist with the request that was made by St. Gertrude's. I would put on it that it is a donation from your Council to their Vocations program. Each council should prayerfully consider assisting them and then send them a check.

Here is their contact information:

Mailing address for St. Gertrude is: 465 Keuterville Road
Cottonwood, Idaho 83522.

Questions? Call their Vocation Directors, Sister Bernadette Stang
and Sister Corinne Forsman at (208) 962-5003.

Thanks to each of you for all that you do and for all that your councils do!!!

Mercy and Peace. Mike Townsend, SD



St. Mark's #12172 - Boise

St. Marks Council 12172 in Boise, Idaho donated nine high chairs to the parish. So young parents can more fully enjoy social events, including Knights' sponsored Coffee Hours, Pancake Breakfasts and Lenten Dinners. The high chair is made by Thunder Group and was purchased from Standard Restaurant Supply of Boise on Fairview Street.

Bill Kibble
billkibble1940@gmail.com

To Be or Not to Be is the Question ... A 4th Degree Sir Knight?

Every Knights of Columbus Council should be comprised of all Fourth Degree Knights. The progression through the four degrees should be a seamless process with each Knight receiving words of encouraging support from both council and assembly brothers. The lessons taught in the Fourth Degree ceremony completes the full body of knowledge and appreciation of our order.

Not becoming a Fourth Degree is equivalent to going to high school and not becoming a "senior". Some brothers fear that becoming a Fourth Degree Knight incurs a significant increase in required volunteerism (time). This is not true. The Knights of Columbus has always only asked for its brethren to only give what time they can comfortably afford. Quality time with your spouse and family should be your top priority.

Once a Knight becomes a Fourth Degree Knight, an opportunity exists to join the Color Corp and participate in a number of critically important church related activities such as vigils, funeral masses, Bishop's Mass, and special ceremonies throughout the Treasure Valley, and areas all around the state, e.g. Idaho State Convention Memorial Mass. The recognition and praise one receives as a Color Corp member is so gratifying and rewarding. For example, it is not uncommon to hear at a vigil or funeral mass: "here come the Knights"! What a long lasting, positive impression (imagine) you engender in those parishioners and guests who are so sincerely grateful for your presence and ceremonial participation. In addition, there is a personal intrinsic rewarding feeling being so blessed and privileged to be an instrument of God's goodness to our parish, congregation, and community.



In closing, the Knights of Columbus serves as the "strong right arm of the church". The Fourth Degree advancement completes a brother Knight's comprehensive maturation progression in the Order. Once a Sir Knight, the opportunity to become a Color Corp member avails itself. It is said the Color Corp is the most "visible and recognizable" element of Knights of Columbus.

So please seriously consider your advancement to the Fourth Degree and possible involvement with the Color Corp. It is NOT a requirement to join the Color Corp, merely an opportunity.

Vivat Jesus.

Joseph P. Cardona - Color Corp Commander
Bishop Sylvester Treinen Assembly #27511 - Meridian

Words of Wisdom

Immediate Past State Deputy - Kerry Hennessy

My Brother Knights,

During this Lenten season we are asked to make a sacrifice of ourselves to align ourselves with the Passion that our Savior endured. This is not to say that we inflict harm on ourselves or others, or to give up something important to us, but to give of ourselves in a way that as a Knight, we can be living the life that Christ wants us to live, the life that Fr. McGivney envisioned the Order would be.

That action we are called to do is Charity - charity of ourselves to help others have a better life, to clothe and feed the needy, by providing help to charitable organizations that specialize in that area. Charity to help make someone's life a little better, to help elevate another person's life just a little, a handshake, a smile, opening a door for others by demonstrating kindly acts that reflect the actions that a member of the Knights of Columbus is supposed to personify.

Remember the parable of the little boy and the beach littered with Starfish.



Building the Domestic Church



Brother Knights with the end of this fraternal year just three months away Supreme has created a new opportunity for your council to receive credit for a “domestic church” activity. If your council is providing meatless meals on Fridays during Lent in partnership with the parish’s stations of the cross, Supreme has a new program called “Simple Supper and Stations” which you can use as one of your four “domestic church” activities to earn the Columbian Award. Councils doing this should list “Simple Supper & Stations” as a Church program and domestic church activity on their Columbian Award Application (SP-7).

By the time this newsletter is published Easter will be about 15 days away.

Appropriately, the April theme in the *Family Fully Alive* booklet is “Mercy and Forgiveness”. The theme speaks directly to the sacrament of reconciliation and the recommended family project is: “As a family, go to church for the sacrament of reconciliation. A week later, take a few moments to discuss how the sacrament has helped each of you to be more holy and to fight against temptation and sin”. The theme, the meditation, and the family project reflect St. Pope John Paul II’s statement in *Familiaris Concordia* over twenty years ago, “The celebration of this sacrament (*reconciliation*) acquires special significance for family life. While they discover in faith that sin contradicts not only the covenant with God, but also the covenant between husband and wife and the communion of the family, the married couple and the other members of the family are led to an encounter with God, who is “rich in mercy,” who bestows on them His love which is more powerful than sin, and who reconstructs and brings to perfection the marriage covenant and the family communion.” The Pope also stated in the same Exhortation the following: “The future of humanity passes by way of the family”. These are great words of wisdom for Knights building the “domestic church” and strengthening our parishes.

Seriously consider reading the April theme, reflections, meditations, scripture verse, and do the family project in the *Family Fully Alive* booklet in preparation of holy week and Easter Sunday. If you do not have a copy yet you can read it on line at KofC.org.

John Krsul - State Council Director

St. Pius X Council 11623 - CDA

from John Webb, FS

Degree Exemplifications

Our council hosted a 2nd and 3rd Degree ceremonies for North Idaho and Eastern Washington councils. The following Knights and family members prepared and served a wonderful lunch that fed 40+ guests: Ron Douglas, Larry Major, Dan Bertuccelli, Rob Palus, Emily Palus, Elise Palus, Gary Sonnen, Dave Sonnen, Tom Tintinger, Wayne Hash, Scott Braun and John Webb. Knights who advanced to 3rd degree are pictured below. Thanks to the 2nd and 3rd degree teams for their hard work! The Exemplification ceremonies were very edifying.



Sixteen new 3rd degree Knights from area councils.



There were five new 3rd degree Knights from our council, from left: Ed Perry, Scott Braun, Shannon Moreland, Wayne Hash and Andrew Flynn.



Brother Dan Moberg receives Star Council pin.

KELLER ASSEMBLY 187 - IDAHO FALLS

Stations of the Cross

by: Faithful Navigator George Mesina

Fourth Degree Knights of George Keller Assembly 187 ran the Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm on March 24, 2017 at Christ the King Church. Nine Knights served. The Stations of the Cross were attended by 73 parishioners. Many of these attended the Fish Dinner prepared by the Knights of Idaho Falls Council 1663. BJ Berlin performed double duty as both head chef and lector.

Pictured from left to right: Lectors FN George Mesina, SK BJ Berlin, FT3 John Garnier, FP Ron Fernandez. Also serving were: Cross bearer FT1 Bob Gokey, Candle bearers FC John Krsul and SK Dan Hunt. Our Musicians were SK Dan Suciu II and Al Browning.



Win a Kiosk

Paul Petro, DD#5



Your council can win a Domestic Church Kiosk!! If your council would have, or did recruit, at least six new members by March 31st, you qualified to receive a free Domestic Church kiosk and booklet set. But this deadline has passed. Now available - if you recruit an additional six members between March 31st and June 30th, you will qualify to receive a booklet refill. But don't worry! If you didn't make the first deadline but still have recruited a total of 12 or more members between Jan.1st and June 30, 2017, you will still qualify to receive a free Domestic Church kiosk and booklet set. So, bottom line ... ask a prospect to join today!

Buhl Council 2685

Knighthood (3rd Degree) Exemplification

Buhl Council 2685, held an exemplification of the Knighthood degree on Sunday March 12th, 2017. Candidates from Rupert, Burley and Buhl were advanced to the Knighthood Degree.



The Ceremonial team members were State Deputy Mike Townsend, State Advocate Jim Griffith and Former District Master Paul Callahan. Fish fry lunch was served following noon Mass for the candidates, followed by the Exemplification.

Robert Vasquez - District Deputy #3

Coeur d' Alene Council 1363

Here is 1363's council / regional KC Free Throw Competition held during March. Amongst the top winners at Holy Family Catholic school in Coeur d' Alene. Pat King event chairman (back row, left) and myself (back row, blue shirt) are also pictured.

There were around 20 kids participating with 5 of us Knights of Columbus working the activity.

Nick Theisen - Grand Knight



Why Idaho Prolife Movement Supports H250 Repeal of Telehealth/Web Cam Abortion Ban



Friends:

There appears to be some confusion as to why the entire prolife movement in Idaho is supporting H250, which REPEALS the prolife Telehealth/Web Cam Abortion Ban Law passed in 2015.

Especially since this telehealth abortion method has proven to be extremely dangerous to women--at times causing hemorrhage, infection and even death.

Here is a brief explanation of why we support the repeal of this law!

In 2015, the Idaho prolife movement worked very hard to pass the remote-controlled chemical abortion ban or Web Cam Ban. It passed by a large majority in both the Idaho House and Senate, was signed into law by our Governor, and then went into effect in July of 2015.

A few months later, Planned Parenthood challenged the Web Cam Ban. They had originally indicated that they would NOT challenge this law.

To settle the case, the Idaho Attorney General's office entered into an agreement with Planned Parenthood.

Subsequently, Planned Parenthood has proceeded to begin performing web cam abortions in Twin Falls. Yes, the Twin Falls Planned Parenthood clinic is doing this, even though Planned Parenthood had originally testified in committee that they had NO plans of performing telehealth or web cam abortions in Idaho.

This year the prolife movement had a hard choice to make as a result of the agreement between the AG and Planned Parenthood. We were told that either the Legislature had to repeal this protective prolife law and/or if the Legislature chose not to repeal it, then the court would declare said law unconstitutional. Not much of a choice!

But after reflection, we felt it better for the Legislature to repeal the law rather than have the court set the dangerous precedent that this is an unconstitutional law.

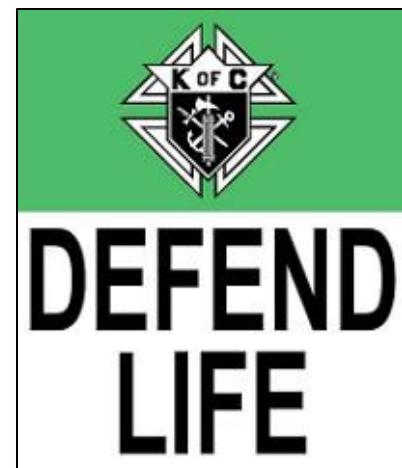
We believe that the course of action we took will allow us to come back in the future when the judicial climate is better and again ask our prolife Legislature to re-enact the Web Cam Ban law.

This is a simple explanation, but I hope you get the point. The prolife movement had a very sad and difficult task. The prolife movement was forced to support repealing a very good, protective prolife law in order to stop the court from doing any further damage.

But we all strongly believe that sometime in the near future we will again prevail in banning web cam or telehealth abortions, which have proven to be so dangerous to women.

Please continue praying for us and all those mothers and babies affected by the repeal of this good and protective law.

Kerry Uhlenkott
Legislative Coordinator
Right to Life of Idaho
P.O. Box 7404
Boise, ID 83707





Assembly Actions

John Pettinger PSD –
Idaho District Master

Brothers and Sir Knights,

Many of you have heard me speak in the past about the reasons to progress through the degrees of the Order, and I ABSOLUTELY hate it when I hear a fellow Knight declare: "you can become an officer if you are a Third Degree Knight". For some highly motivated members, this may be true, but for many, this is a reason NOT to attain a higher degree. These members have no aspirations to become an officer and use this as an excuse to remain First or Second Degree members. Unfortunately, they miss a great opportunity to serve their brothers and learn leadership skills. The simple truth is that each degree imparts an important lesson about what it truly means to be a Knight of Columbus. Until you have reached the Fourth Degree, you have not fully learned what the Knights have to teach and share about living a Christian and Catholic life. It is also a statistical fact that those who reach the Fourth Degree are much more likely to remain in the Knights and be active in their councils and assemblies.

However, even in the higher degrees, a member is not required to hold an office if that is not their desire. Every council has many valuable members who have no desire to be an officer, but are always volunteering to help with projects. We all need these members to make a successful organization, but let's encourage them to learn all the lessons of the Order.

As a reminder: the next Fourth Degree Exemplification for those wishing to become Sir Knights will be held on Saturday, April 29, in Pocatello. Details were emailed to all Faithful Navigators, Comptrollers, Grand Knights, and Financial Secretaries of record. A Form 4 must be completed with all 5 signatures being required on the form. Form 4's need to be filled out completely and emailed to Comptroller Dave Molitor as soon as possible (dmgolfguy5@yahoo.com, or call 208-240-5935). The host assembly needs a count of guests and observers attending for dinner planning. We hope to see a good turnout for this fourth and final lesson in what it means to be a Knight of Columbus.

John Pettinger - Idaho District Master

Right to Life - Pocatello

Led by Sir Knight Troy Nell of Father Ordway Council 8930 of Pocatello once again the Council spearheaded efforts to raise awareness of the sanctity of life. On March 24-25-26 the annual Spring Fair was held in Idaho State University's Holt Arena. Over 100 vendors are in attendance and the Council 8930 Right to Life booth was front and center telling the world to "Defend Life". Additional thanks to Al and Susan Nelson; Jim Robinson (DD#2) and his wife Virginia, along with Jerry Stroschein.

The word must be spreading as a new group joined the Fair this year ... *Adoption Life* out of Rexburg. They can be found online at ... adoptionlife.org.



Winners of the baby baskets are Gary Baines of Rexburg; and Kelsey Anderson of Pocatello.



Knights of Columbus
FOURTH
DEGREE
Patriotic degree of the Order.

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STATE WARDEN - GEORGE MESINA'S NOTICES

It is an honor to be included among such quality and caring men as our state leaders.

First, I want to express my sincere appreciation to State Deputy Mike Townsend. On March 7, he came all the way across the state, donned his ceremonial robes, and performed the State Warden installation ceremony before my brother knights at our home council's business meeting. It was an immense honor. And it was the first time in Idaho history that this special ceremony was conducted in a home council.



Thanks also to retiring State Warden Paul Callahan. He traveled across the state to deliver Idaho's audio-visual and ceremonial equipment to me, for the State Warden's duties include maintaining and bringing the equipment to state meetings. Paul then helped me catalog all of it before driving back the same day.

Our state leaders really go the extra mile!

Finally, I thank all the leaders who are Financial Secretaries, Grand Knights, and District Deputies and responded so quickly to my recent request for a list of the deceased Knights of their organizations. We will read the necrology and honor and pray for these gentlemen during the Mass at the State Convention. The deceased knights reported so far are:

- Council 1363 – Francis X. Gold
- Council 1389 – Everett M. Sonnen
- Council 1416 – Kevin Malone
- Council 1663 – PFN Clem Potelunas, Roddy Fisher
- Council 2014 – PGK, PDD, PST Joe Razgorshek
- Council 2685 – Ben Briggs; Harold; Donald Saul; Rev Mathew Pu
- Council 2792 – James J Henscheid, Richard Sousa (Warden)
- Council 3086 – GK Darwin Schweizer
- Council 3703 – Charles Cruz, Robert Mc Rill, Kenneth Heinly
- Council 10581 – NONE!
- Council 11623 – NONE!
- Council 12531 – Stephen Evarist, Tim Brennan
- Council 12881 – PFS Roberto Fuentes
- Council 13089 – Lyle Wilson
- Council 15304 – Chaplin Rev. Arnold Miller, Trustee Frank Boisseranc
- Others – Alex Punnoose, Jay Robertson, John Hrnjak, Luis Lara, Roy Reisenauer



If you know any other knights of our state who have died since July 1, 2016, please email me at by April 20, 2017.

Exemplifications - District 1

by: District Deputy George Mesina

Both a Formation and a Knighthood Degrees were organized by District 1 in March, 2017.



The Formation Exemplification hosted by Blackfoot on March 4, 2017 brought 5 men into the second degree of our order. From Left to right: David Hester, Fred Gholson, Martin Hrabik, Marco Perez, and Marco Garcia. Martin and Marco Perez are in Blackfoot Council 3013, Fred and Marco Garcia belong to Idaho Falls Council 1663, and David from Council 8930.

The Knighthood Exemplification hosted in Blackfoot on March 18, 2017 brought 5 men into the third degree of our order. From Left to right: Anthony Nawrocki, Doug Engeman, Salvador Flores, Antonio Flores, and Marco Garcia. Anthony and Doug are in Blackfoot Council 3013, Antonio and Marco Garcia belong to Idaho Falls Council 1663, and Salvador is from St. Anthony Council 12953.

Special Olympics - Idaho

At the request of Special Olympics, Idaho, a Knights of Columbus honor guard presented and posted the colors at the Western Regional Floor Hockey games opening ceremony. The guard consisted of, from left to right: Joe Cardona, Jeff Allen, Walter Boisvert, John Pettinger and Ray Forshey.



As of this date, Special Olympics reports that K of C participation in the 2017 automobile raffle has been very light. State Secretary Mike Townsend has sent a request to all Grand Knights encouraging them to involve their Councils in this very worthy charitable activity. It might also be worthwhile to consider the fact that there will be a monetary reward to participating councils based on the number of raffle tickets sold.



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POPE JOHN PAUL II COUNCIL #2014 - NAMPA HOSTS SUCCESSFUL WHEELCHAIR SUNDAY



Pope John Paul II Council #2014 in Nampa held a Wheelchair Sunday at St. Paul's Parish in Nampa. The wheelchair presentation was conducted for all Masses during the weekend of March 11-12. Over the course of the weekend, attendees at the Masses donated over \$15,500 toward the purchase of wheelchairs for children in need in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. The State Council congratulates Pope John Paul II Council and offers our sincere gratitude to the council and Father Vogel for their efforts. The generous gifts of the parishioners will lead the way for the purchase of wheelchairs for the children.

For those of you who may not know, Jalisco is a "Sister State" of Idaho. These needy children are among the poorest of the poor and come to the clinics to receive some help with their neuromuscular disorders. Although they may receive treatment, they leave the clinics with what they came with, **NOTHING**. We would like to give each child in Guadalajara that needs a wheelchair the gift of mobility. These wheelchairs will change their lives forever.

The State Council is asking each council to consider making a generous contribution toward the purchase of wheelchairs for the needy children in Guadalajara. Contributions can be made to Idaho Knights of Columbus and mailed to State Secretary Shane Gehring.

Councils should also consider conducting a "Wheelchair Sunday" program at their local Parish. Every dollar donated will change the life of a child in need.

For information on how to conduct a "Wheelchair Sunday" please contact Dan Moberg at (208) 777-1202.

Yes, Virginia, the KofC RSVP Supports Men and Women Religious Too!

(even if they aren't going to be Priests!)

Many of your councils are doing a fantastic job of supporting our Diocesan seminarians. I hope that you have availed yourselves of the **\$500 RSVP/\$100 Rebate** from Supreme. What I would like to make you aware of is that we have men and women eligible for RSVP funds that are not attached to our Diocese of Boise! Even if they aren't called to be Priests, they have entered, and in formation, for, what is called, the "Consecrated Life".

Many times we tend to overlook those called to the "Religious or Consecrated Life". By this, I mean the Order priests, brothers, and sisters. Though we often don't realize it, they actually outnumber the parish priests! There is a virtual alphabet soup of Consecrated men and women that pray for you and I daily, offering time and talent, sacrificing their lives for our Holy Mother Church! From CSC, FSE, SNJM, RSM, CSJ, OSU, ST, OP, OSB, SJ, (Benedictine, Dominican, Franciscan, Ursuline, Holy Cross, Jesuits) to only name a very few that are in Idaho and Oregon!

Often secluded in monasteries, convents and religious houses, these are the men and women of different and beautiful charisms called to prayer (for us), silent witness, retreats, schools and many other ministries. All of which, from the priestly formation of our Diocese to formation of postulants, novices and seminarians, the Knights of Columbus has committed to supporting our priests and religious communities.

From the RSVP forms:

The following persons are eligible to receive RSVP funds:

- Seminarians who have been accepted by a diocese and are currently in their "spirituality" year;
- Seminarians attending major seminaries (usually, four years) in preparation for priestly ordination;
- Seminarians in their "pastoral" year (most often, when they are deacons);
- Seminarians attending college seminaries (sometimes called minor seminaries);
- *Seminarians who belong to a religious institute and are currently in formation for the priesthood (religious seminarians often are called "Brother" even though they will eventually be ordained as priests); and*
- ***Men and women who are novices or postulants in religious orders or religious communities***



Unlike Seminarians from a Diocese, these men and women usually are living under, normally, three Vows: **Poverty, Chasity, and Obedience**. By the time a Religious is in Seminary, he has already taken permanent vows to the Consecrated Life. Ordinarily, similar to the rules in our own Diocese for supporting our seminarians, an individual is not able to receive a gift directly, especially money, which would violate their Vow of Poverty. However, if a council coordinates with the Monastery, community or house, often the Prior or Prioress, a council can make a check out to the the individual in Care Of his or her Superior and it will pass Supreme scrutiny as well as provide for formation of that individual.

For a council to get credit and the reimbursement from Supreme, any RSVP funds HAVE to be written to benefit a specific individual. A check written to **Monastery of the Ascension** or the **Jesuits at BSU** or **Hermit Sisters of Mary** will NOT qualify even if you write it to the Vocations Director. Often, if you coordinate with the monastery, here's an example of how you may write your RSVP check:

- Sr. Mary Francis Jones, OSB
- c/o Mother Superior Mary Dominic Jones, OSB
- Benedictine Sisters Monastery
- address, city, zip



The funds have to voted on and dispersed for a specific man or woman in formation. This can be found out by contacting the community. Links to Idaho communities are below. If you or your council officers have any questions, please feel free to contact me. There are added steps and sending a check without communicating with a community can prove counter-productive and may even get sent back to your council! (We don't want to get our young men and women in trouble!).



[Religious Communities of Women in the Diocese](https://www.catholicidaho.org/WomenReligious)
<https://www.catholicidaho.org/WomenReligious>

[Religious Communities of Men in the Diocese of Boise](https://www.catholicidaho.org/MenReligious)
<https://www.catholicidaho.org/MenReligious>

Vivat Jesus,

SK J.A. Arroyo - Idaho KofC District Deputy #6

Silver Rose Tour 2017

Based upon the commitments received to date, attached is the very tentative schedule for this year's tour. Please communicate your desire to participate or make adjustments.

Thank You and Peace,

Dave Palumbo, State Church Director



SCHEDULING IN PROGRESS - AS OF 03/14/2017

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SHANE GEHRING; STATE SECRETARY; 208-249-1342; sgehring@msn.com

OREGON: LARRY MULLALY; 541-664-2079/541-531-1436;

6/11: TRANSFER FROM OREGON TO IDAHO @ District 8 (Fruitland, Idaho #12516)

6/12: *District 8* Fruitland #12516; Brian Harris; 208-278-0123; harrisbd1@juno.com
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6/14: *District 9* Max Nuxall; DD #9; 208-507-1058; maxnjoan@gmail.com
6/15: *District 9* Max Nuxall; DD #9; 208-507-1058; maxnjoan@gmail.com
6/16: *District 9* Max Nuxall; DD #9; 208-507-1058; maxnjoan@gmail.com
6/17: *District*
6/18: *District 1* St. Anthony #12953; Jeff Dufault; 208-652-0270; dufaultcj@gmail.com
6/19: *District* Rich Bingham; Idaho Falls #1663; 208-569-2977; kofcbing@gmail.com
6/20: *District 2*
6/21: *District* Chad Shouse; Pocatello #8930 & #892; 208-251-9500; shouse.chad@gmail.com
6/22: *District*
6/23: *District*
6/24: *District*
6/25: *District 5* Paul Petro; Mountain Home #3703; 208-590-2948; idkofcdistrict5@gmail.com
6/26: *District 5*
6/27: *District 5* Ray Forshay; St. Mark's # 12172; 208-863-0050; mrforshey@live.com
6/28: *District*
6/29: *District*
6/30: *District*
7/1: *District*
7/2: *District*
7/3: *District*
7/4: *District*
7/5: *District*
7/6: *District 4* Buhl #2685; Scott Tverdy; 208-308-6559; stverdy@filer.com
7/7: *District 4* District 4; Spencer Uhl; 208-250-0118; mhboncer@yahoo.com
7/8: *District 4* Dave Ellingsen; Twin Falls #1416 & #15047; 208-961-1200; ellingsen4@live.com
7/9: TRANSFER IDAHO TO NEVADA @ Jackpot, Nevada

NEVADA: MARIANO SANTANA: (cristo1ama@msn.com); 702-461-5504
GREGG SPIGG, STATE DEPUTY: (gasprigg@sbcglobal.net); 775-354-5390

The Last Word

Mike Townsend - Idaho State Deputy

Brothers,

As you read these words, we have completed four weeks of our Lenten journey. We have almost finished this season of self-examination, prayer, abstinence and fasting that we know as Lent. We are now looking forward to the celebration of the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ on Easter morning. My hope is that each of us has utilized this time to take a closer look at how we live and share our faith on a day-to-day basis.

During the past few weeks we have heard many examples of the parables, teaching and works of Jesus and the Apostles. We have been called upon to follow Jesus and to spread the Gospel. Through this Lenten season, we have been given lessons which we can apply to our daily lives. We have been called to renew our encounter with Christ, to live in his word and in the Sacraments. In reality, what we are called to do is be more "Christ" like.

Jesus shared everything that he had with others. He held nothing back, even to His death on the cross. The reality of this should be a guide to each of us to reach out and share with others. As Knights of Columbus we should share with those who have less. We show our love of Christ to others through our acts of charity and our works. Others should always be able to see the love of Christ in everything that we do.

Remember that together we can accomplish much more than we can as individuals. This is a simple fact. Try to imagine how much more your council could do with just a few more members. Much more could be gained for the Kingdom of God.

The Knights of Columbus offers Catholic families the chance to grow in their faith and spirituality through our many programs. Everything we do as Knights should be for the glory of God and others should see the love of Jesus in every activity of your council. I encourage each of you to reach out to another Catholic man and invite him to join with you in following Jesus.

Mercy and Peace.



Why Recruit?

The Order's tomorrow depends on recruitment today!

Guided by the principles of charity, unity and fraternity, the Knights of Columbus is committed to making certain that no person ever goes without food, shelter, warm clothing and financial security, and that aid is always available for widows and orphans in our local communities.

But the Order can't do this alone. It continually needs new members to help strengthen parishes and communities. And we must let qualifying Catholic men know that the Order needs them.

It's a two-way street. When we gain new members, we gain new brothers committed to Father McGivney's cause. And when new members join, they can strengthen their familial relationships, grow in their faith and gain exclusive access to top-quality insurance protection for themselves and for their family.



While some men in your parish know the Order very well, others know very little — like the participants in your parishes' RCIA classes. They are still learning what it really means to be Catholic and what it means to be a Catholic man in today's world. Welcome them to the parish, perhaps by offering Catholic Information Service materials to the entire RCIA class and letting them know they are welcome to contact your council if they have any questions. Then, after they have been brought into full communion with the Church at Easter, welcome them to join you at a Knights of Columbus event.

You should also reach out to the fathers of infants being baptized at your parish. With your pastor's permission, make it a practice of sending cards of congratulations to the parents of newly baptized children. With the card, send them a copy of a prayer card or a CIS booklet, such as *St. Benedict for Busy Parents* (#327). Later, you might offer words of encouragement about the importance of bringing their children to Mass every Sunday. Then, welcome them as a family to one of your council-sponsored family events. While there, you can ask the dad to fill out a *Prospect Card* (#921A).

For more details, visit kofc.org/membership and check out "Recruitment Strategies," located under the membership tab.