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Star Council Corner

George Mesina - Membership

Happy Easter! May the Lord bless your knights, your council, your district, and your efforts to bring new men to serve Him and His Kingdom. Please take the opportunity to introduce new Catholics finishing RCA and entering the church this Easter to the Knights of Columbus and offer them membership.

March Membership Drive has been successful. By our best tally, Idaho obtained 42 prospect cards and 40 new Form 100s. So far this has resulted in 19 new members. Thirteen councils recorded new members during March as a result of Membership drives in late February and all through March.

The Champion of March Church recruitment was Buhl Council 2685 with FOUR new members, followed by Idaho Falls 1663 with THREE, and Boise 10581 with TWO. In addition, Idaho Falls 1663 got the most new prospect cards with TWELVE new prospects while Nampa 2014 came in second with FIVE.

District	City	Council #	New Recruits
004	Buhl	2685	4
001	Idaho Falls	1663	3
005	Boise	10581	2
003	Burley	12881	1
004	Jerome	8780	1
004	Twin Falls	1416	1
006	Boise	899	1
006	Boise	8310	1
007	Meridian	11548	1
008	Fruitland	12516	1
008	Caldwell	3086	1
011	Coeur D Alene	11623	1
012	Sandpoint	2888	1

District	City	Council #	New Recruits	Percent
006	Boise	4013	6	150.00
005	Boise	10581	7	140.00
005	Boise	12172	24	114.29
006	Boise	899	10	111.11
001	Idaho Falls	1663	13	76.47
007	Nampa	16757	3	75.00
007	Boise	12854	3	60.00
009	Cottonwood	1389	7	58.33
004	Buhl	2685	4	57.14
011	Post Falls	12560	4	57.14
003	Burley	12881	3	50.00
001	St Anthony	12953	2	50.00
007	Nampa	2014	7	43.75
004	Jerome	8780	3	42.86
008	Fruitland	12516	2	40.00
008	Caldwell	3086	4	36.36
003	Rupert	2792	3	33.33
007	Meridian	11548	10	33.33
002	Pocatello	892	2	28.57
012	Sandpoint	2888	2	28.57
005	Mt. Home	3703	2	28.57
008	Emmett	3085	1	25.00
011	Kellogg	3762	2	25.00
010	Lewiston	1024	3	23.08
010	Moscow	1397	3	23.08
002	Pocatello	8930	2	22.22
011	Coeur D Alene	11623	2	22.22
011	Spirit Lake	15304	1	20.00

District	Deputy	Goal	New Men	%
005	Paul Petro	26	33	127
001	Paul Sever	18	15	83
007	Cory Newell	39	23	59
008	James Jensen	17	7	41
009	Max Nuxoll	17	7	41
003	Robert Vasquez	16	6	38
004	Spencer Uhl	19	7	37
010	Jeff Finken	21	6	29
002	Bart Cameron	15	4	27
011	Larry Seabolt	27	5	19

The right hand table shows the councils with a positive NET membership growth. These not the only councils who have recruited, just those with more brought in than suspended or quit (ignoring deaths and transfers). Four Councils surpassed their McGivney Award goal, two more in dark green are on target, and six more are at 50% or above and have an excellent chance of making it.

The Lower left hand table shows progress toward STAR DISTRICT. Districts have similar goals to councils and membership development is a key requirement. The Top 10 Districts are shown. Congratulations to Paul Petro! His District FIVE is already at 127% of the NET membership goal. Paul Sever is in second place with 83%.

Right to Life Booth - Pocatello

Spring Fair Holt Arena, Pocatello March 22-24, 2018

Supported by the Pocatello & Chubbuck Councils 8930 and 892



Kathy Cameron (wife of Sir Knight & DD #2 Bart) working the booth.



Kasey Columbo

We have a special request from the wife of Fred Horn (Past State Deputy, Former District Master). Please ask your members who have ordered the new uniform to keep the remnants of material from altering their pants and bring the remnants to the state convention. Marqie Horn needs the material to make a new uniform for our convention mascot, Kasey Columbo reflecting the New Regalia uniform. Thanks.

John Pettinger - Idaho District Master



Special Olympics - Idaho

Vehicle Raffle



Tickets are now available for the 2018 Special Olympics Idaho new car raffle. As last year, tickets are \$10.00 each, and for each ticket sold Special Olympics will donate \$5.00 back to Idaho Knights of Columbus for our charitable works. As in previous years, half of the monies received by State will be distributed back to the participating Councils. This is an excellent opportunity for individual Councils to help a very worthy cause, while at the same time raising funds for their own projects.

The Grand Prize this year is a 2018 Camry 4-door SE Sedan valued at \$28,542 (MSRP). Second prize is a \$1,000 Amazon gift card and third prize is a \$500.00 Maverik gas card.

The raffle will run until September 28th, at which time the winning tickets will be drawn at Special Olympics Headquarters, 199 E. 52nd St., Garden City, Idaho. The winner of the Camry will not have to pay sales tax, however the car will count as income on their tax returns.

Councils interested in obtaining books of 25 tickets to sell can contact State Special Olympics Chairman Jim Barclay at jimabarclay@q.com, or by calling Special Olympics Idaho at 1-800-915-6510. Arrangements will be made to have tickets available at our State Convention as well.

Jim Barclay
208-869-5839



ENTER TO WIN

FOURTH DEGREE COLOR CORPS DRILL MANUAL

Navigators, Comptrollers, Commanders, District Deputies, and State Officers:

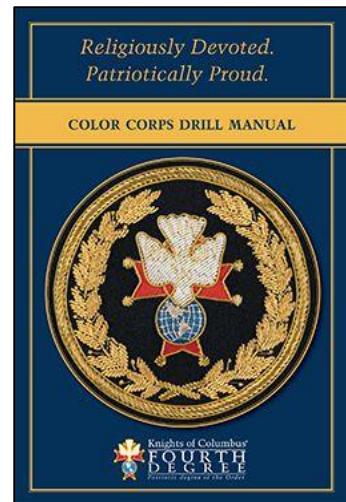
The new drill manual for the Color Corps has been placed on the Supreme web site. I have attached a copy to this message and am including the two locations on the Supreme website where it can be found. A printed version will be available in the near future.

<http://www.kofc.org/en/members/for-members/color.html>

<http://kofc.org/en/members/for-patriotic-degree/materials.html#/all/1/20-%20REPLACE%20IMAGE>

Please share this with all your Color Corps members.

John Pettinger - Idaho District Master



Family Chairman

This year the Supreme Council has continued launching “Building the Domestic Church” program. Great information is available at kofc.org, click on the “Domestic Church” button to find a great array of information on the many programs within the Building the domestic church program, which is designed to strengthen families and parish life. The Supreme Programs provide an easy to follow template if you wish to use them. Four designated Building the Domestic Church Programs are again needed this year to achieve the Columbian Award, again designated by the check boxes on the Columbian Award application for the programs you wish to fulfil this requirement (They do not add to the 24 total Columbian Award required projects). Many of these activities fall within the Family programming requirement. I hope to talk to council’s representatives to find what they have been doing regarding this Supreme Initiative. It will also include some ideas for other council sponsored family programs to fulfill the four projects for the Columbian Award Family Activities. This will include a couple of quick ideas that can be pulled together quickly.

The Family of the Month Program, form #1993, put on by Supreme as a great way to promote recognition within your parish those Knights with active families within the church. I believe this program, which my own council has participated, is a great way to develop interest by men of involved Catholic families in the Knights of Columbus. Acknowledging the Knights and their families’ contributions to the parish is a wonderful way to encourage your active members and promote good works in your own parish community. In addition, other active Catholics will become more interested in joining with you.

I was also impressed with Buhl Council’s attempts to integrate a luncheon after Mass with wives and families of council members and families of those undergoing their degrees. They had noted that families drove significant distances to get to church with their families in their rural community. This probably applies to many of our Idaho councils. In combining the meal and program for families, while the men took their degrees, the council got better participation in degrees; working to get their members to full knighthood in the Third Degree.

My phone number is (208) 961-1200 and e-mail address is ellingsen4@live.com, I would like to offer to talk to you individually if you are having troubles with project ideas in this area for the Columbian Award. I will try to provide some ideas that will work with your individual council’s needs, and good information is available on the Supreme web site for further interesting ideas.

Vivat Jesus,

Dave Ellingsen - State Family Chairman

Supreme Family of the Month

Congratulations to the Bryce Kelly family from Idaho Falls Council #1663. They were selected by Supreme as one of the winners of the Family of the Month during February. Also, a big THANK YOU to St. Thomas Council #1363, Coeur d'Alene, Twin Falls Council #1416 and Risen Christ Council #12854 who also entered their Family of the Month during February. Please send your Family of the Month to Supreme on the official form, which can be found online. Remember that the Family of the Month from your council could be a winner.

Mike Townsend - Idaho State Deputy

Outstanding Families Should Be Honored

Without your council's help, the Supreme Council would never hear the stories of amazing Catholic families who are transforming themselves, their parishes and the world. Help us discover — and honor — Catholic families who are making an outstanding difference in their communities by submitting a Family of the Year entry to your state council using the *Family of the Year Awards Entry Forms* (#1993), which can be found at kofc.org/forms. Be sure to submit your entries in time to meet your jurisdiction's deadlines, which generally occur prior to April 1.

Holy Spirit Council 11548 - Meridian

The Knights of Columbus Holy Spirit Council 11548 of Holy Apostles Catholic Church in Meridian Idaho serves our parish, the community, youth, family, Culture of Life, and the Council.

New website: <https://www.meridianknightsofcolumbus.com>

Facebook Pages

Page: www.facebook.com/holyapostlesknightsofcolumbus
Group: www.facebook.com/groups/HolyApostlesKnights

Please come visit our new sites. Vivat Jesus!

Cory Newell - District Deputy #7
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A Great Way to Mark World Day of Vocations

April 22 — the 55th World Day of Prayer for Vocations — is the perfect time for your council to support young persons as they discern their vocations, not just to the priesthood or the religious life, but to marriage and Christian family life as well. Talk to your pastor and chaplain about organizing a vocations awareness event or a Refund Support Vocations Program fundraiser. Your council could also volunteer to lead the Prayer for the Canonization of Michael McGivney before each council meeting and every Mass at the parish; as a priest and an apostle of Christian family life, Venerable Father McGivney might be a great intercessor for your parish and family. *Prayer cards* (#10502-A) can be ordered from knightsgear.com, while videos and materials on promoting vocations are available at kofc.org/vocations.

Lenten Fish Bake Pocatello

Throughout Lent the Brothers of Pocatello Council 892 have shared their time and talent to provide a Lenten Fish Bake and Meager Meals on Fridays to the Holy Spirit Catholic Community of Pocatello and Chubbuck. Many thanks to GK Pat Taney, Treasurer Phil Blick, Financial Secretary Ramon Gutierrez, along with Fred Davis, Jose Castillo, Jose Iniguez, Arnold Ortiz and others for hosting this valuable outlet for parishioners.



Jose Castillo (above) and Ramon Gutierrez (below) working the warming table to serve the patrons.



Don't Forget: April 9 Is a Day of Prayer for Unborn

The Day of the Unborn Child is Monday, April 9. It's a great opportunity to encourage both prayer and practical action, such as a Baby Bottle Boomerang to support the Ultrasound Initiative. See below for details.

Save Lives, Fund an Ultrasound With a Baby Bottle Boomerang

A baby bottle boomerang is a quick and simple way to earn funds for an ultrasound machine, which can save up to four babies each week. Our goal is to have 1,000 machines in place by 2019, the tenth anniversary of the K of C Ultrasound Initiative.

Check out the below tips and help us meet this goal!

What is a baby bottle boomerang? The Baby Bottle Boomerang is another name for the Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Campaign. Empty baby bottles are distributed to individuals or families who then fill them with loose change, checks or paper money. The bottles are returned to your council after a set period of time.

How do I get my council involved? First, obtain your pastor's permission. If possible, talk to him in person (not via phone or email) about the request. You should ask for at least two weekends: the first to hand out bottles and the second to collect them.

What's next for my guys? Recruit a Knight to chair the project, and as a group, determine the number of baby bottles you will need to cover all weekend Mass attendees. Assign various Knights to hand out the bottles on the day of event. Start advertising the program in the parish bulletin and through posters placed around the parish at least one week prior to the event.

How do I get the baby bottles, and what should I do with them? Many pregnancy care centers already have a supply of baby bottles that they will lend to you for your campaign. If not, ask council members to donate clean used baby bottles. If you need more, visit your local discount store. Once you have the bottles, label them with your council's name, the return date and the Order's emblem.

What should I do on the day of the drive itself? Announce the program from the pulpit and have your Knights hand out the bottles at each exit of the church. If possible, ask brother Knights to bring their kids and grandkids along. Even the youngest toddler should be a welcome volunteer; there's no better way to witness to your council's support of life.

How do we get the bottles back? On the day of the return, set up a collection box when people can drop off their full bottles. Make sure a Knight stays with the box and thanks everyone for their donation. If anyone forgets to bring in the bottle, he can ask them to drop it at the parish office at their convenience. Be sure to make arrangements with the pastor for this.

What should we do with all the full bottles? Collect the donations and deposit them in your council's account to set aside for the purchase of an ultrasound machine. Next, clean and return the bottles to the pregnancy care center or set them aside for a future campaign. Finally, visit kofc.org/ultrasound to read the Ultrasound Initiative guidelines and find out more about the purchase process.

*Thank you to the North Carolina state council for this suggested program.
For more information, visit the Culture of Life section of kofc.org/service.*



ATTENTION!

Field Agent

From: Paul Petro, DD#5

A field agent for Idaho, Michael Jaquith, has resigned his position. Another field agent will be assigned for the Boise area but for now please contact Paul Ford for any insurance related issues. You may contact him at 208-521-0931, or at paul.ford@kofc.org.



Prayer for the Wounded

from the Knights of Columbus Military Prayer Book

Father in heaven, grant our wounded brethren comfort in their suffering.

Give them courage when afraid, patience when afflicted, hope when dejected, and when alone assure them of the prayerful support of your holy people. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

St. Pius X Council 11623 Coeur d'Alene



G/K Dave Sonnen presents Knight of the Month Certificate for January to David Yake.



G/K Dave Sonnen presents check for \$300 from January breakfast to Dorothy Benoit of Birth Right of CDA.



G/K Dave Sonnen presents Family of the Month Certificate for December to James Self.

Lenten Meal - St. Mark's, Boise

Each Friday during Lent, Knights from St. Mark's Council #12172 and their wives serve a Lenten Meal to those attending Stations of the Cross. The menu varies from week to week. Meals have included baked cod, baked potatoes and a pasta dinner. Over 100 attended Stations and the meal each week. On March 16th a cod dinner was served to those attending and entertainment by an Irish dancing group delighted everyone. The entire council and their families participate, including the State Deputy, who is caught on camera washing dishes (picture bottom left).



Fr. Michael J. Keyes Assembly 1983 Mountain Home

Officer's Comments

We have had 40 days to pray, fast, abstain, repent, and almsgiving and I hope that we have been able to prepare ourselves for the celebration of our Lord overcoming death. May we not doubt Jesus' Resurrection like the disciple Thomas did, but rather use Thomas' words: "My Lord and my God!" (Jn 20:28 NAB)

Happy Easter!

-- Steve Green, Faithful Navigator

Triduum

The word "Triduum" (trih-dee-yum) is not often spoken and many people are not familiar with it. It is Latin for "the three days" and refers to a three day period that culminates with a great feast.

The Paschal Triduum is considered the summit of the Catholic Church's Liturgical Year; beginning from the evening of Holy Thursday and ending on the evening of Easter Sunday. It is the time that ends the Lenten season and prepares us for the Easter season.

The Triduum is a time to honor the solemn memory of Jesus' Resurrection.



Assembly Actions

John Pettinger PSD - District Master

Brothers,

In this newsletter I am repeating last month's information on the Idaho Falls Fourth Degree, biannual meeting of the Fourth Degree, and the new Color Corps Drill Manual. Additionally, there is a new Color Corps event coming in June.

Our next exemplification will be held in Idaho Falls on April 7 at Christ the King hall. All Faithful Navigators have received the details and by now should have contacted all eligible Third Degree members who may be considering this final lesson in Knighthood. Deadline for registration is fast approaching; both observers and candidates should notify Idaho Falls assembly immediately if you plan to attend. The final exemplification for this fraternal year will be in Boise on June 2 at St. Mark's.

Burley will be the site of this year's Knights of Columbus state convention on April 20 - 22. Prior to the Friday sessions, there will be the biannual meeting of the Fourth Degree. Delegates must have their current Fourth Degree and Third Degree membership cards with them. All Fourth Degree members are invited to attend, but only the delegates will be given voice to vote. As with all biannual meetings, this one will include nominations for District Master. Three names must be submitted to our Vice Supreme Master for consideration by Supreme for appointment. I am eligible for one more term, but three names must be submitted, and my appointment is not assured. Please let me know if you have a member whom you would like to be considered for this post.

As with past conventions, we encourage Color Corps members to bring regalia to the convention and participate in the Memorial Mass on Saturday. The procession will include both the new uniform and the old regalia.

I recently sent electronic copies of the new Color Corps Drill Manual to all Faithful Navigators, Comptrollers, and Color Corps Commanders with updates for the new uniform. If you are a Color Corps member or are considering this step, ask your assembly leaders for a copy of this document.

On June 7, Bishop Peter will be ordaining two new priests and one transitional deacon at St. John Cathedral. As usual, the Color Corps has been invited to participate in the Mass of Ordination. All Knights are encouraged to come and support these new priests who are so desperately needed in our diocese. As we get closer to the date, I will provide more details on Color Corps participation. Both uniforms and regalia are welcome.

Vivat Jesus.

Holy Thursday - Pocatello

Celebrated by Fathers and Sir Knights Roger LaChance and Henry Carmona, plus assisted by Deacon and Sir Knight Scott Pearhill, the Honor Guard contingent from Bishop Gorman Assembly was led by PSD, FDM Dan Anthony, with current State Treasurer Roy Bartholomay; PSD Kerry Hennessy; along with Arnold Ortiz; Oliver Samora, Sr.; and Chris Lochridge. All participated in the most Holy Thursday Mass at St. Anthony's Chapel on March 29th at 6:00pm.



HOLY WEEK



IDAHO SILVER ROSE SCHEDULE - 2018

(as of: 03/28/2018)

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In March 2018, Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose - One Life, One Rose Program will begin when eight Silver Roses start their journeys on various routes in Canada, the United States, and Mexico. Three routes will end in Mexico, another three in Texas, one other in Washington, D. C., and the eighth route will complete its journey at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, CT, where the Knights of Columbus was founded. All eight of the routes will conclude their journeys on December 12, 2018 on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, the same day when the three Silver Roses in Mexico reach the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey.

2018 marks the 58th year of the program which began in 1960 to honor the Blessed Virgin under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. The program has continued since then as a project of Knights of Columbus councils and Fourth Degree assemblies in several jurisdictions.

Today, eight Silver Roses travel through North America exemplifying Knights of Columbus devotion to Our Lady and commitment to the Culture of Life.

State Silver Rose Chairmen in each state or province set the schedule for Silver Rose prayer services within their jurisdictions.



PROTECT YOUR FAMILY WITH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

Protect What Matters Most — Your Family

Since its inception, the Knights of Columbus has been a family-first organization.

Father McGivney strove to create an organization where Catholic men could come together to protect and support the families in their communities who needed it the most — including their own.

Today, the mission is the same. The Knights of Columbus has more than \$109 billion of life insurance in force, covering the lives of hundreds of thousands of our members and their families.

Knights across North America continue to trust the Order to protect them and see to it that their loved ones are well taken care of once they're gone. Are you one of those members?

Life insurance can help you protect your loved ones in all stages of your life. And understanding how life insurance can help you protect your family while achieving your financial goals is easier than you might think.

As brother Knights, we have the honor of being part of an organization that carries out its founding mission even hundreds of years later. Your Knights of Columbus dedicated field agent is here to help you achieve this same mission — now and for years to come. His job — his mission — is to help you determine the most cost-effective means of providing your family with the coverage they need. It's a proven fraternal system that has helped countless families.

Your dedicated field agent is available to provide a complimentary, comprehensive analysis to assess your family's situation. He will determine any financial shortfalls. He will also provide a solution that fits your family's budget through top-quality products: lines of life insurance, disability income insurance, long-term care insurance and retirement annuities.

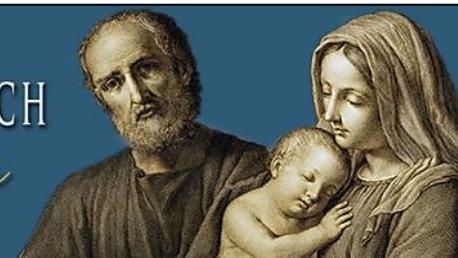
We are an organization guided by ethical and moral values that has consistently earned the highest ratings of financial strength.

Our charge remains the same as it did in 1882: To protect and provide for those in need. As your first commitment is to your family, our first commitment is to you.

Contact your local agent today and learn more about the coverage available to you through your membership with the Knights of Columbus. To find your local agent, visit kofc.org/findagent.



BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH
While Strengthening Our Parish



Does the Golf Channel Support a Domestic Church Activity?

During commentary after Phil Michelson's PGA victory at the Mexican Championship in Mexico City this March Sean Foley was asked to describe what is it like for someone 47 years of age, not having been in the winner's circle for 4 or 5 years, to win a PGA tournament. Foley replied comparing Michelson's feelings similar to feelings a married couple experience after renewing their vows after years of marriage. Leaving it to each reader to recall their own married life experiences, good and bad, and still willing to renew their vows, that comparison is profound, not what I would have expected to hear on a TV channel. So who is Sean Foley? He is a professional golf instructor on the Golf Channel where he discusses his observations and analysis of golf's major events throughout the year. He displays three tattoos, one for his wife and one each for his two sons. He is credited with the following quote, "The goal is to hit the fairway and hit it on the green and make putts and see where destiny leads" I suspect most readers have heard of Phil Michelson. His PGA win came against the world's best and youngest golfers. Furthermore, he won in sudden death overtime. In his win, he did not always get the ball on the fairway and he did not always put it on best part of the green. But he persevered and won. Kind of like marriage isn't it. For my wife and me marriage is kind of like golf. We place the ball in the rough more than on the fairway, it seems to take an extra stroke or two to get the ball on the green, and three putts are not uncommon. Despite this, renewing our marriage vows brought on a strong sense of sweetness.

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How sweet was it? In our minds it was sweeter than Michelson's PGA victory at the age of 47. We continue to see where destiny leads for better or worse.

Speaking of wedding vows Father's Day is an important time to celebrate the role of fatherhood within the Christian family and is an ideal day for fathers to celebrate and honor their marriage vows. It is not too early to work with your pastor to provide the opportunity for married couples to recall and affirm their wedding vows together with a special blessing during or after the Sunday liturgy. After the event, host a reception where they can congratulate each couple and thank them for their witness.

By the way, Betsy helped me with this column and she approves. And yes, probably unintentionally, the Golf Channel supports the renewal of wedding vows, a Domestic Church activity.

By: John Krsul State Council Director

THE LAST WORD

Mike Townsend - Idaho State Deputy

Brothers,

Our Lenten journey is complete. I hope that each of us utilized our time to take a closer look at how we live and to share our faith on a day-to-day basis. We now celebrate the Easter season and the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ on Easter morning.

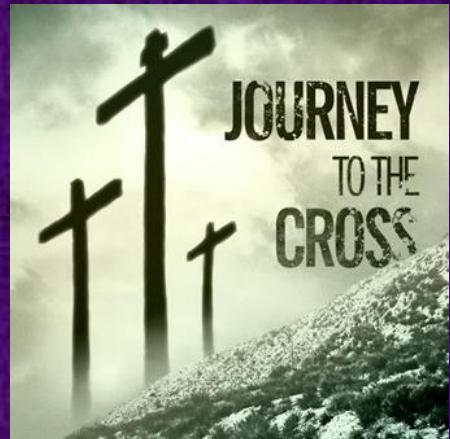
During the past few weeks we heard many examples of the parables, teaching and works of Jesus and the Apostles. We were called upon to follow Jesus and to spread the Gospel as we received many lessons we can apply to our daily lives. We are called to renew our encounter with Christ, to live in his word 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 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.

Remember that we are CALLED TO BE DISCIPLES.



Vivat Jesus!

