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Knights of Columbus Hits \$100 Billion Insurance in Force

Milestone highlights K of C's financial protection of Catholic families

The Knights of Columbus surpassed \$100 billion of life insurance in force this week, marking an important milestone in the Catholic fraternal benefit society's mission to protect the future of Catholic families.

This milestone was achieved despite continuing adverse conditions affecting the insurance industry.

Established in 1882 by a young Catholic priest, the organization — which offers its line of top-rated products exclusively to its members and their eligible family members — manages \$21 billion in assets and ranks 939 on the 2015 Fortune 1000 list, placing it among the largest life insurers in North America.

"The \$100 billion milestone is not simply a number," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "It highlights the fact that each year we are protecting the future of more Catholic families, continuing the mission of our founder, Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney."

The Knights of Columbus offers insurance to its members and their families through a network of more than 1,500 dedicated, professional agents in the United States and Canada — all of whom are members of the Knights of Columbus.

"With each dollar of top-rated insurance in force that our professional agency force adds, additional, meaningful security is provided to the families whose livelihoods we protect," the Supreme Knight said.

The \$100 billion milestone caps a year in which the Knights of Columbus set a new record for insurance sales with \$8 billion sold, earned the top rating of A++ Superior from AM Best for the 40th consecutive year, and was named a "World's Most Ethical Company" for the second consecutive year by the Ethisphere Institute®.

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic fraternal organization with nearly 1.9 million members worldwide. It is also one of the most active charitable organizations in the United States. The Knights set a new record for charitable giving in 2014 with donations of more than \$173.5 million and 71.5 million hours of service to charitable causes.

To learn more, contact your Knights of Columbus field agent. To find him, visit the Idaho State KC Website at ...
www.idkofc.org.

Star Council Updates

George Mesina - Membership Director

SUPREME Star Council Incentive

To motivate councils to reach their Star goal, Supreme is again offering \$4.50/member as of 7/1/2016 and 10,000 VIP points. In the alphabetized table below, you can find your council and the amount of money you will receive as a credit to your account if you make Star Council. This is worth hundreds and for some councils, a thousand or more. BE CAREFUL. Removing members and not making Star Council can cost a council lots of money.

IDAHO December Drive

To help your council reach its goal, Idaho will credit your account for each recruit. The amount credited equals whatever Supreme awards the state for reaching its recruiting percentage divided by the number of Idaho December recruits. Additionally, Idaho will waive the \$10 ceremonial fee. If we work together and reach 11% (31 statewide) the award to participating councils would be \$34/recruit.

RECOGNITION LEVELS

The table color codes the recognitions levels as follows: Red letters for deficit, white for 0%, tan for 1%-24%, yellow for 25%-49%, orange for 50-74%, blue for 100%-124%, bright blue for 125%-200%.

Council Name	No.	Star Goal	\$ Star Award
Aberdeen	12895	0.0%	\$ 175.50
Blackfoot	3013	0.0%	\$ 351.00
Boise	12172	23.5%	\$ 1,206.00
Boise	899	22.2%	\$ 675.00
Boise	8310	-150.0%	\$ 607.50
Boise	12854	-183.3%	\$ 418.50
Boise	12531	0.0%	\$ 414.00
Boise	10581	0.0%	\$ 396.00
Boise	4013	100.0%	\$ 153.00
Bonn timers Ferry	5075	0.0%	\$ 261.00
Buhl	2685	0.0%	\$ 405.00
Burley	12881	40.0%	\$ 360.00
Burley	5335	0.0%	\$ 126.00
Caldwell	3086	100.0%	\$ 688.50
Coeur D Alene	1363	44.4%	\$ 630.00
Coeur D Alene	11623	37.5%	\$ 580.50
Cottonwood	1389	50.0%	\$ 846.00
Emmett	3085	0.0%	\$ 274.50
Fruitland	12516	100.0%	\$ 297.00
Genesee	1554	25.0%	\$ 283.50
Gooding	5444	0.0%	\$ 162.00
Grangeville	4058	12.5%	\$ 535.50
Idaho Falls	1663	40.0%	\$ 1,066.50

Council Name	No.	Star Goal	\$ Star Award
Jerome	8780	0.0%	\$ 576.00
Kellogg	3762	33.3%	\$ 405.00
Lewiston	1024	0.0%	\$ 877.50
Meridian	11548	40.7%	\$ 1,894.50
Moscow	1397	-7.1%	\$ 976.50
Mountain Home	3703	14.3%	\$ 508.50
Mountain Home	3841	0.0%	\$ 148.50
Nampa	2014	40.0%	\$ 1,057.50
Orofino	4585	0.0%	\$ 274.50
Pocatello	8930	33.3%	\$ 603.00
Pocatello	892	42.9%	\$ 495.00
Post Falls	12560	-142.9%	\$ 508.50
Priest River	4777	0.0%	\$ 157.50
Rupert	2792	11.1%	\$ 630.00
Salmon	8283	125.0%	\$ 301.50
Sandpoint	2888	0.0%	\$ 490.50
Spirit Lake	15304	0.0%	\$ 283.50
St Anthony	12953	0.0%	\$ 130.50
Twin Falls	1416	-22.2%	\$ 679.50
Twin Falls	15047	25.0%	\$ 193.50
Wallace	1293	0.0%	\$ 139.50
Weiser	13089	0.0%	\$ 283.50



*Colin Groves is a Sir Knight from Idaho Falls
who recently made his home in the
American Territory of Guam*

Colin Groves, Website Administrator



The Arrival

The move to Guam actually started several years earlier, when my wife, who is a native of Guam, told me that a cousin was selling a piece of property in Guam which was right next door to her brother's land. I had been to Guam enough times by then to have fallen in love with the island and its people and the timing was right for us to take advantage of this opportunity. The property had a concrete house which, though in severe disrepair, was structurally sound. After several years of four-month visits and considerable support from my brother-in-law and Home Depot (yeah, they have one here.), the house was ready and we decided to make the move. It took an additional two-plus years to detach from Idaho, but after saying so long to our friends and family and my Brother Knights in Council 1663, it was finally time to board the plane.

They say to be careful what you wish for. One of mine was to not take over 30 hours to get to Guam. Well, this time the flight schedule had us go from Albany, New York to Chicago, then Honolulu, then Guam with only enough time to dash from one flight to the next. After 24 hours, 20 of which in the air, we went from mid-Autumn in New York to warm tropical sea air so quickly I still had my Knights of Columbus windbreaker on going through customs. After being 30 hours out of bed with only snatches of airplane napping, we both moved toward the terminal entrance like a tryout for the "walking dead".

Antonio Won Pat International Airport sits on a 200-foot plateau above the crescent-shaped expanse of Tumon Bay on the Philippine Sea. Stepping out of the terminal, one has a vista of the perfect curve of the Bay, dotted with the tops of the luxury hotels that earned this beach the moniker "the Paris of the Pacific" as the top honeymoon destination in East Asia; the orange tile of the Guam Hilton, the twin towers of the Pacific Islands Club, and the 20 story sail-shaped Weston, standing like a giant surfboard stuck in the sand. Beyond lies the deep blue of the ocean stretching toward the light blue horizon, dotted with clouds. I know that I said to myself what everyone who has ever stepped out of those doors has said; "This...is paradise!"

All Hallows Eve

We live in the village of Mangilao and our church is Santa Teresita, a wide, airy, pastel space with a spacious altar and tall windows reaching up to a high white ceiling. It has a choir full of beautiful voices and Capuchin Monk parish priest who ad libs little improvements on the Eucharistic prayers. When we went to mass on all Hallows Eve, we found out the Youth Group had been in an all-day retreat preparing for this Feast Day. As we sat waiting for Mass, a group of teens in white robes stepped upon the altar and performed an interpretive dance to a hymn which the children had been practicing that day, ending with the entire Youth group singing and dancing along in their section of pews next to the altar. As I looked around me, I saw dozens of children of various ages dressed in biblical-looking costumes and I realized that they were dressed as their favorite saints for All Saints Day. After Mass, all the children went out to the church parking lot to "Trunk-or-treat". It occurred to me that this is the way Halloween should be celebrated.

All Souls Day

If the children had celebrated the true spirit of Halloween the night before, the adults really got it right the next day. Guam has been Catholic since Blessed Diego Luis de San Vitores brought the message of Christ to the Marianas in the fourteenth century. Chamorros (the natives of Guam and the Marianas) are especially devoted to family and All Souls Day is a day of reverence to the departed. Families descend on the cemeteries to tend the graves, pay respects, and pray for the deceased. Outdoor Masses are celebrated in all cemeteries, with the biggest in Guam Memorial Park. My wife and I joined her family at GMP to celebrate this day with what must have been thousands of others. I now know that I'm in a place where faith and family are interwoven with daily life. I believe I'm going to like it here.

State Advocate - Roy Bartholomay's Advisory



Brother Knights,

As another year comes to a close, some people at this time of year are looking for tax deductible donations to help offset their 2015 year taxes. As a reminder, the Knights of Columbus are a 501 C8 charitable corporation which means donations to a local council are not tax deductible. In early November our Idaho Catholic Seminarian Fund (ICFS) which was a 501 C3 fund that could accept tax deductible donations was dissolved by a majority vote of the ICFS Board of Directors. At that time all of the funds were sent Idaho Knights of Columbus Seminarian Endowment Fund which is managed by the Idaho Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Boise, per a Resolution passed at last year's State Convention. There certainly a lot of needs that can use support in this season of giving, but if support for our seminarians is a priority please send future donations by check to:

The Idaho Catholic Foundation
Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise Office
1501 S. Federal Way - Suite 400
Boise, ID 83704

The endowment name, **Idaho Knights of Columbus Seminarian Endowment Fund - 833**, must be written in the memo line of the check to ensure that it is properly deposited.

Merry Christmas.

It's All About Family

Herb Maddock, PSD - Family

Brothers, we have just finished Thanksgiving which is a great family holiday. I trust that each of you celebrated with your families in some traditional way and gave thanks for all of the blessings you have received. This is also a time to consider your larger family; The Church. We are now in the season of Advent, a time of preparation. This is a time to re-kindle the relationships within our parish family a time to do good for others and in doing so build up our domestic church.



December focuses on prayer: The family that prays together stays together. Continue to set aside time for family prayer but include the opportunity to add an additional project to prepare for Christmas. Perhaps the Council could organize a Posada. You can order booklet #9898 to help with the program and modify things to suit your community.

The suggested movie for December is "The Muppet Christmas Carol" and can be shown as a council social and invite all members of the parish to view along with the council. Remember that in some cases this time of year can provide much stress. Drawing your family close can help reduce the effects of some of the stress. Enjoy the season and pray with your family. Vivat Jesus.

Salmon Council 8283

Here is a picture of the presentation of a check for \$1000.00 we presented to The Mahoney House, a family crisis center here in Salmon, that we did a breakfast fundraiser for on Sunday Nov. 1st. We do a breakfast the 1st Sunday of every month Sept. through April every year consisting of our famous buttermilk pancake recipe, scrambled eggs, lumberjack sausage, coffee, tea & orange juice. We pick a different charity each month to donate to & the Mahoney House is one we contribute to every year.



Kurt Williams, GK Council #8283 on the left with the director of the Mahoney House Scott Brand on the right.

Grangeville Council 4058

Grangeville Council 4058 is having a 2nd Degree, Sunday, Dec 6th at Sts. Peter and Paul at 2:00pm. Remember your membership card. Sponsors bring your first degree members.

Max Nuxoll

Knights request funds for medical equipment

Etc. Risen Christ Parish's Knights of Columbus council is requesting donations to buy footrests for about 20 donated wheelchairs. A pair of footrests costs about \$25. Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus and mail to Dale Anderson, 3100 East Hubbard Rd., Meridian, ID 83642. For questions, call 888-3782. The Knights loaned free medical equipment and supplies to about 3,000 Treasure Valley residents last year. However, more than 1,000 requests were turned down, because the needed items weren't available. Call Ramey, 869-3480, to have your donated knee walkers, transport chairs, wheelchairs, lift chairs, shower chairs, transfer benches, hospital beds, etc., picked up. When conducting a parish or group medical equipment and supplies drive, please coordinate with Bill Kibble, 344-7053, pbkibble@cablone.net. The Knights also need an additional storage building, because valuable equipment is being kept outside, exposed to weather and theft, because of a lack of storage space.

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State Chairman Feature

Keith Riemersma - Youth



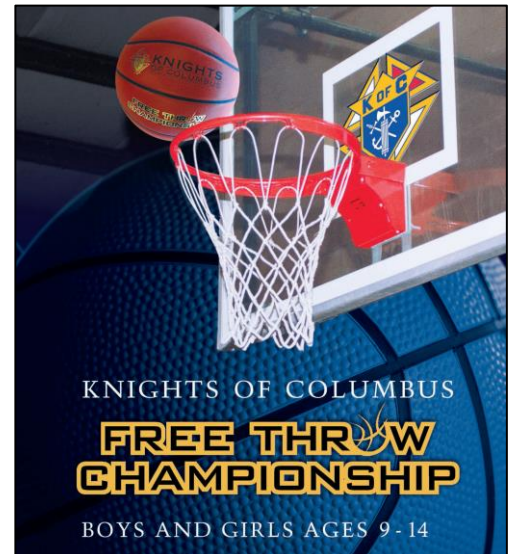
Free Throw Championship Planning Time

It's time for your council to start planning for your Free Throw Championship contest. Your first step is ordering a Free Throw Championship Planning Kit from this web address:

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/FT-KITOnline.pdf>

Your "Free Throw Championship" kit will contain everything your council have a successful contest. It includes suggestions for hosting an event, posters to advertise your event, scoring sheets, and certificates for every contestant and for the council winners. You will also get the rules and regulations for the contest.

So get started now to have a great council contest early next year. If you have any questions on holding a Free Throw Championship contest, please contact me. My contact info is available on the state council web site.



State Chaplain - Father Rob Cook's Homily

Greetings in this season of Advent – this time of joyful anticipation of Christ's Birth and of His coming again!



This is a time of year when it makes sense for us to slow down, to focus more upon our prayer lives, and to think more of others, and to mindfully and joyfully prepare for the celebration of Christmas. Isn't it interesting though that this can often be one of the busiest and most challenging times of the year.

Our desire to slow down and to prepare spiritually is often put to the test. It can even, at times, seem much more like a battle to find an opportunity for peace and quiet. This can be good for us though! A little challenge can strengthen us. It gives us the opportunity to ask ourselves: How can we make this a truly spiritual time of preparation to encounter our Lord more deeply?

May you have a blessed Advent and Christmas!

COEUR D'ALENE COUNCIL 1363

by: Nick Theisen

Fundraiser of 1363 KC Council in Coeur d' Alene as Holy Family Catholic School asked us to help with setup to a Dinner and Dance they were doing on November 14th. It only took an hour for the 6 of us.



Back Row: Joe Drobnock (Treasurer); Mike Anderson (Financial Secretary); Adam Johnson (New Member).

Front Row: Nick Theisen (Grand Knight); Con Kingrey (Warden); Andrew Newman (New Member).

State Secretary Mike Townsend's Insight

My Dear Brothers,

As you read these words, Thanksgiving will be over and on Sunday November 29 we will have begun to celebrate the glorious season of Advent. This will be a time of many activities and events for your councils. Let us use this special season of the Church to rededicate our lives to Christ and the teaching of our Holy Church. Let us not become so busy that we neglect the spiritual side of our lives as Knights of Columbus. We should always remember that faith without works is dead and that works alone will not bring us salvation.

As Knights of Columbus we should heed what scripture teaches us in I Peter 2:12; that we should let our lives shine before men so that they can see our good works and glorify God. Never be afraid to share what your council is doing and invite other Catholic men to join you in growing their faith through good works.

I pray that each of us will take time to reflect on the new liturgical year that stretches before each of us.

May our Great God continue to Bless and Keep each of you!!

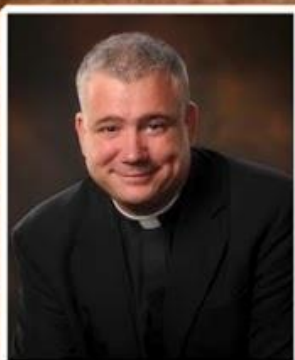


Idaho Catholic Men's Conference

Date: Saturday, January 30, 2016
Venue: Boise State Student Union Building
Time: 8 am – 6 pm
Cost: \$35 early bird fee

Cost Includes: meals, refreshments and conference materials

FEATURING



Father Larry Richards



Jesse Romero



Captain Guy Gruters

Men, get ready for a POWERFUL conference that will make you want to RISE UP and be the Man
GOD MADE YOU TO BE!

**LIFE CHANGING TALKS
HOLY MASS
RECONCILIATION
ADORATION**

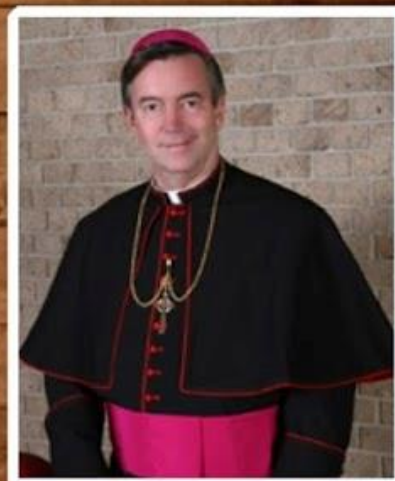
This event is graciously sponsored & supported by:



BRONCO CATHOLIC
ASSOCIATION

AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE WE WILL SERVE THE LORD.

Joshua 24:15



Mass with Bishop
Peter Christensen



L to R:
Commander Dan Bartz; Arnold Ortiz; Ken Cole; Chris Lochridge; FN Jerry Stroschein; Roger Coonrod; Dan Anthony PSD PDM; George Mesina; Roy Bartholomay, (State Advocate); Bart Cameron; Mike Rybicki; Fred Davis; Commander Dave Koelsch; Jim Liday.

Pocatello Veterans Home

Fourteen members of Idaho Falls and Pocatello combined into a KC Color Corps. Our assembly group participated with the American Legion as the official Color Guard to the Idaho State Veterans Home on November 11th. A presentation of checks from George Mesina, Faithful Navigator of Assembly 187 in Idaho Falls (\$500.00) and Jerry Stroschein, Faithful Navigator of Assembly 183 in Pocatello (\$200.00) as these funds are used by the Veterans home to support ongoing needs of our veterans.

Vivat Jesus and God Bless America!

Sir Knight Roy Bartholomay - Bishop Gorman Assembly
Sir Knight Dave Koelsch - Keller Assembly



Reveal the Champions

You are invited to attend the Reveal the Champions Breakfast Event, December 1st at the Riverside Hotel in Boise. (9:00 - 10:00 am). This is a fund raising breakfast to help the Special Olympics state program. The state council has written a check for \$500. They are asking that each council bring a check of \$100. They have room for 7 council representatives, but they will reserve another table if need be.

This qualifies as a Special Olympics event for the K of C Special Olympics reporting form due January 31st and for the Columbian Award application.

KC Travels - Mike Townsend

My wife Judy and I were traveling to Phoenix to visit our family and on the way we stopped in Las Vegas to attend the Boise State-UNLV football game.

While we were there, we discovered a Knights of Columbus council working a food booth at the game. They receive money from the school for working the game and also get to keep the tips. What a great way to get public exposure for the Knights and to raise some money to help do the good works that the Knights do.

It was also interesting that some of the wives were there pitching in to help their husbands, making it a family event.

It was a pleasant surprise to see them and to learn about what the council does. I encourage Knights when they travel to try to make a Knights meeting or event, I guarantee that they will be welcomed with open arms.

God Bless and THANKS for all that you do.



R to L: The pictures are of Judy on the work line. Judy in the kitchen meeting the council Deputy Grand Knight and his wife. And Mike with the State Warden of Nevada, Toni Pascua and the local District Deputy (white beard).



NAZARETH WALKING ROSARY RENOVATION

On September 26, 2015, Fr. Reggie Nwauzor officiated at the blessing of the recently renovated Walking Rosary on the grounds of Nazareth Retreat Center in Boise. This event was the culmination of the dream of William Sandrus, the original designer of the Walking Rosary, in honor of Our Blessed Mother, thirty plus years ago. Family, friends and the area Knights of Columbus members attended the special ceremony.

Background

Approximately 30 years ago, William Sandrus and the Boise/ Sacred Heart Council (#00899), created a walking rosary at the Nazareth Retreat Center on Five Mile Road in Boise, Idaho. In the early 2000s, Bill desired to restore and renovate the area making the Walking Rosary more handicap friendly. Discussions were held at Risen Christ Council (#12854); however, the work was not started. On 7/16/2010, Bill passed away and designated funds (approx. \$6,200) for this project. Additionally, Nazareth Retreat Center collected approx. \$750 in memorials for this activity in Brother Sandrus' and mother-in-law, Lenora Varitek's, (Mountain Home, Idaho) name. Also, over the project duration, funds were donated by the Knights of Columbus Nampa, St. Mark's and Holy Spirit Councils. During the next few years, several Knights and landscape entities planned to complete Bill's dream. In March/April, 2013, Dave Palumbo and the Risen Christ Knights of Columbus Council, volunteered to organize the renovation of the walking rosary.

Project Activity

Dave Palumbo met with Fred DiLorenzo, Director of the Retreat Center and William's widow, Julia Sandrus, to determine the scope of work. The plan was to remove the existing pavers that made up the rosary, relocate several benches to the new location of the mystery pavers, dig a 3' x 6" x 300' path located by Fred, compact in the path 3/4" road mix, place weed barrier in the trench, place 3/4" sienna stone in the path, place the pavers in the new path, mark each mystery/Our Father with a stone monument detailing four mysteries, and planting roses at each mystery site. There are eight wood/metal benches at or near the walking rosary. Four benches are to be relocated and the wood seats/back are to be replaced with composite material to drastically reduce future maintenance.

The first phase of the project began as Dave Palumbo measured the site and sourced the purchase of the road mix, sienna stone, and weed barrier. New pavers were located to replace broken ones and enlarge the mystery site pavers. A compactor was reserved. KC members provided a sod cutter and rototiller. The gravel, stone, and pavers were delivered the day prior to the event. Julia Sandrus and her sisters brought donuts for the work crew. The work time for this phase of the project was essentially from 8 am to 5 pm with an hour lunch break provided by Nazareth. The cost for this portion of the project was \$1,994.64. Twenty-one Knights, family and friends provided 148 total hours in this phase.

The second phase of the project was the completion of replacing the wooden material of seven benches with composite material, painting the metal elements of the benches and placing landscape rock under one bench (which was not completed during Phase I). Knights and friends worked 52 hours of combined time on this phase. The cost of the second phase of this project total \$1,603.20.

The third phase of the project was to purchase and place five monuments inscribed with the four mysteries of the Rosary. Rockitecture Stoneworks in Garden City was contacted and provided a suggested monument, price to manufacture and placement of monuments. Julia Sandrus and Fred DiLorenzo were contacted and approved the monument design. Total cost of the monument phase was \$3,006. Knights, family and friends spent twenty hours combined time preparing the site and placing the monuments. A second element of this phase was to purchase rose plants to be placed near each monument. Dave and Kathy Palumbo and Julia Sandrus completed the planting of the roses and clean-up of the area for the Blessing Ceremony in June and September for a total 33 hours of combined time. Three roses in colors of red and white (total 18) were planted at each mystery monument and crucifix area at a cost less than \$100.

The completed project is truly a beautiful tribute to Our Blessed Mother and allows an area of quiet sanctuary for meditation and prayer.



Assembly Actions

Paul Callahan - District Master

Brother Sir Knights and Brother Knights;

On October 24th we held a Fourth Degree Exemplification in Nampa. I am pleased and honored to welcome 21 new Brother Sir Knights to Fourth Degree of our order. The Ineck family, consisting of Ray and his brother Tom, and Ray's 3 sons James, Jacob and Joseph, made up 5 of our new Sir Knights. Ray is an Honorary Life Member, and has served as Treasurer, and is currently the Advocate of Saint Mark's Council 12172 in Boise. If you are interested in joining the Fourth Degree we have 3 more Fourth Degree Exemplifications scheduled for this fraternal year, April 2nd in Idaho Falls, May 7th in Moscow, and June 4th in Nampa.

As we approach the halfway point of this fraternal year I would like to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

St. Mark's Council 12172

It's all in the family as the Ineck's reached the highest degree of the Order recently.

Ray Ineck and his 3 sons, along with Ray's brother Tom participated in the 4th Degree Exemplification together. Ray has served as Worth Treasurer and is now our Worthy Advocate in St. Mark's Council 12172, and is an Honorary Life Member.



In the picture, from left to right....James (Jim, Ray's Son), Jacob (Jake, Ray's Son), Raymond (Ray, the Dad), Thomas (Tom, Ray's brother and the boys' Uncle), Joseph (Joe, Ray's Son)

Dan Heying, Financial Secretary

Pocatello Soccer Challenge

We had 56 participants this year with grades fifth through eighth. The boys and girls had a wonderful time and a great bonding springs with her brothers and sisters in Christ. Event was held Friday, October 16th at Holy Spirit Catholic School in Pocatello.
By: Jake Schiewe

Papa Abe is keeping a close eye on the participating kids!



Moscow Council 1397

Council 1397, St Mary's Moscow held there annual Sausage dinner feed on Nov 1. This is our big fund raiser for the year. We served over 619 dinners. The break down was 17 complementary meals which was made up of 2 homeless families that are part of family promise in our area, wives of deceased members Priest and Women religious. 46 kids that were ages seven and above. Six and under eat free and we don't track those meals. And 556 adults.

An added note was the 6th grade class from St. Mary's school came over and helped us link sausage as part of their religion class project ... 14 kids did about 1000 lbs. in an hour. Was a lot of fun to work them and watch them.

Also. As a note for anyone who doesn't know what family promise is, it's where a group of churches get together and provide meals as well as a safe place to sleep for homeless families. The jobs when your church host the families consist of meal providers which council 1397 provides a meal each week we host. Also we have several members who stay overnight at the parish hall during the week. If you don't have a family promise in your area it's one of the most worth wild projects you can do! For more information:

<http://www.familypromise.org/about-us/>

Ken Ellis, Financial Secretary

District Highlight

Larry Seabolt - District 10

Worthy District Deputy and Brother Larry and Brothers Jim, Jack, John, Gordon and Craig:

Representatives of District 10 councils met at Tesh on Nov 10 to donate proceeds of more than \$11,700 from the Drive to Help People with Intellectual Disabilities (aka Tootsie Roll Drive) to Tesh and the Idaho Special Olympics. A picture and short article appeared in the Coeur d'Alene Press on Nov. 2 on p. C2. I've attached that picture and caption in three different file formats, pdf, doc and jpg. Please feel free to use this picture in any newsletters or other communications within your councils. I think that it is important for all of our brother knights to see the results of our combined efforts.

Fraternally, John Webb ... F/S Council 11623

Editor's Note: *Tesh currently offers three primary service programs ... Child Development; Independent Living; and Employment. Tesh is a private, not-for-profit organization whose core purpose is to provide choices and opportunities to people with disabilities of all ages seeking greater opportunities, self-sufficiency, and participation in their community. They are a nationally accredited by CARF and have served over 8,000 children and adults with disabilities and their families since 1976.*



Members of Knights of Columbus representing councils from Post Falls, Spirit Lake, Rathdrum, Coeur d'Alene, Wallace and Kellogg yesterday presented Tesh, Inc. and the Idaho Special Olympics with a total donation of over \$11,700. The funds were collected over several weekends when the Catholic organization's Tootsie Roll giveaway called "Drive to Help People with Intellectual Disabilities" took place in front of local stores and parishes. Pictured are: Front row -- Ted Carniero, Andrew Binford (Special Olympic athlete), Christian Fitzgerald (Tesh), Frances Huffman (Tesh CEO); 2nd row -- Jim Miller, Jack Thompson, John Webb, Bruce Jameson, John Webber, and Gordon Ramsden.

Pocatello Memorial Mass



Members of Pocatello Council 892 and Fr. Ordway Council 8930 gathered at the 5:00pm Mass at St. Anthony's Chapel on November 7th to celebrate the lives of all our deceased Brothers, but most especially Joe Primbs; Rojelio Rosales; Ted Maheras and John Shannon who went home to the Father in the last year. Family members of our local KC's who have passed away were also acknowledged. Father Henry Carmona and Deacon Scott Pearhill (both KC members) officiated the Mass. Thanks to Don Lesniewski; Raphael Njoku; Pat Taney; Rick Laws; Bill Haight; Dan Gutierrez and Dave Molitor for making this possible.



Officers who presided over the Memorial Mass celebration were L to R: Bart Cameron (FS 892); Roy Bartholomay (State Advocate); Dave Alexander (Recorder 892) and Connor Liebenow (Warden 892).



GATE OF GRACE HOUSE OF LIFE

November 10, 2015

Kerry Hennesey, State Deputy and Michael Townsend, State Secretary

Dear Brother Knights,

I am writing you today to thank you first and foremost for your support of Gate of Grace, and your show of solidarity with the vulnerable young women facing crisis pregnancies, by attending our first annual fundraiser. The presence of the Knights of Columbus always brings hope and a solid foundation of Christian charity.

I am writing to you today also to invite the Knights of Columbus to take part in our 2015 Holiday Appeal that is currently underway. As you can imagine running a home for young women in crisis pregnancy has its challenges, but thanks to generous partners like the Knights of Columbus we can continue the work of our ministry.

My wife, Monica and I know first hand how scary it can be for these young girls, we were 17 years old when we found out we too were having a child. We were so young and had no idea what we were going to do. 30 years later, we have answered Gods call to open this home and give these young women a safe place to have their child and to show them that they matter, that we are ready to care for them and love them, regardless of their situation. We feel very strongly that being Pro-life is more than just wanting a child born, it means wanting a child safe, a child fed and a child clothed. Being Pro-life also means being ready to assist scared young women who have nowhere to turn and know one to love them, if we aren't ready to support these young women then aren't we simply Pro-birth?

Monica and I work each day with these vulnerable young ladies who have the courage, amidst all the pressures from the world to terminate their pregnancy, and to see the gratitude in their eyes is an awesome feeling. One of our current guests has told us that "we are her family", since her own family has dismissed her.

Hearing messages like this makes us know that we are doing the will of the Father and I ask, no exhort the Knights of Columbus to become part of our, their, family as well. I have attached our 2015 appeal letter for your consideration and ask that you extend the invitation to all councils in Idaho to support our efforts and this worthwhile ministry.

Having been a Knight for close to 20 years and a past Grand Knight, I know the power of the Knights of Columbus, and when they stand together nothing can compare to it.

Fraternally yours,

Daniel V Gamboa , 8310

NOTE OF INTRODUCTION

Gate of Grace is a private non-profit organization which recently opened in the Boise area. Several State Officers and members of area councils attended the grand opening and blessing by Bishop Peter. The facility provides a safe haven for young women who are pregnant and without a place to live. Their clients are often unmarried whose parents have turned their back on them and their unborn child, leaving them no other place to turn. Kerry and I received this appeal letter and agreed to pass the information on to our Idaho councils and assemblies for consideration. Donations are sent only to Gate of Grace, and not to the State Council.

Please snapshot this page and forward to your local distribution list. Thanks and may God bless you and your family this Advent and Christmas season.

Mike Townsend - Idaho KC State Secretary

Caldwell Council 3086

by: Darwin Schweitzer

The Caldwell Council #3086 has been busy this past Month.



- *1. Caldwell Knights partner with Boy Scouts to fix and distribute bikes to needy kids for Christmas.
- *2. Council #3086 Coat Drive. The generosity of Our Lady of the Valley allowed the Knights to collect and distribute over 280 coats to the very needy in our community St. Vincent of DePaul Society, Canyon Springs Alternative School, Our Lady of the Valley Coats for Kids, and Idaho State KC Coats for Kids.



- *3. Family of the Month Award to Brother Dec Kerry, Tammy, and Brother Keegan Harris.



- *4. Knight of the Month Award to Brother Don (Shorty) Boudreau. The Knights also served a Breakfast to welcome the First Communion Classes from Our Lady of the Valley and St. Paul's. The breakfast was attended by over 350 OLV Parishioners, Teachers, and First Communicants.

- *5. The Caldwell Knights unpacked and sized all the new coats approximately 900 for the Idaho State Coats of Kids drive that will be held at Karcher Mall.



God Bless!

Idaho Calendar of Events

Dec 4 - State, DD Meeting

First Degree's

Dec 2 - Emmett

Dec 4 - Burley, Spanish

Dec 7 - Pocatello

Dec 10 - Sandpoint
Meridian

Dec 13 - Bonners Ferry

Dec 14 - Pocatello

Dec 15 - Gooding
Idaho Falls
Mountain Home

Dec 17 - Meridian

Dec 20 - Priest River

Dec 21 - Blackfoot

Dec 25 - *CHRISTMAS DAY*

Dec 30 - Jerome

Second Degree

Dec 6- Grangeville

Third Degree

Dec 12- Lewiston

The Last Word

Kerry Hennessy - Idaho State Deputy

Merry Christmas to my KC Brothers,

As I reflect on your accomplishments of this past year, I am impressed with the amount of charitable activity that you do. Every Council is active in support of the less fortunate, always working to help the 'least of my brother'. I have no doubt that this effort will continue in this next year and the next year and into the future, because that is what we do as Knights. I ask you to strive to increase the size of your charitable footprint, from year to year, Grand Knight to Grand Knight, always strive to leave your Council better than you found it.

As you strive to find ways to make your Council stronger, to increase your charitable footprint, I urge you to take to heart your membership requisite of asking men to be a part of your Council activities by asking them to join your Council. New men have ideas, energy, and a willingness to contribute to the charitable works of your Council.

New men coming into your Council is not just about getting a new member, it goes right to the heart of the 7th Precept of the Catholic Church-

Precepts of the Catholic Church-

VII. To participate in the Church's mission of Evangelization of Souls.
(Missionary Spirit of the Church)

Bringing a new man into our Order helps to Evangelize our fellow Catholic men and their families, because as you all have answered the question of being a better Catholic, because you are a member of the Knights of Columbus, then you are doing more of God's work on earth by your charity, and evangelization.

Merry Christmas and Fraternally.



Vivat Jesus!

