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State Deputy's Mid-Year Meeting

Brothers,

I recently attended the State Deputy Mid-Year meeting in Washington DC along with State Deputies from all over the world. It was a great time of fellowship and sharing with each other as well as a truly uplifting experience. On Friday evening, we visited the Saint John Paul II National Shrine and participated together in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet. It is a beautiful place and I encourage anyone going to Washington DC to visit the shrine and learn more about the Saint who called the Knights of Columbus, "The Strong Right Arm of the Church".

Two very important announcements were made during our meetings and work sessions. The first announcement was that the deadline for the wearing of the "old" regalia has been extended until June 30, 2019. This means that the chapeau and cape will be authorized for wear until that date, a full year after the original deadline. I would not look for any further extensions after that time, but it does give us some time to get our new regalia ordered.

The second announcement was that the Supreme "rebate" has been approved for this fraternal year. This means that every council who earns the Star Council award this year will receive a credit of \$ 4.50 per billable member who is on their roster as of June 30, 2018. This can add up to a substantial amount of savings in that those councils do not have to pay Supreme per capita because they receive a credit. To calculate your councils' award, simply multiply the number of billable members by \$4.50.

Remember, this rebate is only available to those councils who fulfill all the requirements to achieve Star Council.

If you have any questions about the regalia, please contact our District Master John Pettinger. All questions about the Star Council rebate may be addressed to your District Deputy or any State Officer.

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS - IDAHO

One of our Knights got this shot of some of the 5000 + runners / walkers at the start of the annual Turkey Trot in downtown Boise.

At 8:00 A.M. Thanksgiving Morning 17 Knights from St. Mark's Council 12172 and 1 from Sacred Heart 899, along with some families and friends, reported to serve as volunteer course marshals for the annual Turkey Trot 5K in downtown Boise. This year over 5,000 people took part in the race. The event benefits several local charitable organizations including the Boise Community Stars Special Olympics Club. For every volunteer supplied by one of the organizations, the race organizers make a donation to that organization. The 22 volunteers associated with the Knights represented the Boise Community Stars. The funds raised will help Special Olympians from that club participate in the up-coming State Winter Games.

There are numerous opportunities for volunteers to assist at these events, including providing color corps for openings, assistance with managing events and coaching Special Olympians. Any Knights interested in helping can contact their District Deputy who has a list of local club contacts, or myself.

December 9, 2017
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Jim Barclay - Idaho Special
Olympics Chairman



Look to KnightsGear for Your Christmas Shopping

Knights of Columbus apparel, accessories, books, religious items and a variety of other products are available online at knightsgear.com. It also covers all Knights of Columbus-related gift, clothing and electronic needs, making it the perfect place to shop for Knights and their families. A perfect Christmas touch would be to have the items personalized with council or assembly names! Visit knightsgear.com to see the full selection of items.

Building the Domestic Church

By: John Krsul - State Council Director

My wife Betsy and I just completed a road trip to California to witness the marriage of two Millennials. This is significant. Readers of Jay Wannacott's Marriage for Life Column in the Idaho Catholic Register for November 3-16, 2017 know a demographic from the Pew Research Center showing 82% of Millennials are not married and according to a Time.com online article 55% do not believe marriage and children are important. Mr. Wannacott suggests this cultural trend is present in our Catholic communities where Millennials do not consider marriage as a viable choice for them. For Betsy and me to witness two Millennials make a commitment for life was joy indeed. Joy is the theme and the subject for the reflection, and meditation found in the Family Fully Alive program for December. The December program begins with, "Joy is an attribute of God's divine love. To reflect God in our family life, we are called to be joyful by developing our relationship with Christ." It was warming indeed to know our Millennial couple, impacted by the cultural trend and living in the Bay area to boot, is developing a relationship with Christ by going through the RCIA program and committing themselves to family life and any children that God sends their way. Joy is present for us in the example of these newlyweds.

The December program goes on to make the following statement, "It is often remarked that faith is caught more than taught in the family. One of the best ways faith is caught is through joy. Joy is not an emotion that can be faked or forced. There is something authentic about it that points to a deeper reality.

Joy should be part of the regular fabric of Christian life. The lord promises his disciples that "no one will take your joy from you" (Jn 16:22), and we are instructed by St. Paul to "rejoice in the lord always" (Phil 4:4)." Furthermore it is pointed out that Joy is not dependent on some positive outcome or upbeat emotion. This is so true when we live at a time of so much evil horror displayed daily in the media. In light of this, the program offers three questions that we as fathers and knights can answer and follow through at this Christmas time.

The three questions are: 1. What are some joys we have experienced in our family? Are there ways to build upon these joys to create a more joyful home? 2. In what ways could we add more joy to our family? Could we be more cheerful in giving and complain less? Could we focus less on our own needs and more on the happiness of a family member? Could we rejoice in our family's love by affirming each other more with compliments? Could we smile more at our family members? 3. Do we base our lives on the joyful awareness that we are beloved sons and daughters of God, or do we let something rob us of the joy of the Gospel? What is it that robs us? Is it anxiety, fear or impatience? How might prayer help with these things?

Remember Brother Knights at this Christmas Season fatherhood is being present. I wish a Merry Christmas to all.

Fr. Keyes Assembly 1983 Mountain Home

Officer's Comments

December holds many holidays for many different people that prompt different greetings such as "Happy Holidays" and "Season's Greetings," but as Catholics there are a few dates that resonate with us. The Feasts of the Immaculate Conception (8 Dec) and Our Lady of Guadalupe (12 Dec), and the Nativity of our Lord (25 Dec). So, regardless of how one greets you, use the chance to respond with "Merry Christmas!" Let it be known that you are Jesus' voice on earth. Merry Christmas!

--Steve Green
Faithful Navigator

Spread the Light of Christ

"The birth of our Lord Jesus Christ brought a great illumination of hope into the world. Knights of Columbus and their families throughout the Order are invited to help spread the light of Christ each Advent by lighting and blessing a Nativity scene and/or Christmas tree"*

As 4th Degree Knights we are the visible arm of the Order. This is vitally important during this time of year because now more than ever Christ needs us. Let each of us spread the Light of Christ wherever we go.

*<http://www.kofc.org/en/members/programs/church-activities/keep-christ-christmas/spread-light-of-christ.html>



Caldwell Council 3086

Saturday November 17th at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Caldwell Council 3086 Knights of Columbus members cook a spaghetti meal for the Confirmation Retreat. The meal consists of Spaghetti with a tasty sauce, salad, rolls and dessert which the kids really enjoyed.

Pictures Courtesy: Joseph Zahnle Photography



Grand Knight Tom Miller with Ray Vargas in the background in the kitchen preparing the vegetables and then cooking the meal.



Ted Dickinson helping in the kitchen cutting the vegetables.



Frank and William Shuey are getting the dishes and tableware ready for the meal.



The Confirmation Retreat at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Caldwell Idaho.

Memorial Mass - Pocatello

Once again during the month of Remembrance on November 12th at 11:00am at St. Anthony's Chapel the Knights of Pocatello and Chubbuck gathered with the parishioners of Holy Spirit Catholic Community to celebrate Mass and the lives of four Brothers who went home to God during the past year. In addition, family members of Brothers of Councils 892 and 8930 who passed away were announced and remembered as well.

Thanks Sir Knight and Father Roger LaChance; Sir Knight and Deacon Scott Pearhill for being celebrants and to the additional Brothers who came to the Mass and those pictured who participated in the Ceremony. L to R: Kathy Cameron; DD#2 Bart Cameron; Keith Riemersma; Immediate Past State Deputy Kerry Hennessy; Council 892 Recorder Connor Liebenow; Council 892 Deputy Grand Knight Fred Davis; and Bishop Gorman Assembly Navigator Zach Olpin (son of Bart & Kathy).



Idaho Catholic Men's Conference

Brothers,

Here is the information for the **Idaho Catholic Men's Conference**. It will be held January 27, 2018 at Boise State University.

The Idaho Catholic Men's Conference is the premiere Catholic event for men in the Northwest that are seeking to go deeper in their faith and presented by "Salt & Light".

This conference will help men of all ages have a greater understanding, love and devotion for their Catholic Faith so they can go forward and live their faith boldly without compromise as husbands, fathers, and men striving for Greatness. Now more than ever, God is stirring up within the hearts of men to live lives of sacrifice and heroic faith in order to be strong leaders in their families, parishes, workplaces and communities.

So often, we find ourselves caught up in the constant "storms" of daily life, clinging to the boat in order to survive while just trying to make sense of it all. However, our Lord reminds us that He is always with us, that we must not be afraid and that we are made for greatness!

\$45.00 (Early Bird) Registration includes:

- All Conference Materials
- Great Breakfast
- Delicious Lunch
- Refreshments
- Complimentary Parking

(Registration after January 12 is \$60.00)

Registration can be made, online at Idahocatholicmen.com. Be sure to register early and save 25%.

Fraternally
Mike Townsend - Idaho State Deputy



David Dinuzzo Sr.
Founder of:
TrueManhood.com

Stop Hunger This Holiday Season

Even as our families and parishes begin to plan extravagant dinners for the upcoming holidays, countless people go hungry. Fortunately, through our Food for Families program, councils can easily help provide food for those in need and keep food pantries well-stocked for the holiday season. One simple way to collect food is through the set up of a donation bin at your parish, asking each parishioner to donate just one non-perishable food item. Once the bin is full, your council can simply drop off the items at a local food pantry or soup kitchen. Or, if your council has the funds, consider making a donation directly to the soup kitchen or food pantry of your choice. Even more meaningful would be if Knights volunteered, preparing and serving at least one meal together as a council. For details regarding Food for Families, please visit kofc.org/community.



ADVANCING TO THE SECOND AND THIRD DEGREES IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



From: Mike Townsend - Idaho State Deputy

During a recent visit with councils from Districts 9, 10 and 11, a question was brought up about advancing members through the Formation and Knighthood Degrees of our Order. Our MPC Pat Maloney and I discussed this and he provided me with the information below:

Approximately 40% of our members are First Degree members. About 75% of those members have been First Degrees for at least 3 years. Most of our suspensions are from that group. Only 5 % of our members are Second Degree members. This suggests that once they take their Second Degree, they normally take the Third Degree.

We sometimes hear members tell candidates that they need to take their Second and Third Degree so that they can become an officer of the council. I am not certain that those who are encouraging others to take the advanced degrees, in this manner, understand that this may be a deterrent. Most new members will shy away from volunteering to be an officer or wanting to be an officer. They desire more information before stepping into any leadership role. This type of encouragement is counterproductive.

There are two types of First Degree members we need to motivate to take their Second and Third Degree. The first group is the newer members who have recently taken their First Degree. The second group is the older First Degree members-those who have never taken their Second or Third Degree and have been members of the Order for several years.

I believe that the newer members need to be told that they are **expected** to take their Second and Third Degrees within the first 6 months. This expectation that should be shared with our new members, that we desire our new members to continue their journey to the Third Degree-Full Knighthood! Having regularly scheduled Degrees will help encourage them and will also let them know when advancement opportunities are available.

For the second group, one of the most important reasons that a member should take the advanced degrees is related to getting to know and understand who we are as Knights of Columbus. As members know, our principles are **CHARITY, UNITY** and **FRATERNITY**. A member cannot gain the knowledge or appreciate the true understanding of all our principles-especially **UNITY** and **FRATERNITY**-without being exposed to or listening to the lessons of the Second and Third Degree. The best way to gain that knowledge is by taking those Degrees.

Our Ceremonials are steeped with tradition. More importantly, the lessons of the degrees also tell the story of the Knights of Columbus and the challenges we have faced as well as the obstacles we have overcome. By completing the Second and Third Degree, a member will learn much more about himself and more importantly, come to the realization that there are many who believe as we do and who share our values. By taking these degrees, our members will grow stronger in their Faith, obtain a greater respect for our Priests, a better understanding of the Catholic Faith and will be drawn closer to their families.

When a member has completed the Third Degree, he will realize that it is okay to openly practice our Faith and that it is okay to openly show love for our families and fellow man. Once a member becomes a Second and Third Degree Brother Knight, he will discover that there is much we can accomplish together and that with God's help, there is no obstacle too difficult to overcome.

Supreme Family of the Month

Worthy Grand Knights, District Deputies, State Directors and Chairmen and SALT Leaders;

Idaho has increased our participation in the Family of the Month reporting to six Councils. Congratulations to Brother Dennis Severa and Family from Twin Falls Council 1416 for having been chosen to receive one of one hundred Supreme Holy Family Statues. This is only possible because his Council's Family Activities Director and Grand Knight submitted his name to Supreme on the Family of the Month Form. Cut and paste this link into your browser to find the form needed: <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/members/resources/forms/council.html>

You have until 12/15 to submit your November Family. There are about 40 other active, deserving families in Idaho who never had the chance to receive one of these beautiful statues because their name was not submitted. Can we do better next month?

Chuck Davlin - Executive Secretary

Keller Assembly 187 - Idaho Falls

Past Grand Knight
Past Faithful Navigator Banquet

George Keller Assembly 187 held its bi-annual Past Grand Knight / Past Faithful Navigator Banquet on November 16, 2017 at BJ's Bayou Restaurant in Roberts Idaho.

After the social hour, dinner was kicked with the Pledge of Allegiance and Dinner Prayer. After dinner, as is our recent custom, we passed the hat for donations to help purchase a new chalice for our new Associate Pastor, and \$250.00 was collected from the total of 20 attendees.

As always, the Past Faithful Navigator George Mesina and Past Grand Knight Armando Ramos of Council 1663 each received their service ribbon and pin. Tributes, roasts and toasts were made.



L to R: State Council Director John Krsul and PFN George Mesina.



L to R: Grand Knight Dan Hunt, Past Grand Knight and wife Armando and Bea Ramos.

More Assembly Actions

John Pettinger PSD - District Master



Brothers,

On Saturday, November 18, I had the honor of giving the lesson of patriotism to eight candidates at All Saints parish in Lewiston. Please welcome our newest Sir Knights: Theodore Schmidt (Cottonwood); Glen Abbott (Rathdrum); Joe Kolar (Kamiah); Paul Carey (Clarkston, Washington); and (all from Lewiston) Fr. Evarist Shiyo, Michael Kirk, David Bromund, and Kevin Kelly. As you can see in the photo, Kaycee Columbo was also at the banquet, and is alive and well with our Lewiston brothers who hosted our previous state convention.

It was a particular pleasure for me to advance Fr. Shiyo to the Fourth Degree, as this was my first exemplification with a priest in attendance. Fr. Shiyo also first served in my parish at Sacred Heart, Boise, when he first arrived in the states from Tanzania. We had a Color Corps of 10 members in regalia for Mass following the exemplification. Another first was having Sir Knight Joe Plummer in the new uniform for the Color Corps at the Mass.

I want to thank in particular Faithful Navigator George Ivory for coordinating the degree, dinner, and candidates to make this the success that it was. George is in the deacon formation program in addition to his duties as navigator.

In other new developments, the Supreme Council has extended the date for mandatory use of the new regalia (beret, jacket, tie, and slacks) until June 30, 2019. Until that time, we will continue our Idaho strategy of intermingling new and old regalia at Color Corps events with new style regalia in the lead, followed by members in the old style regalia.

Vivat Jesus,

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Catholic Men's Retreat

On the last weekend of October, some 140 Catholic men gathered to hear Retreat Master Tim Staples of "Catholic Answers" speak on current issues facing Catholic men on their faith journey. Feedback indicated that nearly all attendees agreed that their expectations were exceeded. Next year's retreat will feature Father Mitch Pacwa, S.J. Call Mike Anderson at 208-664-1498, or email at ... anderson155@roadrunner.com ... if you have any questions about the retreat or to get information about how to sign up for the 2018 weekend.

Blessings. Mike Anderson



St Pius X, Council 11623 - Coeur d'Alene



Gary Fessler receives restaurant coupons for his outstanding work at the Fair.



Steve Murphy receives Knight of the Month Award.



Dan Bertuccelli receives Ray Zabrowski Award for his outstanding work at the Fair.



Al Millhouse - A Tribute

Al Millhouse, PSD, will be greatly missed in the state of Idaho. He was a great leader, not just in the Knights of Columbus, but in every walk of life. Great leaders can be recognized by who follows in their wake. Al mentored such men as current State Deputy Mike Townsend, Supreme Director Brian Simer, Past State Deputy Kerry Hennessy, and many more.

Born on 17 September 1945, Al graduated from Notre Dame High School, Green Pond, PA in 1963. After working two years at Mack Printing, he enlisted in the US Navy. During his 22 year career, he served aboard surface ships. He also served three tours of duty at the Idaho National Laboratory (INL), including as lead instructor at the Electronic Technician School and finally as Command Master Chief, the highest rank and enlisted man can reach.

Upon retiring from the Navy in 1986, Al joined the INL, working as a Sr. Engr. for 2 years each at the Naval Research Facility (NRF) and at Operations Training and Technology Applications (OTTA). For a while he travelled the country teaching performance based training before rising to the rank of Operations Manager for many major program areas at INL. During this time, he completed several important cleanup projects, always ahead of schedule. He retired in 2010 at age 64.

Upon retirement Al and Wanda spent their winters as snowbirds in Southern Utah where Al continued to attend meetings and activities with the Knights in St. George. They also spent many memorable vacations at the Royal Hacienda resort in Playa del Carmen, Mexico with Cliff & Ruth Brady and enjoyed sharing vacation trips with friends, there and on camping trips. His favorite hobbies were tending his beautiful roses and gardening.

All along he served the Church in various capacities: as Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Parish Council member, and Religious Education Teacher.

He joined the Knights of Columbus on Feb. 1, 1989 and reached full knighthood the following March 25. As Grand Knight in Idaho Falls, he revitalized Council 1663, expanding the charitable outreach and growing the membership by 380% and 360% of goal in consecutive years. As District Deputy of perhaps the largest geographical district in the Order, Al would drive 2.5 hours to Salmon for meetings, stay in a hotel, and drive back the next morning in time for work. He served in every state officer position ending with a two-year term as state deputy, all while working full time as Operations Manager! Thereafter, he served two years as Idaho Membership Director from 2009 to 2011 while Brian Simer was State Deputy and helped bring Idaho into the Circle of Honor the first year, then attain the Pinnacle Award, the highest honor, the second.

He is survived by his Wife Wanda, children AJ and Pam, and grandchildren. A faithful husband and a faithful servant of the Lord, Al lived his faith, empowered by praying the rosary every day. He will be long remembered, for he inspired many and touched even more hearts.



St Pius X, Council 11623 - CDA Tootsie Roll Drive

We did the after-Mass Tootsie Roll Drive for people with intellectual disabilities on October 7th and 8th. We collected \$960.00. Special thanks to the knights who were in charge at each of the Masses. We collected \$2218.00 in front of Hayden Super 1, Hayden Walmart and Kathleen Super1. Thanks to the Brother Knights who braved the cold, damp conditions. When the cost of the Tootsie Rolls (\$253.50) is subtracted, our net is \$2924.50. Two thirds will go to Tesh and one third to Idaho Special Olympics.

John Webb



Santa Claus visits Knights
Chris Harrison, on left, and Al Castillo
at the Kathleen Super 1 during
Tootsie Roll collection.



Some knights who participated in the
Tootsie Roll Drive store collection:
Front row, left to right: Steve Murphy,
Al Castillo and Pete Obligato. Back
row: Jerome Pasto, Chris Harrison,
Glen Abbott and Wally Meyer.

THE LAST WORD

Mike Townsend
Idaho State Deputy

Brothers,

Thanksgiving is over and I hope you had a wonderful time with your family and friends. There are many things for us to be thankful for, we are truly blessed. I pray that one of the things that you are thankful for is your membership in the Knights of Columbus. Always remember the tremendous amount of good that the Knights do for our families, Parishes and communities.

The Season of Advent is upon us and as we all know, it is one of the busiest times of the year. It is unfortunate that many of us think of the month of December only as "the Christmas season". We are often so busy using this time to prepare our homes for the holidays that we neglect to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior. Our preparation should be not only for the coming of the baby in the manger, but also for Jesus who will be crucified for our sin. This should be a time of joy in the lives of all Christians.

Pope Francis wrote *Evangelii Gaudium* ("The Joy of the Gospel") in which he urged a joyful proclamation of the Gospel to the World. He wrote, "I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day." The Gospels proclaim the life of Jesus for all to experience.

I encourage each of you to spend some time each day during Advent reading the Gospel and spending a few quiet moments with the Lord. This is always a good time for prayer and to ask for help. Remember that we all need help. During the 28 days of Advent, our plans should include spiritual time, personal time and charitable time. Advent is also a great time to offer a special gift to Catholic men who are not Knights. Invite them to join our Order and become better Christians, husbands and fathers.

Let us use this Advent Season to grow in our faith and charity.

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