



# Knights of Columbus

## Idaho State Council

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### Supreme Knight's Greeting



Worthy Brother Knights:

As Christmas approaches, we as Knights of Columbus find ourselves looking back on a year of grave violence and persecution throughout the world. Yet, we remain hopeful, for the prophet Isaiah tells us:

**"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. ... For a child is born to us."**

I pray that this year's Christmas celebration may strengthen our hope in the peace that Christ brought through his birth. May we find strength through our fraternity, so that we may do our part in sharing his message of peace and mercy to all our brothers and sisters throughout the world.

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus, I wish you and your family a blessed Christmas and a happy new year.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Carl Anderson  
Supreme Knight

### IDAHOKOF.C.ORG

The New State Website - Colin Groves, Administrator

We are coming up on January first, 2016, which is the roll-out date for our new State web site, "idahokofc.org". We are on schedule to have the basic site up and running. What users will see is the State "Public Affairs" home page with the "In the Spotlight" picture slider, the RSS feed from Supreme, and three pull-down lists. The first two are links to the individual Council and Assembly web sub-sites, which are modeled after the State site, and the third is a pull-down list of the State newsletters in PDF format. The "Enter the Chambers" button takes the user into the "Knights-specific" portion of the State website, where there is a gallery of officers, contact information, and ceremonial calendar. The Chambers button also accesses the same context for each individual Council and Assembly.

The foundation having been successfully laid, the real work will now begin. This will not be a static site launched with fanfare and then left to gather dust. This site has all the tools necessary to become a truly indispensable asset for every Council and Assembly in the state and we will be working with all officers to find out what adds value and then to make it so. This site will have password-protected areas where Council and Assembly officers will be able to interact with ALL the content areas and have powerful email, scheduling, and content posting tools at their disposal. They will also have internal communications tools available which will allow everyone in leadership to keep abreast of State policy and be always "on the same page".

All these capabilities will evolve according to the policies and intentions of the Knights leadership; it will truly be a product of the Knights themselves and a reflection of what we are and what we do.



# Star Council Updates

George Mesina - Membership Director

Congratulations Boise 4013 – *Double Star Membership!*

Congratulations Idaho! We took **Top Award** and **First Prize** in Division 5 for December. Together we recruited **33** new brother knights, soldiers for Christ...awesome! The heroic efforts of brother knights in Districts 2 and 6 during the week after Christmas brought us the final recruits. *Idaho* now ranks **30<sup>th</sup>** among 72 jurisdictions.

Thus, every council is credited **\$40/member-recruited-in-Dec.** See the “Cred.” column in the Table. This credit includes the \$10 ceremonial fee that Idaho waived in December. *Boise 12172, 4013 and Idaho Falls* earned **\$200, \$160, & \$160.** *Well done!*

Congratulations *Meridian* and *Caldwell* for winning **20,000 VIP** points (worth \$120 in Knightsgear) from Supreme by recruiting 12 new members before Dec. 31.

Welcome to *Weiser, St. Anthony, Blackfoot, Boise 12531 and 12854, and Post Falls* to the ranks of the recruiting councils. Keep going!

**STAR Councils receive \$4.50/billable-member.** Your council’s estimated STAR award is in column “Est.” At the halfway point, **12** councils are on track for **STAR**. Already at **STAR MEMBERSHIP LEVEL**: Boise 4013, Caldwell, Salmon, and Fruitland, *Weiser* at **Level 4**, and seven councils at **Level 3**.

Two of the 5 other requirements for star council are shown in the “Insure” & “Form 365” columns.

Congratulations to *Pocatello 8930, St. Anthony, Idaho Falls, Boise 12172, and Mt. Home* for reaching **100% or more** of your **STAR council Insurance** goal.

Num.	Council	%	Grand Knight	Financial Sec’y	District Deputy	Credit	Est.	Insure	365
<b>Double STAR MEMBER Level</b>									
4013	Boise	200.0	Charlie Ruiz	Rubin Irigoyen	Kevin Stadther	\$160	\$153	66.7	Yes
<b>STAR MEMBER Level</b>									
3086	Caldwell	130.0	Darwin Schweitzer	Paul Hubbs	Jim Griffith	\$120	\$689	33.3	Yes
8283	Salmon	125.0	Kurt Williams	Chuck Hoffman	John Krsul	\$ -	\$302	33.3	Yes
12516	Fruitland	100.0	Jim Jensen	Brian Harris	Jim Griffith	\$ -	\$297	66.7	Yes
<b>MEMBER Level 4</b>									
13089	Weiser	75.00	Tony Fortik	Michael Muir	Jim Griffith	\$120	\$284	0.0	Yes
<b>MEMBER Level 3</b>									
1663	Idaho Falls	66.67	Armando Ramos	Richard Bingham	John Krsul	\$160	\$1,067	120.0	Yes
12881	Burley	60.00	Hector Contreras	Roberto Fuentes	Robert Vasquez	\$40	\$360	33.3	No
892	Pocatello	42.86	Pat Taney	Bart Cameron	Jim Robinson	\$40	\$495	0.0	Yes
12172	Boise	52.94	Ray Forshey	Dan Heyring	Paul Petro	\$200	\$1,206	100.0	Yes
1389	Cottonwood	50.00	Dan Karel	Jimmie Steinke	James White	\$ -	\$846	0.0	Yes
11623	Coeur D Alene	50.00	Craig Frei	John Webb	Larry Seaboldt	\$40	\$581	33.3	Yes
12953	St Anthony	50.00	Marco Franco	Jeff Dufault	John Krsul	\$80	\$131	180.0	Yes
<b>MEMBER Level 2</b>									
2014	Nampa	46.67	Romel Reyna	Bruce Wilson	Kevin Stadther	\$40	\$1,058	33.3	Yes
1363	Coeur D Alene	44.44	Nick Thiesen	Mike Anderson	Larry Seaboldt	\$ -	\$ 630	20.0	Yes
11548	Meridian	44.44	Corey Newell	Daryl Stasky	Kevin Stadther	\$80	\$1,895	33.3	Yes
2792	Rupert	33.33	G. Galindo Sr.	Brian Duncan	Robert Vasquez	\$80	\$630	0.0	Yes
3762	Kellogg	33.33	Richard Freedle	James Miller	Larry Seaboldt	\$ -	\$603	0.0	No
8930	Pocatello	33.33	Keith Riemersma	Mike Huston	James Robinson	\$ -	\$405	200.0	Yes
1554	Genesee	25.00	Bill LaMunyan	Eric Bennett	Tom Pung	\$ -	\$284	0.0	Yes
15047	Twin Falls	25.00	Robert Salinas	G. Simental	Robert Vasquez	\$ -	\$194	0.0	Yes
<b>MEMBER Level 1</b>									
899	Boise	22.22	Paul Girard	John Murphy	Paul Petro	\$ -	\$675	0.0	Yes
3013	Blackfoot	20.00	Gary Huestis	Jeff Harris	Jim Robinson	\$40	\$351	0.0	Yes
12531	Boise	16.67	Jerry Helgeson	Bill Teske	Kevin Stadther	\$40	\$414	0.0	No
3703	Mt. Home	14.29	Allen Darrow	Fred Horn	Paul Petro	\$ -	\$509	100.0	Yes
4058	Grangeville	12.50	Bob Ackerman	Jerry Johnston	Max Nuxoll	\$ -	\$536	0.00	Yes
<b>Active</b>									
12560	Post Falls		John Webber	Bob Bluhm	Larry Seaboldt	\$40	\$509	0.00	Yes
12854	Boise		Chuck Portoghesi	Dave Hart	Kevin Stadther	\$40	\$419	0.00	Yes



## Christmas Caroling

### Meridian Council 11548

Our council's Christmas Caroling at the VA on Saturday, December 19th. Members and their families gathered together at the Idaho State Veteran's Home and Community Living Center to sing Christmas carols. It was a wonderful opportunity to brighten the Veteran's Christmas and draw our families closer together. We sang for 45 minutes at each venue. Following the caroling we returned to Holy Apostles for a Homemade Chili and Chicken Soup meal. Our families were rewarded with many smiles, and a great sense of community.

Vivat Jesus,  
Cory Newell  
Grand Knight



### Pocatello Council 892

Christmas caroling on December 12th with the Knights of Columbus Pocatello Council 892; Boy Scout Troop 315 and Pack 315 extended their Christmas cheer to Monte Vista Hills; Brookdale Pocatello and Brookdale Chubbuck senior facilities. Thanks to everyone who came and supported this event ... Dan & Nancy Anthony, Arnold & Rita Ortiz, Bart & Kathy Cameron, Fred & Toni Davis, David Davis, Steve Buzzard, Allan Priddy, all the Scouts, and anyone whom I forgot. Thanks again for bringing smiles to faces.

Dave Molitor, Activity Chair



## State Secretary - Mike Townsend's Insight



My Dear Brothers,

I pray that you had a Blessed Christmas season and are now looking forward to many new and exciting activities during the upcoming year.

This past fraternal year, Supreme told all councils that if they became a Star Council that Supreme would credit \$4.50 for each member to their Supreme account. This meant that the Supreme per capita and Catholic advertising assessments would be paid by Supreme. Five councils in Idaho achieved Star Council and received credit from Supreme. They are: Idaho Falls Council #1663-\$900; Caldwell Council #3086-\$549; Fruitland Council #12516-\$275.50; Boise-Cathedral Council #8930-\$508.50; and Post Falls Council #12560-\$436.50. Congratulations to each of these councils.

Supreme has announced that any council who achieves Star Council this fraternal year, which ends June 30, 2016, will receive the same \$4.50 per member credit. What this amounts to is that Supreme wants to give you free per capita and Catholic advertising for your council. This will free up that much more money for your council to have to spend on charitable projects. All the council has to do is become a Star Council. There are also several membership incentives being offered by the State Council. Again, these incentives will actually enable the council to have more money for charitable work.

Every council should strive to become a Star Council. If your council has any questions about what it takes, please be sure to ask your District Deputy or any State Officer. They are there to help in any way that they can. Remember, you have six months to become a Star Council; it is not too late to start!!!!

## Fraternal Activities Report

The Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) that measures each council's success throughout the calendar year is now due. Please be sure to report the great work that your council has done to Supreme by January 31st. It's reports like this that allow the Knights of Columbus to maintain its non-profit status.

**Important Notice**

## 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**

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

**Joshua 24:15**





**Mass with Bishop Peter Christensen**

This event is graciously sponsored & supported by:



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## KC Insurance



The Knights of Columbus is proud to have reached \$100 billion of life insurance in force. This means that the total insurance coverage of our members adds up to \$100 billion. Remember all of our products are guaranteed. This makes us one of the largest insurers in America. We are also one of the most ethical companies in the world. Not bad for a company founded in a church basement a little over 100 years ago. We have achieved all of this without compromising our Catholic morals or our traditions. For those of you who already are insurance members we thank you for your business and you can celebrate in this achievement as well. For you who are associate members... what are you waiting for?!

Locally we are excited to announce the arrival of our new General agent for Western Washington and Idaho Kevin Turri. I'm sure we'll be hearing more from Kevin after he officially starts at the beginning of 2016.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing General Agent Vincent Polis for his years of service to the Knights of Columbus. He can now deservedly enjoy his retirement with his wife Pam their children and grandchildren.

To all members of the Knights of Columbus, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Holy New Year.

God Bless.

Dermot McCaughan  
 Eastern Idaho Field Agent  
[Dermot.McCaughan@KOFC.ORG](mailto:Dermot.McCaughan@KOFC.ORG)

## State Chaplain - Father Rob Cook's Homily



Greetings in this Year of Mercy! We take this time to reflect upon God's great love for us and upon how God is calling us to extend mercy to others.

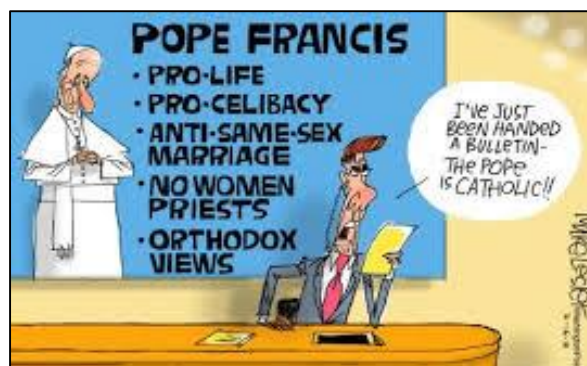
A practical reference point for this is to turn to the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.

The Corporal Works of Mercy are just part of who we are called to be. We work

towards caring for others through food donations, clothing donations, visiting the sick, visiting prisoners, and burying the dead.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy are another part of our call. We are called to be compassionate, forgiving, and comforting. At the same time, we are called to admonish sinners and to instruct the ignorant. This part of the call is not always easy for us, but we are reminded that there can be great love in knowing and sharing the truths of our faith.

Let us pray for and encourage one another to live out this call to grow in wisdom, holiness, and mercy.



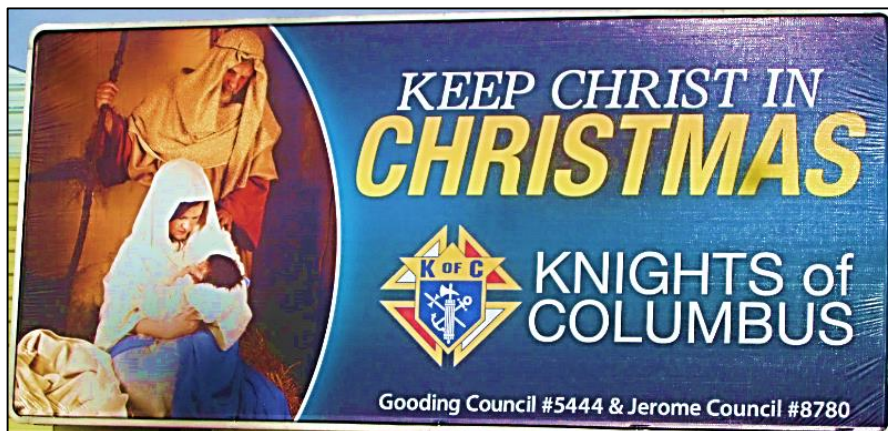


## Keep Christ in Christmas!

True to the spirit of Christmas, two neighboring K of C Councils work together and also partner with the statewide K of C organization to get the message out → **Keep Christ in Christmas!** This project started out in our council the same as last year, but... we ran into a barrier; HOWEVER, *the barrier was transformed into a blessing!*

### The Barrier

Last year's billboard location in Wendell, Idaho near I-84 was not available. The local billboard company was sympathetic and offered to provide a special deal whereby we could pick any (2) locations in Jerome, Idaho in combination with our location in Gooding, Idaho. The price offered was also attractive since a little more cash would get us (3) billboards vs. (2). The Jerome locations were great and one is even a lighted board for night time visibility, BUT... Jerome is home to another K of C council. ☹️



### The Blessing

To make a long story short, we worked with our District Deputy to get contact information for the Jerome council. During the conversation with our DD, it was clear that the bargain price for (3) boards was difficult to afford. In the end...

- ✓ The Statewide KofC offered up a \$200 boost to help us out, AND
- ✓ The Grand Knight from Jerome offered to split the remaining cost evenly, AND
- ✓ We now we have (3) Keep Christ in Christmas billboards posted in two different cities with prominent locations which reference BOTH the Gooding & Jerome councils.

***It feels great to work with our brother Knights from the State and neighboring Council to get the message out -***  
→ → → ***"Keep Christ in Christmas!"***

Special Thanks go to Bob Wunderle & Les Patterson for leading this project and to Kerry Hennessy and Robert Vasquez for their support!

from: Mike Mers-Kelly  
Mike Knight

GK Gooding, #5444  
GK Jerome, #8780

## Take Action to Support Conscience Rights

Dear Brother Knight,

Your action is needed to urge Congress to protect the rights of conscientious objectors to abortion, sterilization, and contraception.

Real protection is possible, but Congress needs to hear from you today as they consider a measure that could become law before the end of the year.

The Abortion Non-Discrimination Act (ANDA) provides conscientious objectors a means for protecting their conscience rights through legal action. [Contact your members of Congress to support ANDA](#)

Immediate action is necessary. Right now, Catholic schools and institutions are being forced to cover abortion—even late-term abortion—in their health plans. Right now, Catholic health professionals are being coerced into participation in abortion, sterilization, and contraception in violation of federal law.

Contact your elected representatives today and ask them to support ANDA. Thank you for doing your part to protect conscience rights and to build a Culture of Life.

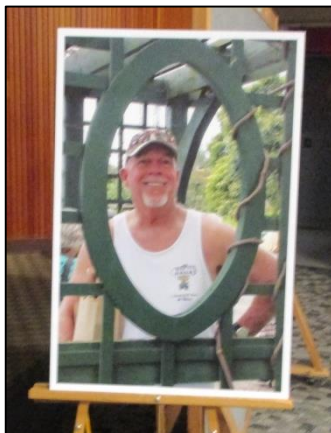
Fraternally,

Carl A. Anderson  
Supreme Knight



## Honor Guards

On December 10th the Honor Guard from Bishop Kelly Assembly 185 in Coeur d'Alene (consisting of 6 Sir Knights from St. Pius X 11623 & 3 Sir Knights from St. Thomas the Apostle 1363) was at attention for 4th Degree Sir Knight Jerry Wiedenhoff, who was taken to our Lord right before Thanksgiving. Brother Gerald left us at the early age of 69. He was very active with Council 11623 at St Pius Parish in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.



L to R: Larry Major, Gordon Ramsden, Nick Theisen, Don Anderson, Don Moberg, Tom Goonan, Joe Haughton, Gary Sonnen, and Craig Frei.

Craig Frei



The Honor Guard from Bishop Daniel M. Gorman Assembly, with members of Pocatello Council 892 and Father William Ordway Council 8930, was out in force for the Christmas Eve celebration Mass at 10:00pm at St. Anthony's Chapel.

L to R Back Row: State Deputy Kerry Hennessy; Zach Olpin; Navigator Jerry Stroschein; Bart Cameron.

Front Row L to R: Fred Davis; Oliver Samora, Sr.; Arnold Ortiz; PSD-PDM Dan Anthony; Dave Molitor; and Steve Buzzard. Great showing!

## *The Penguin Plunge for Special Olympics*

from: Paul Petro, DD #5 ... Dec 13, 2015 newsletter

This link will take you to the Special Olympics video "Stalwart Partners" that was shown at the meeting Saturday. There are also two other videos promoting Special Olympics:

<http://www.idso.org/public/videos.cfm>

**Special Olympics**  
Idaho



All three videos are short enough that they can be used at events like pancake breakfasts. Take the plunge for Special Olympics Idaho! The Penguin Plunge is a unique opportunity for individuals, organizations and businesses to support Special Olympics Idaho athletes by gathering pledges and plunging into icy cold water!

When: February 6th, 2016 ... registration begins at 12:00pm

Plunge starts at 1:00pm

Where: Eagle Island State Park, 4000 W Hatchery Rd, Eagle, ID 83616

Plungers that raise more than \$75.00 will be eligible for great prizes!

Register and Donate Here: <http://www.firstgiving.com/idso/2016-penguin-plunge-southwest-idaho>

Not up for the Plunge? You can still participate by registering as a "Chicken Plunger"! A Chicken Plunger still raises money for Special Olympics Idaho, but does not need to jump in the icy cold water. Chicken Plungers are also eligible for prizes! CONTACT Shannon Reece [shannon@idso.org](mailto:shannon@idso.org)



## **BUHL COUNCIL 2685 - SPONSORS DINNER**

On November 28, the communities of Buhl and Castleford came together to hold a dinner and auction to help a long time resident, John Stiegemeier, with his medical bills. Those bills, in excess of \$85,000 after insurance, resulted from a major cardiac event with two life flights and several surgeries.

Members of our community were looking for a way to help him and his family with these bills since he could no longer work. The Buhl Knights of Columbus offered the use of the Immaculate Conception Church hall and our liability insurance to cover the event. We cooked and served the dinner consisting of tri tip, pork loin, red potatoes and string beans and dozens upon dozens of homemade cupcakes. Local residents donated money for food and collected over 120 items for the auction, with local auctioneers donating their time. The evening brought in over \$25,000!! The turnout for this event is a real tribute to the generosity of the Buhl/Castleford communities.

Many of those attending this event had never heard of the Knights of Columbus and those who had did not know what we do. Based on the thanks and comments we received, the Buhl Knights are now recognized as a major player in the support of our community.

## **In the New Year, Resolve to Give the Gift of Mobility**

**M**ore than 10 years ago, the Knights of Columbus began participating in the Global Wheelchair Mission, sponsoring 2,000 wheelchairs to be distributed in Afghanistan. Since then, Knights throughout the world have sponsored the distribution of thousands of wheelchairs to those in need.

For every donation of \$150, the Global Wheelchair Mission can deliver a brand new wheelchair. These wheelchairs — shipped in containers of 100-280 wheelchairs each — are directly delivered to the destination countries at no cost to the recipients.

As the New Year approaches, consider implementing this program as an ongoing charitable event for your council or assembly. You might set a council-wide New Year's resolution to raise a specific dollar amount or number of wheelchairs for the Global Wheelchair Mission. Be sure to report your activities, which may help your council fulfill all four Community Activities requirements for the Columbian Award, on the *Global Wheelchair Report* (#10071).

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## ***Reflections***

Council 3086, Caldwell

Reflecting back on the year 2015.

God has blessed us with a charitable project that our Council could get behind which allowed us to come together and build a stronger Council.

A Council that wants to take on new projects in the Community to help the less fortunate. As we finished out the year we worked with our Boy Scout Troop on 2 very important worthwhile projects. One was refurbishing 41 bikes that we delivered as Christmas presents to the very needy kids in the community. Next over 3000 lbs. of canned food was collected sorted and boxed and then Hams, Turkeys and Potatoes were added for each recipient and distributed to over 100 of the neediest families in our community. Council #3086 has worked with St. Vincent DePaul Society, the Boy Scouts, Culture of Life and many other church and community activities to make 2015 a very rewarding year for our Brother Knights. Yes God has shown us the way to be more involved in our community and our daily lives.



Council #3086 Knights and Boy Scouts Troop #277 with 41 bikes that were delivered to needy kids for Christmas.

God Bless.

Darwin Schweitzer  
Council #3086

## **The Balance - Work and Family Life**

**"Making a Tough Decision"**

Surveys show that the work-home life balance is the #1 concern for men in today's difficult and competitive economy. As a man dealing with many competing demands on your time and attention, how do you handle the balance?



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<http://www.fathersforgood.org/en/index.html#sthash.xZg70riV.dpuf>



## I Meet the Knights

When we last saw the Guam house, it had three split-unit air conditioners, a stove, a TV, a refrigerator, a picnic table, a bed, and two patio chairs. This is fine if you're renovating, but not if you want to settle in. Well, two-plus years can take

a toll on even these sparse furnishings, as we found when only one AC unit was functioning correctly. After the AC tech got us fixed up with running units and a bill in the high triple digits (Oh yeah, when these units go out...AHH!). Now that we were moving here, we needed EVERYTHING. So, it was about a month before we could think about anything other than what we needed to get for the house and what we would do for a car. Finally, it was time for meeting people and for me that meant finding the Knights.

One Sunday in November, I saw a bunch of men in white polo shirts take over the Mass functions. Corporate Communion! I knew if I waited long enough... After Mass, I went up to the nearest one and introduced myself and was immediately surrounded by happy greeters calling me "Brother" and rattling off names that I was flat not going to remember, except for Brother Bob, who was the Faithful Navigator and the host of the Council Social to be held the following Saturday.

In the Islands, if two people meet, they greet. If three people meet, they EAT. There is even a name for this: a Mirinda (interesting etymology here, but I won't get into it.). The Social at Brother Bob's spacious house was a feast of the first order and everyone was there. Again, a fast and furious round of introductions, with more and more finally starting to stick. It ended with group pictures with my dark blue Council 1663 shirt standing out among the light blue of Santa Teresita Council 13373 (HOO-Ah!) Then, Brother Mike, the Grand Knight, handed me a Form 100 and I suddenly felt a bit sad. Council 1663 was where I joined the Knights. It was where I learned about our Four Pillars and where my Brothers taught me to live them. It was by their example that I became worthy of Idaho State Knight of the Year and here I was leaving. But then I realized I wasn't leaving, just settling in with more Brothers. I filled out the form.

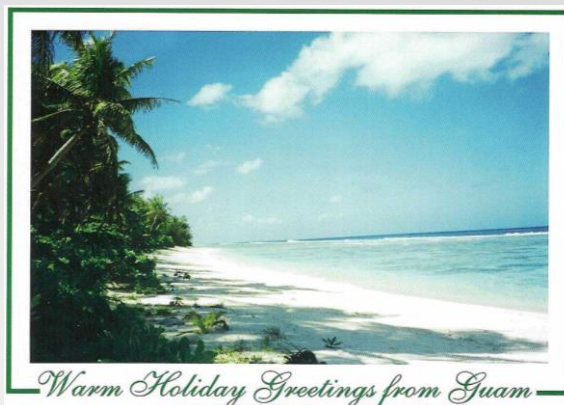
## Christmas in the Islands

We've all seen pictures of the coconut palms decked out in Christmas ornaments but if you're a North-North American like me, it's a bit disconcerting that Christmas isn't cold! And that's just the beginning! Home Depot and K-Mart have artificial Christmas trees...for \$400.00 and up. Home Depot had a shipment of live trees that were gone in one day and I don't even want to speculate how much THEY went for. Some people decorate their houses with Christmas lights, but Island electricity is NOT cheap. So, how is Christmas celebrated in the Islands? With friends, family and faith...as it should be.

The Council has a monthly Social which they've been doing so long it goes off like clockwork. This month, they did it in conjunction with the Corporate Mass and held it in the Church Hall. My wife made her renowned lemon meringue pie. The Chaplain Fr. Joe confided in me his weakness for lemon pie and I told him to sneak a few slices into the rectory for later, but he said all leftovers go to the battered women's shelter and he didn't want to deny the children...

Our Assembly meets on the third Wednesday of the month and Brother Bob informs us that the meeting in December will be called to order and then adjourned for...a Mirinda. We are to bring our families and pot luck sides and desserts. The Assembly would provide the meat and drinks. After the opening and a motion to adjourn made and seconded, we all sat down to eat and socialize. I'm much better at names now and my wife has made many new acquaintances as well as some old friends she hasn't seen since her teen years on the Island.

On Christmas, the entire family will meet at our Sister-in-Law's sister's place. Now THAT'S going to be Some Mirinda! My wife just came in from shopping with a little two-foot tree she found for \$5.99 at the hardware store. I guess we'll have a Christmas tree after all.





## Second Degree District 8

On Sunday, December 6, 2015, a 2nd Degree Exemplification was held in Grangeville at the Sts. Peter and Paul Church Center. Thank you to Chuck Davlin and Paul Callahan for coming from Boise for their guidance and support. Seven members were elevated to the second degree. Congratulations on another step in your journey to full knighthood.



From L to R - David Bernard, Mike Uhlenkott, Raymond Clark , Mark Frei, Bill Gehring, John Matheson, and Dusty Osborne.

### ***The Last Word***

Kerry Hennessy - Idaho State Deputy

**“...and Jesus advanced (in) wisdom and age and favor.” Luke 2:52**

If you are not growing, you are dying, so grow in ‘wisdom’ and ‘favor’ each day.

We only have a limited time on this earth to grow in spirituality, charity, kindness, relationships, helping the less fortunate, developing ones self-worth.

This is the time of year that we all attempt to make a resolution to help ourselves be better in the coming year. I suggest that you don’t ‘give something up’, but to ‘gather in’ more knowledge, friends, acts of charity and reaching out to the less fortunate. Go out on a limb and Evangelize your neighbor by asking him to be a Knight of Columbus!

We have time to make this world a better place, and leave it better than we found it.

Peace and Joy in the New Year.

## ***Idaho Calendar of Events***

Wish everyone around you a blessed  
and  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!**

All Year - Resolve to evangelize this year, ask a man to join the KC’s.

Jan 1-June 30 - Councils that Recruit 12 members, receive 20,000VIP Points. Recruit 12 members by March 31, receive 30,000VIP Points!

Jan 1-June 30 - Recruit 1-4 members, receive 1500 VIP Points per new member. Recruit 5 or more, receive 3000 VIP Points per new member!

January 4	First Degree - Nampa
January 14	First Degree - Coeur d’Alene
January 19	First Degree - Idaho Falls
January 19	First Degree - Caldwell
January 23	First Degree - Boise (St. Mark’s)
January 23	Third Degree - Buhl
January 26	First Degree - Mountain Home
January 30	Catholic Men’s Conference, Boise.

