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Peace be with you.

MARCH FOR LIFE RALLY

The *March for Life Rally* in Boise will be held on Saturday January 20th. There will be a Mass at 11:00am at St John's the Evangelist Cathedral. The March will start at 1:00pm from Julia Davis Park to the State Capitol Building. The keynote speaker will be Rebekah Buell who was the first woman to go through the APR (Abortion Pill Reversal) process. Her story is very moving. Afterwards, there will be a reception at St. John's for all to attend.



This event is usually covered by the media and is a good place for us to show our strength in numbers. I will have several "Defend Life" signs for us to carry. Please consider coming out for this as it reaches to the very core of what we stand for and our witness by being there is good for the community at large. This is God's work as we are His instruments.

Vivat Jesus!

Bill Pahl - Culture of Life

Seven Helpful Tips for the March for Life

This year we ask every single Knight living in the United States to attend the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. — or a local pro-life demonstration — on Jan. 19, 2018. Here's a helpful checklist to help you plan:

1. Welcome families to attend — there is no better way to witness to the name of pro-life than to welcome babies and family members of all ages. While it might be difficult for some young families and older people to march, the Knights should be there to offer whatever support they need. Pushing a wheelchair or carrying a heavy diaper bag can give families a much appreciated break!
 2. Make sure to charter a bus (or buses) with enough space for everyone. Or, help pro-life groups coordinate their own trips.
 3. Bring your phone and camera. We encourage you to share a vivid capture of your experience on social media, helping build enthusiasm and support of the march among those who couldn't attend. Be sure to use the hashtags #MarchforLife, #WhyWeMarch and #prolife.
 4. Pack water and snacks. It's important to keep up your energy and stay hydrated.
 5. Carry your Knights of Columbus rosary. Lead your brother Knights in a rosary for life as you march, or encourage them to say it privately.
 6. Order *Choose Life* signs (#9341, available in English, French or Spanish) to carry at the event. Place an order by sending an email to william.obrien@kofc.org with your name, address, council number, telephone number and the exact number of signs needed. When ordering, specify the language preferred.
 7. Wear warm hats, scarves and coats! The march is in the middle of January, so dress in warm Knights' gear to keep you toasty.
- For more details on the march, visit marchforlife.org.



Spirit Juice Studios

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Jerome Council 8780

Jerome Council 8780 served 60 ladies of the CCW at their annual Christmas Dinner. A total of 20 Knights, in formal dress, assumed the roles of waiters, bartenders and cleanup crew much to the ladies delight. The annual December event is looked forward to by everyone, men and women alike.

Submitted by: Bill Britton FS



Bishop Gorman Assembly Pocatello

Sir Knights of Bishop Daniel M. Gorman Assembly representing 4th Degree KC's in Pocatello and Chubbuck amassed donations throughout the year in order to make a donation to the Idaho State Veterans Home in Pocatello. On December 9th at the facility Immediate Past State Deputy Kerry Hennessy (left) with State Treasurer Roy Bartholomay (right) present \$600.00 to Josiah Dahlstrom, the Veterans Home Administrator.



What does a Catholic life insurance company look like?

It's an important question to ask. As you consider all the options for your family's life insurance and financial services, you might wonder if any of them are actually unique. After all, every life insurance company sells life insurance.

But the Knights of Columbus is, in fact, unlike any other company. We do things differently — because both our faith and our members demand it.

We call it the Catholic difference. Here are a few of the things that make us unique:

- **We invest morally.** The Knights of Columbus screens all of its investments according to guidelines published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. We will not invest in companies that deal in abortions, pornography, embryonic stem cell research, human cloning and related endeavors.
- **We support the Church.** Last fraternal year, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and local councils together donated \$48 million to the Church. The Order gives generously through various programs such as the Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP), which, in partnership with our councils, has provided more than \$67 million in scholarships to more than 110,000 men and women pursuing religious vocations since 1981. The Knights also helped to restore the facade of St. Peter's Basilica in 1999 for the Millennial Jubilee and purchased satellite equipment that has since broadcasted the recent popes' messages to the world. The Order's aid to the Vatican and the pope is ongoing, with an annual donation from the proceeds of the Vicarius Christi fund given to the Holy Father for his personal charities.
- **We put our Catholic families first.** We are not a commercial company. We have no stockholders. We answer only to our members. We return a share of our profits through dividends to our participating policyholders, and we donate generously.
- **We have given more than \$1.55 billion to charity in the last decade.** Most of these funds are generated by proceeds from our insurance business. The proceeds have gone to causes such as pro-life initiatives, disaster relief or aid to persecuted Christians in the Middle East — wherever help is needed most.
- **We put ethics first.** Our corporate commitment to ethics and our ethical business practices have been applauded by the business community. Recently, the Ethisphere Institute named the Knights of Columbus a "World's Most Ethical Company" for the third consecutive year. We are currently one of only two companies to have earned the designation in the "life insurance" category.

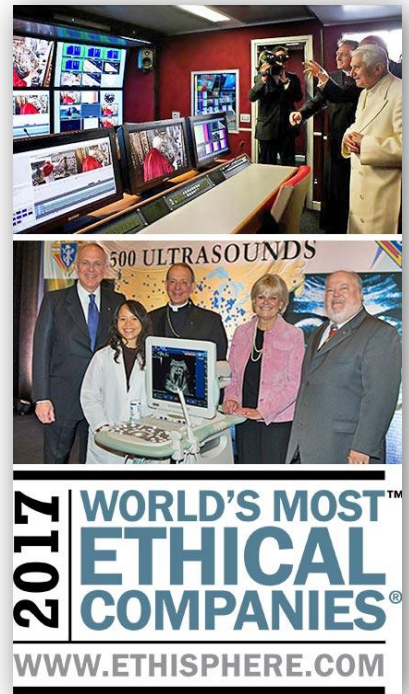
Our members, their spouses and their dependent children have exclusive access to our insurance program. Working with your brother Knight field agent, you can purchase top-quality products to protect your family's future, all while knowing that you are supporting an organization that shares your faith, your beliefs and your values.

More than 130 years after our venerable founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, set our insurance program in motion, we strive to stay true to his mission and our commitment to our members and our Catholic difference.

Other companies may come along and try to convince you that they are just like us. Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery. But on closer examination, you will find what you always suspected: There is only one Knights of Columbus. We'll be happy to get to know you better and show you that being Catholic always makes a difference. Contact:

Kevin Tuuri, FICF, General Agent	(844) 370-1856
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Boise Knights

Congratulations to the Knights of Columbus, Volunteer Organization of the Month for November 2017! Mentioned here are some of the ways the Knights make a difference in the lives of the Veteran patients as they volunteer in the Community Living Center. With Bingo once a month comes delectable refreshments, cash prizes and other gifts. For the Knights it is an afternoon of visiting Veterans in need. They look out for those patients who are far from home and have few if any visitors. A visit may include taking the Veteran to the Canteen in their wheel chair, or maybe an outing around the grounds. Other games besides Bingo are brought in to play for the patient's pleasure. Some Knights transport patients to and from physical therapy and other hospital appointments via wheel chair or gurney. While visiting patients, they provide care and support by being a good listener and providing a sympathetic ear, and pray with them if the patient requests it. Regularly scheduled volunteers in the group are Donald Phelps, James Coffey, Keith Burns, Jack Crane, Jake Pando, Ryan Slyke, Walter Boisvert, Autry Haws, Michael Shaul, and Patrick Brown. The group is growing and has strong leadership. Ron Katko is the VA Voluntary Service Representative for the Knights of Columbus. Harry Duplex, Ed Cembalisty, and Joe Kestler are Deputy Representatives. A new member was getting signed up to be a regularly scheduled volunteer this month. Knights of Columbus supports the annual inpatients' Christmas gifts and cards, parties, caroling, All Veterans Welcome Home, Arts & Crafts Kits for one-on-one, Outdoor Recreation, Ice Cream Social, Patient Carnival, and the VA National Golden Age Games. The Knights volunteer at the Idaho State Veterans Home as well as other volunteer commitments in the community. Thank you, Knights of Columbus, for your dedication, devotion, and love shown to our Veteran patients.



L to R: Back row ... Pat Brown, Jack Crane, Keith Burns, Harry Duplex, Rob Brkljacich. Front row ... (in red) Mike Shaul, Chuck Boisvert, Jim Coffey, Ed Cembalisty, Ron Katko, Ryan Van Slyke.

By: Sharon Clark - Chief, Voluntary Service & Chaplain Program

Deacon's Dialogue

Deacon Joseph Lustig



St. Mary's Church
Cottonwood, Idaho
July 2017

Brother Knights,

As I write this note, I am just starting in on the Advent Season and I am recalling how even Advent is a penitential season. Did you know that? It is a sort of mini-lent. So then, I would like to share an activity that many of the seminarians are taking up at the beginning of the year 2018. From Jan 1, 2018 to Easter is exactly 90 days, and during this time many men across the country and the world are going to be taking up an extended time of prayer, penance, and charity, one that is fifty days longer than Easter itself. One point of this program, called *Exodus 90*, which is very important is that all of these actions of prayer and penance are not done individually, but rather that it is done united as a brotherhood. These are the values of the Knights of Columbus: Unity, Fraternity, & Charity. If you haven't been able to start on Jan 1st, at least start on Ash Wednesday and unite with your brother Knights on a journey through the desert so that through prayer you will learn to surrender to God's holy will, that through penance you will empty yourself of modern comforts and excess, and that through brotherhood we will realize that a Knight alone is no Knight at all. See this website for further direction during your time of *Exodus*: <https://exodus90.com/>.

God Bless.



Assembly Actions John Pettinger PSD - Idaho District Master

Brothers,

For all who assisted with driving, wheelchair access, Honor Guard, or other activity related to Bishop Mike Driscoll's funeral, I received the following thank you note from Pat Thomas of the diocesan office with whom I coordinated Knights participation: "Thank you so much for your help with Bishop Mike's funeral dignitary transportation. I appreciate your attention to detail and flexibility as the plans kept changing. I know you always have a backup plan and a backup to your backup. Please tell the other Knights thank you for me too." One driver received some very positive comments from the Bishop he chauffeured. Tish Thornton who coordinated the liturgy also appreciates all we do with the Color Corps. I personally appreciate all who volunteered - you guys never let me down.

Mountain Home Air Force Base was the site of a Confirmation Mass on December 10 for teens of military families. Once again, the Knights were there to support the youth. One of the auxiliary Bishops of the military was supposed to preside, but was unable to attend at the last minute due to surgery on a knee. The base Chaplain received the faculty (appointment) from the military Bishop to perform the confirmation. The Chaplain and Honor Guard members ranging from Mountain Home to Meridian who participated are shown in the photo.

Bishop Sylvester Treinen Assembly at Holy Apostles in Meridian will host the next Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday, January 13. We are anticipating a good turnout of candidates and the team is anxious to present the ceremonial for them. We would love to have you join us to support our new Fourth Degree members. Please notify Faithful Navigator Tom Coops (tkcoops@yahoo.com, or 208-861-5009) if you and guests will attend the dinner following Mass. Dinner cost is \$15 per person and pre-notification is required for meal planning.

We all have heard that becoming a Knight can make us better Catholics, husbands, and fathers. We have a chance to improve our spiritual nature with the upcoming Idaho Catholic Men's Conference. This year it will once again be at Boise State Student Union Building. The conference will be January 27th, 8 am to 6 pm. Cost is \$45.00 if early bird registration before January 12th. Nationally known speakers are presenting, and Bishop Peter Christensen will preside at the Mass. This will be my fourth conference and I highly recommend it to all my brother Knights. Please seriously consider supporting this opportunity to increase your faith and share brotherhood.

NOTE: 12-22-17 To: Faithful Navigators, Comptrollers, and Commanders

Supreme has designated the original Fourth Degree pin (without US flag) as the official pin for all functions, including Color Corps. Therefore, please check your drawers and closets for your original pin and make sure it is on your tuxedo or new uniform from this point forward. If you need a new one, it can be ordered from Knights Gear for \$3.00 (item # PG113).

Vivat Jesus.



L to R: Oliver Samora, Sr.; Dave Molitor; Chris Lochridge; Jerry Stroschein; Fred Davis; Navigator Zach Olpin; Dan Anthony (PSD-FDM); Arnold Ortiz; Kerry Hennessy (IPSD); and Bart Cameron (DD#2).



- CHRISTMAS EVE - POCATELLO HONOR GUARD

The Honor Guard of Bishop Daniel M. Gorman Assembly 183 of Pocatello and Chubbuck was called upon by Holy Spirit Catholic Community Pastor Fr. Henry Carmona to ring in Christmas and celebrate the birth of our Savior at the 10:00pm Mass at St. Anthony's. Thanks to the ten Sir Knights who participated in this most holy of Catholic feasts.

Food for Families 2018

Happy New Year to all of our councils. January is the month to be planning the parish 40 Cans for Lent Food Drive. Since Lent is early this year (February 15th), now is the time to be talking to your food bank, pastor and the parish staff about how to organize the parish's food drive. How are you going to tell the parish families about the drive (bulletin, web page, sermon, parish announcements at Sunday mass, etc.)? How you going to gather the food (single collection point in parish church, barrels outside the church, collecting food at parish schools, etc)? How do you get the food to the food bank?

The idea to present to the parish staff is to encourage each family in the parish to bring 6 food items each Sunday for seven weeks. Have your food bank give you a list of items the food bank needs. I suggest you have a person from the food bank with you when you talk to the parish staff. All the parish has to do is put your announcement in the bulletin and provide a place to put the collection container. The council will also need a space to weigh and sort the food. At St. Mark's, we do this right next to the large box we use for collecting the food. The first year we collected the food donated in the parish hall. We then weighed and sorted it the day after Easter. We now weigh and sort the food each Monday during Lent.

Why weigh? "For councils or assemblies, the Supreme Council will refund \$100.00 for every \$500.00 donated, or for every 1,000 pounds of food that a council contributes to a parish food pantry, community food bank or soup kitchen - up to a maximum of \$500.00 per council/assembly per fraternal year." Supreme "Food for Families" guidelines.

So plan to set up a meeting with your food bank and parish staff to begin your 40 Cans for Lent food drive. Report to the council in January your plan for the food drive. This is an opportunity for every member of the parish to give rather than give up something for Lent.

Jim Van Dinter
Food for Families Chair
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Reminder: Semiannual Audit

Your council's *Semiannual Council Audit Report* (#1295) must be completed as soon as possible after Dec. 31. The form is available at kofc.org/forms or in the *Council Reports Forms Booklet* (#1436).

Still Planning Your 40 Cans for Lent Drive?

If you need help planning your 40 Cans for Lent drive, take a moment to check out kofc.org/community. There you will find a Food for Families link, that leads to a dedicated webpage about the program. Be sure to review the Action Steps and the list of Support Materials, and you'll be well on your way to running a successful drive. If you have further questions, call 203-752-4270 or email fraternalmission@kofc.org.

Special Olympics – Idaho

Special Olympics Idaho Winter Games are getting underway. Following is a list of the events and their locations. Anyone interested in volunteering can contact one of their local clubs or Micah McMurry, Special Olympics Competition Director, at 208-859-9040 (micah@idso.org) ... or the Idaho Knights of Columbus State Chairman, Jim Barclay, at jimabarclay@q.com ... or by calling 208-869-5839. If any Councils or individual Knights do participate in any of these events, please let the Chairman know so everybody gets the credit they deserve.

February 10, 2018 EASTERN WINTER GAMES
Magic Mountain

February 10, 2018 SW WINTER GAMES(DOWNHILL SKIING AND SNOWBOARDING)
Magic Mountain

February 24, 2018 SW WINTER GAMES(SNOWSHOEING AND X-COUNTRY SKIING)
Garden Valley, Terrace Lakes

February 24, 2018 2018 NORTHERN WINTER GAMES
Silver Mountain

March 9, 2018 Thru March 10, 2018
2018 STATE FLOOR HOCKEY INVITATIONAL
Payette High School and McCain Middle School

March 24, 2018
COEUR D' ALENE PENGUIN PLUNGE
Coeur d' Alene City Beach

Idaho Wheelchairs Distributed in Guadalajara

by: Mike Townsend, Idaho State Deputy

In December 2016 I wrote an article for the newsletter, asking the councils in Idaho to consider holding a Wheelchair Sunday. The purpose of the request was to raise the necessary funds to purchase a container of wheelchairs in partnership with the American Wheelchair Mission. These wheelchairs would then be distributed to needy in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. For those of you who may not know, Jalisco is a "Sister State" of Idaho. These needy children are among the poorest of the poor and come to the clinics to receive some help with their various disorders. Although they may receive treatment, they leave the clinics with what they came with, **NOTHING**.

I am honored to say that from December 11-14 of 2017 the wheelchairs that your councils helped purchased were distributed in Guadalajara. State Chaplain Father Ben Uhlenkott, State Secretary Shane Gehring and I were privileged to assist in the distribution of the wheelchairs. State Warden Dan Moberg was also present, through his association with the American Wheelchair Mission. It was a true blessing to help place these needy children into their very own wheelchair. This gives them the gift of mobility and changes their lives forever. The experience also changed our lives forever.



Our distribution date coincided with the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and State Chaplain Father Ben, who speaks Spanish, concelebrated Mass at the Cathedral in Guadalajara. We were all able to attend and enjoy the Feast day, even though our knowledge of the language is limited. What a special way to celebrate and honor the Patroness of the Americas.

The wheelchairs were given out at the CRIT center. This is a center where needy children come to receive treatment for their orthopedic and neuromuscular disorders, as well as various types of birth defects. The children and their families waited patiently for their names to be called and when it was their turn, the smiles went from ear to ear. The parents and the children were truly excited and grateful to receive this gift from the Idaho Knights of Columbus.





The following day, we took wheelchairs to the needy children who had not been able to attend the distribution at the center. They allowed us to come into their meager homes and visit with them. Again, as we pulled up to these poor homes, the joy of receiving the gift of mobility was evident on the faces of the children and their parents. In my 20 years as a police officer in Phoenix, I had never experienced the level of poverty that I witnessed that day. One home consisted of 2 rooms with four beds, had a dirt floor and the roof was a tarp. The people are poor, but they kept their homes as clean as possible and gave thanks to God for allowing them to have a wheelchair.

It is impossible to express the depth of emotions that this trip brought out in those of us participating in the distribution. I thank each and every Knight in Idaho who participated in providing these wheelchairs. Your generosity and charity is great.

Now it is time to raise the funds to purchase another container of wheelchairs. There is great need throughout the world, but our goal for this coming year is a container which will be distributed in Mexico City. Please consider making a generous contribution toward the purchase of wheelchairs for the needy children in Mexico City. Consider conducting a "Wheelchair Sunday" program at your local Parish. Every dollar that your council gives will change the life of a child in need. We know, we've seen the difference your contribution makes in their lives.



Contributions can be made to Idaho Knights of Columbus and mailed to State Secretary Shane Gehring. For information on how to conduct a "Wheelchair Sunday" please contact Dan Moberg at (208) 777-1202.



KNIGHTS IN ACTION

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MARRIED LIFE

Bishop Daniel M. Gorman Assembly in Pocatello, Idaho, hosted a special celebration and wedding vow renewal ceremony for two members of two neighboring assemblies. Both Knights

have been married for 50 years; they were wed on the same day in 1967, in different chapels dedicated to St. Rose of Lima.

Larry Southern cooking the French fries.



Larry Goertzen (left) and Felix Cervantes serving the hot dogs and French fries at the Fiesta.

GOOD CAUSES

St. George Council 12560 in Post Falls, Idaho, held its first Charity Golf Tournament, netting over \$10,000. The proceeds went toward an array of charities, including Christmas baskets for veterans and families in need; the warming center at the local St. Vincent de Paul facility; Special Olympics; the St. George Friendship Kitchen; and Promise of North Idaho, which serves homeless families with children.



Caldwell Council 3086

On Saturday December 9th at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in Caldwell, the KC's cooked hot dogs and french fries and served them during the Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta.

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 Radio".

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.

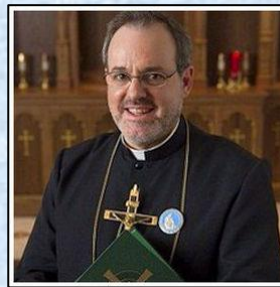
So often, we find ourselves caught up in the constant "storms" of daily life, clinging to the boat in order to survive while just trying to make sense of it all. However, our Lord reminds us that He is always with us, that we must not be afraid and that we are made for greatness!

\$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%.



Fr. Bill Casey
Father's of Mercy



David Dinuzzo Sr.
Founder of TrueManhood.com

Fraternally. Mike Townsend - Idaho State Deputy

Holy Spirit Catholic School - Pocatello

December 2017

St. Nicholas Day



Sir Knight Ramon Gutierrez
(FS of Pocatello Council 892)
as St. Nicholas.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest



L to R: Back row

Mavity Shaw(1st 11-14) Taylor Smith (2nd 11-14) Siena Alpert (1st 8-10) Pat Taney (Grand Knight, Pocatello Council 892).



L to R: 1st place winners

Mavity Shaw (11-14)
Felicity Shaw (5-7)
Siena Alpert (8-10)
Pat Taney

L to R: Middle row

Robbi Losh (3rd, 5-7)
Elizabeth O'Neill (3rd, 8-10)
Alexis Wells (3rd, 11-14)

Front row

Lilly Bielenberg(2nd, 5-7)
Kelsie Chapman (2nd, 8-10)
Felicity Shaw (1st, 5-7)

Building the Domestic Church

By: John Krsul-State Council Director

My objective for this month's column is to get all Catholic men in Idaho to read *Into the Breach: An Apostolic Exhortation to Catholic Men* by the Rev. Thomas J. Olmsted Bishop of Phoenix. Furthermore, I encourage Grand Knights to get men in their councils to form discussion groups using the book as a guide to help men understand the breach in faith today, as well as their unique role in repairing it.

My reasons are given below:

It was about two weeks before Christmas past and I was in my "Man Cave" reflecting on media coverage of world and national events I had been exposed to over the past year or so. Peace on earth was far from my mind. The pure hysteria offered daily by the media and other sources of information dissemination can drive a person to consider a hermit's life on one hand or lose his faith on the other. In all reality I do not know what to believe, reject, promote, etc. Then I read Bishop Lori's column in the December issue of *Columbia*. He wrote what I already knew: "After all, we live in a world that is anything but peaceful. We live in the shadow of nuclear war and terrorism. Many fellow Christians and other believers suffer religious persecution. Millions of refugees are dispossessed and driven from their homes. Many at home and abroad suffer from poverty, racism, lack of health care and economic inequality. Peace is threatened by the lack of reasoned dialogue among political leaders, nationally and internationally. Nor can we overlook the societal discord and lack of civility so painfully evident, for example, in social media".

This was followed by reading *Death of Self-Restraint* by Daniel Henninger, *Wall Street Journal*, Tuesday, December 7, 2017. He wrote, "Their acts reveal a collapse of self-restraint. That in turn suggests a broader evaporation of conscience, the sense that doing something is wrong. We are seeing now how wrongs can hurt others when conscience is demoted as a civilizing instrument of personal behavior." Later in the same article he wrote the following, "In a recent homily I heard, a priest suggested that one of the purposes of confession wasn't just to admit sin but to learn conscience. Maybe it's time to ask if the long period of freedom from organized conscience formation simply isn't working."

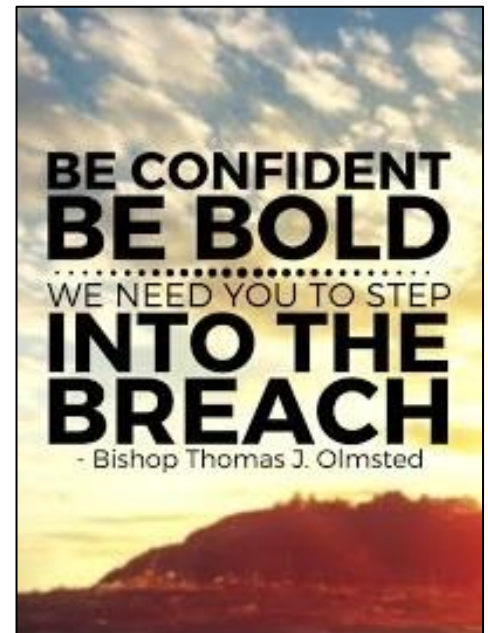
Bishop Lori seems to target political leaders while Mr. Henninger's essay targets sexual harassers but broadens to a much larger population. Could it be that the evils posted by the Bishop and Mr. Henninger are symptoms of a lack of self-restraint and a degrading of conscience?

Where does all this go? Well the answer is a no brainer. In the book *Into the Breach: An Apostolic Exhortation to Catholic Men* Bishop Olmsted clearly describes the battle Satan is waging on the world today resulting in a large breach in our defensive wall of faith. One reason he gives for Satan's success is that Catholic men have not been willing to jump into the breach to fight in the battle hence the reason for the title of the booklet.

In summary he is offering encouragement, a challenge, and a calling forth to mission to all Catholic men. He does this by addressing the following questions: 1) What does it mean to be a Christian man? 2) How does a Catholic man love? and, 3) Why is fatherhood, fully understood, so crucial for every man?

When these topics are given serious consideration I believe relevant information is provided to help Catholic men guide their families in the development of self-restraint and a rising rather than a degrading conscience in our children and our children's children. As fathers we took this obligation on. We certainly cannot correct all the evils listed above, but we can make a difference in our families, parishes, and communities. Long live the Domestic Church!

P.S. Your financial secretary can assist you in ordering the book from Knights Gear.



Idaho Retired Priests

From: Mike Townsend - Idaho State Deputy



Several of the retired Priests in our Diocese currently reside in the St. John Vianney retirement center which is located at the Nazareth Retreat Center in Boise. Each of these Priests has their own small apartment; however, they partake in one communal meal each evening. This allows them to live independently and yet enjoy the positive effects of having fellowship with each other.

Earlier of this year it came to my attention that the oven and microwave in the main kitchen are not working properly. When the retirement center was built, the kitchen contained the same residential appliances that are located in their apartments, instead of any type of commercial appliances. Needless to say, over the past 7 years of operation, the kitchen has had a tremendous amount of usage and is in need of refreshing.

I asked each council in Idaho to join me in obtaining the necessary equipment to refurbish and replace the improperly working appliances and provide for other needs of our retired priests, as they arise. Several councils and a few Assemblies responded to this request and sent funds to the State Council for this project.

It is my great pleasure to announce that Idaho Knights joined with the Diocese and our "retired" Priests now have a new double oven, range top and ventilation hood. The new microwave is on backorder and is expected to be delivered shortly after the first of the year.

I would like to send out a big **THANK YOU** to the following Councils and Assemblies: Rupert Council #2792, Mountain Home Council #3703, Kellogg Council #3762, Orofino Council #4585, Our Lady of the Rosary Council-Boise #10581, Holy Spirit Council-Meridian Council #11548, St. Pius X-Coeur d'Alene Council #11623, St. Mark's Council-Boise #12172, Our Lady of the Americas Council-Nampa 16757, as well as Bishop Treinen-Meridian Assembly #2751 and Raymond Sabrowski-Caldwell Assembly #2928 all contributed funds to this effort. In addition a few individuals contributed and a generous gift was given by Giving Hand Ministries.

We have now established an account which will be utilized to meet any future needs our retired priests, should arise. Any council who would like to help with this effort should send their contributions to: State Secretary Shane Gehring at 4218 S. Raintree, Nampa, Idaho 83686. It should be noted that the contribution is for the "Retired Priests" account.

Our priests have answered God's call to serve us and we in turn need to honor that call and provide for them. As your councils consider my request, please remember our unwritten principle: "In solidarity with our Priests."

Recruitment Lottery

This lottery incentive is for 10 couples to attend the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland with all expenses paid trip. The more men that you recruit, the greater the probability you will have to win this trip. Here is how it works. Beginning December 1st, 2017, every time that you recruit a member into the Order through June 30th, 2018, your name will go into a drawing and then on July 1st, 2018, ten names will be drawn at random. If you are a winner, you will be notified immediately so you can plan this once in a lifetime opportunity to interact with families from all over the world.

From: Paul Petro, DD#5

New Field Agent - Michael Jaquith

Dear Catholic brothers,

My name is Michael Jaquith, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to write to you. I'm the new KC Field Agent for all the councils east of Eagle Road in Boise. I am excited about how this position allows me to help my community!



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Christmas Caroling - Pocatello

Once again the Knights of Pocatello and Chubbuck, along with family and friends, and the leaders and members of Cub Scout Pack 315 and Troup 315, visited three local nursing homes on December 16th to spread the Christmas cheer.

Many thanks to Pat Taney (GK Council 892); Jay Lenker (guitarist); Arnold Ortiz; Bill Haight; Dave (activity chair) & Mary Kay Molitor; Dan & Nancy Anthony (this year Dan made his 38th consecutive appearance as the Jolly 'Ole Elf); Fred Davis (Troup leader) and wife Toni; Jerry Strochein (on tambourine); Bart (DD #2) & Kathy Cameron with son Zach Olpin (Faithful Navigator); plus David Davis (Cub leader).

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and ended the activity with a fine repast in the KC's Kennedy Hall.



Dan & Nancy Anthony



Bart & Kathy Cameron



Michael Jaquith, continued

When I first joined Knights, I knew I had found an organization with meaningful roots, but I did not understand just how profound their work actually was. It goes far beyond pancake breakfasts! Our brother Knights not only represent a caring and generous organization, but a source of good counsel and help in times of trouble. Since I joined in 2009 (one year after I converted to the faith), I have found them to be both a firm advocate of Catholicism and eager to help anyone who is in need.

A little bit about myself – I am married to an amazing woman, and God has blessed us with four beautiful children. We've lived in Boise for almost three years now. When we first moved here, I quickly realized how awesome Idaho is – both the community and the geography. After growing up in the beauty of northern Michigan, I had finally found somewhere that was even better.

God has lead me down an unusual path to the Knights. I have Ph.D. in Chemistry from Cornell University, and worked in research for both Intel and Micron for almost a decade. It didn't quite fit me; I wanted a job that focused on helping people more directly. Hoping to find that, I began a new career in commercial insurance. I discovered that, while I enjoyed helping the families I met, there was little reason to stay connected after the transaction. I wanted to form deeper relationships.

The Knights offered a perfect solution: an opportunity to blend my faith into a job that makes a real difference in the lives of Catholic families. I now get to meet every day with the very best people in the world.

I am humbled to join this tradition of service and protection. As Field Agent, I look forward to meeting each and every Knight (and his family) in my parishes. The fraternal benefits the Knights offers are superior to anything else out there. There is no financial institution better rated in North America than Knights of Columbus.

You may not be a Knight, may have just joined, or may have been in the organization for years. Regardless, I encourage you to contact me. I'm eager to talk to families with any level of experience – especially if you aren't sure if the Knights are right for you.

Lastly, especially if you have younger children and are worried that you don't have time to participate in Knights – contact me to learn more about "Family Knight," a brand-new concept designed specifically for younger families. There are exciting things happening in Boise, and this is the time to get on-board.

In Christ,

Michael Jaquith
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Words of Wisdom

Immediate Past State Deputy
Kerry Hennessy

Brother Knights,

HAPPY NEW YEAR and I hope that many blessings come your way in 2018.

One of my favorite dates to close out each year is the Winter Solstice. I love this day because it represents the shortest sun day of the year. There is less than 9 hours of daylight on this day. The reason that I love this day is because it gives me hope for the upcoming six months of the year when the days are get gradually longer. I think of what I will do outside in the sun, when the day and temperature will allow me to enjoy more of the day.

This day has been celebrated for thousands of years because of what it represents.

The Druids began the tradition of burning a Yule log, they thought that the sun stood still for twelve days in the middle of winter and during this time a log was lit to conquer the darkness, banish evil spirits and bring luck for the coming year.

The ancient Romans also held a festival to celebrate the rebirth of the year. 'Saturnalia' ran for seven days from the 17th of December.

The ancient people were hunters and spent most of their time outdoors. The seasons and weather played a very important part in their lives and they held the sun in great reverence.

The poet Annie Finch best sums up the Solstice, 'If you don't experience the darkness fully then you are not going to appreciate the light'.

The darkness brings people together, thus so many festivities in the small window of time in December.

As our daylight continually increases to June 21st start making your plans to bask in the glory of the sun and of the light shown to us.

Vivat Jesus.

MID-YEAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF STATE DEPUTIES

In November I was privileged to attend the 2017 midyear meeting of State Deputies in Washington D.C. It was an exciting time of sharing with the leaders from all over the world as well as our Supreme Directors and their staff. Perhaps the best way to share my experience with you is to quote from an article titled "Addressing the Future" which can be found in the December issue of KNIGHTLINE.

"Supreme Knight Carl Anderson renewed a call to recruit younger members to the Knights of Columbus, saying that the Order's future is at stake". He told us, "This Order was started by a 30-year-old. And you know, I have to believe that Michael McGivney was not the only 30-year-old who can make a contribution to the Knights of Columbus. That's why we are putting so much emphasis on bringing young men in. For the future of the Order we have to."

Supreme Knight Anderson talked about using new technology and innovative approaches to attract new members. He cited the online membership initiative that is being rolled out gradually throughout the United States. "This program allows men to join the Order online, with the goal of eventually bringing them into traditional councils through the degree process." He went on to explain that the program would open up opportunities for such men in order that "they can invest in a solid insurance program that's going to protect their families; that they can get the spiritual formation and the spiritual strength that's going to help them lead their families."

Supreme Knight Anderson announced that demand for the new Fourth Degree uniform has created a back-log since it was introduced. As a result, the deadline for using the old regalia is being extended by one year until June 30, 2019.

The Supreme Knight also announced that the Star Council rebate for per capita has been approved for the 2017 – 2018 fraternal year. This means that if your council earns the Star Council Award it will receive a credit of \$4.50 for each billable member on the roster as of July 1, 2018. This is like getting "free money" from Supreme.

Supreme Knight Anderson shared with the State Deputies, "What helps with this program is the fact that we're pushing excellence. It's not just the same old, same old. Let's work a little harder. Let's achieve a little more. The way to do that is the Star Council program. It's not the solution for everything, but it is an important step in a healthy jurisdiction and a growing jurisdiction."

I pray that everyone will have happy and blessed New Year and that we will reach out to other Catholic men and offer them the benefits of belonging to the Knights of Columbus.

Vivat Jesus!!!
Mike Townsend

Star Council Corner

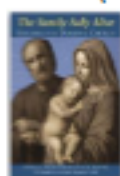
By: George Mesina - State Membership Chairman

Welcome to the New Year. As we finish out the Christmas Season, we recognize those councils who have recruited new men to serve the Lord as Knights of Columbus in this Fraternal Year (beginning July 1, 2017). The majority of Idaho Councils have recruited at least one new member and these are shown in table. We especially thank every recruiter for your hard work and dedication. Both the Supreme Council and Idaho are rewarding knights and councils for bringing in new members.

REWARDS and INCENTIVES

- Individuals: 500 VIP points (worth \$3 toward purchases of Knights Gear) for every recruit
 Raffle: 10 recruiters will attend the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland with all expenses paid.
- 1 Entry into raffle per recruit from 12/1/2017 – 6/30/2018
 - <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>

From Idaho: 1 member (book) 3 members (a KofC tie) 6 members (clock) 10 members by 4/1/18



All Expenses
paid trip to
Idaho State
Convention

STAR Councils: STAR Council 10,000 VIP Bonus (if STAR in 2017, then 12,000 VIP)
 Per capita incentive = rebate \$4.50 per billable member
 Recruit from 12/1/17 to 2/28/2018 and receive portrait of the Holy Family

Idaho Councils: \$10 ceremonial fee waived in March

	COUNCIL	DISTRICT	LOCATION	QUOTA	YEAR TO DATE			PERCENT
					RECRUIT	LOSS	NET	
			Idaho		101	51	50	
1.	4013	006	Boise	4	4	0	4	100.00
2.	12172	005	Boise	21	18	0	18	85.71
3.	899	006	Boise	9	6	0	6	66.67
4.	12854	007	Boise	5	3	0	3	60.00
5.	1389	009	Cottonwood	12	7	0	7	58.33
6.	12953	001	St Anthony	4	2	0	2	50.00
7.	12560	011	Post Falls	7	5	2	3	42.86
8.	1663	001	Idaho Falls	17	7	0	7	41.18
9.	10581	005	Boise	5	4	2	2	40.00
10.	12881	003	Burley	6	2	0	2	33.33
11.	2792	003	Rupert	9	3	0	3	33.33
12.	8780	004	Jerome	7	3	1	2	28.57
13.	892	002	Pocatello	7	2	0	2	28.57
14.	3086	008	Caldwell	11	3	0	3	27.27
15.	2014	007	Nampa	16	4	0	4	25.00
16.	3085	008	Emmett	4	1	0	1	25.00
17.	16757	007	Nampa	4	1	0	1	25.00
18.	1397	010	Moscow	13	3	0	3	23.08
19.	8930	002	Pocatello	9	2	0	2	22.22
20.	11548	007	Meridian	30	8	2	6	20.00
21.	12516	008	Fruitland	5	1	0	1	20.00
22.	15304	011	Spirit Lake	5	1	0	1	20.00
23.	2888	012	Sandpoint	7	1	0	1	14.29
24.	3703	005	Mt. Home	7	1	0	1	14.29
25.	1024	010	Lewiston	13	1	0	1	7.69
26.	1416	004	Twin Falls	9	2	5	-3	0.00
27.	1363	011	Coeur D Alene	10	3	8	-5	0.00
28.	8310	006	Boise	7	1	24	-23	0.00
29.	11623	011	Coeur D Alene	9	1	1	0	0.00
30.	12531	006	Boise	6	1	6	-5	0.00

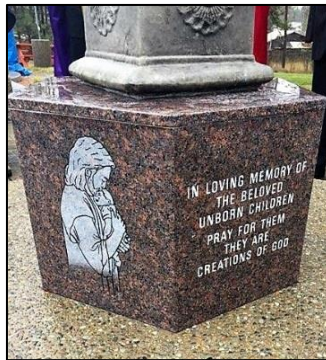
Now the Christmas break is over; it is time to get to work on your council goals.
 The state will be sending you information to help you gear up for the March Membership Drives.

St Pius X, Council 11623 - Coeur d'Alene

Tootsie Roll Check Donations

Our Council along with other area Councils donated proceeds to Tesh and the Idaho Special Olympics.

Our Council donated \$2925.00. St. Thomas, St. George, Kellogg and Rathdrum / Spirit Lake donated a total of \$5650.00 for grand total of \$8575.00.



Fr. Flores dedicates Monument to the Unborn in St. Pius Columbarium. Knights from left to right are: Gary Sonnen, Nick Theisen, Larry Major, Mike Anderson, Craig Frei, Gary Fessler and Don Moberg.

Monument for the Unborn

Brothers Craig Frei and Don Moberg of our Council spearheaded our Monument for the Unborn project. The monument was recently installed and dedicated by Fr. Flores and a 4th Degree Honor Guard in the St. Pius X Columbarium. Brother Gary Sonnen prepared a time capsule containing our Council's current roster as well as articles about the notorious and tragic Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion.

THE LAST WORD

Mike Townsend - Idaho State Deputy

Brothers,

2017 has come to an end and we have begun a new year. It is a time for new beginnings and we all want to get the year off to a good start. We often make resolutions which we believe will help us in some way. I would like to remind each of you of the three resolutions I suggested last year. These will help each of us with our daily walk with God.

Spend some time each day talking to God. This is essential to our spiritual well-being. Daily communication with the Almighty ensures that we are aware of the One who protects and keeps us. We should not be ashamed to thank Him for everything that we have and to ask for those things which will bring glory to His name. Please pray for your State leaders of the Knights of Columbus, may everything that we do be for His honor.

Take time to read the Bible. Studying the Sacred Scripture will open our minds to the great lessons that we find contained within. The Bible should serve as a blueprint for the way that we lead our lives. Imagine trying to build a house without looking at the plans. Many "Christians" live their lives without taking the time to study God's plan for them. Remember that God does have a beautiful and perfect plan for each of us.

Increase your charitable footprint. The first lesson of the Knights of Columbus is the lesson of Charity. Charity comes not only from giving of our financial resources to those in need but also from our actions. Saint James tells us that "... faith, if it has no works, is dead." Membership in the Knights of Columbus allows us to live our faith, through works of charity. It should be our desire that all Catholic men join us in our charitable works so that we can do even more good things for our families, Parishes and communities. Take a moment to ask the question, "Are you in the Knights of Columbus?"

May God bless us and our families in every way during this New Year. May He hold us close to His heart. May His face shine upon us and give us peace. I pray that each of us will find joy in our lives in the upcoming year.

Fraternally.



Vivat Jesus!

