



# Knights of Columbus

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## Idaho Knights in Action

### **Guadalupe Festival - Boise**

Sunday, December 9th St. John's the Evangelist Cathedral in Boise hosted its annual Guadalupe Festival. The Mass was at 1:00pm followed by an escort of the Guadalupe statue (pictured with Bill Maddock) and refreshments and dancing in the St. Joseph's school gymnasium.



**PRAYER**  
A PASSION FOR THE PRESENCE OF GOD





## CARRY THE MESSAGE OF FAITH WITH HASTE AND URGENCY

### A CHALLENGE AND MESSAGE FROM SUPREME CHAPLAIN ARCHBISHOP LORI

*Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ... Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."*

— Gospel for Dec. 23, Lk. 1:39; 41-42

"In great haste." My brother Knights, these three words teach us volumes. Mary set out "in great haste" — and the rest is history. Mary is the first evangelist. With the incredible news of the annunciation, she wastes no time fulfilling the command to visit her cousin Elizabeth. My brothers, we know that so many things can weigh us down and prevent us from delivering the good news to others with that speed and urgency. The Lord knows our every sorrow, weakness, fear or excuse. And yet he invites us to look to our mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and call upon her intercession. May we be known as her reliable sons who likewise carry the news "in great haste," leaving behind everything that impedes us.

### This Month's Challenge

This month, I challenge you to pray at least a decade of the rosary daily. Secondly, we are often in situations in which faith topics come up and we choose to say nothing. This month I challenge you to engage in those conversations and share what you love about the Catholic faith.

## Life Insurance as a Gift?

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. "How morbid," they think. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of death instead of the great benefits it provides, and the security that it offers — even while you're alive.. Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse's quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It's a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people. Contact your field agent to learn more about this, and other valuable fraternal benefits available through the order.

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## BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICHOLAS - POCATELLO

In order for students, family and friends to better learn the real meaning of St. Nicholas (the real Santa Claus!) they gathered in St. Anthony's parish hall on December 1st. A great fun activity for the whole family where they get to share breakfast, hear a story, have games, and a special appearance from St. Nicholas. The reason for this event is to bring community together and help people know about the true meaning of Saint Nicholas. Members of the Pocatello and Chubbuck KC's helped put on the event.



Grand Knight Pat Taney with  
St. Nicholas (Ramon Gutierrez).

St. Nicholas and middle school and high school youth  
from the Holy Spirit catholic community.

## Fr. Michael J. Keyes Assembly 1983 Mountain Home

### *Spend time in Sacred Scripture*

Catholics have a bad reputation of not knowing or reading the Bible. This of course is false, as the Mass is full of Scripture. But perhaps, as Knights, we could put our *Faith in Action* this by reading the Word of God.

Here are a few biblical verses to help prepare our hearts and minds whether it was during this past Advent; Lent coming up; or any day of the year.

#### Old Testament:

- Psalm 25
- Isaiah 7:10-25
- Isaiah 11:1-10
- Jeremiah 33:14-18

#### New Testament:

- Matthew 1:18 to 2:23
- Luke 1:26 to 2:38
- Romans 7:7-13

Here are ways to make every day more meaningful:

- Do something nice for someone
- Get rid of grudges
- Go to Confession
- Be joyful
- Unite with Mother Mary in prayer
- Offer up your pains/difficulties

\*<https://www.osv.com/OSVNewsweekly/Story/TabId/2672/ArtMID/13567/ArticleID/4384/The-Definitive-Guide-to-Advent.aspx>

## Only Six Months Left to Win

Successfully bring a new member into the Order by June 30, 2019, and you may be eligible to win an exciting prize.\*

- The top grand knight and district deputy in each jurisdiction (based on their membership quota) will be entered into a raffle for five trips to New Haven for him and his spouse. The top district deputy and grand knight worldwide will both be awarded a trip to the Supreme Convention in Minneapolis, Minn.
- The top 10 recruiters and their spouses will receive a complimentary trip to the Supreme Convention and will sit at the Supreme Knight's Reserved Tables during the States Dinner. The top recruiter will receive the Top Recruiter Plaque during the Awards Session.

\*Incentives only available in insurance territories.  
Keep recruiting and your name might make it to the top of the monthly incentive leaderboard. Visit [kofc.org/incentive](http://kofc.org/incentive) to track your progress.







## Epiphany

This week, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season. — *Pius Parsch*

The Epiphany, or Three Kings Day, is our Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ. The feast also commemorates principally the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child, and thus, Jesus physical manifestation to the Gentiles.

This holiday emphasized the visit of the magi. The magi represent the non-Jewish peoples of the world, so this was considered a 'revelation to the gentiles'. John Chrysostom identified the significance of the meeting between the magi and Herod's court: 'the star had been hidden from them so that, on finding themselves without their guide, they would have no alternative but to consult the Jews. In this that the birth of Jesus would be made known to all'

The Epiphany, with the arrival of visitors, identifies in Scriptures as the magi, to the place where Jesus was born. Although we know virtually nothing about the magi, we do know they brought three gifts. The gifts were symbolic of the power, prayer and prophesy of the child.

**Gold-** a symbol of wealth and power identifies the recipient as a king.

**Frankincense-** the crystalized resinous sap of a tree used as incense and as an offering is symbolic of prayer.

**Myrrh-** another resinous tree sap was used in healing liniments and as an embalming ointment. Myrrh is an odd gift for a child-so, even at the beginning of Jesus' life on earth, this gift foreshadows his death.

Wish someone a Merry Christmas today! An easy way to evangelize is to wish someone a Merry Christmas during the Christmas season after December 25 and explain why. The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Vivat Jesus. Kerry Hennessy PSD, DD #2

## **St. Pius X Council 11623 - CDA**



GK Dave Sonnen presents First and Third Degree Certificates along with a name badge to Rho Zaragoza.



GK Dave Sonnen presents Family of the Month Certificate to Tom Dillon.



GK Dave Sonnen presents Third Degree Certificate to Pete Obligato



GK Dave Sonnen presents Knight of the Month Certificate to Gary Sonnen.



Frances Huffman of Tesh and Annie Rimpler of Idaho Special Olympics receive donations totaling over \$9300 from area Knights Councils. From left, Nick Theisen of St. Thomas, John Webber of St. George, Jim Miller of Kellogg and John Webb of St. Pius.



GK Dave Sonnen presents Knight of the Month Certificate to Tom Tintinger.

## **Keeping Christ in Christmas Poster Contest - Pocatello**

From: Jessica Gallegos, Director of Religious Education

The Knights of Columbus Council 892 put on their annual "Keeping Christ in Christmas" poster contest. Children from both the parish and the Holy Spirit catholic school entered with winners from both the school and the parish. The grades ranged from kindergarten through eighth grade.

K-2nd grade winners:  
Tom Frost (1st); Aisling Pongratz (3rd) with Grand Knight Pat Taney





## Christmas Eve Mass Pocatello

The Sir Knights of the Bishop Gorman Assembly Honor Guard were called upon by Pastor & Sir Knight Henry Carmona to enhance the Christmas Eve 10:00pm Mass at St. Anthony's Chapel in Pocatello. Assisted by Deacon & Sir Knight Scott Pearhill the following were in new and old regalia to celebrate the occasion. Front row L to R: Dave Molitor; Dan Anthony PSD, FDM; Roy Bartholomay (Idaho State Secretary); and Mike Nally.

Back row L to R: Zach Olpin (Faithful Navigator); Kerry Hennessy PSD, DD #2; Arnold Ortiz; Fred Davis; and Bart Cameron. Brother Tom Reding and Sir Knight Mike Doellman participated in the Usher corp. Thanks to everyone.



### Assembly Actions

John Pettinger PSD - District Master

Brothers and Sir Knights,

I pray that all of you have had a blessed and joyful Christmas and New Year. May the peace of Christ be with you throughout the coming year.

We are about to launch several months in a row of Fourth Degree Exemplifications for Idaho Knights. One of the biggest challenges for successful exemplifications always seems to be finding enough candidates. This need not be an issue; let me explain.

Every council has a built-in list of potential candidates readily available to each Navigator through his Grand Knight and Financial Secretary. The list comes directly from the council roster. Each roster lists the current degree held by each member. Your candidates are each of the Third Degree members within the roster, and possibly the Second Degree members who may be taking their Third Degree before the next Fourth Degree. Once identified, the next step is to invite them to accept the opportunity to learn the final lesson in knighthood, Patriotism. I can provide the invitation through a letter which gives details for the next exemplification and what candidates need in order to prepare for it. What I need from each council or assembly is your commitment to get the letter to them, then the names of candidates who are interested.

I encourage you not to wait to begin this process. The sooner that candidates are identified, the easier the planning for the exemplification becomes. One final thing: less than 25% of our state-wide membership have reached the level of Sir Knight. In the words of our Vice Supreme Master, Chuck Davlin, "Advancement to the 4th Degree is the expectation, not the exception!" We should all strive to attain all four lessons of our Order.

I have listed the current schedule for exemplifications throughout the state, with a recent change:

February 2	St. Mark's Boise, Treasure Valley team
February 9	CANCELLED -- Clarkston, Washington, East Washington team
March 9	NEW -- Walla Walla, Washington, East Washington team
March 30	Idaho Falls, East Idaho team
April 27	Spokane Washington, East Washington team
May 5 (Sunday)	Twin Falls, East Idaho team
June 1	Holy Apostles, Treasure Valley Team

Vivat Jesus.





# The Star Council Award: Your Way to Success in Five Easy Steps

*The Star Council Award recognizes the efforts that councils put forth in continuing Father Michael McGivney's mission. Get started today with the steps below.*

**S**eeing your councils' year end goals can be intimidating — here is your toolbox to achieve your Star Council goals:

## 1. EARN THE COLUMBIAN AWARD FOR QUALITY FAITH-FILLED FAMILY PROGRAMS.

To earn the award, a council must earn a total of 16 program credits\* and complete these four programs: Spiritual Reflection Program, Consecration to the Holy Family, Helping Hands and Novena for Life. You must also submit the *Columbian Award Application* (#SP-7) and the *Service Program Personnel Report* (#365).

## 2. EARN THE FATHER MCGIVNEY AWARD FOR MEMBERSHIP GROWTH.

Your council must meet or exceed its membership growth quota to be eligible. Your council's membership quota is listed on Officers Online, under the Membership tab.

## 3. EARN THE FOUNDERS' AWARD FOR INSURANCE GROWTH.

To be eligible, your council must meet or exceed a 2.5 percent net increase in its insurance membership. Find your council's membership quota is listed on Officers Online, under the Membership tab.

## 4. BE COMPLIANT WITH TRAINING AND BACKGROUND CHECKS.

Start by completing the *Service Program Personnel Report* (#365). This form allows Knights' safe environment partner to contact council members who need training and background checks. Once contacted, recipients must complete the training and background check authorization within 30 days.

## 5. REMAIN CURRENT WITH ASSESSMENTS FROM THE SUPREME COUNCIL.

Your assessments can be found on the Member Management/Member Billing section of Officers Online. Check out the *Knights of Columbus Leadership Resources* (#5093) for details.

*\*A council earns credits for every program it conducts. Featured programs earn councils two credits, while all other Supreme-Council recommended programs earn councils a single credit.*

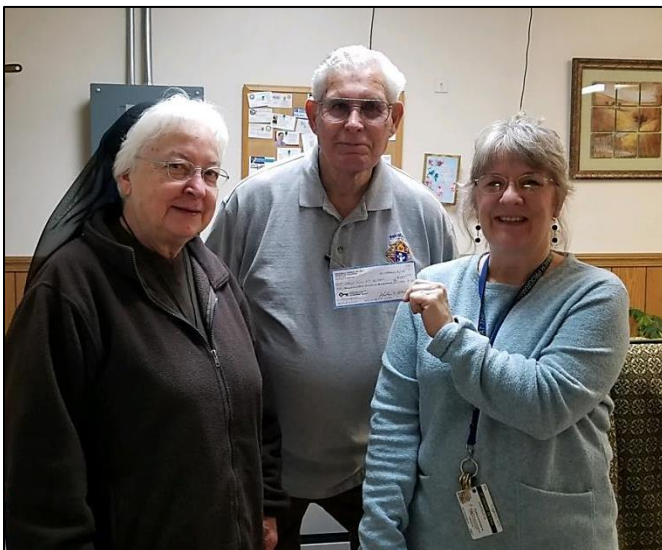
### **DID YOU KNOW?**

There are opportunities for your council to earn additional stars on the Star Council award. Visit [kofc.org/star](http://kofc.org/star) for details.

### **WHERE IS MY APPLICATION?**

To earn the Columbian Award, you must submit an application — you can find it at [kofc.org/forms](http://kofc.org/forms). The Father McGivney and Founder's awards don't require applications as eligibility is automatically determined.

Changes have been made to the fraternal programs report forms mentioned here. The new forms can be found at [kofc.org/forms](http://kofc.org/forms).



## St. Vincent de Paul Society Pocatello

A recent donation by Pocatello Council 892 was made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Pocatello from proceeds from their annual Beer Tasting party in October. A check for \$1337.00 was presented by Grand Knight Pat Taney to Beth Huston (wife of Brother Mike) who is the store manager, along with Sister Mary Colman Pyle who is the Social Services Director.





## Letter for Our Times

Dear family, friends and Brother Knights of Columbus. The letter below was written many years ago by a beloved Brother and Priest. He passed from this life to his revered home in Heaven long ago, but I do believe he continues to watch over his 'flock' and give guidance to us even to this day. I hope you enjoy his 'words of wisdom' and contemplate this holy and joyful season we are now in. Vivat Jesus. Brother SK Fred Horn, PSD,FDM



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My Brother Knights of Columbus:

Writing in prophecy eight centuries before Christ was born, the Prophet Isaiah said of the coming Savior:

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light---  
For a child is born to us, a Son is given us---They named him  
Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace."

Later, Christ's Church and its teachers, honored God as the great Giver of Gifts. That is one of the reasons why we give and receive gifts at Christmastide; gifts symbolize God's constant giving to us. And gifts are intended to remind us of God's Gift of Gifts: His Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

As the days of Christmas draw near, we should take a good look at ourselves. Whether you have blue eyes or brown, white hair or blonde, or little hair like I have; whether you stand tall or short, you stand before the world with God's gifts of life, breath, being and love.

What better time than Christmas to recall that each of us is created by God as a gift - gift to family and friends, gift to society, which depends on each of us. So take a good look at ourselves!

Like the servant called to account for what he had done with the treasure his master had given him, we too must be accountable to God for all that he has given us. So, don't let this beautiful, grace-filled happy season pass without a sincere "Thank you" to that loving God.

During this nostalgic time of the year, let us also think again, with tender affection, of all those who have been so much to us in our life---their prayers, love, friendship and kindness.

I pray that this great feast of our Savior's birth will fill you with His love and blessings. I shall remember you in my Christmas Masses and prayers. God love you.

Merry Christmas!

Fraternally yours, in Christ,

*Msgr. Hallissey*

Msgr. James T. Hallissey  
District Friar

Salt & Light Radio Presents  
**The Idaho Catholic Men's Conference**

Boise State Jordan Ballroom

Saturday, January 26th, 2019

8:00am - 5:30pm

\$45 - Early Bird Registration

\$60 - Late Registration (after January 14th)



**Featuring:**



**Fr. Don Calloway, MIC**  
(Marian Fathers of the  
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Powerful International Speaker



**Tim Staples**  
Director of Apologetics &  
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**Mass with Bishop  
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If you are unable to register online, you can register by phone,  
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Brothers,

As I write these words it is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Last year, I was blessed to spend this day in Guadalajara, Mexico. I was there with our State Chaplain Father Ben Uhlenkott, current State Deputy Shane Gehring and State Advocate Dan Moberg, president of the American Wheelchair Mission Chris Lewis and other members of the American Wheel Chair Mission. We were there to distribute wheelchairs that had been purchased through the efforts of Knights of Columbus of Idaho. It was an experience that was not only heartwarming but also an eye opener.

We distributed wheelchairs at the CRIT center on the first day. The second day, we went into individual homes to give those who were unable to travel to the center to get a wheelchair. Some were either too sick or too poor to travel. Both days of distribution were visual demonstrations of the need for people to have the opportunity for mobility that a wheelchair brings. Each of us who were there will tell you that it was a life changing experience. It was obvious that the need is great and that the people who receive the wheelchairs are truly thankful for the gift of mobility.

For several years, at our state convention and other meetings, I listened to various members of our leadership talk about how easy it was to conduct a "Wheelchair Sunday". I heard Dan Moberg share the message of need and hope with us. I heard Kerry Hennessy and Shane Gehring talk about how easy the members of the American Wheelchair Mission make the raising of funds to purchase the wheelchairs. Even so, I was a little skeptical when my pastor, Father Ben wanted to conduct a "Wheelchair Sunday". I thought that it would be a major undertaking. **HOW WRONG I WAS!!!!**

On November 4, State Advocate Dan Moberg and other members of the American Wheelchair Mission came to St. Mark's. They set everything up, including the monitors and speakers, placed the donation envelopes in the pews and a table in the narthex so that people could visit and get their questions answered. At the end of each Mass, prior to dismissal, Brother Dan gave a short presentation and showed the video of our trip to Guadalajara. A second collection was taken and people were even able to use their credit and debit cards at the table in the narthex. Because of the timing of the second collection it in no way reduced the normal contributions of the parishioners. The total given by the generous people of St. Mark's Parish currently stands at almost \$31,000, with additional contributions coming in.



In the past three years, successful "Wheelchair Sundays" have been conducted by Pocatello Council 8930, Cottonwood Council 1389, Nampa Council 1014, Coeur d'Alene Council #12516 and St. Mark's Council 12172. Several other councils have raised money and donated to the program. Each wheelchair is manufactured and shipped to the destination selected by the Idaho State Council at a cost of \$150, in a container of 280 wheelchairs. We hope to distribute another container of wheelchairs in Mexico City in the late spring.

The need is great and I encourage you to talk to your pastor about participating in this life changing program. Help change the life of someone who needs the gift of mobility. Your council's participation demonstrates to the world the true spirit of what it means to be a Christian.

Mercy and Peace.



*Vivat Jesus!*

