



# Knights of Columbus

## Idaho State Council

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July 2018



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Shane Gehring

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### *Words of Wisdom*

By: Immediate Past State Deputy - Mike Townsend

My Dear Brothers,

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!!!**

I want each of you to know that any successes that have come to Idaho during the past two years that I served you as State Deputy were the result of your efforts. We are awaiting the results of those efforts to determine if Idaho once again reaches the Circle of Honor. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve you.

I pray that each of you has grown as a Catholic Gentleman and Knight as we have journeyed together. The time has flown by and the reins have been passed on to your new State Deputy Shane Gehring, State Secretary Roy Bartholomay, State Treasurer George Mesina, State Advocate Dan Moberg and State Warden Jeff Finken. You as members of the Idaho Knights of Columbus have elected a **GREAT** group of men, from all over the state to serve you. I know that you will do everything in your power to support their efforts on your behalf.

I will be using this forum, from time to time, to express an observation, insight or an opinion that I believe might help. I am not sure that I have a lot of wisdom, but will utilize the space as best I can to help keep Idaho the great jurisdiction that we have become. It is my desire to assist our new state officers in any manner. If there is anything that you are interested in, please send me a question or comment by email and I will do my best to respond.

Let us continue to keep all the Knights of Columbus in our prayers and ask our Great God to watch over our efforts, enable us to do His will and grant us the success that He wishes for the Idaho Knights of Columbus.

I pray for God's mercy and peace to each of you and your families.

In His service.

**DID YOU KNOW? During the last year, the Knights of Columbus councils in Idaho provided over \$17,500 in support of our Seminarians and other Religious Vocations?**

# Star Council Corner

George Mesina - Membership

Congratulations Idaho. You finished **STRONG!** You set records!

At the risk of sounding like election night because Supreme is so swamped that final numbers for the year will not be available for some time, we announce preliminary-only results.

We **project** that Idaho reaches **CIRCLE of HONOR** for the **FOURTH time** in our history! That requires 250 new knights, growth (after death, suspensions, transfers, etc.) by 100 knights, and 9 star councils.

**STAR Councils**, we **project ELEVEN!** That would be the **most ever** in Idaho. Possible star councils:

- **Boise, Sacred Heart** 899
- **Cottonwood** 1389
- **Twin Falls** 1416
- **Idaho Falls** 1663
- **Buhl** 2685
- **Boise, Santa Maria** 4013
- **Boise, Our Lady of the Rosary** 10581
- **Boise, St. Marks** 12172
- **Fruitland** 12516
- **Boise, Risen Christ** 12854
- **Nampa** 16757

Safe environment compliance may disqualify some councils.

Note that STAR Councils qualify for the McGivney, Columbian, and Founders Awards also, so they are NOT relisted below:

## McGivney Award

Congratulations for outstanding recruiting of new knights, goes to **Burley** 12881.

## Columbian Award

Congratulations for exemplary charitable work to councils the following councils.

**Pocatello** 892, **Lewiston** 1024, **Coeur D Alene** 1363, **Moscow** 1397, **Twin Falls** 1416, **Idaho Falls** 1663, **Nampa** 2014, **Rupert** 2792, **Emmet** 3085, **Caldwell** 3086, **Kellogg** 3762, **Grangeville** 4058, **Bonners Ferry** 5075, **Salmon** 8283, **Pocatello** 8930, **Meridian** 11548, **Coeur D Alene** 11623, **Boise Burley** 12881, **Weiser** 13089, and **Spirit Lake** 15304.

## Idaho 5000

Idaho has topped 5000 and fallen back twice in the final week. No winner can be determined until Supreme posts the member numbers, so the winner of the Knights of Columbus jacket will be announced sometime in mid-July.

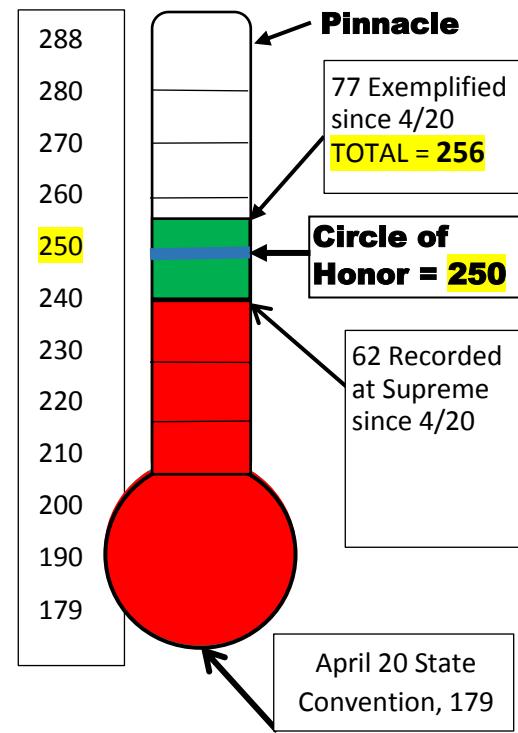
## Outstanding Recruiters and Agents

None of this would be possible without heroic efforts to recruit, insure, run charitable events, and help out wherever possible. We acknowledge outstanding recruiting (double digit new members) by State Deputy Mike Townsend, Knight of the Year Karl Korbin, State Membership Director George Mesina, and State Secretary Shane Gehring. Thanks for incredible insurance effort by Field Agent Paul Ford and Field Agent Tim Lynn.

## Appreciation

We also thank all the Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries of award-winning councils, your leadership is most appreciated. And to officers, directors, and event leaders all around the state, we couldn't do it without you. Finally, thanks to everyone who recruited a new knight, helped reactivate an inactive knight, or helped with insurance promotion. Your efforts have helped build the Army of God, the Knights of Columbus!

# Membership As of June 29,



Deadline June 30

I can't thank you enough.

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Appreciation

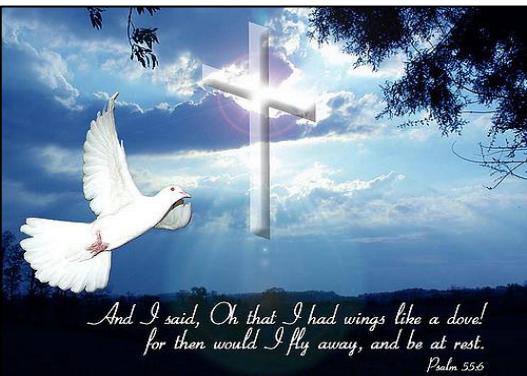
Dear Mike + Judy, State Officers,  
& Knights,

My deepest thanks for all you did to ensure I had a wonderful week-end during the convention. I appreciate your friendship + love more than words can express.

I had a great love for the Knights and what they stand for. He would have been humbled by the tribute for him.

Thank you.  
Love,  
Wanda

Note from Wanda Millhouse  
Widow of Past State Deputy Al Millhouse



## KNIGHTS IN ACTION

### AIDING VETERANS

St. Michael the Archangel Assembly 3244 in Boise, Idaho, made a \$300 donation to fund gas vouchers

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and bus passes for Healthcare for Homeless Veterans. The donation helps provide transport so that veterans can get to VA medical and behavioral health appointments, VA Compensated Work Therapy assignments, job interviews, housing searches, food banks and church services.

## Silver Rose Program - CDA

Bishop Kelly Assembly #185 participating in the Silver Rose program June 1st at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Coeur d'Alene.



Left to Right: Father Mariusz Majewski; Craig Frei - Commander (in purple); Gary Fessler ; Don Moberg; Mike Anderson; Gordon Ramsden; Nick Theisen (photographer).



# State Chaplain - Father Ben Uhlenkott

## Letter to the Parishioners of St. Mark's, Boise - June 3, 2018

The recently released Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate* (Rejoice and be glad [Mt 5.12]) —a must read—takes up in his fourth chapter, "Signs of Holiness in Today's World," expressions of what a person, filled with God's love, looks like in our world today. Our Holy Father calls these signs, "great expressions of love for God and neighbor." As disciples of Christ and listening to the shepherd of our Church, briefly I'll note these "expressions": 1) perseverance, patience and meekness, 2) joy and a sense of humor, 3) boldness and passion, 4) in community and 5) in constant prayer.

I see saintly men living this out with the charitable work of the Knights of Columbus here at St Mark's and around the State. Last December, I, along with Worthy State Deputy Michael Townsend and Worthy State Secretary, Shane Gehring, helped distribute wheelchairs with the oversight and assistance of the American Wheelchair Foundation and money principally raised by St Paul's parish in Nampa. Witnessing the faces of the parents and children receiving these new additions to their lives was a blessing, but the greater blessing for me, as a priest, was witnessing my brother Knights of Columbus, love and assist those in need.

Certainly it is not limited to 'mission' trips that we are able to witness faith alive in our brother Knights. We see their holiness with the 40 Cans for Lent food drive, corporate communions, the March for Life, fundraising for ultrasound machines, promotion and fundraising for our seminarians, assisting in the nursing homes and the Silver Rose Processions (watch for the next one -June 21st!). I have personally been blessed to experience the saintly work of the Knights in a deeper way recently, as they have assisted me during my recovery from a concussion.

I see my brother Knights as men living their encountered love of Christ in community, perpetually being men of work and prayer. You've been a gift to my faith and the countless men, women and children who witness your expressions of faith alive as a Knight of Columbus. Thank you, for your great expressions of love for God and neighbor.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Father Ben

## **Silver Rose Program - Boise (St. Mark's)**

June 21, 2018



Dave  
Palumbo



## The Knight Behind the Nametag

We're all frequently reminded to wear name badges and K of C items, especially before volunteer or recruitment event. Have you ever thought how the benefit of wearing our badges go far beyond these events?

When you wear your name badge at a church event, parishioners can immediately identify you. They see a trusted person who can answer questions or lend a helping hand. Fellow members see a friend and brother Knight. Your pastor sees a Knight who might serve as an usher, a greeter or a Eucharistic minister. A young father sitting in the pew near you sees a person he can ask about joining the Order.

Your name badge brands you. It tells everyone you encounter that you are a man of faith, a man of character, a man willing to lend a hand. In short, it tells everyone that you are a Knights of Columbus.

## Silver Rose Program - Mountain Home

Mountain Home Council 3703 conducted a Silver Rose Service on June 20, 2018. There were 28 people present for this special event. The evening consisted of the recital of the holy rosary and then Father German Orsorio celebrated a beautiful Mass. Those shown in the picture are from left to right: Fred Horn, Paul Petro, Father Germán Osorio, Steve Green, Monte Stephens, Fred Busing.

May God Bless! Vivat Jesus.

Paul Petro, DD 5



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

### Support Traditional Marriage

Earlier this month several Knights took part in a public rosary with the prayer and message being: "God's Marriage = 1 Man + 1 Woman"

As Knights we should always be supportive of Traditional Marriage. Let us hone our skills in this area so we may be better prepared to defend it.

I recommend reading the following:

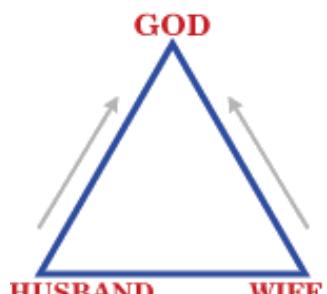
- Pope Leo XIII's 1880 encyclical on Christian Marriage: *Arcanum*
- Pope Pius XI's 1930 encyclical on Christian Marriage: *Casti Connubii*
- Pope Paul VI's 1968 encyclical on Human Life: *Humanae Vitae*
- Pope John Paul II's *Theology of the Body*

These readings can be found at:  
<http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html> and <http://www.usccb.org/>

**2017** was a record-setting year for Knights of Columbus charitable work with an unprecedented \$185.6 million in donations and 75.6 million hours of volunteer service provided worldwide.

### K of C in the Community

Disaster Relief	\$7.5M
Christian Refugee Relief	\$6.3M
Coats for Kids	\$2.5M
Food Drives	\$7.6M
Special Olympics	\$14.7M
Habitat for Humanity	\$0.6M
Global Wheelchair Mission	\$1.6M



# Is the Fourth Degree still relevant? Yes! Here's why!



Charles Davlin PSD, FDM  
Vice-Supreme Master  
Archbishop Blanchet Province

Speech presented at the Washington State Convention - May 20, 2018 in Pasco, WA

With the change of the Fourth Degree Regalia, I have heard many questions asked by long-time members and even Assembly leaders. Some of those most disillusioned by this change of have asked in various ways and forms: Is the Fourth Degree still relevant? What is the point if we can't show our accustomed flash? It is just another meeting, another set of paperwork and another dues payment so why bother anymore?

My answer is YES! That our mission, our purpose, our mandate has not changed and has perhaps even been clarified.

Too often in the recent past and in many Assemblies, the Fourth Degree is just a social club. An excuse to dress up once a month and go out to dinner with our wives. While such a family activity does indeed fall within the greater mission of the Knights of Columbus, it must not be the sole mission of the Fourth Degree.

More often, the Fourth Degree provides the color and the pomp to celebrations of new life such as First Communions, Confirmation, Marriages and Ordinations and unfortunately frequently and but as importantly, to celebrations of lives-well-spent as we provide a final escort and salute to our Brother Knights and family members. While this time-honored and important display of Charity, Unity and Fraternity IS important and well within the greater mission of the Knights of Columbus, it cannot be the sole mission of the Fourth Degree.

The mission of the Fourth Degree is now and always has been Patriotism and Evangelization regardless of what we are wearing.

In a recent survey, 34% of those responding said the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment of the Constitution "goes too far in the rights it guarantees".

When asked what specific rights the First Amendment guaranteed, 59% named Freedom of Speech, 24% named Freedom of Religion, 14% named Freedom of the Press, 11% named Right Peaceably to Assemble and only 4%, 1 in 25 knew about their Right to Petition the Government.

31% said musicians should not be allowed to sing songs with lyrics that might offend others.

44% said the government should be able to force journalists to reveal their sources.

36% could not name one, just one, of the five individual freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment.

In another survey, only 33% of those asked could correctly identify the Bill of Rights as the first 10 amendments to the Constitution and only 9% knew or guessed from the multiple-choice survey that original purpose of the Bill of Rights was to limit abuses by the Government.

In a 2017 survey on the Constitution, only 26% could name all three branches of the government and 33% could not name ANY of the three branches, not even one.

A Pew Research Center poll in 2010 asked the name of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and only 28% named John Roberts. Of the 72% who didn't name Roberts, 53% had no idea, 8% guessed Thurgood Marshall who was never Chief Justice and had been dead for 17 years when the poll was conducted and 4% named Harry Reid who was NEVER a Supreme Court Justice. Finally, in a poll from July of 2000, only 51% of those polled would vote for the Constitution if it were presented as written in ballot form. 22% would vote against the Constitution and 27% just don't know.

How do we protect and defend something we don't understand or appreciate?

Gentlemen, the purpose of the Fourth Degree is to teach those around us about our government and the mechanisms which guarantee our Freedoms and our very Liberty.

According to a 2008 poll of American Catholics only 23% of American Catholics attended Mass on a weekly basis and of that 23%, only 91% believe in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The number falls to only 65% in those who attend Mass monthly and is even less for those who attend rarely. Among weekly attendees, only 62% receive Confession at least once a year, a basic precept of the Church.

Quite often I feel bad during the Knighthood Degree when I tell 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree candidates "you were taught all these things..." because I was **not** taught all of these things and most of what I was taught came not from CCD or directly from the Church but from my mother who thought she was supplementing CCD. When I took my daughter to CCD, she was taught the same things I was: "Jesus loves you and be nice to others" so I thought I was good, I had done my duty. Unfortunately, it shows in her beliefs and attitudes toward the Faith today. In her later life, my mother was shocked at how little I and my siblings knew and had been taught. She thought she had done her duty towards us. To her dying day she grieved the loss of faith in my brothers and the fact that her grandkids were not all baptized in the Church. I have much higher hopes for my grandsons but they are so far away from me and the tug of society is so very strong.

The new Evangelization is not just using new forms of media to spread the word. It really means to re-evangelize those who have received the Gospel but who have or are experiencing a crisis of faith or who were badly catechized and never really got it the first time.

Gentlemen, the purpose of the Fourth Degree is to inspire those around us to know and practice our faith as taught by Christ and by the Church in the Catechism.

Statistically and historically, when a member advances to the Fourth Degree, the chances of him suspending out or withdrawing from the Order has been very small. That is still true although this last year HAS been a bit of a test on that premise.

None the less Gentlemen, the purpose of the Fourth Degree is the stability of our Order.

When I was District Master, I attended my Council meeting prior to a Fourth Degree Exemplification. My intent was to gauge interest in the upcoming exemplification and to recruit toward it. When I surveyed the members in attendance, 18 of the 19 present were already Fourth Degree Knights. The 19<sup>th</sup> member had a specific reason for not being Fourth Degree although he did join once his promise was fulfilled and that reason had passed.

At your next Council meeting, ask all the Officers, past or present, who are Fourth Degree members to stand up and at your next Fourth Degree Meeting, have all the members who have at one time been or are currently officers in your Council or leaders in your Parish to please stand.

What I expect you will find is that the purpose and more specifically the result of the Fourth Degree is LEADERSHIP. Gentlemen, the Fourth Degree is now and always has been **what we do and has never been more relevant**. Vivat Jesus.



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TOGETHER WE CHANGE LIVES & SAVE LIVES!**

## Recruiting Tip of the Month: Meet Prospects One-on-One

Organize an informal family gathering where potential candidates can meet existing members. The smaller crowd and more relaxed environment will allow prospects to witness how Knights of Columbus men and their families bring love, joy and enthusiasm to their everyday activities.



**Form 365**  
From: Paul Petro, DD#5



Please hold off on sending next fraternal year's Council Program Personnel Report (Form 365) to Supreme until further notice from the State Council. The form isn't due until August 1st and with the changes in the programs at Supreme there will be a new form coming out.

# Church vs. State

Kerry Hennessy  
Past State Deputy  
Color Corp Commander

Worthy Sir Knights,

As we approach the anniversary of our Declaration of Independence from Britain rule, I wanted to share with you an article from The Atlantic magazine. This article talks about the political debate that was occurring as an Irish-Catholic politician was ascending the ranks of the New York political hierarchy.

Alfred E. Smith was then Governor of New York, son of Irish mother and Civil War veteran father, he was raised and lived in a good Catholic home by the Brooklyn Bridge.

As his political life continued to the point of being Governor of New York, many of the Protestant members of the media took note of his possible aspirations of being POTUS. The media took it upon themselves to warn the populous of this pending so-called disaster. By disaster, I mean that people feared that if a Catholic were to assume the Presidency, then his life's political direction was to be guided by the Vatican and thus the country would live and rule by Catholic dogma.

'Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's: and unto God the things that are God's.' This passage was used by the media to create fear in its readers about the separation of Church and State.

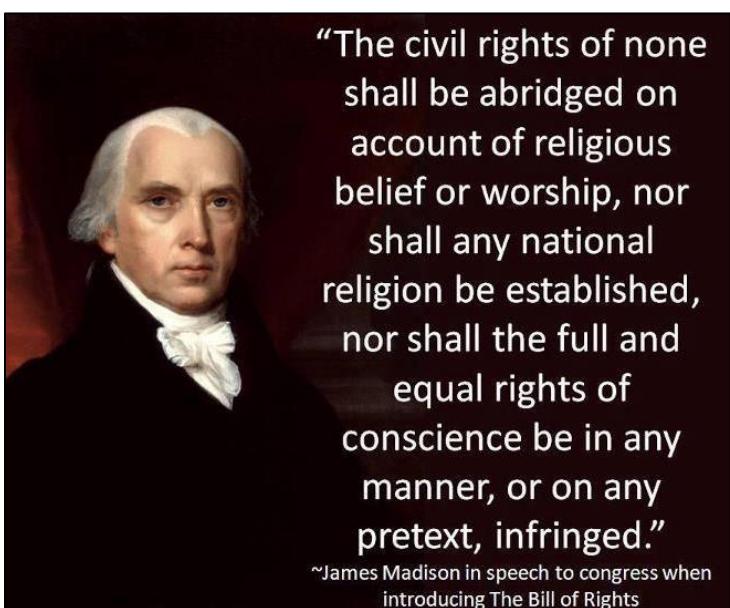
Alfred E. Smith did go on to be the Democratic candidate for Presidency in 1928. He was the first Catholic to run for the Presidency of the United States.

This political scenario described here is shortly after the creation of the Knights of Columbus in 1882. At the time of the founding of our Order, the persecution of Irish Catholics was rampant and wide spread. I think that this shows that the

discrimination that still pervaded the country at that time, while conversely showed that the country was becoming more accepting of the immigrant Irish Catholic.

We are a country founded and grown by immigrants, and will continue to be. Provided that we are accepting and welcoming of our future immigrant population and work for assimilation into the American culture.

Remember, that we are Americans first, not Irish, Africans or Latinos etc. Vivat Jesus.



## Keep Christ in Christmas

### Idaho State KC Poster Winners

Pat Taney, GK of Pocatello Council 892, presented each of the winners with their Knights of Columbus State Award Plaque.



## **Idaho State Assemblies - Officers Chosen**

By now, your assembly should have conducted election of assembly officers for the 2018-2019 fraternal year. Please submit your form 186, "Report of Officers Chosen for the Term". Copies should be sent to the Supreme Secretary, State Deputy, Vice Supreme Master, District Master, and your assembly. Even if officers do not change from the previous fraternal year, a report still needs to be sent. Electronic files can be sent to the following addresses:

**Supreme Secretary** [supremesecretary@kofc.org](mailto:supremesecretary@kofc.org)  
**State Deputy** [sgehring@msn.com](mailto:sgehring@msn.com)  
**Vice Supreme Master** [cmd5286@hotmail.com](mailto:cmd5286@hotmail.com)  
**District Master** [jjpettinger@centurylink.net](mailto:jjpettinger@centurylink.net) (NEW)

John Pettinger - Idaho District Master



### **Knights of Columbus "Family of the Month" Council Winner List**

**May 2018**

<b><u>JURISDICTION</u></b>	<b><u>COUNCIL</u></b>	<b><u>FAMILY OF</u></b>
Idaho	1363	David Campbell
Idaho	1416	Peter Hillman

### **Coeur d'Alene Council 1363**

On June 14th at 1363's Council meeting, we were honored to initiate our first new member through the new on-line recruitment process. Pictured in the first shot, from left to right, are GK Nick Theisen, newly admitted 1st Degree Brother Jon Ghirarduzzi, and newly elected GK Ed Livingston.



In this picture to the right, the Council honored outgoing GK Nick Theisen, incoming GK Ed Livingston, and outgoing District Deputy Larry Seabolt.



## **St. Mary's Council 12531 - Boise**

Brother Knights of St. Mary's Council -

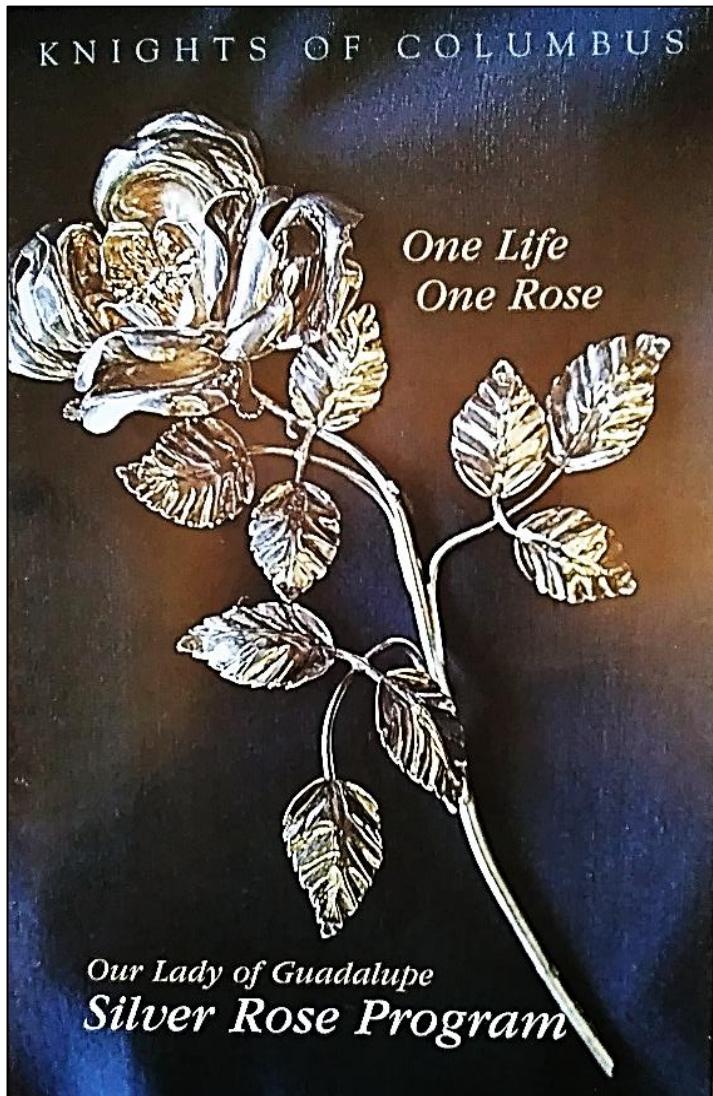
This year's 90th+ birthday party for the parishioners was a great success and it could not have been so effortless without the help of the following individuals. Eric Thompson, Chris Jones, Mike Lechner, Ron, Ware, Jose Garcia, Pat Conner (trying to get him to join the knights), James Tepley, and last but not least Bob Tratz. Without your help, I could not have pulled off this great event and for that, I am extremely thankful to you and your efforts.

If you have not signed up to help for an upcoming event please do so as you will learn more about your fellow Knights along with serving our parish. As they say, together we are stronger than any one individual.

Have a great day. Sincerely.

Tim Haus





## Silver Rose Program - Pocatello

Coordinated and led by Council 8930 Grand Knight Chad Shouse and Idaho Youth & Activities Director Keith Riemersma the KC's, family and friends gathered on June 15th at St. Joseph's Chapel in Pocatello to participate in the Idaho tour of the "Silver Rose". Honor Guard members from Bishop Gorman Assembly (L to R) were represented by Dan Anthony PSD, FDM; Kerry Hennessy PSD; and State Secretary Roy Bartholomay. Thanks to Fr. Roger LaChance, Dave & Mary Kay Molitor, Nancy Anthony, Pat Taney, Jose Iniguez, plus other Holy Spirit parishioners for attending this special event.

Our Lady of Guadalupe - Pray for Us!



## ST. PIUS X - COUNCIL 11623 COEUR D'ALENE



GK Dave Sonnen with Vocations Award from State Convention.



New transfer, Ed Meyer, receives name badge from GK Dave Sonnen.



GK Dave Sonnen presents Council Activity Award from State Convention to (left to right) Tom Tintinger, Don Moberg, Gary Fessler, Craig Frei and Chris Harrison.



First Class Scout, James Laker, helped Knights place flags at veterans' graves at St. Thomas Cemetery. The knights, from left to right, are Jim Connell, John Webb, Gary Sonnen, Craig Frei, Wade Toombs, Larry Major and Gary Fessler.



Rob Palus receives Youth Award from State Convention from GK Dave Sonnen.



Jim Polzin receives Knight of the Month Certificate from GK Dave Sonnen.



# THE LAST WORD

*Shane Gehring - Idaho State Deputy*

Good day and Happy Birthday America;

On April 22, 2018 I was elected to be the State Deputy for Fraternal year 2018-2019. Thank you all for your vote of confidence.

Soon thereafter the current State Deputy, Mike Townsend, send in what is called Form 111; this is the report of State Officers, to Supreme. When that form was accepted by Supreme my life changed forever!

Immediately the amount of email and snail-mail tripled, phone calls doubled. My wife had gave me a small blue plastic box; maybe 12" X 12" to put all of the mail I was receiving as State Secretary. Now I need a milk crate! The UPS driver and I are now on a first name basis.

On June 6th I left for New Haven CT for workshops and to be installed as State Deputy. New Haven was amazing. I encourage all that are in that area to visit the KOFC Museum, 1 Columbus Plaza and best of all St Mary's Church. There were State Deputies there from all over the world.

We started off with a tour of the Headquarters of the Knights; 1 Columbus Plaza. We were given a tour of this fantastic building and attended Mass there. Then we were on to our first class which was taught by Carl Anderson!

We then moved to the host hotel for Workshops for the rest of the day. The presentations we were given were very informative and are the same presentations that we will be using at our Summer Organizational Meeting July 6 - 8 in Boise.

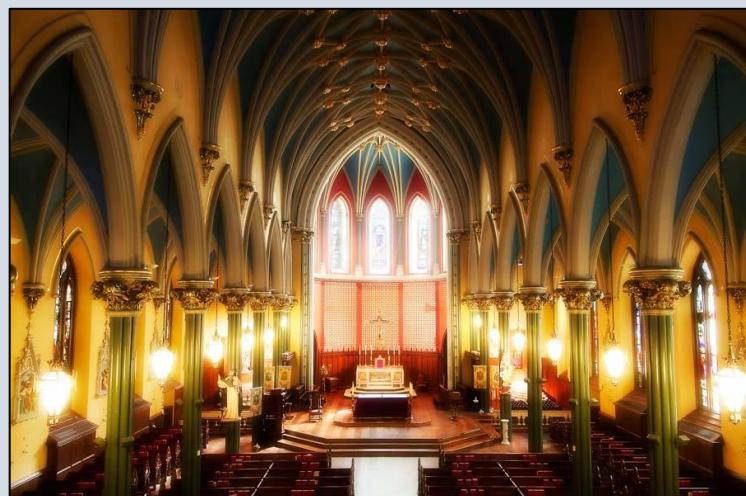
The second day I was installed into office by the Supreme Knight. This was done at St Mary's Church, the birthplace of our Order. The Church is spectacular. As you enter the Church you walk by the sarcophagus of Fr. McGivney. I stopped there after being installed and to say a short prayer asking for guidance.

After mass we attended a pancake breakfast which was hosted by the local Council. Our MPC Bob Kish then took me to the place of the first ever Knights meeting!

This is a how the first few weeks have gone by and it has not slowed down. I want to thank Mike Townsend for preparing me for this challenge. He is and always will be a mentor and friend.

I cannot thank him enough.

Vivat Jesus!



*Vivat Jesus!*

