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Idaho Knights in Action

COLUMBIA

THE FALLEN, THE FAITHFUL

*The stories of three Knights killed in action remind us to pray for
and give thanks to those willing to pay freedom's ultimate cost*

by Joseph O'Brien

From the Great War to the Gulf War to ongoing conflicts in the Middle East, tens of thousands of Knights of Columbus have served during military conflicts. More than 3,300 of them made the ultimate sacrifice in World War I and World War II. These men embodied the principles of the Order: charity, unity, fraternity and — especially — patriotism.

This Memorial Day, we honor three of the nearly 50 Knights who have died this century during the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, as family members they left behind attest to their generosity, courage and faith-filled service.



EQUIPPED FOR SERVICE

Basic training for Wyatt Goldsmith started long before he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 2004. Born in Redmond, Wash., Goldsmith excelled at skiing in high school and later joined the National Ski Patrol, learning the ins and outs (and ups and downs) of mountain rescue and first aid. The most important lesson he learned on the slopes, according to his parents, John and Lorie Goldsmith, was service to those in need.

Army Sgt. 1st Class Wyatt A. Goldsmith

Sept. 21, 1982 –
July 15, 2011

Colville (Wash.)
Council 12273

"When he got home at the end of the day after a patrol, we'd ask him how his day went," his father recalled. "When he got to treat someone who was injured that day, he got a light in his eyes. He always had the personality of a rescuer and a caregiver."

Donning the Green Beret, Goldsmith served three tours as a Special Forces medic — once in Iraq and twice in Afghanistan. During a battle on his first Afghanistan tour, he rescued some wounded Afghan soldiers after being hit by enemy gunfire himself. He later received the Bronze Star Medal with Valor for his actions.

Goldsmith recovered from his wounds and deployed to Afghanistan a second time. After enemy forces engaged his unit in Helmand Province on July 15, 2011, the 28-year-old

John and Lorie Goldsmith stand with a photo of their son, Wyatt A. Goldsmith, a Green Beret medic who was killed in Afghanistan in 2011.

medic once again attended to an injured Afghan soldier. This time, he was mortally wounded by a rocket-propelled grenade.

"Wyatt always said, 'God loves medics,'" Lorie Goldsmith recalled. "I don't think he had the same fear level that some people may have, at least at that moment when he died, because he was busy treating someone."

Wyatt had joined Colville (Wash.) Council 12273 in 2002, in the footsteps of his father, and he made sure to take the Knights' most important weapon with him into battle; while still in training, he wrote his parents to ask them to send him a rosary.

"He figured that as a Knight it was important that he have a rosary on him at all times," said John Goldsmith, who now serves as grand knight of St. George Council 12560 in Post Falls, Idaho. "That rosary was on him when he was killed several years later."

The Goldsmiths want the world to remember their son as a good soldier and a good Catholic who was serving others up to the moment he died.

"The best men in the military are men of faith," Lorie said. "You have to be, to do the things they do and lead the people they lead. And Wyatt had that."

John added, "With our faith in the teachings of the Church, I'm confident that I'm going to see him again."

Bishop Gorman Assembly - Pocatello

Hosted by State Treasurer Roy Bartholomay at his home he and other Sir Knights of Bishop Gorman Assembly took a respite from the regular monthly meeting for a social gathering on May 21st. From L to R in back row: Immediate Past State Deputy Kerry Hennessy; Faithful Navigator Zach Olpin; Jim Price; and Bart Cameron. Front row L to R: Dan Anthony PSD, FDM; Roy Bartholomay; and Fred Davis. Kathy Cameron (photographer), Polly Hennessy; Toni Davis and Nancy Anthony enjoyed the evening as well. Nine-month old Lilly Olpin was doing her best to have fun too.



SP-7 Columbian Award Application

The convention is behind us and the year is quickly winding down. You have all worked hard this year but there are still things to do. I have seen all of the great work you have done in the form of the Service Award applications and that is proof that you have had a busy and productive year.

One thing that I encourage every Idaho Council that is Safe Environment compliant to do is to fill out and submit an SP-7 application for the Columbian Service Award. This Supreme award recognizes you for excellence in your council's programming and for your charitable outreach. Every Council in Idaho that is Safe Environment compliant

qualifies and all it takes is a few minutes and can be filled out and submitted online.

Even if you don't feel it is necessary to be recognized, this award is something that is admired by your Church and community and it provides prospective members with the belief that your council is one that he would be proud to be a member.

I would suggest that we strive for 100% participation in the Columbian Award and now is the time to start. I am happy to assist you in any way. If you have questions, please let me know. Good luck and God bless.

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St. Pius X Council 1162 Coeur d'Alene

April Breakfast

Our April Breakfast benefitted the Fr. Roger Scholarship Fund. John Webb presented a check for \$500 to Peggy Hodge of Hospice of North Idaho at the Breakfast to show the parish who its contributions benefit.



GK Dave Sonnen presents Family of the Month Certificate to Wayne Hash.



DGK Tom Tintinger, on right, presents Family of the Month Certificate to Dave Sonnen.

Easter Egg Hunt

Thanks to the knights and family who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt: Dave Sonnen, Craig Frei, Gary Fessler, Jim Sanborn, Warren Holcomb, Roberto Osegura, Tom Tintinger, Rob, Emily, Elise, and Anna Palus and family friend Abby. The High School Youth Group filled the eggs.



Fish Fry

The Fish Fry raised about \$500 for the Fr. Roger Scholarship Fund. From the left, Dan Bertuccelli, John Thurston, Gary Sonnen and Craig Frei are shown cooking the fish.



GK Dave Sonnen presents Knight of the Month Certificate to Pete Obligato.

Idaho Special Olympics Fundraiser

Annie Rimpler of Idaho Special Olympics asked us to help with a raffle fundraiser. Thanks to Greg Kemp on left, Tom Dillon, who are pictured, Al Castillo, and John Webb for manning the Kathleen Super 1 with Special Olympians. Over \$300 was raised. The \$10 raffle tickets for 2019 Rav 4 will be available at our May Breakfast.



Caldwell Council 3086

On April 28th at 5:00pm Caldwell Council 3086 had a BBQ for the RICA program.

Picture 1 - Deputy Grand Knight Tom Ineck (left) and Tony Hall.

Picture 2 - Front to back. Tony Hall, our newest Knight Jose Robles; Under Tony's hand is Deputy Grand Knight Tom Ineck and Father Mike.

Photos by: Joseph Zahnle Photography



Assembly Actions

John Pettinger PSD - District Master

Brothers and Sir Knights,

Thursday, June 6th we will celebrate the ordination of a new priest, John Mosier. The ceremony will take place at St. John Cathedral at 11 AM. We ask as many members of the Color Corps as possible to honor our newest priest, who is an ardent supporter and member of the Knights. Color Corps members should arrive by 10 AM. A friend of John's from Washington is planning to join us in the Honor Guard.

Our recent exemplifications in Idaho Falls on March 30 and in Twin Falls on May 5, advanced 17 and 12 brothers respectively to Sir Knight. The final exemplification of this fraternal year will be at Holy Apostles church in Meridian on June 1. At the time of this report, there are 21 brothers scheduled to receive the Patriotic degree there.

I hope you will all join me in congratulating our Vice Supreme Master, Chuck Davlin, in his new role as KC Western Region Training Coordinator. As such, Chuck will be responsible for training Knights in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Alaska, and Hawaii. A search is currently underway for his VSM replacement. It has been a great honor to serve under Chuck and I wish him all the best in his new role.



Vivat Jesus,

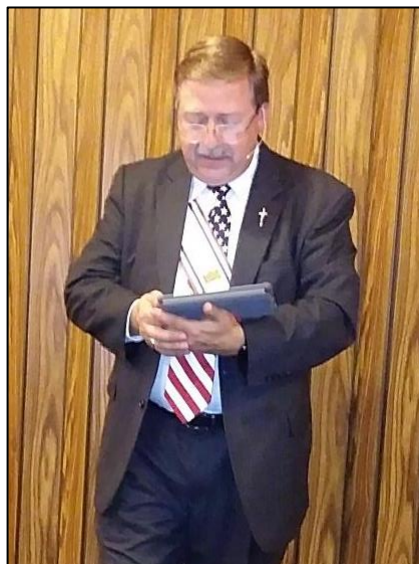
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Bishop Kelly Assembly 185 - Coeur d'Alene

On May 17th at the Ironhorse Restaurant in Coeur d' Alene, Andy Finney is leading a prayer before his talk on why he chose to go for Deacon life during our Assembly's spring Social and Dinner. He is currently in his 3rd year in the program.

Nick Theisen - Faithful Navigator 185



Who Are the Knights of the Future? Men Who Lead, Protect, Serve, Defend

Picture your council one or two decades from now. If your council doesn't attract new members now, it won't be there in the future. Here's four types of men to invite to your council:

- Catholic men willing to step up and live out their faith. Your council can help men to answer that call to do more, and to be more.
- Men who want to give their families the Catholic difference. Your council's field agent can help them find top quality financial products, backed by our ethical and faith-first business practices.
- Men who are ready to make an impact. Your council can help men put their faith into action and give back — in your community, in your parish and on a global scale.
- Men who are not afraid to stand up for life, liberty and family. By joining, men add their voices to those of nearly two million members upholding the faith and the truth.

*Future members aren't that different from Knights of today. But it is up to you to welcome them.
Seek them in your community and invite them to join.*

District 6 Outreach

Cinco de Mayo at BSU Bronco Catholic was an opportunity for the Knights of Columbus to support the ministry of Bronco Catholic and the Fassati Men's Group on campus as they say goodbye to graduating students and prepare to leave campus for the summer.

The State Council, State Deputy Shane Gehring, and District Deputy #6 J.A. Arroyo, cooked sausages and hamburgers for the students, staff and parents.

We have high hopes for the Fassati Men's Group and Bronco Catholic! They will be voting next semester on becoming the first College Council in Idaho. Many of the students are already Knights and this will provide them an avenue to serve their college and Bronco community.

Vivat Jesus. SK J.A. Arroyo, PGK, DD #6



'It takes a village to raise a deacon and a doctoral student'

Editor's note: Deacon Scott Pearhill of Holy Spirit Catholic Community in Pocatello recently graduated in the first class to complete Mount Angel Seminary's Doctorate in Ministry Program. Dr. Pearhill writes about his experiences below:

By Deacon Scott Pearhill

As a deacon, I am called to be an icon of Christ the servant, to walk with the people of my parish and the larger community, sharing their journey of faith. What sort of formation could possibly help me do that more fully?

In 2016, Mount Angel Seminary, the Benedictine Abbey that forms many of our priests, began to offer a new Doctorate in Ministry (DMin) program, designed to assist and enrich the ministry of both lay and ordained Catholics.

The classes were faith-filled, challenging and spiritually rewarding. The DMin degree is practical in its focus. Its three areas of emphasis — scripture, theology and pastoral practice — are applied to the specific ministry of the student. I now believe God was nudging me to update and improve my pastoral skills and theological knowledge by participating in this excellent course of study. But, initially, I resisted and had to be talked into it!

Like most who minister in the Church, I felt I did not have enough time to add one more thing to my busy day. The director of the new DMin program, Dr. Owen Cummings (whom I aspire to be like when I grow up) had to call me several times, urging me to take the leap. One of my anxieties was that it had been 20 years since the last time I was in school. I received my Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies in 1999. Was I really ready for this?

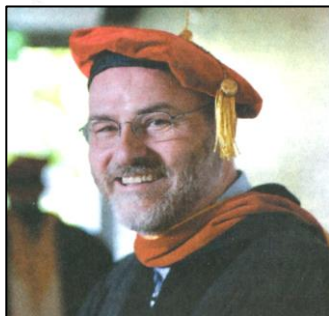
God knew. The supports I needed to participate and complete the pro-

gram were all around me. My wife, Marcy, my mother, my children and my parish all encouraged me. Several members of Holy Spirit Catholic Community took it upon themselves to pray for me.

When I thought about dropping out after my second year (because I was too busy to continue), my friend and fellow DMin student, Deacon Scott Dodge, from the Diocese of Salt Lake City talked me out of it. When I thought about dropping out because my dissertation, in my opinion, was a disaster, my wife, my mother and Deacon Dodge came to the rescue again, reminding me how valuable the whole DMin experience had been and will be. Deacon Dodge wisely counseled, "Everything looks like failure from the middle. You only have to get over the hump." It takes a village to raise a deacon and a doctoral student.

The DMin graduating Class of 2019 included men and women, lay, religious and ordained Catholic ministers. While I focused my study upon homiletics, another fellow DMin student and friend, Nancy Holt, specialized in the Ministry of the Word, including its proclamation at Mass. Our subject areas naturally overlapped and we benefited from each other's ideas. God willing, Nancy will travel to Pocatello in 2019 or 2020 to provide a Lector workshop at the parish focusing on the "event character of the liturgy of the Word." I will be traveling around the Diocese this summer and fall, sharing with the deacon community some of what I have learned about preaching.

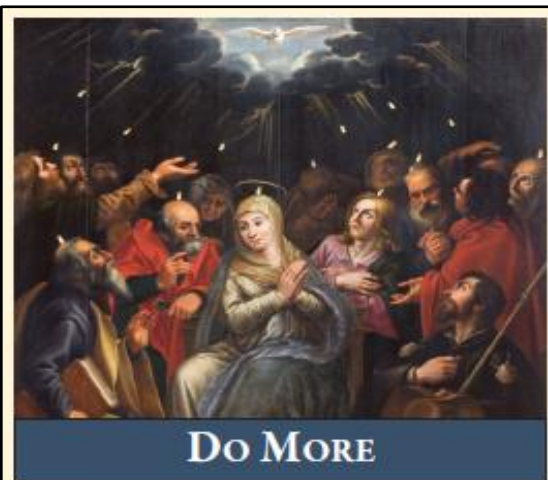
I highly recommend the Doctor of Ministry degree at Mount Angel Seminary and pray that it continues to benefit our Diocese for years to come.



Deacon Scott Pearhill is a long-time member of Pocatello Council 892 and Sir Knight of the Bishop Daniel M. Gorman Assembly.



Deacon Pearhill with his family on graduation day at Mount Angel Seminary. (Courtesy photo/Scott Pearhill)



DO MORE

A CHALLENGE AND MESSAGE FROM
SUPREME CHAPLAIN ARCHBISHOP LORI

*Jesus said,
"My children, I will be with you
only a little while longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another.
As I have loved you,
so you also should love one another."*

— Gospel for May 19, Jn 13:34

We have heard this teaching of Jesus before, but do we personalize it and truly know it to be true? Each one of us is called to love one another in the most profound way — by caring about others' eternal well-being. But Catholics in America today are, sadly, not known for loving one another to the point that we risk sharing our faith with others. One recent poll found that only 6% of Catholics believe sharing their faith is a "high priority." Jesus invites us to do more, and he does not call the equipped; he equips the called.

This Month's Challenge

This month, I challenge you to invite one person out for coffee, to your home or an event at your parish. Tell them what you enjoy about the Catholic faith. If they have been away from the Catholic Church, invite them back. If they are not Catholic, ask them if they would consider joining. Either way, be welcoming and nonjudgmental in your conversation.

Fruitland Council 12516

Attached is a pic of Holy Thursday in Fruitland. The 4th Degree Knights carrying the canopy are Brian Harris (FS), Jim Jensen (Treasurer), Dee Martinez (DGK), and Bill Pahl (GK). Under the canopy carrying Jesus is Deacon Tom Turpin and Fr. Camilo.



Bill Pahl - Grand Knight

One More Reason To Join: Disability Insurance

Men looking at joining the Knights probably don't have disability insurance. But they — and you — need it.

What is disability income insurance?

It helps replace lost income when Knights are unable to work due to a disability resulting from an illness or accident.

Who needs it?

Disability income insurance helps protect a Knight's most important financial asset — their paycheck — so it should be part of every Knight's planning.

How does it work?

Knights of Columbus disability income insurance policies provide a monthly benefit over the course of a designated period, helping replace the income Knights would have received if they were able to work. Knights are free to use their disability income benefits in any way they see fit — just like they would with their own paycheck.

Learn more by clicking

www.kofc.org/un/en/insurance/disability-income.html

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Our Lady of the Rosary Council 10581 - Boise

On Saturday, April 6th, our Council joined in a paint-in at the St. Vincent DePaul store on State Street in Boise. Attached are photos of the "crew". Vivat Jesus.

David E Brown - Financial Secretary



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MORE 112TH STATE CONVENTION MEMORIES



COMMUNITY AWARD

*Dave Sonnen (left), GK St. Pius X Council #11623
of Coeur d'Alene with Ron Katko and
Shane Gehring, State Deputy*

In Matthew we read: "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me". We often hear this Gospel message and it's easily understood; but it isn't always clear as to how we are supposed to do it. In October, this council, with the blessing of their Pastor, chose to sponsor a Wheelchair Sunday to benefit the delivery of wheelchairs to the poorest of the poor who need them but can't afford them. The message of how there are over 100 million people who are in need of wheelchairs, and how easy it is to change, or save, a life with a donation of \$150.00 was presented to the Parishioners. The response was overwhelming as over a single weekend, over \$30,000 was raised. This means that over 2,000 people's lives would be changed, or saved. That weekend the Gospel was not only understood but it was lived.

HELPING the ELDERLY and DISABLED

There isn't much we can do that is more important than when we take care of the disabled and the poor. This council worked to provide funding for North Idaho Special Olympics and for an organization called Tesh, which provides job training, job placement and camp opportunities for youth and adults with disabilities. Over \$2,600 was raised to support these very important organizations.

**Council #12172 – St. Marks –
Boise – David Hammes, GK**



LIFE ACTIVITY

In John, Chapter 1, we learn that “who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man’s decision... but of God”. This instruction is very clear; life is not our choice but God’s alone. This council understands this and has taken on the responsibility of working to help area women and men understand the importance of choosing life. Working with a local non-profit, Reliance Ministries (similar to Stanton), they are experiencing a continual success in this very critical mission. They will continue to work as they grow and expand into outlying communities where services are desperately needed.

**Council # 1024 – Lewiston –
Travis Zenner, GK**



FAITH AWARD

*Council 1663 Idaho Falls
Robert G. Nobles - Grand Knight*

Faith is being sure of what you hope for, and certain of what you do not see. Since 1949 the *Cursillo* focuses on showing Christian laypeople how to become effective Christian leaders over the course of a three-day weekend. This council chose to sponsor men’s and women’s *Cursillo* retreats for members of their Council, Parish and local community. Dozens of men and women participated in adoration for outside prayer and many reported this to be a life-changing experience. All proceeds benefitted the *Cursillo* community.



*Pope John Paul II Council 2014
Nampa, that hosted the 112th
Idaho Knights of Columbus
Convention, transfers Sir Knight KC
Colombo to Coeur d' Alene's
council which will host the 113th
annual state convention.*

PUBLICITY AWARD

This council produces a monthly newsletter containing information about what they have done and what is coming on their calendar. Items of interest are included, as well as Program Reports, notes from the State Council, a report from their Grand Knight, District Deputy and General Insurance agent when applicable. They also have developed a Facebook page promoting the Knights and the work of their council and support a page on the parish website.

**Council # 11623 – St. Pius X –
Coeur d' Alene - Dave Sonnen, GK**

PRIEST of the YEAR

All of our priests are “Priests of the Year” and are deserving of our gratitude and recognition; but from all of those priests submitted for this honor, we are very proud to recognize:

Fr. Reginald “Reggie” Nwauzor as the Idaho State Knights of Columbus Priest of the Year for 2018-2019.



**Council # 12172
St. Marks
Boise
Fr. Reggie**

Has recently moved to be Pastor at St. Catherine's in Priest River.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Jesus tells us in Matthew: “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me”. How is it that so many families cannot afford the basic human necessities? In December this Council, with assistance from other parishioners, planned, assembled and delivered 149 boxes of non-perishable food that would feed a family for one week. Also, in the boxes was a special Christmas dinner and gift cards to local markets for perishable items. Additionally, toys were distributed to all of the children who were in the distribution.

**Council #11623 – St. Pius X –
Coeur d'Alene – Dave Sonnen, GK**



*The Fiesta Guadalajara
restaurant of Nampa provided
a delicious Mexican meal Friday
night of the convention.*

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

Pennies from Heaven is a fund supported by our councils and maintained by the State in order to provide financial assistance to individuals or families to provide for Basic Human Needs and Medical expenses.

**PER CAPITA: Council #5444 –
Gooding – Les Patterson, GK
NET: Council #1397 – Moscow –
Brian Johnson, GK**

YOUTH AWARDS		State Youth Activities Director - Keith Riemersma	
Basketball Free Throw	Council #1389 Cottonwood	Age 12	Matthew Warren
		Age 12	Ember Martin
		Age 13	Taylor Riener
		Age 14	Lane Schumacher
		Age 14	Delanie Lockett
	Council #10581 Our Lady of Rosary Boise	Age 11	Noah Swanson
		Age 13	Gibson Kuntz
	Council #12172 St. Mark's Boise	Age 9	Benjamin Green
		Age 9	Addison Walsh
		Age 10	Bridgier Gilman
		Age 10	Ella Green
		Age 11	Brooke Hutchinson
Soccer Challenge	Council #1663 Idaho Falls	Age 9	Isaiah Moody Martinez
		Age 11	Jonathan Cortez
		Age 11	Shaylee Sadovich
		Age 12	Evan Jensen
		Age 12	Sydney Walsh
		Age 13	Colby Smith
		Age 13	Daniela Quintero-Reyes
		Age 14	Bronsyn Meagher
		Age 14	Tori Lund
	Council #3703 Mountain Home	Age 9	Phoenix Rodriguez
	Council #10581 Our Lady of Rosary Boise	Age 10	Alfredo Ponce
		Age 10	Maura Walters
Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest	Council #2792 Rupert	Ages 5-7	Tom Frost
	Council #892 Pocatello	Ages 8-10	Baylee Jane Coito
	Council #892 Pocatello	Ages 11-14	Mila Gabiola

St. Mark's Council 12172 Boise

40 Cans for Lent Project. St. Mark's Knights of Boise collected nearly 4 tons of food for the parish community Food Bank (7,690 lbs.) with generous parish support and outstanding audio-visual advertising from the office staff.

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Feed the Hungry



Finish the Fight!

George Mesina - Membership Consultant

This year is 80th anniversary of the start of World War 2. The forces of evil began in Germany with bigotry, expanding government control, Nazi thugs, censorship and propaganda, antisemitism, oppressing groups of people, and killing the unwanted, starting w/ the mentally handicapped. In our day, free speech is threatened, organized groups conduct bullying and terrorism, falsehoods get publicized (particularly on social media), babies who are considered unwanted are killed in the womb, anti-Semitism is on the rise; there are even bombings in places of worship. It's happening here in North America and all around the world. How can we fight this?

The source of all this strife is the same today as it was in WW2 and since time immemorial. As Eph 6:12 tells us: "We do not contend with flesh and blood, but against the principalities and power, against the rulers of the world of this darkness, against the spirits of wickedness in high places."

Starting on 9/1/39, the Axis war machine spread across Europe and the Pacific, crushing all resistance until America joined the Allies and brought fresh strength and soldiers that grew and grew in number until we eventually overwhelmed the enemy. Like America in WW2, we Knights are allies. Allies with our clergy; our Order always stands in solidarity with our priests and against the forces of darkness. We knights are the army of God here on earth. In serving the Lord and our neighbor, local councils help our priests, evangelize our neighbor through our charity, thereby bringing more people into the Kingdom of God. Statewide and order wide, we stand together and push back against the forces of darkness through Supreme's initiatives such as Ultrasound to save the unborn, and Special Olympics for the mentally handicapped. We are the only non-governmental entity aiding and supporting the persecuted Christians of the Middle East. It's why Supreme's icon for this year is Our Lady, Help of Persecuted Christians.

None of us were Knights back in 1939. We always need to bring in new men just to maintain our Order. And like America in WW2, we need to grow God's army to beat the forces of darkness. Recruiting a man into the Knights offers him new ways to grow in faith, become a better husband, father, and servant of the Lord. Growing a council strengthens it with new brothers and inspires its members when goals and awards are achieved. Right now, is one of the best times to recruit. This is especially true for people undergoing life changes that opens them up to new opportunities:

- Graduates of High school, college, and RCIA are such candidates.
- Men who've completed a Catholic retreat such as Cursillo, Evangelization, Marriage Encounter, or Men's Retreat.
- Folks new to the community (to start new jobs) are too; your church office and field agent can help you.

Ask your parish priest to recommend men who he thinks would make a good knight, then go invite them.

Maybe you've heard all that before so I offer this: possibly the best source of all is the knights who recently joined your council. They know men who no one else in your council knows.

- Ask a new knight for prospects, then go out and help him recruit them!

And always, always, always ... pray before talking to a prospect.

Don't wait for next fraternal year to start in July. Strike now while the opportunity is best.

Let's finish strong Idaho!



RECRUIT

Incentives for Recruiting

Jeff Finken - Membership Director
Shane Gehring - State Deputy
George Mesina - Membership Consultant

Supreme's "Basketball" Tournament

Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus has organized a 64-team basketball bracket style tournament between its jurisdictions; Idaho, a #8 seed, has advanced to the Elite Eight during the first 6 weeks of play. We are paired against #2 seed Michigan. If we pull together, we can win together and be rewarded appropriately.

That is because Idaho could win \$2000.00 in Supreme's Membership Tournament on June 3. If we win, we will distribute the money to councils who recruited new members.

** ** * COUNCIL PRIZES FROM IDAHO ** ** *

(1) MEMBERSHIP ACTIVATION PLAQUE

Any Council that brings in a new member but has not recruited from July 1, 2018 to now will receive a MEMBERSHIP ACTIVATION PLAQUE. *This is in addition to any other prizes the Council qualifies for.*

(2) EXCEED STAR PRIZE

Councils that exceed their Star Council Membership Quota before the end of June will receive an additional \$50/member over the star quota. *This is in addition to any other prizes.*

(3) 5+ RECRUITMENT PRIZE

Any Council that recruits 5 or more in from May 16 to the end of June (Supreme must record in May or June) will receive an additional \$100. After Friday, June 28, only e-members can get your council credit in June, but the member must specify your council or a proposer from your Council on the e-form. *This is in addition to any other prizes.*

(4) SHARES

Council's that exemplified one or more new members from 5/16 to 5/31, who Supreme recorded in May, receive one share, IF IDAHO WINS round 4. *This is in addition to any other prizes. **We will do this if we win round 6 also.*** A share equals \$1500/total-number-recruited. (For example, Idaho records 20 new members from 5/16 to 5/31, each share is worth \$75. A council with 2 Form 100s recorded by Supreme will receive \$150.)

** RAFFLE INCENTIVE **

Wheelchair Trip

In the 5th round (FINAL FOUR) and 6th round (FINALS), we will be giving away a trip to a Wheelchair Distribution in the next Fraternal Year. For every new Knight recorded by Supreme in the 5th round the Proposer and the new member will be entered into a drawing for the trip. Idaho MUST win the 5th round (to have money to pay for the winner's trip).

** OTHER INCENTIVES **

STAR Council Bonus

20% off State per capita (20% of \$9.50 = \$1.90/member) next fraternal year
100% off Supreme per capita (\$4.50/member) next fraternal year, credited

COUNCIL Recruiting Incentive

No ceremonial fee until July 1, 2019. Bring 'em in now!

RECRUITERS

500 VIP points for every new member (\$3.00 coupon for Knights Gear)

Recruit 6 - Get a Knights Gear Shirt

Recruit 3 - Fr. McGivney pendant

Recruit 1 - Receive "New Evangelization" Booklet



*** **CONGRATULATIONS** ***

Congratulations to Weiser! Council 13089 is the first to win the **Membership Activation Plaque** for recruiting their first members of the year during the award period.

Congratulations on earning the **McGivney Award** to Councils 16757 Nampa (175%), 5444 Gooding (150%), 10581 Boise (120%), 1663 Idaho Falls (106%), 2685 Buhl (100%), 8310 Boise (100%), and 8283 Salmon (100%). All councils above 100% will win **\$50 per new member** above 100% at the end of the fraternal year.

Congratulations for winning the **Founders Award** to 10581 Boise (120%), 2685 Buhl (100%), 8310 Boise (100%).

PRAYERS

Finally, we ask you to pray for the combined success of all councils in Idaho in our recruiting efforts.

Let's finish strong Idaho!



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Here is the link to currently about 30 photos showing the Idaho Knights. There will be 70 eventually.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1F-s_5pY0qJajF6cXH-3NmVEG7l_WVxVS?usp=sharing





THE LAST WORD

Shane Gehring - Idaho State Deputy

Brothers,

As I write this, I am in Mexico City for the Wheelchair Distribution. Along with Knights from five other Idaho Councils we distributed wheelchairs at a Children's Crisis Center and did home deliveries as well. This is truly a moving experience. Thank you very much for this opportunity to represent Idaho.

One of the Knight's present, Paul Ford won this trip as a membership incentive last year. Everyone else had to pay their own way or the trip was paid for via donations to the State specifically for travel purposes.

We will be doing another distribution trip in late November to Vietnam. Idaho has every right to boast that we are the third largest contributor to the American Wheelchair Mission from the Knights of Columbus. That is even more amazing when we have just over 5000 members and between the other two jurisdictions there is around 200,000 members!

We plan to do a free trip as a membership incentive to the Vietnam Distribution. It will be paid for with funds we are receiving from our recent success in the Supreme Membership contest which is still ongoing. Idaho is doing extremely well in the contest!

We still need to bring in another 50 members by the end of June to reach our goal. WE CAN DO THIS WITH YOUR HELP!!

Details on this incentive trip will be coming out soon

Thank you all for what you do!

