



# Knights of Columbus

## Idaho State Council

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## *Call to Convention 2017*

Lewiston Council 1024 - Lewiston, ID

April 21, 22 & 23

Dear Brother Knights,

The 110th Annual State of Idaho Knights of Columbus Convention will be held in Lewiston, Idaho on the weekend of April 21, 22 & 23, 2017. This year's theme is "**We Are the Domestic Church**" and Lewiston Council #1024 will be the hosts. The convention meetings and guest accommodations are at The Red Lion Hotel, Lewiston.

Friday's Dinner will be held at All Saints Catholic Church, 3330 14th street Lewiston, Id 83501. The theme for Friday night's dinner is "**October Fest**", and attendees should come in German attire or business casual. Saturday's formal Awards Dinner will be at the hotel in the Hotel Ballroom. Appropriate dress is coat and tie or tuxedo.

The Saturday Memorial Mass will be held at All Saints Catholic Church at 5 PM. Please be sure that State Warden George Mesina ... (208) 521-0707 or [gmesina626@cableone.net](mailto:gmesina626@cableone.net) knows of any deceased members of your Council in the past year. Also, if there are any Fourth Degree members interested in taking part in the procession in regalia please contact District Master John Pettinger ... (208) 830-0536 or [jpettinger@cableone.net](mailto:jpettinger@cableone.net).



This year's Ladies program, A Taste of Wine, will be held at a local winery.

We look forward to welcoming all the delegates to the City of Lewiston to celebrate 110 years of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism in the great State of Idaho.

Please remember the deadline for the hotel reservations is **March 21, 2017**, and the delegate and ladies packets and meal tickets is **April 1, 2017**.

Registration checks should be made payable to K of C Council #1024.

Send to:

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Please travel safely and God Bless. Certainly let us know if you have any questions. Fraternally yours in Christ.

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## THE **COUNTRY STORE** IS COMING TO THE IDAHO STATE KC CONVENTION

The Washington State Council's country store will be at this year's Idaho State convention in Lewiston, Idaho on the weekend of April 21, 22, & 23, 2017. We are proud to bring a vast array of Knights of Columbus items to you.

These are just a sample:



Most of these items have various sizes and colors. We have many different lapel pins, patches and decals. Two sizes of tote bags and three different pad folios. here is 10 different ties. We also have some 4<sup>th</sup> Degree regalia items. Come in and visit us at this year's Idaho State convention.

If you would like to see a complete line of items available just go to Washington State Council's website and click on country store or you can email me at [ephebert@comcast.net](mailto:ephebert@comcast.net) and I will email you a catalog. Please put KofC in the subject line so I will respond (too many junk emails).

Looking forward to meeting you at your convention. Vivat Jesus.

Ed Hebert, Sr.

**IMPORTANT. Be sure to recruit some new members!**

*Then when you come to the convention you can bring your membership reward points certificates and cash them in for merchandise. We will adjust the difference between points and cash if you do not have enough points.*





# Knights of Columbus **IDAHO STATE COUNCIL**

***"Every Program Represents a Recruitment Opportunity"***

Brother Knights:

The State Program Awards entries are due in my hands by **MARCH 4, 2017**. Activities must have taken place between March 1, 2016, and this year's due date above.

## ***"STATE COUNCIL SERVICE PROGRAM AWARDS ENTRY FORM"***

The Form can be found on your "2015-2016 Surge with Service Kit CD". It was mailed to each council from Supreme at the beginning of the Fraternal Year. The Form can also be found on the Supreme website [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) under council forms (form # STSP) at: <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/officers/forms/council.html>

**Form Categories:** Church Activity, Community Activity, Council Activity, Family Activity, Culture of Life Activity and Youth Activity.

**Write in Categories** (not on the Form): Knight of the Year, Family of the Year, Vocations, Help for the Disabled and Public Relations/Bulletin (Newsletters, Newspapers, Publications, Scrapbooks and Television).

The following Categories will **NOT** to be submitted using the "Award Entry Form":

**Pennies from Heaven:** High Gross (council with highest total dollars turned-in by April 21st).

**Pennies from Heaven:** High Per Capita (council with highest total dollars / per member).

**Council of the Year:** This award is to the council with the best council involvement in all categories as well as their record in the Knights of Columbus. The award is based on a point schedule for various activities (i.e., membership, recruiting, insurance, timely report submittal, Father McGivney, Founder's, Columbian, Star Council, etc.).

**Essay contest, Substance Abuse Poster Contest, and Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest:** Please just send your winners for each age category to me with the name of the winner, council number and age bracket.

Select your **BEST** project in EACH category, and submit that **ONE** only. **PLEASE MAKE 5 COPIES OF EACH ENTRY FOR VOTING SUBMISSION.**

## **Winning activities are forwarded to Supreme for the International Competition**

**Remember,**

- You are not limited to just the example activities provided in these guidelines.
- Any single activity that fits the category can, and should be submitted.
- Every active council should strive to submit an activity in each category.
- You can't win if you don't enter. Some councils are not interested in the awards, but awards are a great way to show prospective members that there is activity going on in your council and to recognize current members for the work they do.
- Entries must be signed by the Grand Knight. If the Grand Knight is being submitted for an award (Knight of the Year or Family of the Year), the Deputy Grand Knight must sign the entry.

**Late entries are non-entries. The deadline for receipt of entries is **MARCH 4, 2017**.**

Please allow for mailing delays.



**SEND WRITTEN FORMS TO:** Jim Griffith - Idaho KC State Advocate 519 S Utah Ave Fruitland ID 83619

**EMAIL FORMS TO:** [idkofcstateadvocate@gmail.com](mailto:idkofcstateadvocate@gmail.com)

# Day of the Unborn Child Approaching Fast

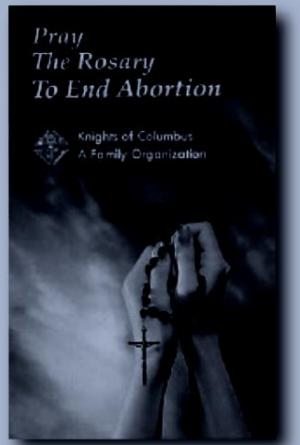
The international Knights of Columbus Day of Prayer for the Unborn Child takes place on March 25. All councils should begin organizing a pro-life Mass or prayer service for that day, inviting all members of the community, including public officials and health care workers. Reach out in particular to any local parents — including single mothers — who are facing a crisis pregnancy, welcoming them to this special day of prayer.

To plan a service, each council should:

- Ask your chaplain or pastor how he would like to celebrate the day, whether it be marked with a special Mass or recitation of the rosary.
- Announce the program the weekend prior to the event through bulletin inserts and pulpit announcements.
- Submit a notice to the local diocesan newspaper and any secular media.

Visit [kofc.org/prolife](http://kofc.org/prolife) for a brochure that includes hymns, suggested intercessions for the cause of life and rosary meditations. In addition, the Supreme Council offers the four-page *Winning Words of Life* flyer (#2275); *Prayer for the Unborn* cards (#4665); *A People of Life — And for Life* brochure (#4795) and poster (#4804); *Pray the Rosary to End Abortion* poster (#2073) and prayer card (#2072); and the *Gospel of Life* poster (#4238) and prayer card (#4237).

For more information on the Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child, visit [kofc.org/prolife](http://kofc.org/prolife).



## State Council Changes

### Important Notice

Our Brother Paul Callahan FDM has resigned from his positions as State Warden and State Membership

Director for personal reasons. He has served the Knights of Columbus faithfully for many years. His dedication and energy will be missed; however, he will continue to serve the Knights through his local council and through his service in the ceremonials of the Order.

After much prayer and consideration, the State Council unanimously selected Brother George Mesina to serve as Idaho State Warden and State Membership Director. George has served his council and assembly in almost every position. He was the State Membership Director for the past fraternal year and helped lead Idaho to the Circle of Honor distinction for the first time in several years. He is currently serving as District Deputy for District 1 and has agreed to continue in that position for the remainder of the fraternal year.

The State Council is excited to welcome Brother George and look forward to working with him as we continue to serve the councils of Idaho. He brings enthusiasm and experience to his new position, and looks forward to serving the Idaho Knights of Columbus.

Please pray for Brothers Paul and George as they begin new phases in their service to their community, their Parishes and the Knights of Columbus. Also, please remember to pray for the State Council and each other as we enter the Lenten season.

## Formation Degree (2nd) Lewiston Council 1024

A Formation (2nd) Degree was held in Lewiston hosted by Council 1024 on Saturday, February 4th. Twelve members participated in the degree from area councils. Participants were from Moscow 1397: Derick Brenner, Andrew Friedrick, and John McCabe. From Cottonwood 1389: Richard Spencer, Nathan Beckman, and Denis Duman. From Grangeville 4058: Mitch Green, John Whyte, and Rand Brown. From Lewiston 1024: Ralph Roe, David Bromun. And from Clarkston, WA 3455: Michael Frees.



**Unity** — None of us is as good as all of us. KC Brothers know that — together — we accomplish far more than any of us can individually. So we stick together...we support one another even if there is a difference of opinion. It means that — as a Knight of Columbus — you can count on the support and encouragement of your brother Knights as you work to make life better in your parish and community.

## Right to Life

Brother Knights,

As you know, for the past 40 years since Roe v. Wade there has been a massive push on the public to accept the abortion agenda. Through God's Grace, there have been some non-profit, non-government subsidized businesses open with their sole purpose to educate, provide assistance, support, and love for women considering abortion or those who just find themselves in a situation and don't know where to turn. As part of our Culture of Life mission, the KC's attend events and provide support to some of these. Each has a little different focus but all have the same goal to help pregnant women. Some of the names of these you may or may not be familiar with are Stanton Health Care, Birthright, Gate of Grace, Path and I'm sure there are others around the State that I'm not familiar with yet. This past month we attended an event for BIRTHRIGHT.



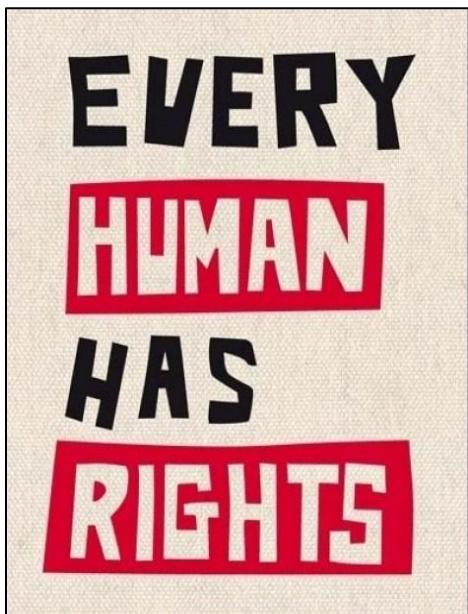
Left to right are: Bill\Karron Pahl (Culture of Life couple), Jeff\Val Allen (Immediate past COL couple), Fr. Camilo (Corpus Christi), Mike and Judy Townsend (State Deputy), Jim\Vea Jensen (District Deputy 7).  
Missing who attended but had leave was Fr. Ben (St Marks).



*We love them both...*

BIRTHRIGHT, for those of you that are not familiar with them, is an international non- profit organization whose philosophy is one of commitment to offering free, non-judgmental help to women facing unplanned pregnancies. Birthright offers love, hope and support to each woman, to help her make a realistic plan for her future and the future of her unborn child. In Idaho they have 4 locations ... Boise, Coeur 'd Alene, Idaho Falls and Rupert. The Boise location held a fund raising gala on February 10<sup>th</sup> which was well attended with about 600 people. The Knights were well represented with members of the State Council along with several other Knights also in attendance. Fr. Len MacMillan offered a blessing for the event, for all babies, and for our food. Kathy Coops spoke about the benefit itself and all the wonderful donated items to bid on. Mary Hill, the Director of Birthright of Boise spoke on how Birthright helps women with free pregnancy tests, maternity and baby clothing, medical help, and most importantly friendship and a listening ear at a time when the future is unknown for some of these women and they don't know what to do. It was a great event and a pleasure to represent all of the Knights as we stand together for the Culture of Life.

Bill Pahl - Idaho Culture of Life Chair



 **What Makes a Star Council?**

Did your council make its quota? Did it conduct programs that included a large percentage of its membership? Does your council discuss programs with its chaplain? Does your council involve its field agent? If you've said yes to all of the above, your council could be well on its way to becoming a Star Council! Star Councils involve their members, build enthusiasm and bolster membership efforts through their programs and activities. Star Councils set the pace for the Order in growth and programming. Remember that the only way the Supreme Council officially learns about your programs and activities is through your council reports. If your reports show that your council did not succeed with the proper programming and growth goals, you cannot qualify to be a Star. The only way to improve such reports is to develop better programs that engage the members of the council and your parish, uniting them in a common charitable or spiritual cause. For further details on achieving Star Council, please refer to [kofc.org/star](http://kofc.org/star).

## Suggested Lenten Preparations for Easter Sunday



Brother Knights, Lent is upon us and it should be no surprise the March theme in the booklet *Family Fully Alive* is "Family Difficulties". The March meditation section of the booklet starts with these two lines from Pope John Paul II's *Familiaris Consortio* "There is no family that does not know how selfishness, discord, tension and conflict violently attack and at times mortally wound its own communion: hence there arise the many and varied forms of division in family life but, at the same time, every family is called by the God of peace to have the joyous and renewing experience of "reconciliation," that is, communion reestablished, unity restored." Those sentences in conjunction with two CIS booklets are excellent guides for reflection in our Lenten preparation for Easter Sunday.

The booklets *Into the Breach: An Apostolic Exhortation to Catholic Men* by the Rev. Thomas J. Olmsted Bishop of Phoenix and *Becoming a Real Man of God* by Father Roger J. Landry are complimentary in describing the circumstances facing Catholic men in today's culture. Both offer abundant food for thoughts and meditations useful in our reflections heading toward reconciliation. In fact both booklets are so rich in information I recommend that all councils in Idaho obtain copies for their use, and the use of individuals and their respective parishes. Obviously it is not possible to cover the contents of the booklets here but briefly both authors clearly describe the situation facing Catholic men in today's culture.

In the first booklet 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? At the end of the booklet you will find a reflection guide prepared by the Knights of Columbus. This reflection guide examines the questions raised by Bishop Olmsted. With eight weekly reflections covering the document's eight sections, this guide can help individual men and/or groups of men understand the breach in faith today, as well as their unique role in repairing it.

In the second booklet Father Landry describes the assault on masculinity that has occurred over the last several decades and the negative impact this has had on marriages, children and families. He goes on to say that this has caused an identity crisis for many men. Father Landry describes how men and women love differently, how to form virtuous masculine men, the perversion of masculinity, and how our culture no longer cultivates responsibility in young men yet cultivates sexual irresponsibility and at the same time increase effeminacy in our culture. The author continues on to discuss many other important issues facing Catholic men today.

Both booklets can be ordered through Knights Gear, viewed on-line or downloaded. In my opinion the booklets should be required reading.

John Krsul - State Council Director

### Yes, You Can!

Can you make a difference in your community? Yes, you can — through a 40 Cans for Lent program. The goal of this drive is for council members to each contribute one can of food for each of the 40 days of Lent. Then, just before Easter — or periodically throughout Lent — the food can be delivered to a parish food pantry or community food bank.

Promote the initiative at council meetings and via your council's Facebook Page. You should also promote the event at your parish and local parochial schools, to get parishioners and the community involved as well.

Don't think your council is interested in sponsoring such a project? Remember that the Supreme Council will refund \$100 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 per council per fraternal year. If that's not enough to get your council members to participate, remember that this activity also could help your council fulfill all four of the Family Activity requirements for the Columbian Award, helping you on your way to becoming a Star Council!

For questions on this and similar Food for Families Activities, visit [kofc.org/community](http://kofc.org/community). For more information, contact Natalina Mazzucco at 752-4270-4402.





## Insurance Checklist

Dear Brother Knights,

Valentine's Day has come and gone. Mother's Day, Father's Day, and many others are not far off. Hopefully you aren't waiting until the last minute to get a leftover card or a last minute gift as an expression of love. It could be a big mistake. That's why you are getting this message now. You can thank me later.

Though Holidays are special for families, they are also days I select to say Thank You to all my clients and friends for their business, referrals, and trust. Furthermore, this is a time of the year that I send out a quick checklist on financial issues that many people will want in order to request our additional KC information. Take a look and let me know if you would like our most current up-to-date information on any of the listed items in the checklist.



To VIEW THE QUICK CHECKLIST input this web address into your browser bar:

<http://ebriefme.org/Checklist/CompassChecklist.aspx?d=217&req=f710917f-3613-411c-85ae-a8a8a9333406>

If you are not currently a Knight of Columbus insurance member I would be pleased to visit with you, or direct you to a field agent in your area. My contact information is below.

Sincerely,

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## Assembly Actions

John Pettinger PSD - District Master

Brother Knights and Sir Knights,

This month I have two items to pass along: the upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification and clarification regarding use of an Honor Guard at funerals.



The next Fourth Degree Exemplification for those wishing to become Sir Knights will be held on Saturday, April 29, in Pocatello. Details will be emailed to all Faithful Navigators, Comptrollers, Grand Knights, and Financial Secretaries of record. A Form 4 must be completed with all 5 signatures being required on the form. Form 4's need to be filled out completely and emailed to Comptroller Dave Molitor as soon as possible ([dmgolfguy5@yahoo.com](mailto:dmgolfguy5@yahoo.com), or call 208-240-5935). The host assembly needs a count of guests and observers attending for dinner planning. We hope to see a good turnout for this fourth and final lesson in what it means to be a Knight of Columbus.

Recently, it came to my attention that there is some confusion regarding eligibility of a Fourth Degree Honor Guard at funerals. On page 27 of the Color Corps Drill Manual, it states: "Without exception, honors by the Honor Guard shall be offered to deceased Sir Knights of the Fourth Degree currently in good standing on all counts at the time of death."

Reading further, the Honor Guard may be offered to the immediate family members of a Sir Knight in good standing and Third Degree members in good standing and to their immediate family members provided a request is made.

Since I was unsure whether Third Degree in this case meant First and Second Degree members of a Third Degree Council, I inquired of our Vice Supreme Master, Karl Hadley, whether they were also included. His response was that it is intended for Third Degree members, but we usually extend that to all members depending on the availability of Honor Guards. This should be a local decision, which I suggest can be determined based on how dedicated the member has been to his council.

The Treasure Valley has a very active Color Corps and quite often are requested for Confirmation Masses, Our Lady of Guadalupe ceremonies, Special Olympic events, many Masses on Holy Days honoring Our Blessed Mother, and even an occasional wedding of a Sir Knight. Limits can only be placed on availability and appropriateness as determined by the Color Corps Commander at the locale.

## Knights and Charity

Sir Knight Oliver Samora, Sr.'s granddaughter, Alexia Mendez, the daughter of Josh & Serena Mendez, has been severely disabled since she was a toddler. Alexia was unable to sit, stand or even hold her head up without assistance. She needed a Stander Assistive Device to assist her with those daily habits. After searching for the proper device the family realized they were unable to afford this much needed device.

SK Oliver Samora, Sr. came to Council 8930 asking for assistance. We were able to raise all the money needed for the device. Days after receiving it Alexia and her family came to thank the Knights for their assistance. Included is a picture of Council 8930 and Alexia with her new device.



VIVAT JESUS.

Troy S. Nell, Warden - Council 8930

## On the Horizon by: Mike Townsend, SD

We are over half way through our fraternal year. The next five months will fly by in a flash and there are many things "on the horizon". I thought it might be good to share some with you.

**- STATE CONVENTION** - This year's State Convention will be hosted by Lewiston Council #1024 at the Red Lion Hotel in Lewiston, April 21-23. Our theme for this year is "We Are the Domestic Church" and the Friday night theme dinner will be "October Fest". We will be conducting "Financial Secretary Informational "Training" and "Completing the SP-7 Columbian Award" seminars prior to the opening Mass. There will be a "Country Store" available where Knights of Columbus merchandise can be purchased and they will also accept Supreme Membership Award points to pay for merchandise. This is a convenient way to utilize those award points!! I hope to see each of you there.

**- STATE AWARDS** - Be sure that your council has submitted their entries for the State Awards which will be presented at the convention. This includes Family and Knight of the Year entries. Winners will be submitted to Supreme and could win a Supreme Award.

**- MARRIAGE FOR LIFE** - The State Council is currently working with Bishop Peter in the development and distribution of his Marriage for Life program in Spanish. Watch for more information

**- MEMBERSHIP DRIVES** - March is the month that Supreme has established for conducting a membership drive in your local Parish. Be sure to **ASK THE QUESTION** and invite Catholic men to join with us in our charitable work.

**- EVENTS & PROGRAM CALENDAR** - Our Executive Secretary Chuck Davlin and State Advocate/Program Director Jim Griffith are developing a new calendar which we hope will list all upcoming events and programs throughout the state. We will keep you up to date on the availability.

**- INFORMATION KIOSK** - Supreme has developed a new Catholic Information Services program which works hand in hand with your Building the Domestic Church program. It is a Kiosk which holds various CIS booklets and is available for councils only. There is special pricing and it is available through Knights Gear and the Supply Department. Check it out!!

## Top Three Best Practices to Ensure Council Success

There are no small deeds! Don't let projects or prospective ideas overwhelm you. These three practices can help even the smallest council make a difference and open the way for even more effective work in the future.

First, consider the needs of your parish and community. Ask yourself: What impact do my council's activities currently have on our community? How can my council improve and actively make a greater difference?



Second, look at the big picture. Ask yourself: Are my council's goals and priorities in line with the Order's? Do they address the concerns of the entire Church?

Third, look at your members' interests. Survey council members on the types of charitable and spiritual activities they are interested in, and then, work to align council activities with the results.

## Special Olympics - Idaho

### Vehicle Raffle 2017

Special Olympics Idaho has announced the start of their major fund raising event for 2017 and has asked that the Knights participate as we did in 2016. Like last year, this year's event will involve an auto raffle with the grand prize being a 2017 Toyota RAV4 XLE SUV valued at \$29,893.00. Second prize is a Steelhead Fishing trip for two, a \$550.00 value and the third prize is a \$500.00 gas card.



The tickets are \$10.00 and can be obtained from any of your local clubs or by contacting Laurie LaFollette at [llafollette@idso.org](mailto:llafollette@idso.org). Tickets, and answers to most questions, can also be obtained by contacting our Special Olympics Chairman, Jim Barclay, at [jimabarclay@q.com](mailto:jimabarclay@q.com) or calling 208-869-5839.

At the end of the raffle, on June 17<sup>th</sup> of this year, participating Councils will receive a cash award to be used in their charitable works. The amount of the awards will be based on ticket sales and determined by the State Directors.



Recently, Vatican Radio made this report on Pope Francis's meeting with a Special Olympics delegation from the Winter games which will be held in Austria: "This March the Special Olympics World Winter Games, takes place in Styria, Austria and on Thursday Pope Francis met a delegation from the Special Olympics International telling them 'you will be, as the theme of this year's event says, a heartbeat for the world'.

"In a way", the Pope told those gathered, "at the heart of all sporting activity is joy: the joy of exercising, of being together, of being alive and rejoicing in the gifts the Creator gives us each day. He continued, "the sweetest victory is when we surpass ourselves – we realize what true and well-deserved joy feels like."

## St. Mark's Council 12172 Boise



Knights of Columbus Council 12172, St. Mark's, Boise, recently hosted a Parish Pancake Breakfast. The \$250.00 raised was donated to support "Birthright of Boise." The "Birthright" program assists women who are pregnant (or think they may be pregnant) for as long as needed.

Bill Kibble

## SACRED HEART COUNCIL 899

When: March 18, 6:00pm - following the 5:00pm Mass

What: Corned Beef & Cabbage "Boil Off"

Where: Sacred Heart School Gym on Latah St.



Tickets \$10, Advance Purchase Available, online purchase available.

***Children 6 years old and under eat free!!!***

Copy and paste this web address into the browser to visit the online order form: <https://docs.google.com/a/isu.edu/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfnX9Rj8QSVWkSFoPOS2ztNtSQdqtSeAW9lNegGWZPFPugOA/viewform>

**Contact DGK Vern Bauer at 208-570-4837 for more details.**

***So wear your green (there's a contest for that as well the day of the event!) and come get your Irish on by joining the Knights of Columbus for the best way to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in the Treasure Valley!***



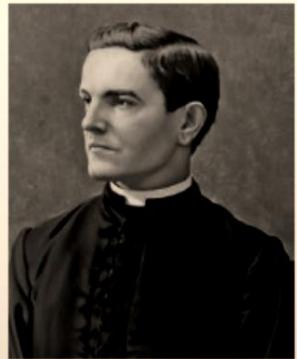
# Celebrate Founder's Day on Wednesday, March 29

The Knights of Columbus began in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven in 1882, when Father Michael J. McGivney united a small group of pioneering Catholic laymen. Together, they founded a society designed to strengthen men in their Catholic faith and to provide financial assistance for widows and orphans. Now, more than 125 years later, we celebrate Father McGivney's vision for the entire Church, in which he saw all men actively participating in the sacramental life of each and every parish.

Here are a few events your council can sponsor on or around Wednesday, March 29, to celebrate the founding of our Order:

- Hold a reception for your parish and community, showing the film *The Life and Legacy of Father McGivney* and providing information on the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild. For details about the guild, visit [fathermcgivneyguild.org](http://fathermcgivneyguild.org).
- Recognize your council's founders — your charter members — by presenting them with *Charter Member Certificates* (#1456).
- Prepare a council history display featuring old photos and written records.
- Tie in your anniversary celebrations with an open house or membership drive. Founder's Day activities are the perfect forum for asking eligible Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus.

For more ideas on celebrating Founder's Day, visit the Council section of [kofc.org/service](http://kofc.org/service).



## Unity in Brotherhood - 50th Anniversary Pocatello

On February 4th, 2017, the Bishop Gorman Assembly #183 of Pocatello and Chubbuck hosted a special event - a Double 50th wedding ceremony for two neighboring State assemblies: Assembly #3223 from Stanwood / Camano Island, WA and Assembly #1891 from Rock Springs, WY.

Richard S. Sheehan, 4th degree Knight of Bishop Gorman Assembly and Father Ordway Council 8930; and Lady Tamara A. (Chavarrie) Sheehan, music minister and cantor; requested the Honor Guard to participate. They are the son and daughter of the honored couples.

St. Anthony's Chapel hosted this special event in honor of both parents who share the same wedding day, February 4th, 1967.

**Richard C. Chavarrie - PGK, 4th degree, Council #8476 and Lady Mary Jo Chavarrie.**  
**Ralph J. Sheehan, Jr. - PGK, 4th degree, Council #2441 and Lady Diane M. Sheehan.**

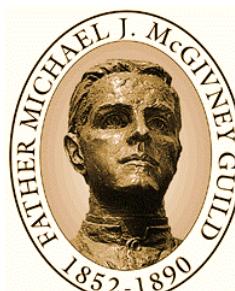


Both couples attended Mass at St. Anthony's chapel of Holy Spirit Catholic community in Pocatello, ID. Fr. Marcos Sanchez celebrating the Mass and Anniversary renewal service. The Honor Guard was commanded by Idaho State Council Treasurer Roy Bartholomay of Assembly #183.

Both couples were married at St. Rose of Lima chapels. The Sheehan's were married at St. Rose of Lima of Philadelphia, PA. The Chavarrie's were married at St. Rose of Lima of Windsor, Ontario, Canada. Both were married in the morning and recall the same winter storm. The Great Chicago Snow of 1967.



Front row L to R: Tammy (Chavarrie) Sheehan; Mary Jo Chavarrie; Richard Chavarrie; Father Marcos Sanchez; Ralph Sheehan; Diane Sheehan; and Richard Sheehan. Back row Sir Knights L to R: Jerry Stroschein; Al Nelson; Oliver Samora, Sr.; Roy Bartholomay (Idaho State Council Treasurer); Jim Robinson (DD #2); and Dave Molitor.



The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics. Guild members receive regular updates on the progress of Father McGivney's cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting devotion to this Servant of God.

**Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild.** The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild Newsletter is published bimonthly except July- August, and is sent free to Guild members. To join the Guild, paste this address into your browser: <http://www.fathermcgivney.org/mcg/en/contact/register.html>

## STATE WARDEN - GEORGE MESINA'S NOTICES

### Dignitary Visits

In March, our General Agent, Kevin Tuuri, and our Membership Program Consultant, Pat Maloney, will arrive in Idaho to make presentations and perform other Knights of Columbus actions.

Kevin Tuuri will interview prospective Field Agents in Boise (March 2-3), Idaho Falls (March 4-5) and Pocatello (March 6-7). He will present Fraternal Benefits Events, including a brief history of the Knights of Columbus and the insurance benefits that we offer. His presentations will be:

**Saturday, March 4, at Mary Immaculate Hall in St. Anthony:**

- 10:00AM- noon: Presentation
- 1:00 - 6:00 PM: Meet with families to write up policies

**Sunday, March 6, at Christ the King Church, Idaho Falls**

- 6:15 - 7:30 PM: Presentation KC/Fraternal Benefits
- 7:30 – 10 PM         Meet with individual families

**Monday, March 6, at Pocatello**

- For details, contact Roy Bartholomay.

Pat Maloney will present on membership recruitment and retention. He will visit the eastern part of the state focusing on stops in Districts 1 and 2. His entire itinerary is not yet determined. His first presentation will be:

**Tuesday, March 28, at Christ the King in Idaho Falls**

- 7 – 9 PM
- Pizza and refreshments will be served

Please email the necrology of your council for the Mass at the State Convention to me at: gmesina626@gmail.com.



The **American Wheelchair Mission** is a non-profit organization with a goal to deliver brand new, free wheelchairs and mobility aids to physically disabled children, teens and adults throughout the world who are without mobility or the means to acquire a wheelchair. The American Wheelchair Mission will continue to change the lives of entire families with the gifts of hope, dignity, freedom and independence.

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State Deputy Mike Townsend helping to load the trailer from Boise to Spokane.

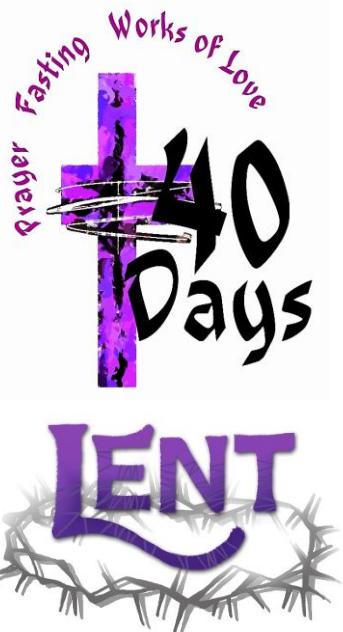
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## Silver Rose Tour of Idaho

Beginning in March 2017, six Silver Roses will start their journey across North America, from Canada to the United States to Mexico. The 2017 Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose - One Life, One Rose Program will conclude on December 12, 2017 on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico.

2017 marks the 57th year of the program which began in 1960 to honor the Blessed Virgin under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. The program has continued since then as a project of Knights of Columbus councils and Fourth Degree assemblies in several jurisdictions.

Idaho will conduct the Silver Rose tour from June 9 to July 11, beginning in Fruitland following the handoff from Oregon and concluding with the handoff to Nevada in Jackpot. Please contact State Church Director Dave Palumbo at 208-440-1736 or [davidepalumbo2013@hotmail.com](mailto:davidepalumbo2013@hotmail.com) to communicate your desire to participate in the 2017 Silver Rose Idaho Tour.



## Star Council Corner

The Star Council Corner is back. Here we will report on your progress toward various Awards from Supreme and the state of Idaho to our councils.

Congratulations to Buhl Council 2685 for achieving fantastic membership growth so far this year. Buhl qualifies for the McGivney award. Yellow in the table indicates achievement of 100% or higher.

Congratulations to both Buhl and Idaho Falls

Sorted by Membership Growth					Sorted by Insurance Growth				
Number	District	Name	Member %	Ins. %	Number	District	Name	Member %	Ins. %
2685	004	Buhl	150.00	166.67	2685	004	Buhl	150.00	166.67
12172	005	Boise	89.47	28.57	1663	001	Idaho Falls	37.50	116.67
4058	009	Grangeville	87.50	0.00	3703	005	Mtn Home	42.86	66.67
12560	011	Post Falls	83.33	0.00	2792	003	Rupert	33.33	66.67
2014	007	Nampa	68.75	50.00	899	006	Boise	22.22	66.67
12516	008	Fruitland	60.00	0.00	11623	011	CDA	0.00	66.67
3085	008	Emmett	50.00	0.00	2014	007	Nampa	68.75	50.00
4013	006	Boise	50.00	0.00	1389	009	Cottonwood	8.33	50.00
12881	003	Burley	50.00	0.00	12953	001	St Anthony	25.00	33.33
3703	005	Mtn Home	42.86	66.67	5444	004	Gooding	0.00	33.33
12854	007	Boise	40.00	0.00	12895	003	Aberdeen	0.00	33.33
15304	011	Spirit Lake	40.00	0.00	12172	005	Boise	89.47	28.57
1663	001	Idaho Falls	37.50	116.67	11548	007	Meridian	24.14	10.00
3086	008	Caldwell	36.36	0.00	4058	009	Grangeville	87.50	0.00
2792	003	Rupert	33.33	66.67	12560	011	Post Falls	83.33	0.00
3762	011	Kellogg	33.33	0.00	12516	008	Fruitland	60.00	0.00
12531	006	Boise	33.33	0.00	3085	008	Emmett	50.00	0.00
1397	010	Moscow	30.77	0.00	4013	006	Boise	50.00	0.00

for outstanding insurance growth so far this year. Both councils qualify for the Founders award if they maintain those insurance members. Green in the table indicates 100% insurance quota or higher.

The Supreme Church Kiosk Award goes to Grangeville Council 4058 for recruiting 6 or more members from Jan. 1 to March 31. Nampa Council 2014 needs one in March to qualify.

Congratulations to Boise Council 12172 for recruiting 12+ new members in the first half year (July 1 to December 31) to achieve Supreme's VIP Award.

Finally, the following councils have earned the \$9.50 per recruit Per Capita rebate from Idaho for January and February: *Boise 899, Lewiston 1024, Coeur d'Alene 1363, Cottonwood 1389, Nampa 2014, Rupert 2792, Sandpoint 2888, Boise 4013, Grangeville 4058, Bonners Ferry 5075, Boise 10581, Boise 12172, Fruitland 12516, Boise 12854, Spirit Lake 15304. Top awardee is Grangeville at \$66.50.*

The STAR Council Table shows the Idaho Top 20 councils sorted by membership on the left and by insurance on the right. So many councils are very close to achieving the either the McGivney or Founders Award. Let's go out and find a few more good Catholic men to become Knights of Columbus!



## Wheelchairs for Veterans

Knights of Columbus in Idaho have worked to raise money for wheelchairs benefiting veterans and the Northwest Honor Flight program. The Honor Flight is a program that transports war veterans to Washington D.C. to visit the memorials dedicated to honor their service and sacrifices. Many of these veterans are in need of mobility aid, so the gift of wheelchairs is met with much gratitude. Pictured here, the Idaho Knights from St. Pius X Council 11623 of Coeur d' Alene are in the process of transporting boxes of wheelchairs to Spokane International Airport, and opening them in preparation for the Honor Flight trip in April.

### *The Last Word*

Mike Townsend - Idaho State Deputy

Brothers,

Today we mark the beginning of the Lenten season. As Catholics, we begin a six-week period of self-examination, abstinence and fasting. At the end of this season, we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. If we are to be joined with Christ at Easter, we should utilize this time to take a closer look at how we share our faith on a day-to-day basis.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us in paragraph 1877 that; "The vocation of humanity is to show forth the image of God and be transformed into the image of the Father's only Son." We have been called by Saint John Paul II and Pope Francis to be a part of the "New Evangelization." We are not asked to stand on the street corner and preach or go from door to door to "save" people. What we are called to do is share our FAITH with others. This sharing includes being willing to tell others what we believe and demonstrate through our daily lives that we are followers of Jesus.

The Catechism in paragraph 1882 tells us that there is a "natural tendency for human beings to associate with one another for the sake of attaining objectives that exceed individual capacities." These associations develop the "qualities of the person, especially the sense of initiative and responsibility and helps guarantee his rights." The Knights of Columbus offers each of us a way to demonstrate the love of Christ through our lives and actions. Everything that we do as Knights should be for the glory of God. Through our charitable and spiritual works, the face of Jesus is seen.

Join the "New Evangelization" and offer what you have received as a member of the Knights to other Catholic men. Together, we can attain much more than we can as individuals. ASK THE QUESTION and invite them to join the Knights of Columbus!!!

Mercy and Peace. Mike

