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Idaho Knights in Action

Bishop Gorman Assembly - Pocatello

Bishop Gorman Assembly Honor Guard members assembled at the St. John's Catholic Student Center on the Idaho State University campus February 2nd to celebrate the presentation of Sir Knight Joseph L. Sloup Jr.'s chalice for use in their Chapel. Father Henry Carmona, Pastor of Holy Spirit Catholic Community of Pocatello, presided over the Ceremony with prayers and the blessing of the chalice. Rhonda Nilsson, daughter of Joe, presented the chalice to the Coordinator of Campus Ministries for the Chapel, Brother David O'Neill. Honor Guard members included Oliver Samora, Sr. (right) and Dave Molitor (left).



“Because of the efforts of thousands of brother Knights and countless pro-life volunteers, we will save the lives of 1 million unborn children — the greatest humanitarian achievement in the history of the Knights of Columbus.”

— Supreme Knight Carl Anderson



Our pro-life efforts would be nothing without your help and commitment. Visit kofc.org/life to learn more on how your council can defend life today.

ST. MARY'S COUNCIL 12531 - BOISE

St. Mary's Council 12531 in Boise puts on the Festa Italiana annually. Beyond the fact that "a good time was had by all", the Knights bring together a community that is diverse, made up of Anglo and Hispanic communities, to support a number of causes. Entertained by a Spanish band and Fr. Jesús, and Fr. Bruno's spaghetti, it really was a good time all around!

This year, with funds raised (including a generous anonymous donor) almost \$10,000 was raised which will benefit several causes. Almost \$2500 will go to Stanton Health Care and the Food bank, \$1200 will go to Fr. Bruno's causes and Birthright, and \$500 each for New Albany for altar servers and St. Mary's School.

Vivat Jesus.

SK J.A. Arroyo, PGK, DD
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St. Pius X Council 11623 Coeur d'Alene

January Breakfast

Our January breakfast raised \$1000.00 for Birthright of Coeur d'Alene. Thanks to the following Knights and others who helped: Darryl Cutler, Safa Riadh, Ted Tylman, Tom Tintinger, Mal Dymkoski, Dan Bertuccelli, Craig Frei, John Webb, Dan and Don Moberg, Glen Abbott, Rob Palus, Gary Fessler, Matt Rosburg, Dorothy Benoit, Dave Sonnen, Pete Obligato, Jim Polzin, Jacob Sarkis and Ryan van Leuven.



Dorothy Benoit of
Birthright CDA
serving breakfast.



Left to right, Darryl Cutler, Dave Sonnen
and Matt Rosburg serve breakfast.



GK Dave Sonnen (right) presents
Knight of the Month Certificate
to Safa Riadh.



Fr. Michael J. Keyes Assembly 1983 – Mountain Home

Patriotism and True Americanism

We all know that the 4th Degree of our Order is Patriotism...But do we understand what true Americanism is? Or do we succumb to the secular idea of what America should be? 81 years ago, this month, then-Father Fulton Sheen discussed this very topic on *The Catholic Hour* radio program:

"True Americanism is the belief in the freedom of man as a divine derivative. For that reason if we wish to keep pure Americanism we must keep our religion. To this is to be added the important fact that dictatorships, such as the Communistic, regard man only as a stomach to be fed by the State. Put men on that level and they need no religion. But to put them on that level is to de-personalize and mechanize them down to the very core of their being. A democracy needs religion, for it assumes that man has not only a stomach but also a soul which is the seat of his rights; and since that soul must be fed as well as the body, he must have religion. Democracy has to rely not on force, but on freedom and liberty. But freedom and liberty are inseparable from responsibility, and responsibility is inseparable from conscience, and conscience is inseparable from religion. It is our solemn duty as Catholics, therefore, to be conscious of our duty to America, and to preserve its freedom by preserving its faith in God... But as we talk about patriotism, it might be well to remind ourselves that [...] devotion to the stars and stripes is not enough to save us. We must look beyond them to other stars and stripes, namely the stars and stripes of Christ, by Whose stars we are illuminated and by whose stripes we are healed!"

This 1938 message is just as important today. We must promote "True Americanism" to ensure God remains relevant in our communities and not pushed out by advocates of relativistic Americanism.

Top 5 Questions You've Wanted to Ask About K of C Insurance

1. How does K of C life insurance work?

By purchasing a K of C life insurance policy and paying premiums you ensure that when you die, your beneficiary (or beneficiaries) will receive a lump sum, also known as a death benefit.

2. How much life insurance do I need?

Your life insurance needs depend on your current and future financial obligations. Your field agent can meet with you at your convenience and analyze the needs of you and your family.

3. What is a premium and a beneficiary?

A premium is the amount of money you pay for your insurance policy; premiums can be fixed or flexible, depending on your coverage. A beneficiary is the person (or persons) who will receive the proceeds of your life insurance policy when you die.

4. What if I already have insurance coverage with my employer?

Even if you have life insurance coverage with your employer, your coverage may not be enough and your employee benefits may not be guaranteed. If you leave your company, you cannot take your life insurance with you. It's important to review your insurance policy periodically to make sure it still meets your financial needs.

5. I have K of C insurance; where can I find my current policy?

It's easy. Simply contact your K of C agent to discuss the details of your current policy or annuity values. Find your local agent by visiting kofc.org/findagent.

More questions? Visit kofc.org/insurance.

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Fourth Degree Exemplification - St Mark's, Boise

Nine Third Degree members advanced to Fourth Degree at an Exemplification ceremony conducted at St. Mark's, Boise, on February 2nd.

New Sir Knights are Robert Dipzinski, Risen Christ Council 12854, Boise Dave Holthaus, and Mike Taylor; Jeffrey Eldridge and Harry Nelson, St. Mark's Council 12172, Boise; Robert Gaal, Holy Apostles Council 11548, Meridian; Robert Knoelk, St. Paul's Council 2014, Nampa; Serfin Salinas, Saint Nicholas Council 12881, Rupert; Don Tennyson, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Mountain Home.

Degree Team Members: District Master John Pettinger, Sacred Heart; District Marshall Joe Cardona and Audio/Visuals Daryl Staskey, Holy Apostles; Chuck Davlin, historian and Ian O'Connell, Expositor, St. Paul's; Paul Callahan, Defender of the Faith and Michael Townsend, Registrar, St. Mark's; Fred Horn, Narrator, Our Lady of Good Counsel. Following the ceremony, Mass was offered and a delicious dinner was served for Sir Knights, their ladies and guests. The Fourth Degree's virtue is "Patriotism" - service to church and country. In 2017, Knights of Columbus donated a record \$185.6 million to charity and provided 75.6 million hours of service - valued at **\$1.9 billion** - worldwide. Notable Sir Knights include President John F. Kennedy, Peace Corps' Founding Director Sargent Shriver, Governor Jeb Bush and former House Speaker John Boehner.

For information about becoming a Sir Knight, contact your council's Grand Knight.

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Right to Life

Brother Knights and families;

Probably most of us are aware of the old saying, in one form or another,

"An injured friend is the bitterest of foes"

Thomas Jefferson



Since many of us were very young, before many of our brother Knights were even born, Roe v Wade has been a part of this nation's fabric. The Knights of Columbus have been on the forefront of the battle to protect the God Given Rights of our children since that sad day in January, 1973. We have heard the rationalizations, "A woman's right to choose... what to do with her own body", "no more back alley abortions", they are going to do it anyway, and on and on. We have actually made progress, Planned Parenthood isn't making rationalizations anymore, they acknowledge that they are killing children.

We have come to the point where we have wounded the animal and they are striking out from their corner like a caged animal! They are striking out with total disregard in places like New York and Virginia, seeking to spread their cancer throughout our nation and the world! Brother Knights, families, we cannot despair and give up! The time is even more critical that we continue to speak out for the most innocent and voiceless among us.

Your Councils have been asked to Consecrate your parish to the Holy Family, please order the materials (they are FREE) from Supreme and make this commitment with your parish and your family. Your Councils are asked to host a Rosary for Life, again free for the councils. Offer a Novena for Life in your parish, a Mass for Life, a Special Needs Mass ... all programs in Faith in Action we are asked to do in our communities to spread the word about what the Knights are really about! We believe in the power of prayer as Catholics, let's join together as parishes across the State of Idaho and pray for end, with Mary, Mother of Knights, to abortion.

Since 1980, there have been over 1.5 BILLION abortions worldwide! As much as a staggering number as this is, it does not include chemical, including Plan B, abortions! The United States, however, has seen a decline in the number of abortions in the past 2 years. This is a good part of the efforts of the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Church in this country. Mary, with her Knights, a team beyond compare ... what can we not achieve with Mary at our side?

Remember the pledge you took in the First Degree? As you received your Rosary, you pledged to "carry it with you always and pray it as often as you can."

Vivat Jesus,

SK J.A. Arroyo, PGK - Idaho State Life Director - DD #6



EXPERIENCE GENUINE FREEDOM

A CHALLENGE AND MESSAGE FROM SUPREME CHAPLAIN ARCHBISHOP LORI

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

— Gospel for Feb. 10, Lk 5:10-11

"They left everything and followed him." My brothers, these words shock me every time I hear or read them. If we are honest, we have to admit how hard it is to leave everything to follow Jesus. After all, we are so good at taking stuff with us as we attempt to follow him — our pride, our possessions, our desire for power, more comfort and pleasure. We attempt to drag this heavy luggage along, or sometimes try to sneak little trinkets into our bags to take with us: maybe it's our wandering eyes, our temper, a critical spirit, or our workaholism. But Jesus and his disciples travel lightly. He invites us to leave everything and follow him. Let's experience this genuine freedom of being his disciple: a freedom which hits the open road with our Lord, free of everything that hinders us.

This Month's Challenge

This month I challenge you to join other Catholic men who are striving to "leave everything and follow him." Join them for some time of prayer, fellowship and encouragement, possibly during a Knights meeting, breakfast or a drink after work. Secondly, I challenge you to be open with a brother in Christ about some area of your life where you are facing challenges. "Leaving everything" means that we also need to leave behind our pretense and appearances and meet each other as true brothers.



Words of Wisdom

Mike Townsend

Brothers,

I have attempted to use this forum, during my time as Immediate Past State Deputy, to express an observation, insight or opinion that I believed might help. I am not sure that I have been successful in sharing a lot of wisdom, but it has always been my desire to help keep Idaho the great jurisdiction that we have become. Today, I would like to share some personal news with all the Knights of Idaho.

After much prayer and discernment, Judy and I will be moving so that we can be closer to our family which includes four children, 13 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. They all reside or are based in the greater Phoenix area. For the past 18 years that we have lived in Idaho, we have visited them a couple of times each year, but, have missed being able to watch them grow up. In addition, my 88 year old mother is declining in health and has lost most of her mobility. We will need to spend more time with her. In February, we purchased a home in Cedar City, Utah and will be moving there during the months of March and April. This puts us 10 hours closer to being able to visit them whenever we want. I will be joining the Council and Assembly in our new parish.

Supreme defines the Immediate Past State Deputy as the last living Past State Deputy who resides in the Jurisdiction. Due to the fact that I am moving out of Idaho, Kerry Hennessy will again become the Immediate Past State Deputy of Idaho. Kerry was very successful and achieved Circle of Honor during his time as State Deputy. He joins a **GREAT** group of men from all over the state who serve you on your State Council.

I would like to thank each of you for all that you have done for the Knights of Columbus. Any successes that have come to Idaho are the result of your efforts. Always remember the lessons that you learned during your degrees and strive to practice Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. I have truly been blessed by knowing each of you.

We have begun the final push for this year's Star Council and Circle of Honor awards. Many councils are only a few members short of achieving their membership goals for this fraternal year and can achieve them with your help. Please commit yourselves to helping your council achieve Star Council this year.

The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic men's organization in the world. We are not just a men's club, we effect change in everything that we do. We have a great gift that we can offer other Catholic men and their families to help them grow in their faith and spirituality. Together we make a difference in our world, every day. The more Knights that there are, the greater good we can accomplish. Remember that as Knights, **"WE SAVE LIVES AND WE CHANGE LIVES".**

Please pray for Judy and me as we begin this new chapter in our lives. We will 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 Knights of Columbus.

Mercy and Peace.

Mike Townsend
Past State Deputy



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Moving on Up

Boise's St. Mark's K of C Council 12172 demonstrated the parish's appreciation and love for Parochial Vicar Reginald "Reggie" Nwauzor, the Knight's chaplain, by moving St. Catherine's new pastor 470 miles north to Priest River, Idaho. Also, the Nigerian-born Fr. Reggie will serve St. Blanche's at Priest Lake; both parishes didn't have a priest.

Wonderful St. Catherine's folks joined St. Mark's Knights to help move Fr. Reggie's household goods into the warm rectory. It was engulfed in heavenly aromas from the tasty dinner Roberta Bagley and Betty Valison prepared.

Already, Father Reggie's happy, friendly personality is winning friends. St. Catherine's community will especially appreciate Fr. Reggie's dedication to serving the homebound and nursing home residents with pastoral visits, Masses and emergency calls.

All good things have to come to an end. St. Catherine's parishioners drove St. Mark's moving crew to the airport for their return flight to Boise.

Thanks to Idaho's Knights of Columbus Council for helping cover the costs of the move, including the U-Haul truck, gas, etc.

Godspeed Fr. Reggie.

Bill Kibble
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Idaho Silver Rose Run



Idaho is scheduled to receive the Silver Rose from Oregon on July 9th. Idaho is scheduled to deliver the Silver Rose to Nevada on August 1st.

At this time, please communicate with your respective Pastor/Parish Administrator to determine if you desire to host a Silver Rose service and share that desire or lack thereof to me, as soon as you make that determination. We will then develop the route based upon the results of your sharing your positive desires.

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(Left to right) Roy Turner, Richard Kulleck, Pat Lind, Mike Townsend (his wife Judy also helped), Fr. Reggie, Robert Paxton and John Valuet. Standing in the truck are Dave Hammes and Ray Ineck.



Bob Paxton (kneeling front left) and Rick Bagley. (Upper left to right) Leonard Pareanteau, Mike Townsend, Fr. Reggie, Dave Hammes, Betty Balison and her husband Rush.



Richard Kulleck, John Valuet, and Robert Paxton

Assembly Actions

John Pettinger PSD - Idaho District Master



Brothers and Sir Knights,

There are a few events coming in which the Color Corps members throughout the state will have an opportunity to participate. I hope that as many of you as are able will choose to take advantage of them.

The Idaho Catholic Youth Conference will take place at the Ford Idaho Sport Center in Nampa on March 8–10. As usual, the Fourth Degree Knights will provide an Honor Guard. I am expecting that Knights from around the state will attend as chaperones for the youth attending the conference. If you are planning to attend the conference and would like to participate in new or old-style regalia, we welcome you to join us for the closing Mass on Sunday, March 10. This is a wonderful chance to be visible to our youth and perhaps influence some future Knights.

Idaho is blessed to welcome the incorruptible heart relic of St. Jean Marie Vianney (the patron saint of priests) to Idaho Falls on March 27 and to Pocatello on March 28. Christ the King parish will have veneration from noon until 7 p.m., then St. Joseph's veneration will occur from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. In both locations, we hope to have an Honor Guard for procession in, and out, of the churches as well as provide a security guard for the relic.

Saturday, March 30, will be the next Fourth Degree exemplification to be held in Idaho Falls at Christ the King parish hall. Candidates should register as soon as possible in preparation. As with any exemplification, we need Color Corps to present the Colors at the ceremony, assist as row guards for the candidates, be there to support the new Sir Knights, and process into Mass following the ceremony. A letter with details will be sent to Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators soon. Following close behind will be an exemplification in Twin Falls on May 5 (Sunday). June will be another priest ordination at St. John cathedral in Boise. More details to follow.

I am happy to announce that the Fourth Degree exemplifications held in Boise and Lewiston on February 2nd and 9th (respectively) advanced 22 members to the honors of Sir Knight. Three additional members from Clarkston, Washington were also advanced. It was a real pleasure for me to return a favor for the Eastern Washington District Master who has advanced many members in the Idaho panhandle at exemplifications held in Spokane.

Vivat Jesus.

THE LAST WORD

Shane Gehring - Idaho State Deputy

It is with a sad heart that I have accepted that Fr. Ben Uhlenkott will no longer be our State Chaplain. It is best for his health that he does so.

Fr Ben is one of; if not the finest Priests I have ever had the honor of knowing. He has been a tremendous asset to the State Council; both as a Spiritual leader and as a friend. It is going to be very hard to replace him.

Some of the best times I had with him were in Guadalajara; on the Wheelchair Distribution last year. To watch him interact with the kids and parents, as they received their chairs was amazing. And of course there is the comical side of Fr Ben as well. Like having him take us on a walk to find an open market he knew was "only a few blocks away". It may have only been only been a few blocks but since most of the time we were walking in circles it turned into miles! He reminded us of a squirrel darting from one place to another. He took a lot of teasing about being the "squirrel". I found a picture of a squirrel dressed like a priest and he got quite a laugh out of it. Along the way he was blessing babies, expecting moms etc. that stopped him in the street as well as getting us lost. He filled me with pride for our faith and him as the Spiritual leader of the Idaho Council of the Knights of Columbus.

Fr. Ben you are the best of the best!!



Vivat Jesus!

