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State Chaplain - Father Rob Cook's Homily



This month we take an opportunity to reflect more upon our friends the saints.

We are also reminded to pray for those who have died.

The saints give us reason to be inspired and to pursue holiness. They were ordinary people who through uniting their lives to God's will were able to do extraordinary things. We can call upon them to intercede for us for our needs, but perhaps most importantly that we follow their example in the unique ways that God desires for each of us.

At the same time, we pray for those who have died that they share in the fullness of heaven. We pray that they experience the joy of being with the angels, the saints, in praising our God.

We continue to pray as well for the intercession of the saints for families. May our families be strengthened in holiness and united in the mission of seeking the Kingdom of God.

Idaho Catholic Congress

The Idaho Catholic Congress was held on September 18–20 and featured several guest lecturers from around Idaho and across the country. Similar to last year, the Knights of Columbus were requested to provide transportation for our out-of-state guests to get them from the airport to their hotels and scheduled events. Knights from several councils in the Treasure Valley stepped up to assist in this important task. There were many favorable comments on the professionalism of our Knights and how fortunate our guests felt to have the services of our organization. They felt that their visit to Idaho was made much more enjoyable and very much simplified by the transportation provided them. This is the second year we have done this for the ICC. On a much larger scale, we also provided transportation for visiting clergy, hierarchy, family, and guests of Bishop Peter during his installation in December. Once again, very high praises were received by our volunteer drivers and by Bishop Peter himself about the considerable convenience that our drivers provided. I am always humbled and grateful for the generous support of my brother Knights to help when called.



John Pettinger, IPSD

It's All About Family

Herb Maddock, PSD - Family

Brothers,

As I write this the Synod on the Family is underway at The Vatican. There is much speculation about what will come out of the effort to help direct the Church in ways to better strengthen family life and address the issues that put strain on the family. Pope Francis has said that the family is the foundation for Society and the Church. "The most beautiful thing that God did, the Bible says, was the family." There is a strong force that will not alter the Church's position that the Family is composed of 1 man and 1 woman and through that union there may be a blessing of children. However, it is also recognized that society provides many twists on this traditional theme. How do we address these things like: divorce, deaths, step-siblings, half-siblings, remarriage, and any of the vast number of challenges that life throws at us. We are also soon to enter into the Year of Mercy which begs that these issues be addressed with a loving spirit.



As our leaders endeavor to come to agreement in directing the Church as a whole, I urge you, to look at your own Family and your Parish Family to see how you can do things to strengthen family life. What projects can be undertaken to bring Families together? Not just the traditional families but others that might be on the margins. Let them see that they are loved and valued and we are not ultimately the judge.

In the Family Fully Alive program, November is a time for internal family reflection, having a special meal, and visiting an adoration chapel. The suggested Council project to bring families together is Coats for Kids. This is a great program to help out the community as well as bringing your council families out to enjoy the feeling of giving. The classic movie "It's a Wonderful Life" is the movie suggested. I'm sure most of you have seen it and will agree that it has a great message to share.

Again, I would love to hear from any of you about the family programs you are having in your councils. Please email me with any information. Vivat Jesus.

SPONSOR A COMMUNITY ROSARY SERVICE

Knightline - October 2015



Invite brother Knights, their families and local parishes to join together in prayer through the 5th Sunday Rosary Program, designed to bring the community together for regular Marian devotions. Begun in August, the program will continue on every fifth Sunday throughout the fraternal year. Councils who did not participate in August are encouraged to sponsor an event on the next fifth Sunday, Nov. 29, the first Sunday of Advent. Visit kofc.org/5thSunday for more information and to order the *5th Sunday Rosary Kit* (SR-KIT).

Any council that participates in this program for the fifth Sundays of the fraternal year (occurring August, November, January and May) will have fulfilled all four Church Activity requirements for the Columbian Award. In addition to reporting these services on the Columbian Award application, don't forget to send in the *5th Sunday Rosary Program Report Form* (#10243) after each of your council's rosary services.

Mountain Home Council 3703

from: Paul Petro, DD #5, 10-25-15 Newsletter

Mountain Home Council 3703 built and placed a billboard to defend life along interstate 84 near mile marker 92. It is on the westbound lanes but can be seen while traveling in either direction. The billboard took approximately 30 man hours to complete from start to finish.



The people that are in the picture are: Joe Martin, Jim Martin, Stephen McGrath, Steve Green, John Barrutia, Allen Darrow, Paul Petro, Fred Busing, Paul Degand, and Nicholas Degand. The Knights that helped with the project but not in the photo are: Fred Horn, John Goodell and Charlie Cruz.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY FRATERNAL BENEFITS

Being a member of the Knights of Columbus is an opportunity to be part of the largest Catholic lay organization in the world. Being an insured member means you've taken full advantage of the benefits of membership. Avail yourself and your family of our full line of life insurance, retirement and long-term care products and you'll help chart a course to safe waters in your financial future.

In addition to our strong, secure products, there are Family Fraternal Benefits that can help our members facing unique needs. Many of these benefits are unique to the Knights of Columbus and our members. Some of these benefits include:

- Guaranteed life insurance benefits for uninsurable children.
- Death benefits available for stillborn or miscarried children.
- Orphan benefits.
- Member/spouse accidental death benefits.

To learn more about these contact the field agent for your area. Find the list on the Idaho State website @ www.idkofc.com.

Idaho Falls Council 1663

Oktoberfest

The 7th annual Idaho Falls Oktoberfest, hosted by Knights of Columbus council 1663, took place on September 26, 2015 at Christ the King field in Idaho Falls. The celebration featured authentic German food, beer and wine as well as live German Polka and vendors. Pro-life groups were given booth space to promote the cause of life at no charge.

Our Oktoberfest concept is a first class event that appeals to our whole region, not just Catholic families. This year's fest was our most successful yet, raising approximately \$2000. The weather was perfect, and our Knights of Columbus crew was awesome. The I.F. Oktoberfest was featured with a full page color spread in the Idaho Falls Post Register on Sept 27th.

Funds raised were split amongst this year's chosen charitable causes: Knights of Columbus World War II Veteran Wheelchair program; local Special Olympics; our Saint John Paul II parish Youth Group and Building fund; and our Columbus Club.

This main purpose of Oktoberfest is fundraising for charity, but has secondary benefits of evangelization and awareness of the Knights of Columbus.

From: George Mesina



State Secretary Mike Townsend's Insight



Brothers,

Fall is upon us and the weather is beginning to turn cool. It is time for our councils to turn up the heat on their membership and charitable efforts. The upcoming winter season will see many children without warm coats. There will also be

numerous opportunities for our councils to help with food boxes, clothing drives and local Parish needs. Remember that actions speak louder than words and we need to be **MEN OF ACTION**. More hands will make the work easier.

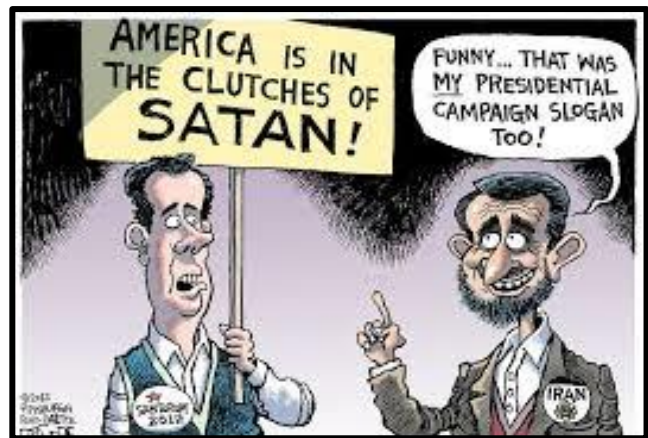
The annual insurance billing will be sent out the week of October 19th. The rate charged has not changed since last year. I encourage councils to pay this bill as quickly as possible so that there will be sufficient funds to pay our premiums when they arrive. If anyone needs copies of the liability policy certificate, please contact me at my new email address mt2699@cablone.net. Included with the insurance billing will be the Ceremonial billing for the first quarter 2015-2016. There are still a few councils who have not completely paid their per capita billing for 2015 and I encourage them to make those payments as quickly as possible. If there are any questions, either email me or give me a call at (208) 869-8867.

There will be a Coats for Kids distribution on November 27th at Karcher Mall in Nampa. Anyone who would like to donate to help pay for the coats which were purchased by the State Council can send me a check, made out to the Knights of Columbus and a note on the memo line: Coats for Kids. Any Knight who would like to attend and help with the event should contact Supreme Director Brian Simer PSD who is overseeing the distribution. If your council is not participating in the state coats program, but is doing something on a local basis, please let Brian know so that your efforts can be properly reported to Supreme.

The 109th Idaho State convention will be held April 15-17, 2016 at the Red Lion Hotel in Boise. St. Mark's Council #12172 will be acting as our hosts. In keeping with the Pope's declaration of the Year of Mercy beginning in December, the theme for the convention will be "Mercy-The Lord's Most Powerful Message" which is a direct quote from Pope Francis. The theme for the Friday night dinner will be, "Friday Knight at the Movies" and all attendees are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite movie star or movie character. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend the 109th State Convention.

Remember that the State Officers stand ready to help your council any way that we can. We are just a phone call away.

God Bless and keep each of you close to his heart!!



Risen Christ Council 12854 - Boise

On October 10, Joe Kestler, Treasurer for Risen Christ council #12854, led a public rosary in the parking lot of St. Mark's church in Boise. The rosary was to honor Our Lady of Fatima on the anniversary of her appearance to the children of Fatima. Brother Joe had arranged notices in local parish bulletins to invite all parishioners to pray with us. Although turnout was lower than hoped, there were 26 persons from various Boise parishes in attendance. In addition to the rosary, there were songs honoring Our Lady, prayers, and a litany. Our hope is that participation will continue to grow to mark this miraculous occasion.

From: John Pettinger
Knights of Columbus
Immediate Past State Deputy



Caldwell Council 3086

Caldwell Council #3086 has selected Julie & Monte Katzenberger as the K of C Family of the month for September.

Paul Hubbs was selected the K of C Knight of the Month for September.

Council #3086 help with setup, take down, serving an entrée, and furnish refreshments for the OLV International Dinner. There were about 350 people attending the dinner.

With 1st, 2nd & 3rd Degree Exemplifications conferred in October and when the numbers come in we are anticipating Caldwell Council to have already achieved Star Council and well on our way to Double Star.

Darwin Schweitzer



Keller Assembly 187 - Idaho Falls



The Fall Banquet of George Keller Assembly #187 took place on Oct 16, 2015. The Greater Idaho Falls Area Assembly hosts quarterly banquets for the Sir Knights of the Assembly, members of the Idaho Falls Knights of Columbus council, their families and friends. The purpose of this family event is to provide a fun-filled evening of camaraderie with old and new friends, raise money for charity, and evangelize the local community.

Sir Knights dress wear formal dress (tux with social baldric), while other knights are asked to wear suit and tie. This event took place at BJ's Bayou in Roberts, Idaho. Altogether 32 knights, family members attended (some are not pictured) which is the largest turnout in half a dozen years. By "passing the hat," the event raised \$151 for the Veterans Wheelchair Fund.

L to R: Marie Howe, Phil Gamache, Jacqueline Howe



Pocatello Council 892



Beer Tasting 2015

Jose Iniguez (rear) and Jorge Santos dish up the goodies; while KC Columbo is keeping a close eye on Council Treasurer Phil Blick handling the money. A nice crowd of 93 attended at St. Anthony's parish hall on October 10th garnering funds to help the St. Vincent dePaul Society.



Moscow Council 1397

Ken Ellis, FS

Council 1397, St. Mary's Moscow held their annual Sausage feed Nov 1, 2015 starting at Noon. A fine turnout attended building needed funds for the parish. Make a note for next year that tickets are \$12 for adults, \$5 for kids 7 to 12, 6and under are free. As you can see preparations were underway looking forward to having people come and enjoy.



Mike Devoe



Jeff Helbling



Tom Charles



Len Bielenburg,
John McCabe & Friend



Dale Freeman



Bishop Kelly Assembly 185 - Coeur d'Alene

Nick Theisen

We did our Supreme's church drive weekend last weekend and have a list of 10 possibilities new or mostly of transfers to be added within the next month.

Recently our parish St. Thomas the Apostle in Coeur d' Alene, picked up a new priest after sadly losing Fr. Bill Crowley who went to join the Lord on Easter Monday. The new priest Fr. Mariusz Majewski is a blessing with the church and the Knights of Columbus. Already our monthly Business meetings have increased members that show up.

The council has in progress 4 service projects, 1 lecturer stand for Religious Ed., Donation for Coat's for Kids, Donation and maybe a Wheel Chair Sunday (still needs Father's okay), and 1st time in a long time free throw competition.

Pictures from our annual September 5th National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children, held at St. Thomas Cemetery. Fr. Mariusz Majewski along with the Sir Knights from St. Pius X and St. Thomas the Apostle are from left to right:

- Gary Sonnen (St. Pius X)
- Milt Schauble (St. Thomas the Apostle)
- Jim Connel (St. Pius X)
- Gary Fessler (St. Pius X)
- Nick Theisen (GK, St. Thomas the Apostle)



Pocatello Poker Night

Keith Riemersma

This Friday night (10-23) we will have a poker night in the chambers. This will be a social night to fraternize with your fellow Brothers. Below are the rules and details for the evening. Start a game in your Council.



- * Texas Hold em only - it's an easy game for beginners too.
- * \$10 buy in, with one additional \$10 buy allowed.
- * Start at 7:30. The hand in progress at 10pm will complete and then we count up each players funds. First prize 25% or the entrance money. 2nd prize 15% of the entrance money.
- * All other proceeds go to Idaho Special Olympics.
- * Everyone bring a snack to share.
- * Non-players welcome.

The council will provide 2 case of 'Merican beer. If you want an import or fancy craft beer, bring your own. Tournament director Jake Schiewe will be the final adjudicator of any disputes during play.



L to R (at table): DD #2 Jim Robinson, Troy Nell, Dave Alexander, Jake Schiewe. Not shown - Gary Glass; Roy Bartholomay - taking picture; Ray Portillo. In the back Leo Herrman (L) and Don Tehle came, watched and shared in the food.



St. Pius X Council 11623 St. Thomas Council 1363

Coeur d'Alene

The CDA Knights are presenting Matt Morgan with a Plaque, thanking Matt for his substantial support of the food booth project.

L-R: Craig Frei, GK of St. Pius Council; Matt Morgan, Manager of the Trading Company Store in Post Falls; Gordon Ramsden of St. Thomas Council, Trustee and Procurement Director for the joint-council's food booth and the Kootenai Country Fair; and Mike Anderson, FS of St. Thomas Council and Project Manager for the County Food Booth.

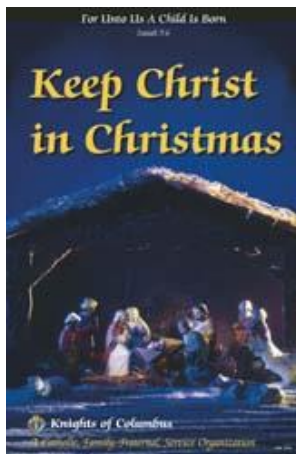
Vivat Jesus'.

Mike Anderson

Recruit a Member Today!

Each Knight who recruits at least one new member from now until Dec. 31 will be awarded with a medallion commemorating Pope Francis' visit to the United States. Also, all recruiters will be awarded 2,000 VIP points for each new member they recruit during this period. Be advised: Recruiting former or inactive insurance members counts toward incentive awards.

Knightline, November 2015



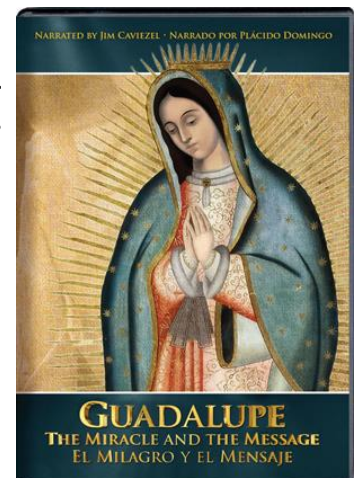
Has your Council ordered "KCIC" cards yet? Contact chairman Dermot McCaughan at (208) 351-4433, or dermot.mccaughan@kofc.org **TODAY!**

A new documentary film narrated by actor Jim Caviezel offers original insights into the details, story and impact of the 16th century apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe — one of the most recognizable religious icons in the American hemisphere.

The Knights of Columbus-produced film, *Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message*, paints a comprehensive and inspiring picture of the history, facts and legacy of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Being aired as part of ABC's Visions and Values Series, the documentary will have a broadcast window from October 11 to December 10.

The film delves into the inexplicable existence of the image that appeared on the *tilma* (cloak) of an indigenous convert named Juan Diego, who, over the course of four days in Dec. 1531, received a series of visions of the Virgin Mary. Most experts and historians affirm that the image miraculously imprinted on the *tilma* resulted in the conversion of millions to the Catholic faith.

For more information about the film, including broadcast times and the DVD release, visit www.guadalupefilm.com or follow the hashtag [#guadalupefilm](https://twitter.com/guadalupefilm).

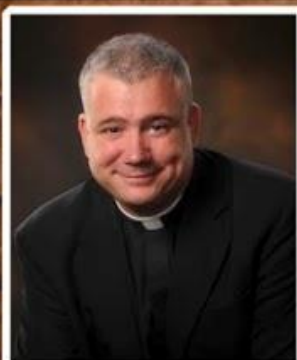


Idaho Catholic Men's Conference

Date: Saturday, January 30, 2016
Venue: Boise State Student Union Building
Time: 8 am – 6 pm
Cost: \$35 early bird fee

Cost Includes: meals, refreshments and conference materials

FEATURING



Father Larry Richards



Jesse Romero



Captain Guy Gruters

Men, get ready for a POWERFUL conference that
will make you want to RISE UP and be the Man
GOD MADE YOU TO BE!

**LIFE CHANGING TALKS
HOLY MASS
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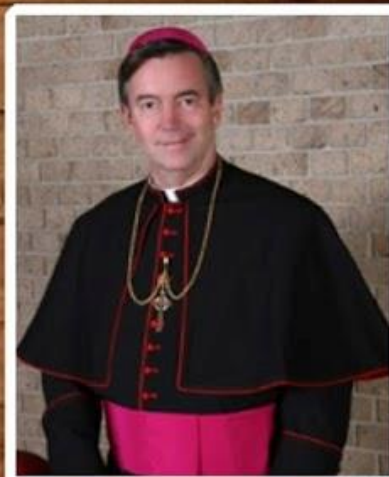
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AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE WE WILL SERVE THE LORD.

Joshua 24:15



Mass with Bishop
Peter Christensen

Star Council Updates

George Mesina - Membership Director

Congratulations to the *four* councils that have already reached Star-Level membership. Job well done! **Boise Council 4012**, **Fruitland 12516**, and **Caldwell 3086** have attained **100%** while **Salmon Council 8283** ascended to **125%** despite tragic circumstances. You are the leaders by example for all of Idaho. Keep moving on with the other requirements of Star Council, particularly the Columbian and Fr. McGivney Awards, to ensure you will qualify for Star.

Some Councils are already making outstanding progress toward the Fr. McGivney Awards. Three councils have already exceeded or attained their insurance goal: Pocatello 8930 at 167%, Nampa 2014 at 140%, and Mountain Home 3841 at 100%. Congratulations to you and your field agents. Excellent work!

Thank you for making **October one of Idaho's recruiting best months in years**. We went from 48th to 39th place (among 72 jurisdictions) in the final week. We recognize heroic efforts by many Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, and District Deputies. **Twenty-two** Idahoans **joined** the Knights of Columbus in **October**. That is 8% of our yearly goal and achieves a Supreme monetary award. Each council will receive money in accordance with the number of new members they recruited in October. Still, only 18 of our 44 councils have recruited a new knight this year. Imagine what we'll do when the other 26 join in!

Council	#	Grand Knight	Financial Secretary	District Deputy
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Recognition Level 6 100% - 200% of Star Goal

Salmon	8283	Kurt Williams	Chuck Hoffman	John Krsul
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Recognition Level 5 100% of Star Goal

Boise - SP	4013	Charlie Ruiz	Rubin Irigoyen	Kevin Stadther
Caldwell	3086	Darwin Schweitzer	Paul Hubbs	Jim Griffith
Fruitland	12516	Jim Jensen	Brian Harris	Jim Griffith

Recognition Level 4 75+% of Star Goal

Recognition Level 3 50+% of Star Goal

Boise	8310	Paco Lorzana	Dave Fitzgerald	Paul Petro
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Recognition Level 2 25+% of Star Goal

Boise	12854	Chuck Portoghesi	Dave Hart	Kevin Stadther
Burley	12881	Hector Contreras	Roberto Fuentes	Robert Vasquez
Cottonwood	1389	Dan Karel	Jimmie Steinke	James White
Idaho Falls	1663	Armando Ramos	Richard Bingham	John Krsul
Meridian	11548	Corey Newell	Daniel Salokar	Kevin Stadther
Nampa	2014	Romel Reyna	Bruce Wilson	Kevin Stadther
Pocatello	8930	Keith Riemersma	Mike Huston	James Robinson

Recognition Level 1 One or More New Members

Boise	899	Paul Girard	John Murphy	Paul Petro
Boise	12172	Ray Forshey	Rick Maddock	Paul Petro
Coeur d'Alene	1363	Nick Thiesen	Mike Anderson	Lawrence Seabolt
Mt Home	3703	Allen Darrow	Fred Horn PSD/FDM	Paul Petro
Rupert	2792	Galdino Galindo Sr	Brian Duncan	Robert Vasquez
Twin Falls	15047	Robert Salinas	Gerardo Simental	Robert Vasquez

Idaho Calendar

Nov 7	2nd Degree	- Idaho Falls
Nov 8	1st Degree	- Bonners Ferry
Nov 9	1st Degree	- Kellogg, Pocatello
	3rd Degree	- Nampa
Nov 12	1st Degree	- Sandpoint
Nov 15	1st Degree	- Priest River
Nov 16	1st Degree	- Pocatello
Nov 17	1st Degree	- Idaho Falls
Nov 18	1st Degree	- Rupert
Nov 23	1st Degree	- Blackfoot
Nov 24	1st Degree	- Mountain Home



Their Mission

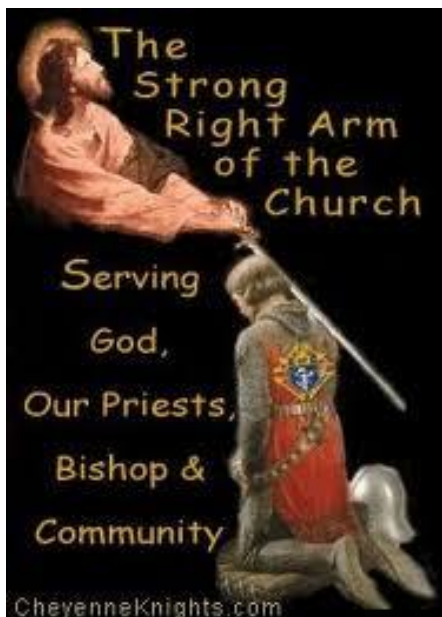
To evangelize and teach, through multi-media communications, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, with the fullness of Truth of the Catholic Church. They strive to be Salt & Light (Mt 5, 13-16) to all - to promote and build up Christ's body, the Church.

To Pledge

In Boise 1140AM Call: 208.344.4774
In Twin Falls 1270AM Call: 208.490.7754

The Last Word

Kerry Hennessy - Idaho State Deputy



Worthy Brother Knights,

As a member of the Knights of Columbus, do you ever think about what role you play in your Council? I hope you joined the Order envisioning doing charitable works in your church and community, helping the less fortunate, making someone else's life easier. How is that working out for you? If you are reading this, I imagine you are doing what you signed up for. For those members that joined and you no longer see them at meetings, maybe see them occasionally at church, have you wondered what has changed within to cause such a withdrawal? As Knights, we band together as brothers to assist the pastor with a project, raise funds to help our charity recipients, if a church/community member is ailing we are right there to help.

Why are we not reaching out to our fallen away fraternal brothers in Christ, to see what is ailing them? What is preventing them from getting involved in the fraternity that they joined? We can help even more people in this world, if we just reached out to our fellow Knights that have chosen to not get involved in the works of our great Order.

I urge you to set up communication mediums within your Councils. This can be anything as simple as a phone tree to a teleconference using a free service. You should have a Council roster that includes phone numbers, addresses and email addresses so that you can contact your members with information to share. How can your members know to help if they don't know what is going on in your Council?



Vivat Jesus!

