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New K of C Documentary on Mercy to Air on ABC



Among the stories shared in the documentary is that of Jennifer Trapuzzano, here pictured with her 2-year-old daughter, Cecilia. Jennifer was 9 months pregnant with Cecilia when her husband Nathan was killed during an attempted robbery, April 1, 2014. Jennifer has since publicly forgiven her husband's murderer, speaking of mercy at his sentence hearing.

The Knights of Columbus' new documentary film, *The Face of Mercy*, will air on ABC affiliates across the U.S. from Oct. 16 to Dec. 16.

Narrated by Jim Caviezel, *The Face of Mercy* explores the history and relevance of Divine Mercy in our turbulent times. Watch its story unfold, from the Polish nun who received powerful visions of a merciful God, to her countryman Pope John Paul II, and to Pope Francis' declaration of the Year of Mercy. Filmed in stunning 4K and seamlessly weaving together theology and history with modern testimonials, this stirring film creates a remarkable tapestry of what constitutes the face of mercy in our modern world.

Meet a woman who found freedom in forgiveness after seeing her family wiped out by genocide, a former-NFL linebacker who walked away from football to share Christ's mercy with the homeless, a baseball player who traded MLB ambitions for the monastery, a priest with a drug-dealing past and a young widow who chose mercy toward her husband's killer.

For information on broadcast times or to obtain a DVD, please visit faceofmercyfilm.com.

Idaho Family of the Month

As determined by a random drawing held at the Supreme Council Office among the nominees submitted by Councils throughout the state, congratulations goes out to the family of Patrick and Erin Lenz from Council 1363 in Coeur d'Alene as the August "Family of the Month" for Idaho. A wonderful honor and definitely well deserved.

Is your Council submitting Family of the Month nominations to Supreme? If not - why not start this month and have one of your families honored in the future!





Balloon Rosary

The Rupert Knights of Columbus Council 2792 helped organize and participated in a Balloon Rosary service which was held at St. Nicholas church parking lot on October 15th. At the end of the Rosary, the balloon shaped rosary was released up in the air making its way high up into the sky.

Robert Vasquez
DD-3

Building the Domestic Church



In the October issue of *First Things* a journal published by the Institute on Religion and Public Life, the editor states the following : “A renewal of marriage and revival of faith- isn’t that a pipe dream?”.

He goes on detailing cultural and political changes that make one feel that such a renewal is indeed a pipe dream. He does offer a chance for renewal in communities bound in faith, hope and charity. Even Pope Francis asks in *Amoris Laetitia* the following question: “Who is making an effort to strengthen marriages, to help married couples overcome their problems, to assist them in the work of raising children and, in

general, to encourage stability of the marriage bond?”

One answer is that we, the Knights of Columbus, are making an effort. After all we are a community bound by faith, hope, and charity. We are already familiar with Building the Domestic Church programs. But we are doing other things as we have been for decades. For instance, just prior to the publishing of this newsletter we will have assisted Bishop Peter Christensen launch a new diocesan campaign called 'Marriage for Life'.

Through this campaign decals designed to show that marriage is to be lived for the whole life and for the purpose of having and raising children will have been distributed by Knights at Masses on October 22nd and 23rd. With respect to the decals there are two excellent articles in the October 7-20, 2016 *Idaho Catholic Register*. In Bishop Christensen’s “Just a Thought” column he discusses the symbolism of the decal design and his vision on how the message will be displayed to be seen by many. The second article under the “Marriage for Life” column, Jay Wonacott, Director, Diocesan Marriage & Family Life Office, further details the meaning of the decal.

If you have not already read these fine columns, I strongly urge you to do so now. Please display the decal prominently to show your support for Marriage for Life. And finally, Bishop Peter Christensen’s campaign fits in so well with the November theme found in the booklet *Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive*. On page 8 you will find the following statement: “Our family defines each and every one of us. Because our parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents chose life, we are here today.

This month, thank God for the gift of your family. Unfortunately for many that have bought into the secular religion of our time, there will be no family to thank God for! Keep in mind that as a Knight you have chosen to play a role to strengthen marriage. Prepare yourself to fulfill that role and show that the pipe dream is in fact natural reality that cannot be denied.

Coats for Kids - Lewiston Council 1024

On 10/14/2016 the Lewiston Knights of Columbus Council 1024 made a donation of \$1500.00 for the Lewiston School District food pantry. Also the council donated 257 coats with a value of \$8700.00 to the Lewiston School District. This was the sixth year that we donated to the Lewiston School Dist.



Left to right: Jenifer Wallace District's Resource Department, Tim Sperber Principal Whitman School, Cynthia Nunez, and Lisa Bomley both Resource officers, Richard Baelocher Grand Knight Council 1024, Tom Osborne. Ryan Rosenau, Ken Ludvik Treasure Council 1024.



In the wake of Hurricane Matthew, thousands of people in the southern United States, especially in the Carolinas and in Florida, have found themselves displaced, their homes flooded or destroyed.

As rescue efforts continue, and with recovery work yet to begin, join the Knights of Columbus in helping to provide immediate relief for these people.

Please **DONATE** what you can today to help.

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TRAINING AVAILABLE

Brother Dan Heying has been appointed as the State Financial Secretary Training Coordinator.

Dan currently serves as the Financial Secretary for St. Mark's Council #12172 in Boise. He has assisted several Financial Secretaries in the Treasure Valley and has developed some very helpful aids to assist Financial Secretaries with Member Management.

Dan has attended the Financial Secretary training which is offered by Supreme and would be glad to help in any way possible. He is willing to present regional training seminars for interested Financial Secretaries, but this training needs to be scheduled ahead of time for maximum participation.

If anyone has any questions about the position of Financial Secretary, Member Management or to schedule training, please contact Dan directly at (208) 863-6516, or by email at

heyngd@cableone.net.

Anyone interested in Council Officer Training should contact State Training Coordinator Kerry Hennessy at (208) 317-0222, or State Deputy Mike Townsend at (208) 869-8867.



Tuesday, November 8th

Idaho Deacon Ordination

The Deacon Ordination at St. John's Cathedral in Boise was held on October 15th. Four new deacons were ordained into the Diocese: one from Our Lady of the Rosary, Boise; one from Moscow; and two from Meridian. At the end of the Mass, District Master John Pettinger, on behalf of State Deputy Mike Townsend, presented Bishop Peter and the Diocese with one of the Holy Family icons that has been traversing the state over the past two years.

Below is the text of the presentation:

"The Idaho Knights of Columbus are presenting this Icon of the Holy Family to Bishop Peter and the Diocese of Boise. The Knights are collaborating with the Diocese of Boise to disseminate the Marriage for Life window decals in our parishes throughout the state during the Oct 22nd-23rd weekend. Nationally and locally the Knights of Columbus support programs and initiatives that support marriage and family life, and on this special occasion we want to recognize the good work that the Deacons of our diocese do to support marriage and family life. We look forward to working with you in the future to support your ministry as Bishop."

John Pettinger - Idaho District Master



Formation Degree - Lewiston Council 1024

On Saturday, October 8th, a Formation (2nd) Degree was hosted by Lewiston Council 1024 at All Saints Church. Knights from Grangeville, Cottonwood and Lewiston councils conducted the degree and instructed the candidates in the second principle of the Order ... Unity. There were 16 Knights advanced ... six were from

Lewiston Council 1024, Dennis Maurer, Dan Johnson, Josh Peters, Kevin Kelly, David Gates, and Michael Kirk; two from Genesee Council 1554, Scott Stapleton and Travis Schwenne; two from Moscow Council 1397, Philip Kerr and Matthew Morrow; and six from Cottonwood Council 1389, Austin Sonnen, David Hamm, Christopher Cowan, Jack Duman, Joshua Lustig, and TJ Schmidt.

After the Exemplification, Lewiston Council provided chili with all the trimmings including cornbread. Congratulations to these members who are well on their way to full Knighthood in the Order. Thank you to Council 1024 for hosting and all Knights and Councils from the area who came together to make this happen.

Max Nuxoll - DD #9



Social Media Director

With his appointment as District Master, PSD John Pettinger has had to resign his position as Social Media Director (Public Relations). Robert Herrin III has been appointed to take his place effective November 1, 2016. Robert has been a Knight for many years and his wife's name is Delisa. He has extensive experience in logistics and information technology and would be happy to assist your council develop information which would highlight your council's activity. He will also be responsible for maintaining the statewide directory. Robert can be contacted at: (208) 860-8972, or by email at: rherrinii5@gmail.com.

Thanks for your assistance in making Robert welcome in his new position, and making his job easier by being proactive in getting updated information for the Directory to him on a timely basis.

Mercy and Peace,

Mike Townsend - Idaho State Deputy



ROBERT HERRIN III

My name is Robert Herrin III and I was born 5 December 1971 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. I was baptized as a "cradle catholic" at Sacred Heart Church in Hattiesburg, Mississippi (ironic since now I go to Sacred Heart in Boise). I grew up in and spent a good portion of my life in Mississippi and call it my "home away from home" but Boise is my "true" home, as my immediate family is here.

I am married to a most lovely lady name Delisa I. Herrin. She was born in Mountain View, California, but is really an Idahoan as she was raised and spent most of her life here. I have three stepchildren and one grandson.

I grew up in Mississippi and spent my school years in Ellisville. I went to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Laurel, which was about 10 to 15 miles away from Ellisville. At age 16, I became a charter member of the Squires Circle in Laurel, Mississippi, which was sponsored Knights of Columbus Council #2180. I held the office of Burser, which is like a Financial Secretary. When I reached my 18th birthday, I took my First Degree. I was serving in the Mississippi Army National Guard at that time and was called to Active Duty to Saudi Arabia during Desert Shield/Storm War.

During my 25 years in the Army, I held such positions as Traffic Management Coordination (88N), Field Artillery (13B), Automated Logistics (92A) and Calvary/Armor Officer (19A/C00). The first 18 years of my career I served as an Enlisted Soldier reaching the rank of Sergeant First Class (E-7) and the last 7 years finished out my career as a Captain (O-3). I would not trade my time in the military for anything in the world. It helped me to round out my journey through the 4th Degree (Patriotic Degree). I even took my 4th Degree in my military dress uniform in 1996.

In May of 2002, I made the move to Boise, transferring my military status to Gowen Field. I fell in love with the area and this part of the country as well as meeting my future wife here. In September of 2002 my wife and I were married at Saint John's Cathedral. I completed my service in May 2014 with 25 years in the Army.

After retiring from the Army I continued my experience with Automated Logistics and Information Technology (IT) in the civilian sector, working for a company called iTradeNetwork as an Application Engineer. I have been there since May of 2014 and my most current position is serving as an Integration Quality Assurance Engineer (QA). I enjoy the work as I am technical in nature and it allows me to express that in the IT environment. I have extensive experience in the Computer Industry serving previously as a System Administrator, Software Developer and direct Customer Support Technician.

My wife and I found a home at Sacred Heart parish in February 2016. We were impressed with how Sacred Heart was so welcoming and it left a lasting impression on us. Once again I became active the Knights of Columbus, joining Sacred Heart Council #899 and in July 2016 was elected Advocate for the council. I am also active in the 4th Degree, belonging to DeSmet Assembly #181 and was elected as Faithful Pilot where I currently serve in both capacities as of this date.

I see this position as an opportunity to step in and assist the Knights on a state level for Idaho. I believe my experience and passion about serving the Knights will help to keep our "Brothers" informed and offer the ability to celebrate in "Shared Wisdom". I look forward to traveling and communicating with the various councils and assemblies across this great State of Idaho so that our Brother Knights and Sir Knights can grow in "Relationship" with each other, for each other. Thank you and Vivat Jesus!

Pocatello Beer Tasting

The annual KC Council 892 charity beer tasting party was held on Saturday, October 1st, 6:30pm, St. Anthony's Church Hall in Pocatello. Patrons sampled the finest beers, featuring holiday and winter specialties, local microbrews; plus food, beverages, and silent auction. Tickets for those 21 and over were purchased at the door for ten dollars each, or two for eighteen, with food included in the price, and credit cards are accepted. Net proceeds benefit KC charity projects, e.g. this year St. Vincent de Paul received a check for \$1200.00.



American Wheelchair Mission

A Global Wheelchair Mission Partner

Did you know that Idaho's "Sister State" in Mexico is Jalisco? In Jalisco the city of Guadalajara is home to just one of the twenty-three children's rehabilitation centers located throughout Mexico. These centers, called "CRIT" are providing rehabilitative services for thousands of children who suffer from neuromuscular disorders, who come from the poorest of the poor families. Although these CRIT centers are providing modern therapeutic services with state-of-the-art equipment, when the children leave the facility, they leave with what they came—nothing.

For the past several years, The American Wheelchair Mission, with the generous charity from Knights of Columbus, have been providing thousands of brand new wheelchairs to these children to take home so that their lives and the lives of their loved ones, will be enhanced wherever they may go. Knights, like those in Idaho, are answering their prayers and bringing them hope.

In January of 2016, our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson, his wife, Dorian, and the Supreme Officers and Board Members and their families took part in a distribution of over 100 wheelchairs to those in need at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. Supreme Knight Anderson presented the 50,000th Knights sponsored wheelchair to 10 year old, Arturo Martinez. Without this gift of hope for Arturo and his family, Arturo could not go to school, he could not take part in childhood activities and his future would be extremely limited.



Supreme Knight Carl Anderson with a recipient of a KC wheelchair.



Last year, Idaho Knights banded together to provide wheelchairs for veterans and the Honor Flight program. This year, we are working together to provide wheelchairs for the children at the CRIT center in Guadalajara. Please consider making a generous contribution towards this effort. One of the best ways is through participating in our "Wheelchair Sunday" program. Please contact me for information on the CRIT centers and on how your Council, District or Assembly can help. Thanks and God bless.

Dan Moberg
American Wheelchair Mission - Idaho State Wheelchair Chairman

HERMIT IN THE HIGH DESERT OF IDAHO

By: Sister Mary Beverly, HSM

Marymount Hermitage is home to the Hermit Sisters of Mary. It is located in Mesa, Idaho which is along Highway 95, between Weiser and New Meadows. Sister Rebecca Mary and I founded Marymount Hermitage over 32 years ago. We were invited to the Diocese of Boise in 1981 by Bishop Sylvester Treinen whom we revere as our founding bishop. We felt called by God to live in solitude and silence for the sake of unceasing prayer for the salvation of souls, the good of the Church and the world. Ours is a life of sacrifice and austerity; it is also a privilege and a joy for the love of God. I believe that our peace and presence to people, whom we do meet and talk with, is a reminder that there is a God and He can make a person fulfilled and happy. Wearing our religious habit adds to this public witness.

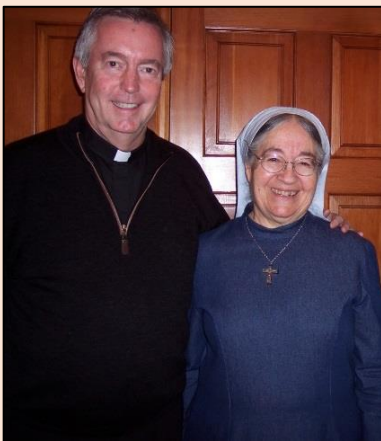


Photo by Pastor Geoff Cole of Council, Idaho

Marymount Hermitage is situated on 100 acres of ranch land and the campus has 10 buildings. Originally planned for a community of Hermit Sisters, over the years we have opened the five hermitages for use by retreatants. Even though, because of old age and ill health, Sister Rebecca Mary has returned to the community from which we came in Beaverton, Oregon, there is still a praying community here on the mesa. Neighbors and retreatants join me for Lauds, Vespers and holy hours of Adoration. Another important member of our praying community is Mary Chamberlin, who moved to Marymount two years ago, and is our first resident Lay Associate. She is a great support to me in the daily task of maintaining the buildings and grounds.

Bishop Treinen had many wise sayings, one of which was, "If you work hard, people will be willing to help you. I have found this to be true. Fees from retreatants basically maintain the buildings. I make items to sell and have made a business doing this in the Treasure Valley parishes. I also make myself available to teach or give retreats at Nazareth Retreat Center in Boise and in parishes throughout the Pacific Northwest. This income provides me and Marymount with what I need for operating expenses. Besides this, generous individuals or families donate monthly. Since Marymount Hermitage is a non-profit corporation, all donations are tax deductible. I have Mass offered once a month for our benefactors. The Knights of Columbus from Risen Christ, Sacred Heart and St. Mary's parishes in Boise, Holy Apostles in Meridian, and St. Agnes in Weiser have been very generous over the years sending work crews once or twice a year to do maintenance chores. Mike Townsend fondly recalls the photo I took of him hanging off the bell tower in an attempt to power wash it!

After prayerful deliberation, consultation with Bishop Christensen and our Board of Directors, we have decided that circumstances require us to build a new library and house of hospitality. The new building will be called Mercy House to commemorate the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy. It will be dedicated to Pope St. John Paul II, St. Teresa of



Bishop Peter Christensen, Bishop of Boise, with Sister Mary Beverly, HSM, at Marymount Hermitage on December 2, 2015

Calcutta, and St. Faustina, our great new saints of mercy. **Save the date:**

October 25, 2017. Bishop Peter Christensen will offer Mass at Marymount Hermitage at 11 AM to celebrate the faithfulness of God to me on the occasion of my 50th Jubilee and, God willing, will bless the new building. John Pettinger has offered to have an Honor Guard for the Mass, as he did for our 25th Anniversary Mass in 2009. I am currently doing fund raising for construction to begin in the spring of 2017. The campaign goal is \$213,000. We have over \$40,000 to date. Risen Christ Council of KC's contributed \$500. Please visit the website for more information about Marymount Hermitage and the Library. You can read my letter and the letter Bishop Peter wrote in support of this project. Monthly newsletters are posted there. You can take a virtual tour of Mercy House and read updates...questions which people have asked and, when construction begins, photos of the progress at www.marymount-hermitage.org.

I conclude this brief overview of my vocation as a hermit, Marymount Hermitage, and our proposed new library and house of hospitality with a request for prayers. Mercy House will be built by prayer and charity as is evidenced by the past work and progress of Marymount. It is God's work and whatever the Knights of Columbus, my friends, are inspired to do to help me will be greatly appreciated and rewarded by God Himself. God bless you abundantly!

FOURTH DEGREE NEWS

By: John Pettinger, District Master

Brother Knights and Sir Knights, in the September newsletter I provided a brief biography, outlined District Master duties, and reminded of overdue assembly reports. This month I will discuss audits, assembly directory, regalia available, and fourth degree exemplification schedule.

AUDITS: This month, I want to stress the importance of submitting audits, many of which are now more than three months overdue (August 1). Idaho is at 90% of audits that have been completed and submitted. On September 13 a message was sent to all Navigators and Comptrollers with important information regarding the necessity of completing your audits. As of the writing of this article, audits are still missing from Nampa and Blackfoot assemblies. I had hoped to save the phone calls, but I will be contacting each assembly who is overdue to see what actions are being taken to remedy this situation. If your audit is ready, please send immediately to all three locations listed below:

District Master: John Pettinger
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Supreme Master's Office:
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DIRECTORY: For those of you who need a directory of assemblies and their officers, the Fourth Degree Directory is now located on the Idaho State Council web site at idahokofc.org. Once on the home page, scroll to the bottom left side and you will find a link to "Enter the Chambers". You will need a user name and password to open the directory; please contact me or your District Deputy for this information.

REGALIA AVAILABLE: Now that I have District Master regalia, I have a very gently used white chapeau (size 6-7/8) and white cape (for Faithful Navigator). If there are any new Navigators looking for regalia I would love to hear from you.

EXEMPLIFICATIONS: Fourth Degree Exemplifications have been scheduled in the following locations: Moscow, November 12, 2016; Nampa, January 14, 2017; Pocatello, April 29, 2017; and Nampa, June 10, 2017. Please make sure you have candidates lined up for these ceremonials, I would hate to have to cancel for lack of sufficient candidates to make a viable exemplification.

NEW SERVICE OFFERED TO COUNCILS

Council Leaders;

The State Council has purchased a subscription to a website to look up the addresses of members who have moved and no forwarding address is known.

Financial Secretaries please call or email the names to me, Daryl Staskey - State Retention Chairman, and I will look up the names and report back to you with the results.

Please include middle initial, last known address, and age of the member.

Vivat Jesus.

Daryl Staskey
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Membership Incentives

from: Paul Petro, DD#5

When we talk about new members it's not about just getting numbers as everyone thinks. It's about growing a fraternal brotherhood that can stand up against those that want to take away our religious freedom. There are plenty incentives to recruit new members into the order. I have listed them below.

To start with the state Council will waive the \$ 10.00 new membership fee for every new member that is brought in during the month of October. They must go through an admissions degree to qualify.

Another incentive is every Knight who recruits a new member gets a copy of the booklet, "INTO THE BREACH", written by Bishop Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix. It is an Apostolic Exhortation to Catholic Men which serves as a call to all Catholic Men to join in the battle being waged against our world by Satan.

Another incentive is every Knight who recruits three (3) new members. Will receive a padded portfolio which contains an 8 ½ x 11 note pad,

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Membership Incentives, *continued*

a solar calculator and is embossed with the emblem of the Order. This padded portfolio has a value of \$15.00.

Another incentive is every Knight who recruits six (6) new members will receive a lightweight, breathable, water repellant jacket with the Knights of Columbus logo. This jacket is available through Knights Gear for \$50.

The top recruiter of Idaho, who recruits the most new members (10 member minimum) before April 1, 2017, will be the guest of the State Council, along with his wife at the 2017 State Convention. This convention will be held in Lewiston, Idaho, April 21-22-23, 2017. Included in this incentive are: registration/meal packets for 2, a room for April 21 and 22 and a travel allowance of 20 cents per mile from the winners' home to the convention site.

The winner will also receive recognition and preferred seating at the State Awards Dinner. The value of this award is at least \$400. Note: the winner of this award must be a 3rd Degree Knight in order to attend the business sessions.

Inland Northwest Catholic Men's Retreat

From: Mike Anderson

Here are pictures from the 19th annual Catholic men's retreat held October 21-23 at Camp N-Sid-Sen on the east shore of Lake Coeur d Alene. The second picture shows our meeting room and the celebration of the Eucharist. We had some 92 men attend. Dr. Tom Curran was our retreat master and the survey we took said that all but three men rated it excellent. Make plans to attend the 20th retreat in October 2017.



Santa Maria Council #4013

From: SK J.A. Arroyo, PGK, DD #6

These are pictures from the booth that Council 4013, Santa Maria Council in Boise, had for Dia De Los Muertos. This was the Boise Hispanic Chamber of Commerce celebration of the area's Hispanic culture and held at the Cloverdale Cemetery on October 29th. Santa Maria Council had a booth and sold tamales, pan (Mexican sweet breads) and raised money to support the Hispanic community at St. Mary's (Santa Maria) in Boise. It was open to all and featured music and dancing and art from the Hispanic community. There was a contest for the best Altar, which council 4013 won.



Idaho Falls Council #1663

Idaho Falls Council 1663 had a busy pro-life month in October. Besides handing out pro-life flyers at all Masses on October 23rd, we held fundraisers for pro-life charities.

Shepherds Inn provides a Christian home, professional help, loving support, housing and education for young women facing a crisis pregnancy. On October 8th, we raised over \$2000 for them with the annual Shepherd's Inn Dinner and Raffle.

Birthingright of Idaho Falls provides young women with pregnancy testing and counseling, information, referrals, and baby clothing. We raised almost \$2000 for them at our annual Birthingright Breakfast.

Plus, a presentation by George Mesina of \$250 to Habitat for Humanity.



Caldwell Council 3086

District Deputy #8 Jim Jensen held a 1st Degree in Caldwell on Tuesday Sept 20, with 4 Our Lady of the Valley parishioners becoming Brother Knights. Our new Brother Knights were welcomed into the Knights by Mike Townsend State Deputy and Jim Griffith State Advocate and 21 other Brother Knights from Council #3086. This was our Social meeting however we held a short planning meeting to discuss upcoming events.

*Men's Group with speaker Jay Wonacott from Boise Diocese marriage and family, we meet every 3rd Wednesday (pictured). Paul Bentley from St. Paul's will be next month's speaker.



*The 2016 Pro-Life-Fair in Meridian Kick off for the 40 days for Life with over 30 booths supporting the Pro Life movement. Caldwell Council #3086 Brother Knights manned a Knights of Columbus booth. L to R: Darwin Schweitzer, Jeff Penzkover, and Les Fitzpatrick.

The Last Word

Mike Townsend - Idaho State Deputy

My Dear Brothers,

As you read this newsletter, October will be over and the busy times of Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas will be upon us. We are entering into one of the busiest times of the year for the Church as well as us personally.

On November 8, we will elect leaders who will hopefully carry our great nation forward. I fear that too many of us will forget our Church teachings when we stand alone in the voting booth. I encourage everyone to go to the polls and vote their Catholicity. Remember the value of life at all stages and the teachings of our Holy Mother Church. What a powerful force for good the Catholic vote could be, if only we voted our beliefs.

Each Veterans Day we honor our Military. Let us make sure that we pay tribute to those men and women who are currently serving or who have served in the past to keep our country free. Without our brave military personnel, we would not enjoy the freedoms that we often take for granted.

Thanksgiving provides each of us the opportunity to examine what it is that we are truly thankful for. Let us give our thanks to our Great God for everything that he has provided for us. Each of us has many things to be thankful for and I pray that we will remember to give thanks to our Creator.

I thank our Lord daily for the Knights of Columbus. I can honestly say that I am a better Christian, husband, father and person because of my membership in our Order. We do tremendous work to better our families, parishes and communities. I encourage each of you to offer membership in the Knights to every Catholic man that you know. Invite them to join us in our fight for our families, our freedoms and our Church.

God Bless you and your families during this busy time of the year!!



Vivat Jesus!

