



# Knights of Columbus

## Idaho State Council

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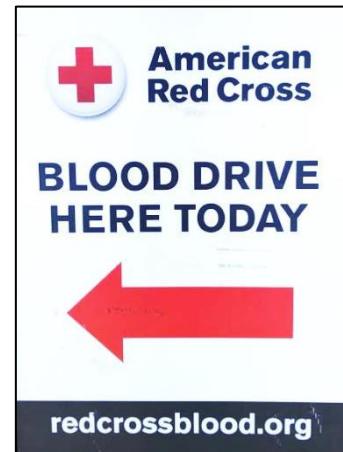
## Idaho Knights in Action

### BLOOD DRIVE - POCATELLO

On October 12th at the Elk's Lodge in Pocatello an American Red Cross Blood Drive was held. This activity was chaired by Sir Knight Bob Fitzsimmons and garnered 21 pints of blood. Thanks also to State Treasurer Roy Bartholomay; Dave Molitor; Mike Huston; Kerry Hennessy IPSD; Len Fischbach; Tim Marks; Pat Taney; Dan Anthony (PSD, FDM) & Nancy; Bart Cameron; and Keith Riemersma for helping in some way to make this Drive a success.



L to R: Len Fischbach; GK Pat Taney; Bob Fitzsimmons





# Knights of Columbus INSURANCE

YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

## *Life Insurance As a Gift?*

The initial reaction for many people when you mention life insurance as a gift is a quick step back and a questioning stare. "How morbid," they think. While it may seem that way when you first mention it, life insurance is really a thoughtful gift that can be a financial life preserver in tough times.

The problem with life insurance is the general perception. Many think of death instead of the great benefits it provides, and the security that it offers – even while you're alive.. Life insurance should be thought of as a precautionary protective measure for a family unit. The purchase of this product can mean saving your home, sending your children to college, and preserving your spouse's quality of life in the event of your death.

One of the times you may want to purchase life insurance for someone is when a family has a new baby. It's a great, low-cost way to set money aside for the future (i.e. college tuition, housing, business start-up, etc.). Of greater importance, it ensures these children will have insurance as adults, in case an illness later in life makes him or her uninsurable.

Newlyweds are also ideal recipients for life insurance. As they join their lives and financial responsibilities, young couples need to make sure that their early investments are fully protected. If something were to happen to one of them, the other may be faced with serious financial hardship. A life insurance policy is an ideal way to ensure their future and protect their assets.

As nontraditional as it may be, life insurance is a wise and caring gift to purchase for many people. Your field agent is always available to discuss this and other valuable benefits offered through the order.

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## **Bishop Treinen Assembly #2751 - Meridian**

### Volunteering of Time and Talent

Fall is a busy time for the Assembly, as we continue our work helping the Council with their events and we pick up the pace with our own activities. The ongoing need for help at the VA is great, and there is constant feedback that the rewards of service almost out weigh the effort. Contact Brother Mike Shaul to volunteer (208-954-4678). Food for Family Food Drive needs help at the St. Vincent DePaul pantry on October 13-14<sup>th</sup>, before and after masses to receive bags of food. Brother Dennis Shaul is heading up this campaign. October 15<sup>th</sup> is also our time to help the American Red Cross with our fall blood drive. Help is needed in setting up the gym and on the registration desk. Contact Brother Ron Katko to volunteer. (208-377-4553). Mike Shaul – FN



**Life is precious, simply  
because it's a gift from  
GOD.**

# Forgiveness, Healing and a Saved Life: The Effect of One K of C-Funded Ultrasound

*The Ultrasound Initiative provides a mother the chance to see her developing child and hear her baby's heartbeat. For one couple in the Philippines, the life-saving moment brought forgiveness and family healing.*

For months, schoolmates Alexander and Angeline had a secret romance. Then they decided to elope. Angeline's parents were furious.

Shortly afterward, Angeline learned she was pregnant. Thinking they were too young to support a baby, the couple sought an abortion.

But then Angeline received a free ultrasound sponsored by local Knights. She saw a healthy baby boy and abandoned her thoughts of abortion.

Since that life-saving moment, her parents offered their unconditional forgiveness. This one moment — and the efforts of the Knights of Columbus — saved not just the life of a young baby but healed the relationship between parents and their daughter, between in-laws, between a mother and a child.

*Special thanks to St. Francis of Assisi Council 14381 in Calihan, San Pablo City, Philippines, for sharing Alexander and Angeline's story. They were among more than 230 women and couples that took part in the council's Free Ultrasound Program in February 2018.*



## Supreme Family of the Month Winner

My Brother Knights,

Congratulations to the Craig Estes Family of Lewiston Council 1024!! They have been drawn for a Holy Family statue from Supreme.

For September Idaho's 44 Councils nominated three, ONLY 3, of our deserving families to Supreme as Family of the Month.

There is a very easy-to-complete form to see if we can't increase our participation in this great program. [\(PDF Form 1993A\)](#) This is one of the easiest program Supreme sponsors. The Grand Knight and Family Director of each Council really should be looking at our terrific families who not only are the backbone of our Church and our society but who also make all the time we give possible.

It will be MUCH harder to pick the ONE family each month than to fill out this very simple form but we much have the filled out form for our families to be recognized!

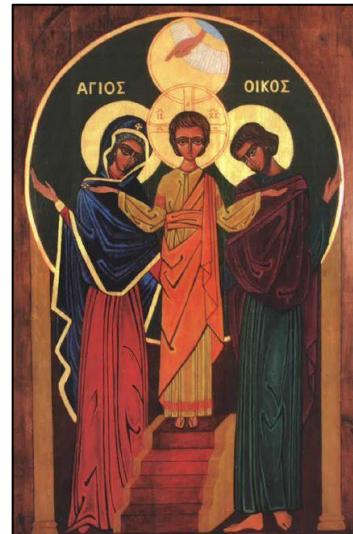
ALSO, once you pick your family every month, don't announce it at a meeting. Instead, get with Father and present it at the Mass attended by your chosen family. This not only provides a greater recognition of what Knights Families do but also show the Parish who the Knights are and why they should join us.

In this case, Lewiston has the additional opportunity to recognize Craig and his family with the presentation of the Holy Family Icon at Mass.

Please Brothers, we can and must do better than 3 out of 44 Councils participating in this program.

Thank you each for all you are doing,

Chuck Davlin  
PSD



## Beer Tasting - Pocatello

Members of Pocatello Council 892 and Fr. Ordway Council 8930 gathered together on October 13th in the Parish Hall at St. Anthony's Chapel for our annual Beer Tasting and Silent Auction. This is a primary fundraiser of the year supporting a wide variety of charities not only in our Parish but also in our community, for example: St. Vincent DePaul; Cub Scouts Pack 315; Special Olympics; Diocesan Seminarians; and more.

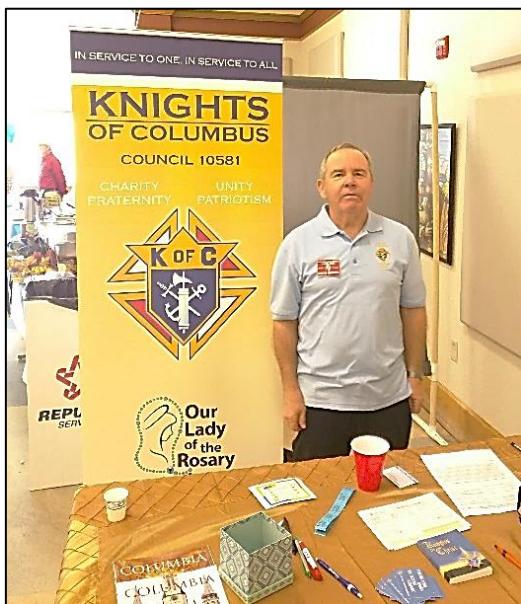
Thanks to GK Pat Taney; Jorge Santos; Joe Tamasco; Bart & Kathy Cameron; Arnold Ortiz; Phil Blick; Ed Delilo; Dave & Mary Kay Molitor; George Robles; John Spinner; Bob Fitzsimmons; and Al Nelson (MC) & Susan for all their hard work to help others.



## Our Lady of the Rosary Council 10581 - Boise

Our Lady of the Rosary held a presentation called "Food for the Heart" on October 7. This was a sort of fair showcasing every organization in the parish for all parishioners to browse and learn about. Included was gourmet food tables scattered among the booths. It was a great success! Our K of C council 10581 had a booth as well showcasing our activities and encouraging membership. Enclosed is one picture of our booth. Every booth had a prize. Ours was a blessed rosary. Every parishioner who attended received a card with a place to mark after visiting a booth. Those cards indicating every booth visited were placed in a drawing for a master prize. All had a great time and great food. Vivat Jesus.

David Brown - Financial Secretary



### Take Advantage of Recruitment Incentives Today

Start recruiting and your name might be at the top of the new monthly incentive leaderboard. Visit [kofc.org/incentive](http://kofc.org/incentive) for details.

The leaderboard tracks your progress toward exciting incentives that run until June 30, 2019:

- The top grand knight and district deputy *in each jurisdiction* (based on their membership quota) will be entered into a raffle for five trips to New Haven for him and his spouse. The top district deputy and grand knight *orderwide* will both be awarded a trip to the Supreme Convention in Minneapolis, Minn.
- The top 10 recruiters and their spouses will receive a complimentary trip to the Supreme Convention and will sit at the Supreme Knight's Reserved Tables during the States Dinner. The top recruiter will receive the Top Recruiter Plaque during the Awards Session.

So what are you waiting for? Ask a man to join today.

*Incentives only available in insurance territories.*

# Words of Wisdom

Immediate Past State Deputy - Mike Townsend

My Dear Brothers,

For the past 5 weeks I have been in the Phoenix area caring for my aging mother her around to her various appointments. I have also had a chance to visit all of our relatives who live in the area. Since I have been here, I have had the opportunity to attend Mass at several different parishes. They were all about the same size and the people were pretty friendly. One thing that I noticed was that there were very few men wearing a Knights of Columbus badge or shirt or vest.



One of the parishes was having a membership drive and during Mass, only one man wore anything that identified him as a Knight. There was a small amount of information in the bulletin about upcoming events which the Knights were sponsoring and what the Knights had done for the parish. I stood around by the table that the Knights were manning for their drive, but no one said anything to me. They were too busy talking to each other and nobody came out and engaged me or asked me if I was a Knight. This made me think about the joke going around that we are a "secret society" and can't tell anyone about what we do.

When I had the chance I looked at their websites and saw that they were a very active part of their parishes. Great websites and yet, no one was willing to come out from behind the table and engage a stranger in a conversation about becoming a Knight.

These events caused me to ask some questions about Idaho Knights. Are we welcoming to everyone that we come in contact with? Are we in such a rush to talk to our friends that we have no time to talk to a stranger? Do people from the parish even know that we are Knights? Do the members of our congregations have any idea of all the things the Knights of Columbus are involved in? Do we provide Catholic men an opportunity to join with us in our spiritual and corporal works of mercy?

Let us not be the "secret society" that no one knows about. I encourage each of you to be visible as Knights within your parish. We should be seen as the leaders within the Church, which we are. Be proud of being a Knight of Columbus and be willing to share that pride with other Catholic men. Invite Catholic men to join with us to combat the wickedness that is so rampant in our world today. Do not be afraid to ask the question, "Are you a Knight of Columbus?"

## St Pius X, Council 11623 - CDA

### North Idaho State Fair

The final result is \$4411.00.

### September Breakfast

The gross was \$620.80 and will benefit KC Charities.



GK Dave Sonnen gives name badge to Fr. Flores



GK Dave Sonnen gives name badge to Greg Chapleski



Some Knights at Parish Picnic from left to right: Dave Sonnen, Craig Frei, Steve Murphy, Rob Palus, Greg Abbott and Tom Tintinger



GK Dave Sonnen presents Knight of the Month to Rob Palus



GK Dave Sonnen presents Knight of the Month to Tom Tintinger



GK Dave Sonnen presents Family of the Month to Darryl Cutler



GK Dave Sonnen presents Family of the Month to Steve Murphy

## Caldwell Council 3086

Pictures courtesy of: *Joseph Zahnle Photography*

Saturday October 13th 2018 at Our Lady of the Valley the Saint Vincent de Paul Conference of Caldwell held their 5th annual International dinner and silent auction. There were thirteen stations set up with thirteen different flags. Each table had their own food samples. The day before the Caldwell Knights of Columbus Council 3086 and Saint Vincent de Paul members hung flags on the wall and set up the tables and chairs. Saturday, Council 3086 cooked, cleaned up, played music and one member was the announcer.

Friday, the day before the members of Saint Vincent de Paul and the members of the Knights of Columbus Council 3086 were busy setting up tables and chairs. A scaffold was used to place all of the flags along the wall.

There were thirteen tables set up with the fronts of each table decorated with a flag from many different countries. A sample of the food from each region was served. The regions represented were, Asia, Basque, Dutch, France, Germany, Greece, Hawaii, Italy, Japan, Mexico, South Africa and the United States. More than 350 people were served (295 paid customers and more than 60 volunteers).

The International Dinner is a resurrection of an older parish function from many years ago. It is the major fundraiser to support the activities of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. The fundraiser is a major one for us because our funding primarily comes from individuals. Funds are raised through this fundraiser and the church.

The conference has 50+ members. Our Society focuses on the Home Visit. A client may call or be referred to our help line. From that phone call they are connected to a home visitor who sets up an appointment to meet with them (along with a partner Vincentian) in their home. During that visit we assess what help we can give them: Power, Rent, Food, Clothing, Furniture & appliances, School Supplies...you name it. We agree what we can provide then follow up to make sure they receive. We logged 10K + hours in the last year and over 31K miles. We serve Canyon and Owyhee counties.



Toby Green as Emcee



Entertainment: Dan Hancock on violin and Gabriella Arriaga on guitar



A few of the many helpers: L to R - Frank Shuey; William Shuey and Paul Hubbs.



The tables are full of happy customers. Rev. Michael St. Marie is talking to some people while Toby Green is talking with the crowd



Saint Vincent de Paul's Beds for Children who sleep on the floor display



Suzanne Takasugi and Mary Jo Stuart of Saint Vincent de Paul setting things up in the Silent Auction room

## KC Masses - Pocatello

Led by Sir Knight Al Nelson the Knights of Pocatello and Chubbuck gathered at St. Joseph's Chapel on October 14th participating in the liturgy at the 9:30am Mass by being readers, Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers, gift bearers and ushers. The same formula was implemented at the 11:00am Mass at St. Anthony's Chapel on the same day. Thanks to the following Brothers and family members for making these Masses extra special for the Knights of Columbus: Fr. & Sir Knight Henry Carmona; Deacon & Sir Knight Scott Pearhill; Jim Robinson; Don Lesniewski; Ed Delilo; Kerry Hennessy; Dave & Mary Kay Molitor; Bob Fitzsimmons; Pat Taney; Roy Bartholomay; Terry Thonssen; Reese Chlumsky; Jesus Laris-Morales; John Prokschl; Bart Cameron; Connor Liebenow; Zach Olpin; Arnold & Rita Ortiz; Raphael Njoku; and Keith Riemersma. Sir Knights Roy and Keith were also outside the Chapels prior to each Mass distributing KC membership information to prospective parishioners.



L to R: Roy Bartholomay; Bob Fitzsimmons; Dave & Mary Kay Molitor; & Kerrv Hennessv



L to R: Pat Taney; Roy Bartholomay; Bob Fitzsimmons; Ed Delilo; and Terry Thonssen

## THE LAST WORD

*Shane Gehring - Idaho State Deputy*

Last year new requirements were made by Supreme for Safe Environment training. This is to help protect our youth from coming to harm. Some of the Council officers and chairmen's are required to have this training. Some are also required to have background checks as well.

I applaud this requirement from Supreme. What is more important to us than protecting our children from harm?

There are still some Councils that have not turned in the required Service Personnel Report and Officers Chosen Report. From these Supreme sends out information to those needing the training. Without these forms there is no way of getting the training information to those that need the training.

**PLEASE TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY!!!!!!**

Last year some Councils were unable to receive the Columbian Award (needed for Star Council) as some of the functions they had conducted were not considered as the council was not in compliance with the Safe Environment requirement. Events that have youth, under the age of 18, require that members who have taken the training, be present.

Our State Advocate Dan Moberg has been working very hard to get the information to the Councils that are not complaint. I want to thank Dan for his efforts and support those efforts 110%.

Please Contact your District Deputy with any questions you may have on getting your Council compliant.



*Vivat Jesus!*

