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SUPPORT PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

August 7, 2015

Dear Brother Knights,

During my annual report at our Supreme Convention this week, the delegates from every jurisdiction in our Order stood and held up an olive wood cross made in Bethlehem as a pledge of support for our brothers and sisters suffering persecution in the Middle East. Then, at our States Dinner, we heard stirring testimony from Archbishop Bashar Warda of Erbil, Iraq, and Archbishop Jean Clement Jeanbart of Aleppo, Syria. Rarely in the history of our Order have we heard such words, delivered by men who daily risk their lives for the Faith.

We have already donated more than \$3 million to this cause, and, as an Order, we have pledged to redouble our efforts to do even more.

Please visit www.ChristiansAtRisk.org and help support these brave men and women who have lost everything, simply for their belief in the One who taught us to love one another.

As I noted in my report on Tuesday, we need "a season of truth," to help bring their story to the attention of the world. I also said: "In Iraq alone, the Christian population has fallen by at least two-thirds, from 1.5 million to less than 400,000. Many of these Christians have fled to the city of Erbil."

In Syria, almost 10 percent of the population is Christian. There, too, violence against Christians has caused a refugee crisis. Thousands have fled for their lives to escape forced conversion and martyrdom.

Just days ago, a headline in The New York Times asked, "Is This the End of Christianity in the Middle East?"

The world remains largely silent. These refugees' cries for help remain largely unheard. ... But neither the United States government nor the United Nations are doing enough.

The blood of these martyrs cries out to heaven for justice. And the blood of these martyrs cries out to you and to me for help.

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Through our Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund, we have already delivered more than \$3 million to assist our brothers and sisters in Iraq and Syria. Our dollars provide housing and medical care, but we can and must continue to do more.

The Holy Father has also expressed his support for this initiative. The papal greeting to our convention, read Tuesday, was clear.

On the issue of the "protection of religious freedom," and "in response to the attacks unleashed on minority communities, most often Christian, in various parts of our world," the letter noted that Pope Francis is "profoundly grateful for the efforts of the Knights to raise public attention to this grave humanitarian tragedy."

It also expressed the pope's gratitude "for the practical solidarity shown to suffering individuals and families through the recently established Christian Refugee Relief Fund." And the pope asked the Knights and Catholics throughout the world to pray for "a conversion of hearts, an end to fanatical violence and intolerance, and a general recognition of those fundamental human rights which are not granted by the state, but from the hand of the Creator, whom all believers invoke as a God of peace." The letter expressing the pope's sentiments was signed by Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin.



So once again, I ask for your renewed support for these brave, persecuted Christians. Please visit www.ChristiansAtRisk.org to learn more about what is happening there, to help us bring attention to their cause, and to help us support these Christian refugees financially.

Every penny of your donation directly supports humanitarian assistance and raising awareness for persecuted Christians and other religious minorities, especially in the Middle East.

Sincerely, Carl Anderson
Supreme Knight

Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori

Remember the words from your 1st Degree: Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori – Time flies, Remember Death.

While we want you to be mindful of the sleep of death, do not forget that, for the steadfast and noble man, life on God's good earth has many compensations. Yes, life is short. But to him who observes and discharges his duties faithfully, a short life can be a happy one, with the promise of eternity in the kingdom of God. We know that no man has a lease on life. We know not when, or how, but we do know death is inescapable.

Final expenses must be paid. How we pay them depends on our resources.

The Knights of Columbus has a \$25,000 Annual Renewable Term Final Expense policy for as low as \$4.75 a month for non-tobacco use members between the ages of 18 and 33 years old. Rates are between \$5.00 and \$10.00 a month for ages 34 to 50. Rates are competitive from ages 51 to 65. Rates for females are slightly lower because of favorable mortality rates.

For those of you that would like to have a Final Expense Policy that is paid up in 10 years, the Knights have made available a 10 Pay Life. Give Dave Bailey a call at 509-951-1492. His email address is 9511492@gmail.com. As the Deputy Grand Knight said in your 1st Degree, avail yourself of this fraternal benefit, and soon. Become an insurance member in our Order!



Dave Bailey

"Calculating in the Present - Sending Tax Free Cash to the Future"

Answered Prayer

Our oldest son, 20 year old Luke, was killed in a car accident on June 27th our only other child, 16 year old Wes was driving, he had been severely injured with a traumatic brain injury and was life-flighted to Boise. Wes was in a drug induced coma for the first few days, my wife and I asked everyone to pray for him including my brother Knights. Some days later, after Wes was coherent but before I told him about his brother, I again asked Chuck to make a prayer request of my brothers. We were told that Wes may have to remain in the hospital for as long as 8 to 12 weeks, he was home in 10 days! Since then he has been released from all care including his grief counselor, his doctors have cleared him to go to football practice and may even be allowed to play by mid-September, he is also driving again.

If you have ever doubted the real powers of prayer, DON'T. Although we will forever miss our son Luke what we have witnessed in our son Wes is nothing short of a miracle that was brought by your prayers, thanks be to God and thank you for your prayers.

Brian Harris

Editor's Note: If you have not signed up for the McGivney Guild, do it today! Here's how ...

The McGivney Guild



The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics. Guild members receive regular updates on the progress of Father McGivney's cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting devotion to this Servant of God. Members of the Knights of Columbus are not automatically Guild members and must elect to join the Guild. The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild Newsletter is published bimonthly except July- August, and is sent free to Guild members. To join the Guild, go online to ... www.kofc.org ... and complete the registration form.

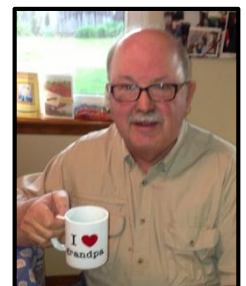
STATE WARDEN JIM VAN DINTER'S NOTICES

State Programs

Our state deputy has given us the challenge to recruit one new member per council per month. We are not quite there. Seventeen in July was impressive. But the losses our councils incurred cut into that number. As we found out last year, the loss of members has a major impact on the health of our councils. Each of you has a program area that can positively or negatively impact the health of a council. Fr. Ben at St. Mark's keeps telling us that each parish-wide activity contributes to the strength of the parish. So each time a council has a successful activity, i. e. soccer challenge, essay contest, Oktoberfest, pancake breakfast, fish fry, stations of the cross, rosary, corporate mass, etc, the council is contributing to its and the parish's community health. The more active a council is, the more members participating, the more visible the council is, the better the health of the council and the parish.

So brothers, let us start the new fraternal year by helping our District Deputy's and Grand Knight's with ideas and assistance for each of your program areas. Send them an email, call, write an article for our state newsletter, do a survey of what the councils are doing in your area of responsibility. And please keep me informed about all of your activities.

Jim Van Dinter
State Program Director



State Chaplain - Father Rob Cook's Homily

It was nice to be able to take the journey to the Supreme Convention in Philadelphia. It is always good to hear about what we are accomplishing as Knights on a world-wide scale. It is also a great experience to come together to celebrate the Eucharist.

This year our Eucharistic Celebrations clearly displayed our unity and our diversity. One of the Masses that we celebrated was according to the Ukrainian Catholic Rite. It was the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. Perhaps some of you saw this on EWTN?

This was a new experience for most people. It was a beautiful experience, but it also took many of us out of our comfort zones. We had to get accustomed to more singing, standing and sitting at different times, and trying to follow along as best as we could.

Experiences such as this remind me that the celebration of the Mass is something that is meant to be out of the ordinary. Growing up in the Roman Catholic Rite, I have grown accustomed to all of the prayers and postures. It can therefore be easy to sometimes go through the motions without the deep appreciation for the mystery that is being celebrated.

The Mass is meant to take us from a worldly focus and unite us to the Feast of Heaven. It is meant to draw us deeper into relationship with God, to receive Christ, to be united, to be transformed, and to be sent in mission.



May we as Knights be continually united in prayer through the celebration of the Eucharist and strengthened as brothers to carry out our various ministries.

Idaho State Website

Colin Groves - Administrator

You are invited to check out the State Council website as changes are being made to update and enhance it virtually on a daily basis. If by chance you need access to the directory, please contact State Secretary, Mike Townsend. You will find Mike's contact information on page 1 of this newsletter.

COUNCIL CORNER

Magic Valley - Stanton Health Care Fun Run

Knights of Columbus Councils in the Magic Valley are raising funds to provide Stanton Healthcare of Magic Valley with a mobile ultrasound and pregnancy health care clinic. On July 18, Stanton Healthcare of the Magic Valley held a 5K Fun Run with all proceeds going towards this project.



Buhl Council (2685) covered the cost to bring the Stanton Health mobile clinic from Boise to Twin Falls. The Council also provided and barbequed hot dogs for the event. Twin Falls Council (1416) provided drinks and ice. The event was fun and a big success for our first try. Next year's event will be bigger and better. And as a side note, the winner of the adult class of runners was our very own Worthy State Deputy, Kerry Hennessy.

While the Boise unit was in the Magic Valley, Dave Wilkinson, Executive Director for Stanton Health, Boise, was gracious enough to have it available at all Masses that weekend in Buhl and Hagerman. He provided tours for parishioners to show them exactly what the Knights are trying to provide for the Magic Valley. Melissa Kennedy, Executive Director of Stanton Health, Magic Valley, spoke at all the Masses in Buhl. We received a very positive response and several donations.

Soccer Challenge Kit

from Paul Petro, 8-9-15 District 5 Newsletter

If your council is planning on participating in the youth soccer challenge, now is the time to be ordering the soccer challenge kit from supreme. The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge begins in September. It is designed for players to demonstrate the most basic soccer skill – the penalty kick. Encourage councils in your district to sponsor this program. Open to all boys and girls in your community, ages 9-14, players will be allowed 15 shots at the goal from the penalty line (12 yards from the goal). Winners progress to the district, regional, state and international levels. The Soccer Challenge Competition Kit Order Form (SC-KIT) provides all the necessary information.

Keep Christ in Christmas Greeting Card Program

Attention All Councils

Now is the time to start thinking about ordering your "Keep Christ in Christmas" cards. Act now to take advantage of discount prices. For order forms contact:

Dermot McCaughan
dermot.mccaughan
@kofc.org
or call, (208) 351-4433



Eleanore & Her Knights

Dear Knights of Columbus:

I live in Pocatello and I belong to St. Joseph's Chapel and I would like to tell you how the Knights of Columbus from St. Joe's reached out to extend a helping hand to me. Earlier in the year I had an accident, I fell and broke my neck and clavical, a few weeks later I fell and shattered my ankle, I was in a wheel chair and unable to get around. The call went out and in May these wonderful men showed up at my house with saws and hammers in hand and wood, when they finished I had the most beautiful ramp and I was able to go outside and get to the store and the Dr.'s. These men saved my life and I will never forget them or what they did for me. God Bless you all and thank you from the bottom of my heart. Love you guys.

A Grateful Parishioner
Eleanore Hughes



From Left to Right: DJ Praska, Mike Nally, Eleanore Hughes, Bob Fitzsimmons (sitting), Oliver Samora Sr. and Don Lesniewski. 8930 GK Keith Riemersma is taking the picture.

State Director Communique

Herb Maddock, PSD - Family



Our Worthy Editor has been asking for a picture to include with my column. I felt that as Family it would be appropriate to have a picture of a Family Activity. This picture includes my daughters Amanda and Michelle. My wife is not in the picture because we wimps were only participating in the 8K race while Dotty was running the Marathon (her 100th). If you look closely you might be able to see that I am wearing a K of C windbreaker.

In his recent article in Columbia, Archbishop Lori likens the Parrish as a Family of Families. As leaders in the Parishes we, Knights, need to help lead the efforts to bring families together. He points out that we should involve not only those that attend services regularly but to extend invitations to those who aren't at Mass. What has happened to them? We can build up the domestic church through simple programs that appeal to varying interests.

Later this month, the World Meeting of Families will be held in Philadelphia culminating with the Pope saying Mass. I'm sure that much of this event will be televised and would make an excellent video to be viewed locally and shared with others.

In October we will begin focusing on the Knight's program "Building the Domestic Church; The family Fully Alive". So if you haven't gotten your materials together and started some planning, you still have some time. If you need help with something, feel free to contact me at **herbmaddock@comcast.net**, or even better, report on your plans or a successful family event or ongoing program.

Vivat Jesus.

KC Support for Nationwide 54-day Novena for Family

Brother Knights,

Given the spiritual crisis in our nation and the USCCB's call for prayer, the Rosary Evangelization Apostolate is calling for a 54 day Rosary Novena starting on the Feast of the Assumption on Aug 15, and ending on the Feast of the Holy Rosary on October 7th. The primary intention is for the family and marriage and includes peace, sanctity of human life and religious freedom.

Here is a link to their website where one can sign up:

<http://rosaryea.org/index.php/hearts-united-programs/national-rosary-novena/54-day-national-novena-2015>

Please consider joining in this nationwide prayer.

Prayerfully,
Brother John Webb



District Deputy Highlight

Jim Robinson - District 2



Brother Knights District 2 has hit the ground running in this new fraternal with community activities and church functions.

Council 3013 – The council had elected its new officers for the upcoming year when they found out that their GK has a job opportunity in the family and will be moving to the Hailey area. Good luck Nick and family. The council has been working with the youth group this summer getting ready for their Hermes Festival that was in mid-August. Their goals for the coming year are to achieve Star council and to be an active part of the District.

Council 892 – Has started out on the good foot with a new member in July and is getting ready to have a recruiting table at ISU back to school. They in combo with 8930 hosted the installation of officers in the district with a pot-luck dinner before the ceremony. Their community activities are picking up every month, they have their pancake breakfast on the first Sunday of each month and next month they have their annual Tootsies Pop drive.

Council 8930 – Started the year with a new community assistance program called "4 Knights for 4 Hours" where they help do work around the house for community members to raise money. They had more work than they had Knights. The council is working hard to recruit new members. Their goal is to be a star council again in an all-star district because they have already met their insurance quota.

With so many outstanding brother Knights working for the good of the district we will all reach our goals of Star Councils and Star District this year.

Idaho Falls Blood Drive

In August, blood supplies run low. On August 20th, the Knights sponsored a Red Cross Blood Drive at Christ the King Hall in Idaho Falls. I organized it and personally donated blood along with 7 other Knights. In total, 28 volunteers signed-up, we had 25 donors, 4 were rejected, and 21 units of blood donated. That was 2 above the goal of 19, making the Red Cross workers elated. We had 9 volunteers work the drive (7 were Knights). This was the first blood drive sponsored by Idaho Falls Knights in over 20 years.

George Mesina



Refreshment Stand - L to R: Betty & Marshall Dullum, Frank Serna, Mike & Dan Suci.

State Advocate

Roy Bartholomay's Advisory



Brother Knights,

Another summer half way over and I hope this message finds you and your families doing well. This month I want to address the topic of **Trade Mark Protection**. The name and emblem of the Knights of Columbus are valuable assets and thus Federally registered trademarks. Proper use of our trademarks is a critical element of protecting our orders "brand" and reputation. With the advent of social media, this has become an important enough issue that the Supreme Advocates office now has an employee that searches social media to make sure our name brand is not being used for something that does not follow the laws and beliefs of our order. As Knights we are allowed and encouraged to use our emblems and trademarks for things our councils sponsor, but we do want to make sure our trademarks are not misused by someone in the community. If you have any questions on the use of our trademark, please contact me at your convenience. Vivat Jesus.

Silver Rose Summary

From: khomeplace@filertel.com
To: davidepalumbo2013@hotmail.com
Date: Mon, 13 Jul 2015 08:59:17 -0600

Brother Dave.

I placed the numbers for Buhl on the log but I'm not confident I did it so it will be attached to this e-mail so here are the numbers again 4 services; 58 – 74 – 81 – 102. We did a short service after each Mass this weekend. It got great exposure, especially from the Hispanics, & we would like it back again next year, preferably on a weekend.

Thanks again for taking this on again I know it wasn't easy to get councils to take part. I had very little support from my own council.

Larry Elford
Financial Secretary, Buhl Council 2685

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From: griff@jaydeez.com
To: davidepalumbo2013@hotmail.com
Date: Sun, 19 Jul 2015 19:06:41 -0600

So, for two masses, the silver rose was processed in, was then displayed at the base of our Lady of Guadalupe. Father based about half his homily on the history of, travels of and the K of C involvement. Then it was displayed with self-prayer after mass for about an hour. Those two masses had attendance of 196 and 273.

At 5:00pm tonight we did a full blown service with two priests and a deacon, all bilingual and with a great transfer prior to final Blessing. Attendance 114.

Thank you for the opportunity! We would like to be down for next year if possible as I know Eastern Oregon is the entrance point for Oregon next year.

Griff

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From: davidepalumbo2013@hotmail.com
To: griff@jaydeez.com; hennesk@hotmail.com
Date: Sun, 19 Jul 2015 19:11:32 -0600

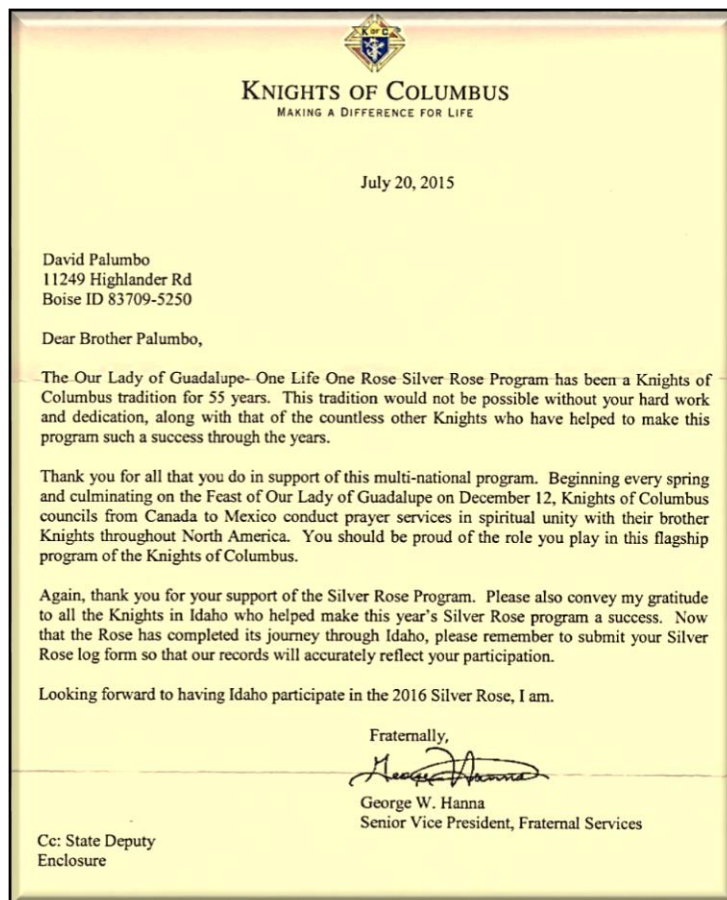
Outstanding Griff....

I suspect the Rose is in Oregon now. I visited with an active Knight while in Baker City today while attending 50th school reunion and he knew nothing about the Oregon schedule!

Peace,

Dave

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From: hennesk@hotmail.com
To: davidopalumbo2013@hotmail.com; griff@jaydeez.com
Date: Sun, 19 Jul 2015 21:43:25 -0600

Worthy Knights of the Silver Rose,

Outstanding work with the Silver Rose Run! Griff, you had a tremendous turn out in Fruitland and I'm sure that all attendees loved the service. Dave (*Palumbo*), thank you for all of your hard work in coordinating, scheduling and keeping everyone apprised of the movements of the Silver Rose throughout Idaho! I think this year went very smooth, well timed and well attended.

Thank you and God Bless.

Kerry Hennessy
Idaho State Deputy



One Life, One Rose
Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Program 2015

Location (City)	Number of Services Held	Attendees
Post Falls #12560	1	30
Coeur d 'Alene #11623	1	90
Coeur d' Alene #01363	1	56
Bonnors Ferry #5075	1	5
<i>Pick up from Bonners Ferry</i>		
Deliver to Idaho Falls	1	3
Idaho Falls #01663	1	68
Blackfoot #03013	1	19
Pocatello #08930 & #00892	1	21
Buhl #02685	4	315
Rupert #02792	1	25
Rupert #02792	1	18
Boise #12172	1	50
Boise #00899	1	20
Meridian #11548	1	16
Caldwell #02086	2	616
Fruitland #12516	3	583
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At end of report add the total number of runners (if any) involved in carrying the Rose from location to location and the total number miles traveled (best estimate) by the Rose in your jurisdiction:

Jurisdiction: Idaho Total services : 22 Total attendees: 1935
Runners used (if any) 0 Total miles Rose traveled in jurisdiction 1330
State Chairman signature: David E. Palumbo JASON.PORRELLO@KOFC.ORG

Thank you to all who participated in this wonderful activity. Please remember this activity will count toward your council's church activity goal.

Peace.

Dave Palumbo
Chairman

State Secretary - Mike Townsend's Insight

Recently I had the privilege of representing the State of Idaho at the 133rd Supreme Convention in Philadelphia. The theme for this year's convention was, "Endowed by their Creator with Life and Liberty". What a blessing to visit with our Brother Knights from all over the world and learn what is going on in their jurisdictions. There were over 500 delegates attending from places as far away as Poland and South Korea.



It was a great time of listening and learning about all the good that the Knights have accomplished over the past fraternal year. Worldwide the Knights made charitable contributions of \$173,550,680. This total was up over 3.5 million from last year. On the charitable service front, Knights volunteered 71,560,617 hours. Experts placed a value for each hour donated in 2015 at approximately \$23.07 which means that the time we donated to charity last year was worth \$1,650,903,434.19. **WHAT A TREMENDOUS FORCE FOR GOOD THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE!!!!**

Each day of the convention, the procession of the clergy for Mass was impressive, led by numerous Fourth Degree Brothers in their regalia. I believe that there were 9 Cardinals, 95 Bishops and over 150 Priests from every corner of the world. The Masses were inspiring from Tuesday's opening Mass through the Thursday Mass in memory of all deceased Knights of Columbus who had passed during the past fraternal year. Wednesday Mass was conducted in the Ukrainian Rite. All were moving and centered on our relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ.

After the convention, Judy and I had the opportunity to visit the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Baltimore. As you may know, this is the Parish of our Supreme Chaplain William E. Lori, Archbishop of Baltimore. It was awe inspiring and hearing about the history of the Basilica was like listening to a Fourth Degree Exemplification. I was disappointed though, when I asked the tour guide if he was a Knight and he replied that his father and his son were but he was not. When I asked him why not, he said that he was not sure, but he was thinking about it.

Even though that answer was discouraging, perhaps the most disturbing answer that I received when I asked about Knighthood came at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York. I asked one of the tour guides there if he was Catholic and his answer was, "sometimes" and he could not explain what that meant.

Brothers, as we go through our daily lives, we need to make sure that we are not "sometime" Knights or Catholics. We need to recognize the need for our Catholic values and stand up for them. We should also encourage and invite other Catholic men to join us and become a part of the Knights of Columbus, a tremendous force for good in the chaotic world of today.

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

Special Olympics

from Paul Petro - District 5 newsletter, 8-23-15

Following is a link for the Special Olympics Idaho calendar of events for most of August through November of 2015 ...

https://www.specialolympicsidaho.org/public/events_list.cfm

Each event has contact information for the Special Olympics official in charge. These events provide excellent opportunities for Knights to volunteer their time and talents to an organization dedicated to showing the worth and dignity of every single human being, including those with intellectual disabilities. To quote Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the founder of Special Olympics, "When a great organization like the Knights of Columbus decides to support Special Olympics, I know that God is looking after his children".



Special Olympics

For further information please contact Jim Barclay, State Special Olympics Chairman at 208-869-5839, or by e-mail at jimabarclay@q.com.

1st Degree Exemplification

St Marks Council 12172, performed a video Exemplification 8-22-2015. The Council FS, Dan Heying, Warden, Jake Pando and DGK, Bill Mitchell. New Member, Mike Goertz and reinstated member, Jim Kerby.

Vivat Jesus.

M. Ray Forshey. Grand Knight
St Marks Council 12172



KNIGHTS OF MERCY

A call recently came in to St. Vincent DePaul Society that some OLV parishioners with serious health issues were about to be evicted from their home if they didn't get a major clean-up and the home painted. Brother Knights at St. Vincent's then contacted the Caldwell Council #3086 which is the working force for OLV. Council #3086 then partnered with the OLV Youth Ministry to remove a tree and help with cleanup. Then when the weather was cooperative the brother Knights prepped, taped, and painted the home along with more cleanup. This was a very rewarding project and much appreciated by the OLV Parishioners. The Brother Knights are looking forward to another project where we can make a difference in the community.

THANK YOU THANK YOU to these brothers ... Dea Harris, Keegan Harris, Pat King, Daniel Miller, Tom Miller, Darwin Schweitzer, Rich Sims, Tony Uzzo, Ray Vargas, OLV Youth Ministry, and a special THANKS to future Knight Elias Oropreza.

Thanks again to all the helped JOB WELL DONE.

Darwin Schweitzer GK
Caldwell Council #3086



World Day of Prayer

from Paul Petro - District 5 newsletter, 8-23-15

During the 2004 Supreme Convention, the Supreme Council resolved that September 11th be observed each year as a World Day of Prayer for Peace. Each council is encouraged to mark the anniversary of the tragic events of September 11th with prayer and acts of charity.

The 9/11 World Day of Prayer Posters (#9483), and 9/11 World Day of Prayer Cards (#9484) are available through the Supreme Council Supply Department for use by councils to mark this solemn anniversary.



Assembly Actions

Paul Callahan - District Master



My Brother Knights and Sir Knights,

I hope you've all had a wonderful summer. I would like to take a moment to thank all of the Councils and Assemblies who have donated to the Military Chaplain's Scholarship Fund. Because of your efforts, Idaho has reached its 5 year goal of \$20,000 in only 4 years. The total raised so far is \$ 20,422.13. Again THANK YOU! I would also like to thank Chuck Davlin, PSD, FMFD and current State Executive Secretary and District Secretary for the Fourth Degree, for managing and being the driving force behind this project. Chuck, job well done!

The Fourth Degree is doing GREAT! We just finished with another fantastic year. All of the District Masters will be meeting at the Provincial Meeting in September to go over the results from last year and go over the goals and expectations for next year. I will share this with you after the meeting. Our next Exemplification will be on Saturday, October 24th, at the Columbian Hall in Nampa, (Bingo Hall). If you would like to join the Fourth Degree please contact any of the Fourth Degree members of your Council and they can get you in touch with the Faithful Navigator of your Assembly, or you can contact me at 2cals@cablone.net. Again thank you for all of your support!

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "And what starting salary are you looking for? The engineer replies, "In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package." The interviewer inquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of five week's vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a red Corvette?" The engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?" The interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."



Idaho Knights in Action



Pocatello Council 892 PGK Ramon Gutierrez presenting a \$400.00 check to Rosemary Nett for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.



Brothers of Council 1663 serving the community at the St. Mark's soup kitchen of Idaho Falls on Saturday, August 1st.



The Knight of Columbus 6th annual Golf Tournament, "On a Swing and a Prayer" was a success again this year. The event grossed nearly \$15,000 and with a few final funds out yet, we anticipate netting \$11,000.

Dodging rain showers the 11 teams teed off in the 4 person best ball scramble tournament. Two teams tied for first place with a 25. Pictured L to R is the winning team consisting of Bob Fontaine, Jack Anthony, Jay Childers, and Jim Warburton from the Boise Area.



Matt Dame, Max Cawley, Max Cawley Jr., and Alex Cawley were on the other team with the other 25 score. Matt Dame and Jim Warburton chipped off but the pictured team ended up winning. Third place was Dan Lustig, Rocky Howe, Rodney Barger, and Neil Walstad with a score of 26. The event was sponsored by Brown Strauss Steel out of Salt Lake City Utah. Ron Anderson had the longest drive for the day. Emit Wilson won the "surprise hole" and putting contest with the only put made.

Maurice Seubert won the Duck Contest, where rubber ducks float down the creek to a finish line. With less water this year in the creek the ducks floated a new portion of water to allow the competition to continue. Maurice Seubert took home the gold in the Duck race with the only white duck in the completions and ended up winning \$125. He donated the funds to the event, thank you Maurice!

By: Ryan Uhlenkott

Pictures by: Brendan Rehder



Pocatello Council 892 GK Pat Taney putting KC Columbo through the paces to help Fr. Henry Carmona settle into his new residence at Holy Spirit Parish.



L to R: District Deputy #2 Jim Robinson, Pocatello Council 892 GK Pat Taney, and State Deputy Kerry Hennessy in reflection as KC Columbo leads the Brothers in prayer at the start of the regular business meeting.

Supreme Council Commentaries

Brian Simer - Supreme Director, PSD

Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund

Since the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund launched in August 2014 to support those suffering persecution in Iraq and Syria, anti-Christian violence in the region has reached unimaginable dimensions. For more than a year, a campaign of religious cleansing by the Islamic State group has terrorized Christian communities and other religious minorities in the region. Confronted with a stark ultimatum — convert to Islam, pay *jizya* (a submission tax), leave or be killed — hundreds of thousands have fled their ancestral Christian homeland.

Shortly before Christmas 2014, Pope Francis dedicated a “Letter to the Christians in the Middle East,” expressing the Church’s closeness with them and remembering that their suffering “cries out to God and calls for our commitment to prayer and concrete efforts to help in any way possible.”

In response to the humanitarian crisis, more than \$3 million has so far been distributed through the Order’s Christian Refugee Relief Fund to help persecuted Iraqis, Syrians and other refugees. The Supreme Council has also urged members and their families to pray for those affected and as Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson explained, “We are asking our members, and all people of good will, to pray for those persecuted and to support our efforts to assist them by donating to this fund.”



GLOBAL PERSECUTION

In his 2013 book *The Global War on Christians*, analyst John L. Allen Jr. explains that Christianity is stereotypically associated with the West, often as an oppressor. However, today’s demographic and social reality tells a strikingly different story. The estimated number of Christians being killed for their faith today varies widely, but according to Allen, “even the low-end estimate puts the number of Christians killed every day on the basis of religious hatred at twenty, almost one per hour.” In order to escape persecution, many Christians have left areas where they have played a vibrant role in social, political and cultural life for centuries. Worldwide, the number of people forced from their homes has surged past 50 million for the first time since World War II, according to a June 2014 report of the U.N. Refugee Agency.

SHELTER FOR IRAQI REFUGEES

In addition to the Supreme Council’s matching contribution of \$1.1 million, the Christian Refugee Relief Fund has raised more than \$2.5 million from individual Knights, K of C units and others. To date, \$2 million of the fund has been donated to aid refugees in Iraq while \$200,000 was donated to the Archdiocese of Aleppo in Syria. In a private audience at the Vatican Dec. 12, 2014, the supreme knight also presented Pope Francis with \$400,000 to supplement the Holy See’s efforts in the Middle East.

More than 9,500 families are in need of suitable accommodation since they live in tents, trailer camps or residential units crammed with people.” Archbishop Warda further emphasized that the housing initiative is also aimed at stemming the flow of desperate refugees trying to get out of the country. “We are facing so many challenges, and emigration is one of them,” he said.

AID FOR SYRIA AND BEYOND

Amid the chaos, Melkite Greek Catholic Archbishop Jean-Clément Jeanbart has put the Christian Refugee Relief Fund aid to multiple uses, including distribution of food and medical supplies. “We have also been able to give a monthly stipend to 480 fathers of families who have no income because the industry and businesses have been destroyed,” Archbishop Jeanbart said. “In addition, it was possible to give them some money so they could heat their homes this winter, and to give scholarships to 1,000 students to help them with schooling.”

In order to work toward a larger goal, namely rebuilding and restoring homes and businesses so that Christian families can stay in Aleppo, the archbishop has launched an initiative titled “Build to Stay.” If this initiative works, Archbishop Jeanbart added, the model can be applied throughout Syria and beyond to help ensure that Christians remain a permanent presence in the Holy Land.

“Our support is meant to further enable the bishops of Ukraine as they help their people and implement the Holy Father’s call to aid those most in need,” said Supreme Knight Anderson.

Christian refugee communities in Iraq, Syria, Ukraine and elsewhere remain in great need of support. In addition to solidarity in prayer, Knights and their families are invited to contribute to the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund, which continues to collect donations.

State Chairman Feature

George Mesina - Membership

Congratulations to the councils who have begun recruiting in the new fiscal year that started on July 1. Thank you for your good work. We recognize your efforts here in the newsletter, on the state website, with letters of congratulation to yourselves, and in some cases also going to your pastor, as well as certificates of achievement at the higher levels.

It is important to recognize these councils and districts by name. This data is as of August 30, 2015.

Councils achieving Level 1

(A new member recruited)

Boise Council 899
Boise Council 4013
Boise Council 8310
Boise 12172
Boise 12854
Cottonwood 1389
Coeur D'Alene Council 1363
Nampa Council 2014
Meridian Council 11548
Rupert 2792
Salmon 8283



Councils achieving Level 2

(25% of quota)

Boise Council 4013
Cottonwood 1389
Nampa Council 2014

Councils achieving Level 3

(50% of quota)

Boise Council 4013

Councils achieving Level 5

(100% of quota)

Boise Council 4013

It is amazing that one of our councils has already reached 100% of star council quota in just the first month!

Due to the good work of the councils led by these outstanding Brother Knights, Idaho distinguished itself in July by recruiting the highest percentage of quota of all the states in Region II (the northwestern states). Our 17 new members was just over 6% and that was good for a triple in the Supreme recruiting baseball contest.

Keep up the good work!

Don't forget that the entire order of the Knights of Columbus carries out membership drives in the month of October. It is scheduled for the second week of the month, though any week will do. You should be ordering your kits from Supreme and discussing with your pastor the possibility of doing pulpit talks, and having him put in a good word for your council during Mass, and staffing tables at the church doors to answer questions and sign up prospects.

Vivat Jesu'



The Last Word

Kerry Hennessy - Idaho State Deputy

Worthy Knights of Columbus,

How has your summer been? I hope that you have taken your well-deserved vacations, had a family reunion, been fishing and in general, just enjoying yourself. My summer vacation was a trip to Philadelphia to attend the 133rd Supreme Convention. Along with your State Secretary, Mike Townsend; Immediate Past State Deputy John Pettinger; Supreme Director, Brian Simer; Wheelchair Mission Director, Dan Moberg; our wives; and our Worthy State Chaplain, Fr. Rob Cook, we enjoyed the participation of the 90 Cardinals, Archbishops, Bishops and Priests, all 73 Jurisdictions, delegates and wives for a glorious 3 days of immersion of the Knights of Columbus.

The highlight of this Convention for me, were the speeches given by the Clergy who repeatedly spoke of the contributions of time, talent and charity that has been bestowed upon them by their Knights of Columbus Councils. They spoke of the great acts of charity done for the less fortunate, the help they have received in their churches by the Knights because they have strengthened the faith among their members and increased the amount of families coming back to church, as a result of being a member of the Knights of Columbus. This is testimony by the hierarchy of the Catholic Church as to the value that you bring to them in their Parishes. Accept that testimony as a compliment to the

great work that you do. For our Jurisdiction to continue to contribute to those statements, we need to always live up to the compliment. By

Idaho Calendar of Events

First Degree's

9/2- Jerome
9/7- Pocatello
9/10- Sandpoint
9/13- Bonners Ferry
9/14- Orofino, Pocatello
9/15- Gooding
9/16- Mtn. Home, Rupert
9/19- Salmon
9/20- Boise Cathedral
9/21- Blackfoot
9/22- Boise Sacred Heart, Post Falls, Idaho Falls
9/24- Burley, CDA St. Thomas
9/26- Boise Our Lady of the Rosary

Second Degree

9/12- Rupert
9/19- Payette

Third Degree

9/5- Boise Cathedral
9/19- Pocatello.

- * Order October Church Drive kit from Supreme
- * Order Soccer Challenge kit from Supreme
- * Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest,

September 22-25, Philadelphia - World Meeting of Families.



that I mean that we have to always be looking for catholic men to join us and be a part of this testimony. Men that are willing to help the less fortunate, donate their time to make this a better society to live in, men that are willing to stand up for religious freedom, that our government is so freely trying to discard. Pray for help to find these men.

Deputy Supreme Knight Logan Ludwig stated that "the greatest value of the Knights of Columbus is the difference we make to our members, our communities and our parishes". You can help - be active in your Council and your Church. Vivat Jesus.



Vivat Jesus!

