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Idaho Knights in Action

Palm Sunday Distribution - Pocatello

Brothers Don Lesniewski; Jim Robinson; Kerry Hennessy; Arnold Ortiz; Bob Fitzsimmons and Keith Riemersma of Pocatello Council 892 set up a distribution point on Saturday, April 4th from 10am to 12pm at the St. Joseph Chapel parking lot in Pocatello for the parishioners of Holy Spirit Catholic Community to get their palms for the start of Holy Week. Thanks so much for braving the cold to be of service.



Arnold Ortiz

Left to right: Arnold Ortiz; Bob Fitzsimmons; Don Lesniewski; and Jim Robinson.



Keith Riemersma



St. Pius X, Council 11623 - CDA

Grand Knight's Report

Tom Tintinger

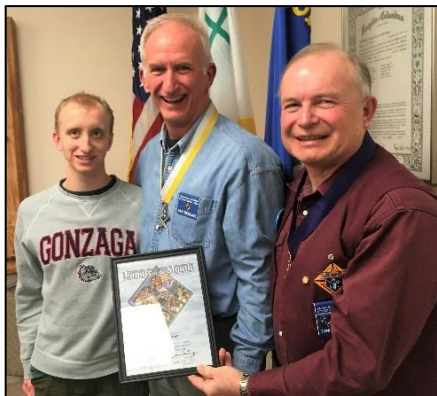
Brother Knights,

I pray that all Brother Knights are healthy and getting through the existing corona virus crisis and the stay-at-home requirements without too many problems. Since we will not be having a knight's council meeting this month, I am writing this report to keep all my brother Knights informed on the status of our council.

As most of you know, the Idaho State Knights of Columbus convention in Coeur d'Alene has been canceled for this year. There will be video conferencing state business meeting conducted on April 18th. All monies received for the convention have been returned. On the positive side, the St. Pius Knights of Columbus council has been awarded the 2021 State Knight's convention tentatively scheduled for April 16th, 17th and 18th of 2021. Brother Dan Moberg was able to work with the Best Western Coeur d'Alene Inn to book the 2021 convention and use the \$500 deposit our council had put down for this year's convention for next year's convention so we won't lose that deposit money. Our council had paid to have 200 glasses engraved for the convention and Craig Frei had been working on solidarity crosses for the convention. Both items will be able to be used for next year's convention.

The council had to cancel the annual fish fry, which is one of our major fundraisers for the Father Lachance scholarship. Hopefully our council will be able to have the May and June breakfasts, if they don't get canceled. One of these breakfasts could help us raise funds to bolster the \$500 that is budgeted for the scholarship. The scholarship committee will continue the process of reviewing applications and choosing a recipient or recipients for the scholarship.

Rob Palus and I are handling the soup kitchen that was going to be covered by the fish fry on April 3rd.



GK Tom Tintinger presents Family of the Month Certificate to Dan and Sam Redline.

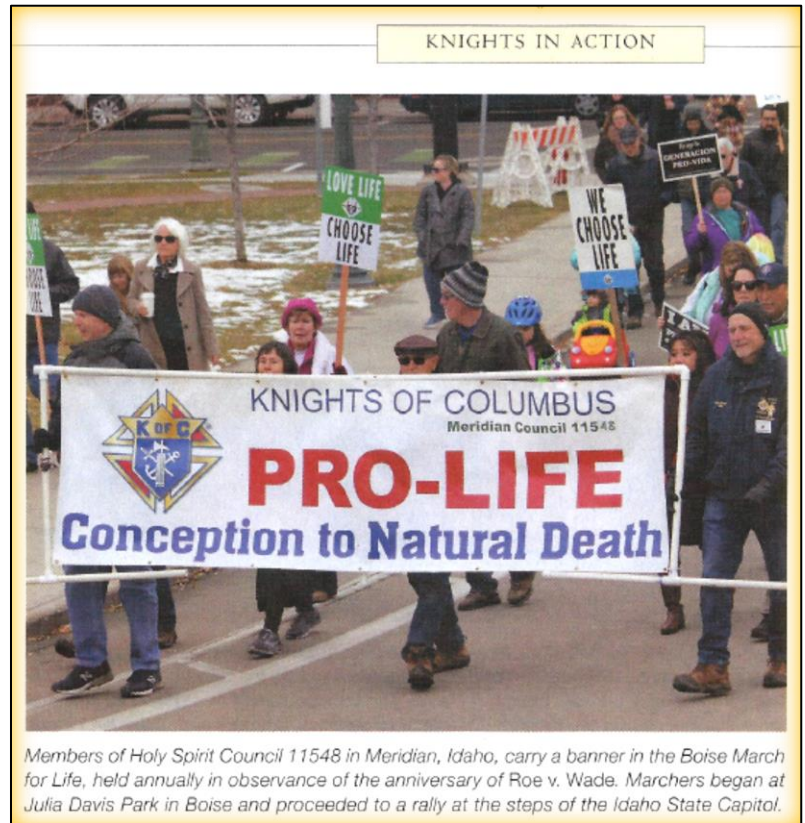
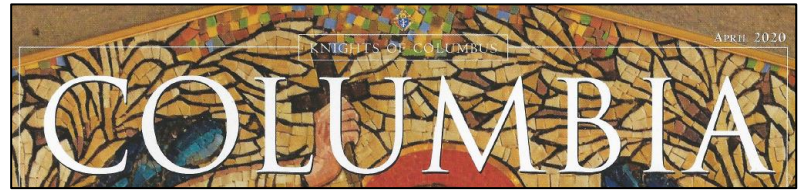
The March Knight's breakfast to support the Holy Family Catholic school had to be canceled. The council may be able to use one of the upcoming breakfasts to raise funds to support the school or we could come up with a fund-raising event in June to make up for the breakfast cancellation. The annual children's Easter egg hunt is canceled.

We will not have a Family of the Month and Knight of the Month awarded for March, since there were virtually no activities to base our awards on and we won't have a council meeting to vote on these awards. I would like to congratulate the Dan Redline family for being chosen as the Idaho State Knight's Family of the Month for February.

For the Good of the Order, if anyone has someone who the Knights should be praying for please forward those prayer requests to John Webb so he can forward them on to the council. I know Craig Frei's wife Shari has a fractured kneecap and needs our prayers.

This should cover most of our planned activities that were scheduled for the month.

May all brother knights stay healthy and endure this troubling time. May God Bless.



Members of Holy Spirit Council 1154E in Meridian, Idaho, carry a banner in the Boise March for Life, held annually in observance of the anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Marchers began at Julia Davis Park in Boise and proceeded to a rally at the steps of the Idaho State Capitol.



Knights of Columbus INSURANCE

YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

Knights of Columbus Insurance Update

The mission of the KC's today remains the same as when it was founded in 1882: to protect Catholic families financially and to help strengthen the Catholic faith of our members.

While the current medical, social and economic issues we face are unsettling, it's not the first time we have risen to meet such challenges. Our Order has stood strong through past crises such as the Spanish flu in 1918, the Great Depression and the financial crisis of 2008.

Just as we stood together during those times, we stand ready in our own difficult times to provide life insurance, annuities, long term care and disability insurance. Knights of Columbus Insurance agents are fully equipped and eager to help you understand how the current climate may affect your personal finances and how our products can help.

Our agents can meet with you in person, talk to you over the phone (when appropriate) or through a virtual meeting using Skype or similar software. Agents are ready to answer questions, assist with service-related issues and help show you how you can reduce your financial risk.

As the Knights of Columbus turns 138 years old, it is an opportune moment to thank our founder, Father Michael McGivney, for his foresight in founding an Order that consistently provides reliable financial protection for Catholic families. You do not face the current challenges alone. Our commitment to helping you and your family remains strong.

Vivat Jesus! **Kevin Tuuri - General Agent**

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Hearing God's Word in the Rapidly Changing World of Today*

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Silver Rose Program Status

Worthy Brothers,

I hope you are all well.

As much as I wanted to have the Silver Roses continue on their currently scheduled routes, recent COVID-19 related orders (e.g. social distancing guidelines extended by the Trump Administration through April 30+, more state shelter-in-place orders, etc.) have led to an update for the Silver Rose program.

The jurisdictions currently with the roses have been asked to hold onto them until further guidance is given. Namely, once the quarantines are lifted, the roses will be shipped to the jurisdiction scheduled to have it at that time. Unfortunately, this means that some jurisdictions will not be receiving the rose this year.

You can stay updated by visiting ...
kofc.org/coronavirus

Thank you for remaining flexible. Please contact me with any questions.

Vivat Jesus,

Drew Dillingham
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New KC Life Insurance Product

1/21/2020

Protector Universal Life-Guaranteed Product Offers Affordability And Flexibility



NEW HAVEN, Conn. Knights of Columbus (K of C), a Best's Review Top 50 U.S. Life/Health Insurer, announced the launch of its Protector NLG Universal Life insurance product. This product provides affordable guaranteed lifetime coverage, flexible premium payment options and a low-cost guaranteed death benefit that will ensure future obligations are met. The benefit protection includes a Lapse Protection Rider, as well.

While guaranteeing death benefit coverage, the Protector NLG Universal Life insurance product features flexibility in premium payment ability: from allowing shorter payment periods; the stopping and re-starting of premium payments; to the ability to lower premiums by paying up to age 100. A Lapse Protection Rider is automatically attached at issue and can ensure lifetime death benefit protection as long as this rider is active.

Ron Franzluebbbers, senior vice president and chief actuary of K of C, said, "Protector NLG Universal Life is a niche product designed for those approaching or above retirement age, who do not need a traditional whole life contract with cash value accumulation but want to ensure that they have affordable death benefit coverage for their entire lifetime."

Protector NLG Universal Life is available for purchase in the United States and Canada for individuals between 50 and 80 years old. More information about the Knights of Columbus insurance program at: www.kofc.org/insurance.

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Happy News - Ron Katko is Home !!!

Brothers and Sir Knights. Brother Ron is home!

Ron made the trip without any problems. He insisted on walking into the house. He was very emotional when he walked through the door. He said he didn't think he would ever see his house again. He and Elaine thank you for all of your prayers and generosity.

Chuck and I also thank you for your prayers for a safe trip. Once again I say Praise God.

Vivat Jesus. Faithful Navigator Mike Shaul

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FYI. Ron I think had a total of six operations tied to work on his heart and the follow up complications. His odds going in were less than 10%. The U of Washington passed but the U of Utah accepted him. Not sure if this is newsworthy, but he's been so valuable to the Knights I thought I'd pass this along. Thanks.

Jerry Sullivan



L to R: Navigator Mike Shaul and Comptroller Chuck Boisvert. Brother and Sir Knight Ron in front. He is a member of Holy Spirit Council #11548 (Meridian) and Father Harry T. Hayes Assembly #1990 (Nampa).

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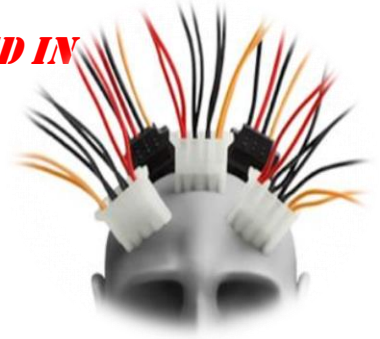


Priest of the Year

Coeur d'Alene - Pius X Council 11623

Grand Knight Tom Tintinger

**Father Francisco Flores – Pastor, Pope St. Pius X Parish
Coeur d'Alene**



The Bible is filled with many references to shepherds: From Abel, to Abraham, Moses, King David, the shepherds who tended their flocks the night that our Savior was born and the greatest shepherd of all, Jesus Christ himself. The shepherd's purpose was to guide or direct those in their care to safety. In John 10:11 Jesus taught us that "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep". Today, our priests continue to shepherd their flocks and to guide us in the ways necessary to ensure our ultimate arrival to the verdant green pastures of Heaven. To emphasize this responsibility, Pope Francis has encouraged priests to "be shepherds, living with the smell of the sheep... as shepherds among your flock."

Because the Knights of Columbus understand the vital role our priests play in our salvation, we proudly proclaim to be "In Solidarity with Our Priests". To serve our priests, as well as our families, parishes and communities, in 2018 the Knights of Columbus restructured their program model into a new working umbrella called, "Faith in Action". This new model charges us to continue our good charitable works but to do them with a focus on faith, family and community. Our Council has introduced several programs to our Parish: Rosary Novenas for Life and for Vocations, Consecration to the Holy Family, Parish retreat, Prayer services for the unborn, and others. However, we could not have done any of these things, and our attempt at a successful Faith in Action program would have failed were it not for our Shepherd, Pastor and Council Chaplain, Fr. Francisco Flores.



Since his arrival at Pope St. Pius X parish, Fr. Flores has been a strong supporter of our Knights Council and has fully embraced our Faith in Action program. He has worked very closely with our program chairman, and council, in the development and implementation of ideas to bring this program to our Parish. He fully supported the idea of providing charity for the poor by bringing the American Wheelchair Mission to present its program to our parish and by inviting our parishioners to participate in the program through a successful fundraising effort. Fr. Flores also joined and inspired Idaho Knights in Mexico City where he personally helped deliver the wheelchairs, funded by Pius X, to the poorest of the poor.



Fr. Flores' concern for the poor has been further evidenced by the adoption of the impoverished people of Consolacion, Honduras, in the "Union de Amor" project, bringing clean water, education, health care and employment to those who heretofore would have been forgotten.

Fr. Flores has brought our entire faith community together in peace and love and especially in a renewal of our faith we so desperately need, as our Church has suffered so much in recent years. He has inspired us to remain united in our faith and love of God and he continues to shepherd his flock as Jesus' example so long ago.

Because of his dedication, care, example, support and love, the members of Pope St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Council 11623, and the entire Idaho State Council, are proud to present its 2019-2020 Priest of the Year award, to our Shepherd, Fr. Francisco Flores.

Supreme Awards

Life Activity

Twin falls – Twin Falls Council 1416

Grand Knight Karl Corbin

“Pack the Crib”

The council placed a crib at the entry of the church along with a list of those things most needed by the Sage Women’s Health Center in Twin Falls, a no-cost facility providing pregnancy tests, ultrasounds and other services for low income women. Announcements were placed in the church bulletin and parishioners were so generous in donating diapers, formula, clothes, and other items that the crib had to be emptied three times. The council also held a breakfast with all the proceeds, almost \$750, going to the Center. A few Brother Knights from the council also helped paint two of the rooms and a hall at the Center.

Family Activity

Coeur d’Alene - Pius X Council 11623

Grand Knight Tom Tintinger

“Feeding Families”

For about three hours every day, six days each week, members of Pius X council make their rounds to pick up food from local markets who every day gather foods, such as dairy, bread, sweets, sandwiches, crackers, salads, and prepackaged meats, among many other items for distribution to needy families in Coeur d’Alene. After picking up the food they start their deliveries to St. Pius Church, St. Vincent de Paul food pantries and kitchens, the Union Gospel Mission, and the 2nd Street Commons Food Kitchen. This charitable task requires over 6,500 volunteer hours each year and this commitment makes a tremendous difference in the lives of those who are less fortunate.

Community Activity

Post Falls – Post Falls Council #12560

Grand Knight Jim Burkhardt

“Golf for Charities”

For four years this council has hosted a charity golf tournament to care for those who are the most vulnerable among us. Including, among others, the homeless, the sick, the hungry, the unborn and the disabled. This year 110 golfers participated and with local merchant sponsors the council raised \$15,000 that was distributed to: Post Falls Food Bank, Open Arms Pregnancy Center, St. Vincent de Paul Warming Center, Habitat for Humanity, Friendship Kitchen, Anna Schlinder Foundation, Holy Family Catholic School, St. George’s Christmas Basket Program, Family Promise of North Idaho, Tesh, Inc, North Idaho Catholic Youth Camp, Newby-Ginnings, Riley Strong, and Sarah Nord. In the last four years over \$45,000 has been raised and over twenty different organizations have enjoyed the benefits of this council’s charity.

Faith Activity

Twin falls – Twin Falls Council 1416

Grand Knight Karl Corbin

"Altar Service Awards"

It has become a tradition at St. Edwards Church in Twin Falls for their youth to become Altar Servers after taking their First Holy Communion. The Council maintains records of how many times each

child serves. After 25 masses the Altar Server is given a Divine Mercy picture of Jesus. For 50 Masses they are given a Knights of Columbus Rosary. A crucifix with the Knights logo is presented after 75 Masses and for 100 Masses a Knights of Columbus Bible. For 125 Masses a Holy Family statue and for 150 Masses the server receives a Holy Family picture. On rare occasion the Council has been privileged to honor a server who completes 250 Masses with a special individualized gift. Awards are presented to the servers during Mass by the Pastor.

State Awards

Publicity

Post Falls – Post Falls Council #12560

Grand Knight Jim Burkhardt

This year the Post Falls Council ramped up their marketing and communications efforts in order to educate and inform their parishioners and community about the mission of the Knights of Columbus and the activities undertaken to fulfill that mission. Their information outreach included e-mails, newsletters, Facebook, group texting, picture boards, parish bulletin, routine articles in the Coeur d’Alene Press, and they are actively building their own website.

Pennies from Heaven

The State Pennies from Heaven (PFH) Fund is maintained by the State Council, from donations made by the Councils throughout Idaho, for the purpose of providing financial assistance to individuals or families to provide for basic human needs, or to assist with medical expenses. Councils are recognized each year for their level of generous participation. This year the winners are:

High Gross Contributions to:

Meridian Council #11548

Michael Wissel, Grand Knight

Highest Per-Capita to:

Genesee Council #1554

William LaMunyan, Grand Knight

Knight of the Year

Post Falls – Post Falls Council #12560

Grand Knight Jim Burkhardt

“Brother Steve Gonnella”

A Knight since 2015 Brother Steve has taken his role as a Knight very seriously. Being a member of the Parish Council, he spearheaded projects including painting the exterior of the church, the Parish Office, and other outbuildings. He led a team of volunteer Knights to do a substantial amount of landscaping on Church grounds. Steve took on a major job to replace all the lights in the Church - personally; thus, avoiding the need to hire a professional and saving the Parish thousands of dollars. He participates in every Council function and meeting and takes a highly active role in the Council. Steve was one of the organizers of the now annual golf tournament which has produced over \$45,000 in the last four years for local charities. He visits homebound Knights each week, is a member of the Parish Safety Team, led an effort to install a state-of-the-art security system in St. George Church and Holy Family Catholic School in Coeur d’Alene. He is active in the St. George’s Outdoor Sports Group who go on weekly outings year-round enjoying the beautiful outdoors in North Idaho, Montana, and eastern Washington. For the past five years Steve has been a continually active member of the local Serra Club and has served as the club’s president. Under his leadership the club increased in membership from 12 members to 50.

He brought the “Adopt a Seminarian” and “31 Club” programs to north Idaho. Steve is devoted to Sherry, his wife of 47 years. Together they have three children and several grandchildren. It is small wonder why his Council chose him as their Knight of the Year, and it gives the State Council great pleasure in extending the same honors to Brother Steve Gonnella.

Family of the Year

Twin Falls – Twin Falls Council 1416

Grand Knight Karl Corbin

“Dave and Kathy Ellingson”

A member of the Knights of Columbus for over sixteen years Dave has held several leadership positions. Including Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator, Color Corps Commander, District Deputy, State Family Director, State Youth Director and worked as a Knights of Columbus Field Agent. Dave, his wife Kathy and their two sons are very active in their Council and Parish. They participate in several youth activities, such as: Keep Christ in Christmas, Free Throw Contests, scholarship programs, Coats for Kids, and the St. Edwards Parish Boy Scout Troop. Kathy heads up the annual Harvest Festival which is the major fundraiser for the Parish. The family helps in providing lunches for retreatants at the annual Advent Retreat. The Ellingson’s help with the Food for Families program and they were part of the team of Knights who helped paint the Sage Women’s Center in Twin Falls. Because of their dedication and hard work for the Parish, community and Council, the Ellingson’s were voted as Family of the Month three times this past year and it is an honor for the State Council to honor them as the Idaho State Knights of Columbus Family of the Year.

Council of the Year

Post Falls – Post Falls Council #12560

Grand Knight Jim Burkhardt

How does our State Deputy determine what Idaho council will be selected for this very prestigious award? It is not easy. Councils considered should meet or exceed membership recruitment requirements, promote and encourage their members to participate in our Order’s insurance programs, show a high level of participation in the Order’s Faith in Action Programs, be Safe Environment compliant, have completed semi-annual audits, have paid all lawful State and Supreme per-capita obligations and have submitted all required reports. Did I mention this is not easy? There were several Councils who have worked hard this year in several areas of consideration. However, Post Falls Council 12560, led by Grand Knight, Jim Burkhardt, set exemplary standards in all of them. They achieved membership levels of 214% over their established quota, reached a third of their insurance goals, were fully compliant with all Safe Environment, auditing, financial and reporting requirements of the Supreme and State Councils, and this Council was very active in programs that promoted charity and good will within their Church, Community and Families. Post Falls Council 12560 truly deserves recognition as the Idaho State Council of the Year in 2019-2020.

District Deputy of the Year

District Number 5

Cory Newell

District Deputies are recommended by the State Deputy and appointed by the Supreme Knight. They are typically chosen based on leadership skills they have exhibited at the Council level and are charged with the oversight of a select grouping of Councils, usually within their own geographical area. They are responsible in assisting their Councils with membership development, program participation,

financial strength, Safe Environment compliance and required reporting compliance. District Deputy, Cory Newell, is charged with five councils all in the cities of Boise and Meridian. This year Cory's councils were all 100% Safe Environment compliant, turned in all required reports, demonstrated sound financial records, participated greatly in Faith in Action programs and did better than 50% in both membership and insurance goals. Cory is an outstanding example of a District Deputy and, therefore, it is with great pleasure that he is awarded District Deputy of the Year honors.

Youth Activity Awards

Knights of Columbus are strong supporters of our Church, community, families and our youth. Each year throughout the State, we create opportunities for our youth to participate in challenges of the mind through essay contests, the body through sports like our Basketball Free Throw and Soccer challenges, and artistically in our Poster Contests. The year's winners of our youth competitions are:

Boys Free Throw Championship

Knights of Columbus
2020 Free Throw Championship
Idaho State First Place Boys
Age 9
Samuel Rehder
Council 1389 - Cottonwood

Knights of Columbus
2020 Free Throw Championship
Idaho State First Place Boys
Age 10
Kade Quintal
Council 1389 - Cottonwood

Knights of Columbus
2020 Free Throw Championship
Idaho State First Place Boys
Age 10
Andrew Martin
Council 12172 – St. Marks,

Knights of Columbus
2020 Free Throw Championship
Idaho State First Place Boys
Age 11
Antonio Guzman
Council 1416 – Twin Falls

Knights of Columbus
2020 Free Throw Championship
Idaho State First Place Boys
Age 12
Jonathan Botch
Council 1416 – Twin Falls

Knights of Columbus
2020 Free Throw Championship
Idaho State First Place Boys
Age 13
Gareth Brantly
Council 3703 – Mtn. Home

Knights of Columbus
2020 Free Throw Championship
Idaho State First Place Boys
Age 14
Lee Forsman
Council 1389 - Cottonwood

Girls Free Throw Championship

Knights of Columbus
2020 Free Throw Championship
Idaho State First Place Girls
Age 9
Payton Hutchinson
Council 12172 – St. Marks, Boise

Knights of Columbus
2020 Free Throw Championship
Idaho State First Place Girls
Age 10
Marcie Burton
Council 1416 – Twin Falls

Knights of Columbus
2020 Free Throw Championship
Idaho State First Place Girls
Age 11
Julia Anders
Council 11548 - Meridian

Knights of Columbus
2020 Free Throw Championship
Idaho State First Place Girls
Age 11
Isabel Clough
Council 11548 - Meridian

Knights of Columbus
2020 Free Throw Championship
Idaho State First Place Girls
Age 12
Cameron Burton
Council 1416 – Twin Falls

Knights of Columbus
2020 Free Throw Championship
Idaho State First Place Girls
Age 13
Jessie Andrews
Council 12172 – St. Marks, Boise

Knights of Columbus
2020 Free Throw Championship
Idaho State First Place Girls
Age 14
Taylor Riener
Council 1389 - Cottonwood

Boys Soccer Challenge Championship

Knights of Columbus
2019 Soccer Challenge
Idaho State First Place Boys
Age 11
Kento Ogawa
Council 10581 - Boise

Knights of Columbus
2019 Soccer Challenge
Idaho State First Place Boys
Age 14
Jacob Schauble
Council 10581 - Boise

Girls Soccer Challenge Championship

Knights of Columbus
2019 Soccer Challenge
Idaho State First Place Girls
Age 9
Katherine Schauble
Council 10581 - Boise

Knights of Columbus
2019 Soccer Challenge
Idaho State First Place Girls
Age 11
Elizabeth Schauble
Council 10581 - Boise

Knights of Columbus
2019 Soccer Challenge
Idaho State First Place Girls
Age 12
Eliana Stephens
Council 3703 – Mtn. Home

Knights of Columbus
2019 Soccer Challenge
Idaho State First Place Girls
Age 13
Abby Starr
Council 10581 - Boise

Poster Contest Winners

Knights of Columbus
Keep Christ in Christmas
Age 5-7 Poster Contest
Idaho State First Place
Sophia Voorhees
2019 Council 1416 – Twin Falls

Knights of Columbus
Keep Christ in Christmas
Age 11-14 Poster Contest
Idaho State First Place
Erick Chaves
2019 Council 5444 - Gooding

Knights of Columbus
Keep Christ in Christmas
Age 8-10 Poster Contest
Idaho State First Place
Indey Caton
2019 Council 1416 – Twin Falls

State Secretary - Roy Bartholomay's Insight

Dear Brother Knights,

I hope you are all doing OK as we continue to do things mostly out of our homes. This month I want to communicate some of the things that happened at our Virtual State Convention.

Our convention this year had to be of the virtual nature because of our State's COVID-19 take cover orders. We held out hope that we would be able to meet in our usual face-to-face fashion up until about a month before our convention. Given the short time frame for preparing for doing a Virtual meeting, we had to wait for guidance from our Supreme Office. We were able to get their guidance in timely manner; however, the tool we used for our meeting only allowed for the Convention delegates and State Officers along with a few invited guests to participate. It was hard for a lot of us not to partake in our fraternal brotherhood that a lot of us look forward to doing at each year's convention.

Our meeting started with prayer and inspirational messages from our State Chaplain Father John Kucera, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, and Supreme Treasurer Ronald Schwarz. We followed that up with approving our reports from our State Chairmen, Directors, District Deputies, and State Officers. We then elected our New State Officers for the 2020-21 Fraternal year: State Deputy Roy Bartholomay, Pocatello Council 892; State Secretary George Mesina, Idaho Falls Council 1663; State Treasurer Dan Moberg St. Pius Council 11623, Coeur d' Alene; State Advocate Jeff Finken, Moscow Council 1397; and State Warden Rich Bingham, Idaho Falls Council 1663.

We then elected our Delegates for the Supreme Convention: Our Insurance Delegates are Roy Bartholomay and Shane Gehring; our Associate Delegates are George Messina and Dan Moberg; our alternate Insurance Delegate is Jeff Finken; our Alternate Associate Delegates are Rich Bingham and Ray Forshey. We then approved our Resolution to update our State By-laws, we approved our 2020 State budget, and announced that next year's convention will be held in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho on April 16-18, 2021, with planned conventions in the future being moved back 1 year (2022 convention is planned for Idaho Falls). We closed the State Convention with prayer.

Vivat Jesus.

Roy Bartholomay, State Secretary

Take Care! Be Safe!

*Remember to wear your mask
and keep your distance!*



Vivat Jesus!

