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Idaho Knights in Action

St Pius X, Council 11623 - Coeur d'Alene

Distance Confessions

Thanks to the following Knights who helped manage traffic for the April 18th distance confessions: Deacon Chris Stewart, Richard Morse, Dick Garner, John Bourque, Craig Frei, Tom Tintinger, John Webb, Don Moberg, Pete Obligato, Warren Holcomb, and Larry Major. Thanks to the following knights who helped on May 2: Ray Almeida, Terrell Pritts, Dick Gardner, Tom Tintinger, Ron Douglas, Pete Obligato, Richard Morse, Craig Frei, and Deacon Chris Stewart. Special thanks to Fr. Flores, Fr. Anthony and Fr. John for hearing our confessions on both days.





Brothers. Below is a brochure announcing an important Pro-Life event being sponsored by Brother Bob Runkle and his wife Ruth, with help from Council 1363. It will be held **LIVE** at St. Thomas Church on June 10-12 at 6pm. Please spread the word to your members and parishes, as this will be an informative Pro-Life event, which the Knights are proud to support. Plus it should be noted this "BioEthics ProLife" event will be **live-streamed** for many to watch remotely via stthomascd.org. IT WILL NOT BE ARCHIVED!

Call 208-664-1498 with questions. Vivat Jesus. Brother Mike Anderson

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH PRESENTS

Surviving the Brave New World:

What You Need to Know

Join us for this exciting event June 10 - 12 as legal experts from the Bioethics Defense Fund discuss current issues of bioethics. Learn how this impacts your life, our culture and our world. The event is free, open to all, and is best suited for ages 12 to adult. Talks will be an hour, followed by a question and answer session. Each evening will begin at 6pm in the St. Thomas Church. The talks will also be live streamed to the Mission House or for at-home viewing.

WHAT ROE HAS WROUGHT

Analysis of the controversial Supreme Court decisions and a glimpse into a post-Roe world.

June 10

WHO'S YOUR DADDY?

Human cloning, animal-human hybrids, three parent embryos and more.

June 11

DYING WELL

How to make moral decisions at the end of life, and why physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia are not the answer.

June 12



Nikolas Nikas (*Notre Dame, ASU*) and Dorinda Bordlee (*Loyola New Orleans*) are the founders of the Bioethics Defense Fund. Each has over 20 years experience in the prolife legal and educational arenas. Both Nikas and Bordlee were at the top of their law school graduating classes and each left prestigious legal careers in the early 1990s to dedicate their professional talents to restoring a culture of life. They collaborate worldwide with leading academics, medical doctors, theologians, scientists and journalists to advance BDF's mission of putting *law in the service of human life*.

Thank you to St. Thomas Knights of Columbus Council #1363 for helping sponsor this event!



NEVER INVEST IN AN ANNUITY

NEVER INVEST IN AN ANNUITY!! You've no doubt seen this kind of headline in the financial pages or you've seen pop-up ads on your computer, or you've heard some friend repeat what he's heard from his buddy's Uncle. Are they serious?

Let's start with the basics: An annuity is a tax-favored savings instrument. The government gives it special tax treatment because it's designed for retirement income. An annuity can be qualified or in other words, funded with money that you have not yet paid taxes on, like an IRA or an RRSP in Canada. Or non-qualified, that is, funded with money you've already paid the tax on. Like money you take from your paycheck or out of your savings account. Either way, the tax on the growth in your KC annuity each year is deferred...you pay no current tax on it and pay only when you withdraw money.

I'll tell you that I think an annuity is a great product in the right situation. Especially a Knights of Columbus annuity. In addition to tax deferred growth, here are a few more reasons why I think that way:

1. Your minimum interest rate is guaranteed...for life! There is a floor that the interest rate will never drop below. The good news is that we've always paid a higher current interest rate than the guarantee. This feature means nobody has ever lost a dime in a Knights of Columbus annuity...and never will!
2. Your principal is guaranteed by the Knights. Now that kind of guarantee is only as good as the company backing it...and we've had 40+ years of Superior ratings from A. M. Best for financial strength. (As of March 2020, rated AA+ by S&P)
3. You are charged no administrative fees each year ... 100% of your money goes to work for you earning interest from day one.
4. Even though annuities are designed for long-term growth, after one year you can access 10% of the value without any KofC penalty.
5. Owners of annuities name a beneficiary; this means that at death, the proceeds bypass probate. This saves time and usually money, too.
6. You can enjoy an income that you (and if you wish, your wife) can never outline!

But let's be fair; an annuity is not the answer every time. It's not a short-term product. It's not designed to be a "put and take" account where you stick some money in and then take it out a short time later. There is a reducing early withdrawal penalty over the first seven years if you take out more than the 10% free withdrawal. That feature, in all annuities, not just the KofC, is to encourage people to leave the money alone until retirement age.

So, although there are situations where an annuity is not the proper product, there are many where it is...And we haven't even talked about triple compounding, protection from creditors and other features.

How do you know if an annuity is right for you? Meet with your Knights of Columbus field agent to take a look at your goals. It might be the perfect fit. →

Where do you keep your safe money?

Vivat Jesus!

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Mass Ministry - Pocatello

The Brothers, family and friends of Pocatello Council 892 have been out in force since May 9th to make St. Anthony's Chapel a safe and healthy space for parishioners to come to Mass. Many thanks to our clergy Fr. Henry Carmona; Fr. Bruno Mbamobi; and Deacon Scott Pearhill for having our Masses streamed and now live. Blessings to all the ushers; cantors and musicians for the efforts to make these Masses more meaningful. Additional thanks to Thomas Smith and Marcy Pearhill for their work in putting the live stream together. Gratitude to Keith Riemersma; Al and Susan Nelson; Jay Larsen; Tom Reding; Bart Cameron; Jim and Virginia Robinson; Ed Delilo; Rick Laws; Oliver Samora, Sr.; Don Lesniewski; Rita Sullivan; Mike Doellman; Pat Taney; Terry Thonssen; David O'Neill; Pamela Park; Arnold Ortiz; and Jose Iniguez for all for your sacrifice to help others be close to Jesus.





Getting to Know a Brother Knight

Roy Bartholomay - Idaho State Deputy Elect

How and why did you to join the Knights of Columbus?

Gary Pflueger, St. Anthony School principle at the time, invited me to a membership drive dinner at St Anthony church after a Rugby match, where the Knights from council 892 put on a Spaghetti dinner and served beverages. I signed the Form 100 at the event, took my second and third degree shortly after, bought lots of Kof C insurance, and proceeded to not be active with the Knights for the next 6 years. I joined for the Social aspect of meeting fellow Catholics, but I was very active in St. Johns Church at Idaho State University at the time and just did not know people at St. Anthony church in Pocatello. In 1998, after floundering with the closing of St John's as a parish, and longing for the friendship of fellow Catholics, the Knights Council 892 reached out to me by inviting me to an awards dinner where they awarded me my 5-year service pin. After that I became an active Knight, attending meetings, taking on the Youth Projects and calling Bingo, and taking on officer rolls in the council.



The social aspect of becoming a Knight has served me well, when in 2002 I moved our family to Huron, SD for work. I made many new catholic friends when I attended my first meeting with Council 779 where I served officer positions up through Grand Knight. It also served me well with making new catholic friends when I moved our family to Rigby, Idaho in 2007. And again when moving back to Pocatello in 2014.

Tell me about your work and family?

I was born in North Dakota and worked on my family's farm until moving to Idaho in 1987 and have spent 33 years with the U.S. Geological Survey and currently serve as the Project Chief of the U. S. Geological Survey Idaho National Laboratory Project Office in Idaho Falls. I have 7 brothers and one sister and me and my wife Darcy have been married for 26 years (as of May 28) and have 3 children (Cassandra Brown, Cory Olsen, and Gracie) and 6 grandchildren (Mikayla, Addison, Amelia, Daniel Jr., Colt, and Henry).

What do you like to do for fun?

Besides social activities and projects with the Knights, I like to play and watch a lot of sports; I like to hike and camp and be on the rivers and lakes in Idaho. I like to play with the grandkids. I also like spending time with my wife, Darcy, which has taken me to a lot of Dog Shows and dog competitions in the past 15 years.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

"I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." (Gospel for May 3, Jn 10:9-10)

We've all gone through times when it seems like we're just keeping our head above water, or moments when we feel overwhelmed by life. So what does Jesus mean when he says that he came in order that we might have life "more abundantly"? Some think that Jesus is offering a "prosperity gospel" that awards the faithful with happiness, good health and financial success. Yet Christ experienced suffering, as do his followers, so an "abundant life" must mean something else. Whether a given day brings health and success, or trials and suffering, we experience all these things with Christ. By living our lives for Christ, he shows us the way to fullness of life.

This month I challenge you to write down Psalm 27:1 — "The Lord is my light and my salvation" — put it up where you'll see it daily (on the fridge, on your mirror, etc.), and recite it regularly. Second, I challenge you to promote the cause of life by participating in the Faith in Action Ultrasound or Pregnancy Center Support programs or by making a donation to a pregnancy center.

Questions for Reflection:

What obstacles do you face in living with more abundance, generosity and magnanimity? Has reminding yourself that God is your light and salvation helped you to live more abundantly? How does supporting the pro-life cause help you, others and our society live more abundantly?

The Greatest Prayer - Pocatelto

Editor's Note: Led by Sir Knight Ed Delilo of the Bishop Gorman Assembly, Sir Knights Bart Cameron and Jim Price joined him on Memorial Day to create handmade rosaries. A Holy Spirit parishioner commissioned the Knights to do the work from which the proceeds will be given to the local St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Brother Ed describes the project.

I asked for help, because I have tied 75-100 of them. I have been donating them as silent auction items at the (KC) beer and wine tastings. Every other one that is tied, 100% of the honest value amount (I ask them for a minimum of \$25, they sell for \$35-\$50 online). I have the person give me a check made out to St. Vincent de Paul, or if I know them, they honor system it. These ALL directly benefit SVDP. I chose them over Aid for Friends as there are more organizations supporting Aid for Friends, and they get state funding as SVDP does not. Each rosary (with metal beads) cost \$10-\$15 depending on the cost of the crucifix. I donate the materials, and all funds go either to the KofC if they were auctioned, or to SVDP.



Foreground: Ed Delilo
Background: Jim Price, Faithful Navigator




3RD ANNUAL SUMMIT



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Burke-Sivers Father Larry
Richards

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**PRAY
WHEREVER
YOU ARE**



Successful Tips for Working from Home

These tips from a K of C Insurance agent will improve your productivity — and your sanity

From: Sonny Sangemino, Canadian KC General Agent
Knightline 5/8/2020

The last few weeks and months, many of us have found ourselves doing something we haven't done much before — working from home. Remote work can be a tremendous blessing. It can be an opportunity for minimal distractions and increased productivity. But it can be very frustrating if you don't handle it the right way. But Knights of Columbus agents like me have spent a lot of time working from home even before the current pandemic, and we've learned what does work and what doesn't.

Here are some practical tips that we have learned along the way:

1. **Schedules still matter.**

Sure, you're not in the office anymore and things are a bit looser. Working from home seems liberating. But if you don't have a set schedule for when you're going to be virtually "at work" and when you're going to be at home, your productivity — and maybe even your sanity — will suffer.

2. **Have a workspace.**

You should have a dedicated corner of your house where you "go to work." Couches are comfy, but the more casual you make your work from home environment, the more casual your work will be.

3. **Test everything.**

Zoom. Skype. Microsoft Teams. Webcams. The strength of your WIFI signal. The quality of your audio. These things are new to many of us. Make sure you test any new software before you must use it. If someone invites you to a meeting on GoToMeeting, test it the day before the meeting, itself. Don't contribute to the dreaded 10 minutes of "Mike, Mike, you've got to unmute your mic!" that seem to start a lot of meetings.

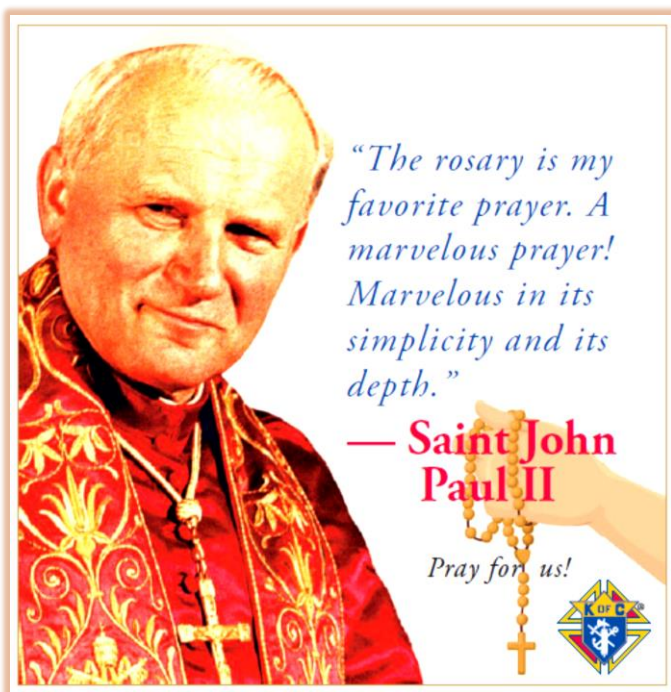


4. **Check your background.**

You want to maintain a professional background, so test your surroundings, your lighting and the angle of your camera to make sure you're projecting the kind of professional image that you want your colleagues to see.

5. **Take advantage!** As tragic as this pandemic is, we can find joy in the fact that we get to spend more time with our families. Have lunch with your kids. Play with them outside during your break. Keep your family happy and yourself healthy.

Above all else, stay safe, healthy and productive.



FLAG POLE DEDICATION - BUHL

Good evening to you and I pray you and your family are well.

I'm unsure if you are interested in the following message. However, I thought Larry's Brother Knights and you, Dave, may be interested in the following information.

I am arranging a "Pole and Flag Dedication and Memorial" in Larry's memory on Saturday, June 27, 2020 at 11 a.m. in front of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buhl. There will be a potluck luncheon following the dedication. Any Knight is welcome to attend (no regalia necessary).



If you think this is against protocol, I won't be offended if you choose to ignore this.

Thank you for your attention,

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Knights Gear is reopening

After closing its doors for safety during COVID-19, Knights Gear is now taking online orders! Check out their selection of K of C-branded gear for you and your family - like the "My Dad is a Knight" kid's t-shirt - at www.knightsgear.com



Faith in Action State Director

Worthy Knights of Columbus members throughout the State of Idaho, I am Nicholas (Nick) Theisen your upcoming 2020 to 2021 fiscal year Faith in Action State Director.

I just wanted to say who I am, and that I am really excited in this new role. State Deputy elect Roy Bartholomay selected me for this director spot after serving 2 other state director roles some years ago.

Past State Family Director
Past State Council Director
Former District Deputy
Past Grand Knight
And coming this July, Past Faithful Navigator

I will be celebrating my 10th year as a Knight of Columbus in August, and as you can tell I been on the move ever sense. It probably came from me Achieving Eagle Scout Rank in Boy Scouts with just 4 years, but that is another story for another time.

Throughout this year I'll post what councils need for Star Council and perhaps other church activities. Along with tidbits of my Boy Scout stuff related to the faith.

Vivat Jesus!

Nick Theisen



URGENT NOTE !! This Men's Retreat definitely needs everyone's help, as our kickoff was defused by the pandemic. We should let all KC's, families, and friends know that if they are thinking about seeing and hearing Cardinal Raymond Burke, they should be registering sooner rather than later! Blessings.

Brother Mike Anderson



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