



# Knights of Columbus

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## **Idaho Knights in Action**

### **St Pius X, Council 11623 - Coeur d'Alene**

#### *Grand Knight's Report*

Brother Knights,

I hope that all my brother Knights and their families are doing well and staying healthy in these troubling times. Please keep Brother Knight Gary Krier and his wife Kathleen in your prayers. Gary and Kathleen are sick from the covid-19 virus and have been in the hospital for 3 weeks. They are now recovering at home.

There have been almost no knights' activities in the last several months and the ongoing restrictions is going to severely limit what we will be able to do in the near future. Because of this, there is very little to discuss in a council meeting, so the officers have made the decision to cancel our scheduled August meeting. I hope and pray that things improve so we be able to resume our Knight's activities and have a September council meeting.

Thank you brother Warren Holcomb and his wife Theresa for stepping forward and volunteering to head up the Knight's turn for the soup kitchen for this month. The knights are still doing the daily food pantry deliveries and with Gary Krier sick and not able to do his deliveries on Fridays, it has put added pressure on the other knights to fill-in during his absence. If there are any other knights who would be interested in helping with this tremendously rewarding ministry, please contact me. Congratulations to Elise Palus for being awarded the Knight's Father Lachance Scholarship on July 12<sup>th</sup> (see the picture at right). St. Pius is asking for volunteers to lead a decade for the Tuesdays online rosaries. This is a great way to stay involved in the ongoing St. Pius ministries. Please consider volunteering for this. May God bless.

Fraternally yours,

Tom Tintinger, Grand Knight



GK Tom Tintinger presents Fr. Roger Lachance Scholarship to Elise Palus.

## *No Neighbor Left Behind*

Brad Bugger  
Idaho State Public Relations Chairman

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternal order dedicated to putting charity and community first. So when the COVID-19 epidemic hit and the resulting economic impacts started putting people out of work, Knights across the state of Idaho responded with charity.



In Buhl, that meant Council 2685 purchased a beef cow, cut it up and provided it to the Parish Office, where the beef is being distributed to those in need.

“We were looking for ways to help our families – a lot of our families were out of jobs,” said Ron Anthony, Grand Knight for Council 2685. One of the brothers of that council owns a feed lot and, with the price of beef depressed, he made the council a good deal on a cow.

“We purchased it, slaughtered it and took to another knight, where we cut it up,” said Anthony. “We let it hang for 10-15 days, then four members cut it and wrapped it, froze it and took it to the parish office, where they’ve been giving it out to families in need.”

Anthony said nine Knights contributed to the process: Anthony, John Avila, Tony Avelar, Zack Avelar, Michael Guzman, Dario Leija, Conception Loa, Israel Prada and Scott Tverdy.

“We ground almost 350 pounds of hamburger, but we didn’t just cut it up for hamburger,” said Anthony. “We had about 1,100 pounds hanging. My father ran a meat packing plant when I was growing up. After I finished about 8 hours on the butcher floor, which I hadn’t done in about 40 years, I thought, ‘There’s a reason I haven’t done it since,’ ” he said with a laugh.

Anthony said the council originally budgeted \$1,500 to buy the cow and process it, “but it was so big, it came in at \$1,650.” He said about half the beef has been distributed to the needy already.

Knights at St. Pius X Council in Coeur d’Alene have also been helping feed the hungry in their community. According to Grand Knight Tom Tintinger, the parish there has a food pantry delivery crew that goes out each morning to pick up donated food from a local super market, and then delivers it to the St. Pius and St. Vincent DePaul food pantries in Coeur d’Alene. When there is abundance, they also share food with the Second Street Commons and Union Gospel Mission.

In Pocatello, Knights serve on the St. Vincent DePaul board of directors, volunteer at the SVDP thrift store, and provide financial support to the food bank. They have also branched out to holding a voter registration drive, donated money to purchase thermometers for the church school, and have been instrumental in enforcing the post-COVID entry requirements into Mass, taking temperatures, asking health questions and making sure parishioners were wearing masks, according to Keith Riemersma of the Pocatello Council.

“The No Neighbor Left behind Program is designed to reach out to our fellow brothers, Catholics, and even neighbors to make sure they are all getting food and blood in this time of need,” said Roy Bartholomay, State Deputy for the Knights of Columbus. “We’re promoting this throughout the state.” Bartholomay said Meridian Council 11548 has been helping staff their food bank and Risen Christ council 12854 has grown a garden that produces food for the needy, and the St. George Council in Post Falls has donated over 24,000 pounds of food and \$1,000 to their local food bank since the pandemic started.

“Charity has been at the heart of the work of the Knights, and it always will be,” said Bartholomay. “Now, during these difficult times, Knights are really stepping forward to meet the needs of our communities. We encourage all Catholic men to join us in serving our communities.”

## 4th Degree Exemplification - Meridian

Faithful Navigator Chuck Boisvert of Bishop Sylvester W Treinen #2751, held a Knighting ceremony in the church parking lot at Holy Apostles, Meridian, for five new members that completed their Exemplification on line earlier in the week. Sir Knights Carlos Bendeck, Paul Edwards, John Paul Grande, Zachary Hussey, and James Pavelek, were Knighted. "Its not ideal, as we like to have a Mass, nice ceremony and dinner for new members, but we have to continue to let Brothers complete their degree even during these difficult times," commented FN Boisvert. These new Idaho members joined a large group from Oregon in the Zoom ceremony. "We hope to have a celebration dinner, with spouses, when the church opens up to such events in the future, and get the entire Color Corps involved to welcome all new members to our Assembly," stated Color Corps Commander, Joe Cardona.



*FN Chuck Boisvert and new Sir Knight Zachary Hussey*

## KC Renewal - Pocatello

Beginning on August 25th and no doubt will continue for a few more gatherings, Brothers of Council 892, Bishop Gorman Assembly, and with two ladies on behalf of the Holy Spirit Council of Catholic Women, began a renewal of the KC Kennedy Hall. Two cinder block walls were recently remodeled and now the process begins to excise stuff to make more room for the future. A new stove was installed in the kitchen and soon new carpeting will be installed as well.

Many thanks to Grand Knight Mike Doellman; PSD Dan Anthony; State Youth Director Keith Riemersma; along with PGK Pat Taney; Tom Reding; Bart Cameron; Connor Liebenow; Jim Robinson; Richard Schultz; Dave Molitor; and Don Tehle. The CCW was represented by Rose Glass and Mary Kay Molitor.

Everyone is excited about the adventure and looking forward to a more welcoming Hall to greet KC's, family and friends.



*Ceremony team with new members in a group shot.*



*L to R: Pat Taney; Dan Anthony PSD, FDM; Connor Liebenow; Tom Reding; Richard Schultz; and Mary Kay Molitor. Keith Riemersma in the foreground.*



## Assembly Actions

John Pettinger PSD - District Master

Worthy Faithful Navigators and Comptrollers,

The Supreme Master is asking all assemblies to use the chain of command to get information. This is to avoid overloading resources at Supreme since there is only one administrative assistant in the Supreme Master's office.

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Worthy Brothers,

July saw the Order's first-ever *Virtual* Field Agent Sales Conference, which focused largely on new-member recruitment. Our Agents look forward to sharing many conference takeaways with your Councils in greater detail, but here are a few of the highlights:

- We saw a new video testimony from General Agent Dan Schachle, whose son Mikey's healing was the miracle approved for Fr. McGivney's beatification. Our Founder is still protecting Catholic families!
- In April, Standard & Poor's gave the Knights a 1<sup>st</sup>-place ranking for financial strength and stability among North American life insurers. Along with 48 consecutive years of A.M. Best's *Superior* rating, this evidences the fact that a company can remain a top contender in the financial world while remaining true to its Catholic values.
- Last year, over 15% of our Field Force qualified for the Million Dollar Round Table, an organization comprised of the top 2% of financial professionals *in the world*. Most companies are happy to have 3% of their Agents qualified, which displays the caliber of men our Order attracts.
- Improvements in Home Office procedures and Agency management structure will allow Field Agents to provide better service and better protection for Catholic families, as well as allowing us to work with Catholic business owners to a greater extent than ever before.
- As an example of tangible improvements, an online customer service portal is scheduled to launch by year-end.
- In life insurance news, the recently launched Protector NLG policy offers a permanent death benefit with a lower premium than our standard whole life product. It is an excellent tool for estate planning and funding special needs trusts, among other uses.
- Finally, an exciting new offering will provide expanded solutions to our members as KC Catholic Mutual Funds launch in early 2021!

Beginning this fraternal year, there is no longer a quota of new insured members required for the Founders and Star Council awards.

Instead, Council will need to co-host two Fraternal Benefit Knights (FBK) events with its Agent. Multiple Councils can receive credit for the same FBK event, provided that each council substantially promotes the event.

This new system was in development long before the pandemic, with test cases running in several Agencies last year, but COVID caused Supreme to accelerate its launch.

The past few months have proven that this system will produce greater collaboration between Agents and their Councils and will also better promote our top-notch fraternal insurance organization.

So, Brothers, I encourage you to appoint one officer—perhaps the Membership Director, as this is a natural recruiting opportunity—to take the lead on planning these events with your Field Agent. I am confident that every Council can earn a Star this year!

Vivat Jesus!

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## Getting to Know a Brother Knight

Hello Brothers,

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

My dear friend and ultimately my mentor, Jerry Roehl, invited me to join the Knights of Columbus and paid my 1st year dues as a College graduation gift in May 2002. I wanted to serve with other Catholic Gentleman and make a difference in my community. The Knights became my charitable outlay to compliment what I learned in Mass. Jerry instructed me in the ways of cleanup for pancake breakfasts and fish fry's. He encouraged me by saying, "This is the best job because no one else wants cleanup, and if anyone tries to criticize, you may offer them to step in and take over."

### **Tell me about your work and family?**

I was born on Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines. I am single and an only child. My Mom and I have been roommates since November 2012, and we complement each other very well. She is the World's Greatest Mom. My Mom exemplifies the fact that when you have a child, you sign up for the opportunity as a lifetime commitment. I honestly could not serve, grow spiritually, or complete a day without the intervention of my Mom. She was my 1st and formidable example of a servant for the Lord. I work for Pespecta Inc. in Work Force Management on a U.S. Military contact here in Boise. I am privileged to continue to support our men and women in uniform behind the scenes for over 10 years now.

### **What do you like to do for fun?**

I like to do anything where I can meet new people, build and reinforce relationships. My preference is outdoors. I love to go on long walks, hikes in the forest, riding my mountain bike, and traveling to places I've never been. Memorable excursions are 3 years in Europe as an Air Force Brat, New York City, Poland, Mexico and Washington D.C. During quiet time I read all genres of books for pleasure. I don't have any pets of my own, but I will cross the street to pet a dog or snuggle with a cat if one happens to cross my path.

Thank you. Vivat Jesus!

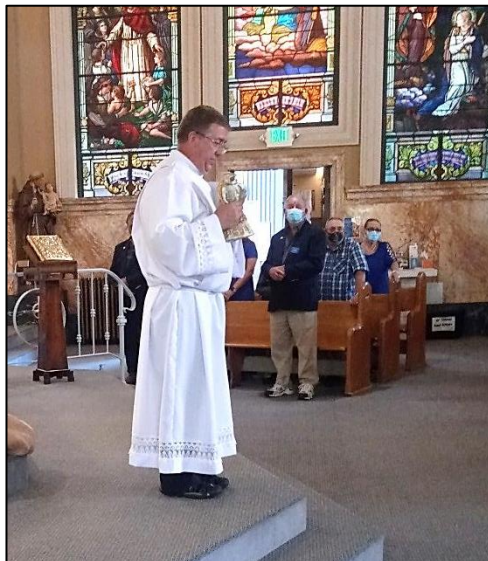
## Star Council – St. Thomas Council 1363

2 years in a row awarded Star Council ... 110% membership goal and 17,000 in service hours.

Respectively,

Nick Theisen  
Immediate Past  
Grand Knight 1363

*Deacon to be and Sir Knight Andy Finney giving chalice out for a family to pray for vocations.*



Cory Newell  
District Deputy #5



*Chaplin Fr. John Mosier, with Deacon to be and Sir Knight Andy Finney, giving the Star Council Award to Grand Knight Ed Livingston.*

## St. Pius X Feast Day Celebration - St. Thomas Council 1363

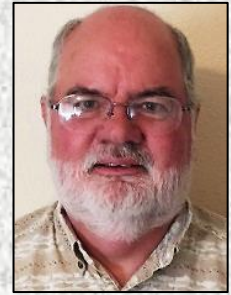
Picture 1: Recently on the Feast day of Pope Saint Pius X, Pope Saint Pius X Parish dedicated their new public street signage. Pictured are Toni Goonan, wife of Knight Tom Goonan (4th from right), Brother Ray Stongle, Tom, Deacon Chris Stewart of St. Pius, unnamed Altar Server, and Father Francisco Flores, Pastor of St. Pius. Brothers Tom, wife Toni, and Ray of St. Thomas Council 1363, worked for almost one year under the guidance of Father Flores, to craft this beautiful sign out of a native cedar log. The dedication followed celebratory Mass and then refreshments.

Picture 2: Father Francisco and Brother Ray Stongle (1363) depicts Father Flores holding a hand-crafted wooden Personal Crest of Pope Saint Pius X. The presentation was a part of the Pope St. Pius X Feast day celebration.

Blessings. Mike Anderson



## State Director Feature Keith Riemersma - Youth



Brothers,

There are a couple of youth activities coming up in the fall that your council should consider. These youth activities allow your Knights to get to know the youth of the parish, provide a fun or challenging activity, and can be used for future recruiting. Additional information and resources for each of the youth programs is available on the supreme web site.

**Soccer Challenge** – your council event should be held in September or October. Final district results are due to me by the end of October to be considered for state and national awards. Now is the time to start planning using the resources available on the supreme web site and get your venue established. Talk to your Catholic school PE teacher about including the soccer challenge in their curriculum. With some creative ideas you can make this a really fun event for our youth.

**Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest** – the theme for this year's essay contest is: "Discuss how trusting in God during a difficult time has helped you or someone you know find the strength and hope to endure it." This is a very timely subject and can help our youth realize that God can help them through difficult times such as these. Essays should be prepared in October and November. Final district results are due to me at the end of November to be considered for state and national awards. Again you can work with your Catholic school or parish youth programs to work this essay into their curriculum.

Idaho youth have won national awards in both of these programs in the past. It's up to you to give our kids a chance to participate.

## THE LAST WORD

Roy Bartholomay - Idaho State Deputy

Dear Brother Knights,

Happy New Fraternal New Year and Happy Independence Day! I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy as we continue to work and figure out ways to move forward in our new world of social distancing. We are going through a lot of change as we continue to figure out ways to serve our families, our faith, and our communities with our good work as members of the Knights of Columbus.

I am writing this note in the midst of my second Father's Day without my Dad here on earth. To say I miss him is an understatement. All I can say is I was glad to take 3 or 4 vacations a year to go back to North Dakota and visit with him while he was still alive. I am pretty sure he looked as forward to my trips back as I did going, which brings up the primary topic we should be addressing with our brother Knights during these trying times. The Knights of Columbus Leave No Neighbor Behind program is encouraging us to reach out to our brother Knights along with stressing the need to donate blood and helping the food pantries. Now that nursing homes are opening up can you spare some time to try to visit a brother Knight or a neighbor? Can we take the time to at least call some of the Knights in our councils to see how they are doing?

Vivat Jesus.

