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Idaho Knights in Action

Assembly Actions

Dave Ellingsen - Idaho District Master



I am honored to have been selected as the next District Master for the jurisdiction of Idaho. I hope to continue with the fine work promoting the Fourth Degree that my predecessor John Pettinger, PSD FDM has done for the jurisdiction of Idaho.

As always membership is very important. We should see the Fourth Degree as a expectation for all members who have shown themselves to be active in the Third Degree. We need to get in particular our younger involved members into the Fourth Degree, as they are the future of our order and country. The current political environment has become increasingly hateful and violent. I encourage all of our brother Knights to spread love and respect to our fellow citizens in these times as Our Lord and Savior set as our example. Following the Golden Rule in respect to our country, our faith and our fellow citizens reflects well on our being good Catholic Patriots and leaders in our communities in these troubled times. I look forward to contacting the Faithful Navigators and working with them to strengthen and grow the Patriotic Degree, and the good works that flow from our activities. With Covid-19 there are increased difficulties with current restrictions and some degrees may need to be held virtually. Oregon's District Master held a virtual exemplification recently, and there may be another on November 7. Will spread the word to FN's and GK's when more details are known. I will try to build an exemplification schedule for our jurisdiction after talking to the Faithful Navigators.

Participation in the Fourth Degree Color Corps, while encouraged, is not a requirement of membership in the Fourth Degree. I know that the change of regalia for the Color Corps has caused the retirement of many of our older members from the Color Corps, but as a visible arm of our order it is important that we rebuild our numbers.

Vivat Jesus,

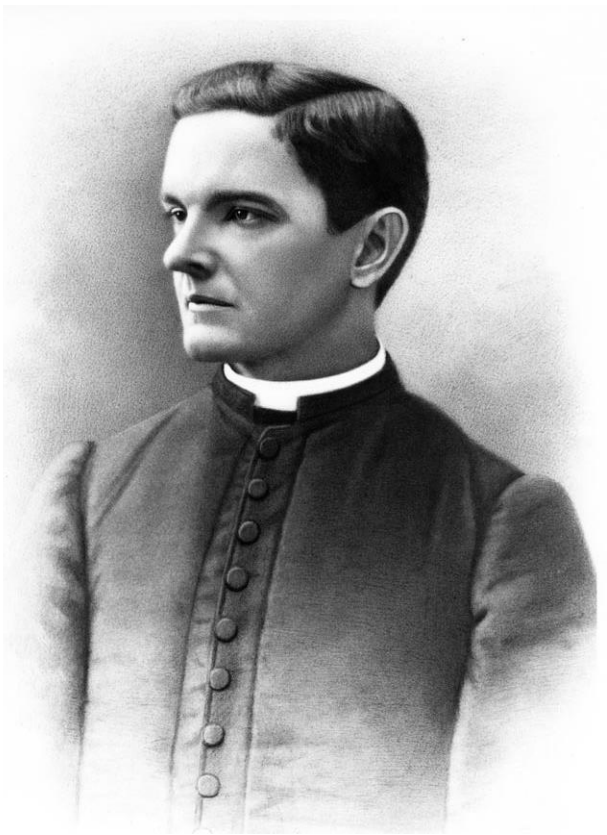
Dave Ellingsen, DM Idaho

Founder Beatification

With the Beatification on October 31, 2020 of our Knights of Columbus Founder, now Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney, this is the perfect time for you to join the McGivney Guild if you have not done so previously. Now the goal is one more miracle and our Founder would then be elevated from Blessed to Saint. So isn't it time for you to raise your voice to Jesus and ask for His intercession?

Join today!

Go to ... fathermcgivney.org ... right now.



IDAHO INSURANCE INCENTIVE



As you all know our Supreme Council has changed the requirements for the Founder's Award and Star Council. The old insurance quota requirement has been replaced with the requisite to promote and host at least two Fraternal Benefits Nights.

The State Council and our General Agent Kevin Tuuri would like to announce an incentive to all Idaho Councils.

The first four (4) councils who meet the following requirements will receive an award of \$200.00 each.

- Council must promote, host and attend at least one Fraternal Benefits Night; and,
- Council must have a minimum of three (3) new policies written and released before 12/31/2020 as a result of the Fraternal Benefits Night.
- Qualifying policies are: Life or Disability or Long-Term Care. Annuities are NOT included.
- Currently insured members who write a policy for a new product qualify.

If you have any questions, please call me at 818-414-1381 or e-mail at d1m.idkc@gmail.com

Vivat Jesus,

Dan Moberg
Idaho State Insurance Promotion Director

IDAHO FIELD AGENTS

Attention all Idaho Field Agents. The State Council of Idaho would like to announce the following:

The Field Agent who recruits the most new members will be recognized as the "FIELD AGENT OF THE YEAR" at the 2021 State Convention. Good luck and happy recruiting!

From: **Dan Moberg, Idaho State Treasurer**
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Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe Council 17462 - Boise

From left to right Brothers Edgar Moreno, Raymundo Delgadillo and Daniel Torres Jr. going through the oath during their ceremony on October 5th. Photo courtesy of Guillermo Gutierrez.

State Chaplain Father John Kucera's Homily

My Brother Knights,

I want to pass on to you a good reflection for our times from one of my beloved teachers from the seminary.

<https://youtu.be/riy5qGRmT0k>

I love how he says "we need to let the Words of Scripture cleanse our minds and thoughts." It is so easy to dwell on the negative, to ruminate on what's going wrong and forget that Jesus is with us, that He is the one in whom we live and move and have our being (Acts 17:28).

How many of us spend more time reading social media, the news, things that tend to rile us up and take away our peace? Why don't we spend more time with the One in whom we live, and move, and have our being. That way we will come forth in the power of the Spirit and we will know how to respond to many of these challenging difficulties of our times with charity.

Christ's Peace.



State Chaplain Fr. John pictured following his official blessing of the Idaho State Council officer's jewels.



James W. Herman

July 10, 1938 – October 17, 2020

It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of Past State Deputy, James R. Herman. Jim joined the Knights of Columbus on February 1, 1986. He advanced to the 4th degree in March of 1992. As a member of the Knights he served as the Grand Knight of Orofino Council 4585 and as Faithful Navigator of Assembly 2695. Jim next moved to State Council Leadership serving as State Program Director before advancing to the State Chairs. Jim was chosen and served the Idaho Jurisdiction as State Warden, State Advocate, State Treasurer, and State Secretary. In 2007 Jim was elected to the position of State Deputy and he served with distinction until 2009.



When Jim's term as State Deputy ended, he returned to the Orofino Council and became their Recorder until 2015.

We pray that God bless, Jim, forgive his sins and grant him his eternal reward in heaven. And we ask the Holy Spirit to descend upon Jim and remain with him forever bring Jim God's Love, Grace and Mercy.

Eternal rest grant unto him, Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Food Drive - Meridian

Holy Spirit Council #11548 conducted their 3rd Annual Food for Families Food Drive, October 17th & 18th, to assist the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry on the grounds at Holy Apostles Catholic church in Meridian. Sir Knight Dennis Shaul, Chairperson of Family Programs, coordinated the event that brought in over 10,400 pounds of food product and toilet paper to help stock the pantry for fall.

"While most Knights activities have been on hold because of Covid-19, this event was not just needed for the pantry, but was a much needed chance for our guys to be active. Brother Dennis reported thirty three Knights assisted in handing out bags, with a list of needed items, the first weekend and collecting food the second weekend," said Grand Knight Scott Holman. "Brother Dennis reported over 107 volunteer hours by the Council. In addition to the parish donating food and toilet paper, over \$870 in cash was collected," he concluded.

"Holy Apostles is currently following Covid-19 guidelines, with limited seating at four masses and holding the Sunday 9:00 AM mass in the parking lot for those considered high risk, which made the food drive a bit more difficult this year. The local grocery store couldn't even donate the paper bags this year, so those were purchased by the Knights. No question the families at Holy Apostles continue to show great support for those in need when asked," stated Brother Shaul.



State Deputy Presentation

State Deputy Roy Bartholomay presenting Dave Ellingsen, new Idaho District Master of the 4th Degree, the Idaho State Family of the Year award for the last fraternal year during an evening soiree in Roberts, ID on October 18th.

The event was hosted by the George Keller Assembly #187 of Idaho Falls.

The hat was passed and \$212.00 was raised for St. Vincent DePaul. Really good turn out with 3 state officers, District Master, Insurance field agent along with about 15 other Sir Knights from 4 different assemblies.



IG.NITE - BOISE

Another event sponsored by Our Lady of the Rosary Council 10581 on October 21st. The pictures show our Council helping out with the Ig.Nite event at St Paul's Bronco Catholic Center by serving a mini-Octoberfest meal to the students. We prepared brats the night before and packaged to-go boxes after grilling them on site.

Vivat Jesus.

David Brown

Our Lady of the Rosary Council 10581 - Boise



Cornhole Social - Pocatello

Brothers and Sir Knights in Pocatello gathered together to enjoy a Cornhole social event on October 20th in the St. Anthony's gym. It was great to have PGK Pat Taney in attendance, plus Bart Cameron, Connor Liebenow, Keith & Drew Riemersma and Jim Price joined in the fun, and of course all the great food.



Connor Liebenow making his throw with Past Faithful Navigator Jim Price looking on. Kathy Cameron in the back taking other pics and making sure no one is fudging on the score. Keith Riemersma and Jim doing battle on court #2 (right)





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The Business of the Knights of Columbus

Did you know that the Knights of Columbus is one of the largest – and strongest – life insurers in North America? Since our founding, we have sought to provide financial protection to our members and their families in a way that is distinctly Catholic and unique in our industry.

Here are a few other facts about the Knights of Columbus*

- A member of the Fortune 1000
- \$113.5 Billion of life insurance in force
- \$26.9 Billion in assets
- \$223.1 Million in dividends paid to members in 2019
- Rated A+ Superior by A.M. Best
- Rated AA+ by Standard & Poor's

*As of September 2020

Our Products

The Knights of Columbus offers a full line of quality, flexible products to help protect your Catholic family.

Permanent Life Insurance Our signature product. Insure your life for life.	
Term Life Insurance Affordable protection for temporary needs.	Retirement Annuities Retirement income you can count on. Guaranteed.
Long-Term Care Insurance Protect your assets. Prepare for the future. Get quality care.	Disability Income Insurance Receive an income even when you can't work.

Our Guarantees

- We guarantee the cash value in your whole life insurance.
- We guarantee the rates on your level term insurance.
- We guarantee a minimum interest rate on your retirement annuity.
- We guarantee the principal on your retirement annuity.
- We guarantee high-quality, professional services.
- We guarantee not to purchase “junk” bonds or derivatives.
- We guarantee not to invest in companies that deal in abortions, contraception, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, for-profit health care that pays for any of the aforementioned, and pornography.

Your Future

If it's been awhile since you have chatted with your field agent about how the Knights can help protect you and your family, now is the perfect time. To respect social distancing protocols, agents have gone digital, transitioning to virtual appointments. Your agent can meet with you over Skype, and start a discussion about what options may work best for you.

As a member, you and your family have exclusive access to these products and services, and you deserve to know about the benefits that come with your membership. So fill out your Fraternal Survey, let us know what you want to learn more about, and we'll be in touch soon to discuss your family's future.



Membership Report

We had a good start for the second quarter in terms of recruitment. At the time of this submission there were 17 new members that came into the order. The Spanish coordinator for supreme (Pona Magana) visited us during the 1st week of October and talked to several priests and parish members about recruitment. Please refer to the chart below for the stats as of October 28, 2020.

Proposers for this month:

Name	Council# and Name	District
Alberto Truax	17462 - NSDG	4
Leonardo Gutierrez Diaz	17462 - NSDG	4
Rigoberto Gonzalez	17462 - NSDG	4
Robert Soumas	4777 – Priest River	11

Refresher Training:

Just to give everyone a heads-up notice, we are looking at having a refresher training course at this year’s winter meeting. The subject will be “what to do with on-line members once they are signed up”. There will be more communications to follow on this topic

Supreme Incentives:

The recruitment incentives in effect are listed below:

1. *Free On-line Membership*

The Supreme Council is offering free first-year dues for every new member who joins online between now and December 31st. Prospects simply need to visit kofc.org/joinus and enter the code MCGIVNEY2020 to take advantage of this special offer.

2. *Father McGivney Medallion*

A Father McGivney, commemorative medallion will be awarded to every recruiter who recruits 5 or more members during the 2020-2021 fraternal year.

3. *Trip to New Haven*

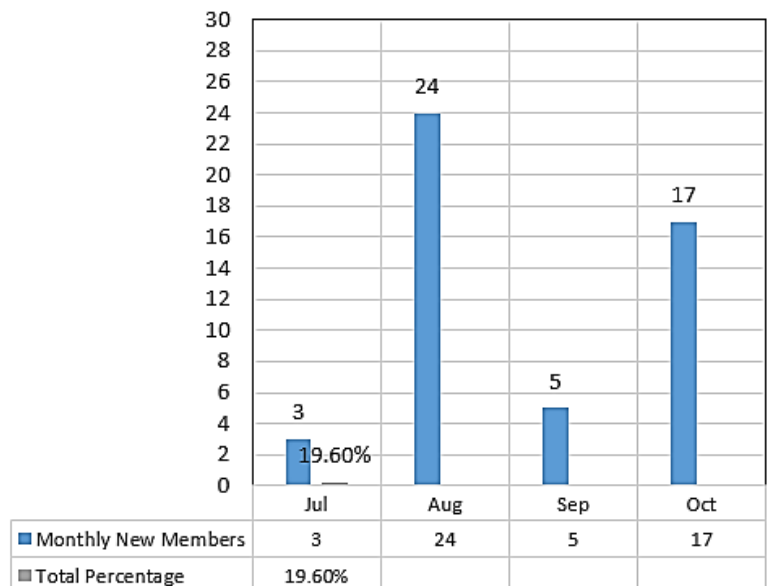
The top four district deputies and top grand knights by percent of net intake will be awarded a trip to the birthplace of the Order. A trip to New Haven will go to a district deputy/grand knight and his wife and cover roundtrip airfare, transportation to/from hotel and activities including a trip to the Knights of Columbus Museum and St. Mary’s. Other local attractions will be added as fit with the schedule. The trip will occur in September/October 2021.

State Incentives

In addition to the incentives offered by Supreme, the State Council is also offering some incentives. I have listed those incentives below.

1. Any council that makes 100 % of their membership goal by December 31, will get 20% off their 2021 per capita assessment from the State Council.
2. Recruit one new member, you get a scapular.
3. Recruit three new members, you get a Lady of Guadalupe coffee mug.
4. Recruit five new member, you get a set of Knights of Columbus Coasters

Circle of Honor Chart



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201 New members needed to reach our goal of 250

Food Delivery - Boise

We served in another St. Vincent dePaul food box delivery at Brentwood Apartments in Boise on October 15th. We are doing our best to keep alive the KC Initiative, "No Neighbor Left Behind".

Vivat Jesus.

David Brown

Our Lady of the Rosary Council 10581 - Boise



State Advocate, Program Director Jeff Finßen's Advisory

Brothers,

I would like to highlight a few Programs your Council can be using to help your community even though you might not be able to do some programs due to local restrictions.

Coats for Kids

This year our State Distribution will be in Coeur d'Alene if your Council would like to donate to the State sponsored distribution on November 27th. If so, please send donations to the State Secretary George Mesina. For every box we purchase Supreme will match a box.



Food for Families

Especially now, families are having a hard time making ends meet, for those that don't have work or are limited in their hours. People in your community are relying on foodbanks more. Your Council can run food drives, it may be as simple as having a collection space in the vestibule of your Parish. If the paperwork is submitted to Supreme, you can receive up to \$500 refund for 5,000 Lbs. of food donated to the foodbank.



Family of the Month

Councils are encouraged to recognize a deserving family in your Parish each month. In September there was only one Council that used this program in Idaho.

To encourage Family of the Month in your Council, every family of the month submitted by a Council October through January will be put into a drawing for an Icon of the Holy Family (from Monastery Icons). We will have a second drawing at the State Convention for those families submitted February to April. The winning families will receive the Icon. After submitting the paperwork to Supreme please let me know you so I can put them into the drawing.

Consecration to the Holy Family

Even though it seems like a long way out, make sure you have the Prayer Cards from Supreme early as in years past it can be hard to get them the closer to December 27th we get (the Feast of the Holy Family). Contact your Priest and see if you can hand out the cards and do the Consecration as a Parish at the end of Mass on the Feast day.

Real Life Stories

The theme for this month is “Real Life Stories.”



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Our field agents lucky enough to be doing this great work for even a few years undoubtedly have personal stories of the chaos and disorder that a devastated family stares at when there is a sudden loss. If our goal is to protect Catholic families from the near devastation that our founder faced, then I have to tell the story of how we can help our brother knights. The process of making sure one has adequate protection for the family is not painful; in fact since we are brother knights serving brother knights, it is often a time of not only helping to protect all that is important to a family, but also a shared experience that leads to an abiding friendship.

There are two stories I'd like to relate.

The first is about a young boy named Julius. When Julius was 7 years old his mother, Irene, who was 37, died of cancer. His father, Norman, had two teenage girls along with 7 year old Julius to support and raise. The family was forced to rely on the help and generosity of friends and relatives because Irene died without life insurance. Norman had a three hour commute to his job, but always supported his children's activities. Julius excelled at sports, especially football and his dad spent what little free time he had fostering Julius and his talent. Julius later admitted that he “was handed a life lesson early, growing up with one parent. It wasn't the easiest life—my dad sacrificed a lot.”

Fast forward to Julius some 30 years later and he is married, has a wife and two children. He's done quite well for himself both professionally and financially. He has had a distinguished career and he has a considerable amount of life insurance to protect his family. Julius understands protection quite well after the early life he experienced. He understands the hardships of a family that loses a parent and what the children must go through. In his professional life he enjoyed considerable success because of those that protected him. For 13 years he was protected in his career. You see that protection for Julius came in the form of 300 pound offensive linemen...nobody called him Julius. His nickname was “Boomer” ... Boomer Esiason—a four time Pro Bowler, an NFL Most Valuable Player and a Walter Peyton NFL Man of the Year. Most importantly, a husband to Cheryl and a father to Sydney and Gunnar.

“Life happens at the most unexpected of times, and life insurance is about protecting the future and the people you love,” Boomer says. “Remember, if something happens and you haven't done the planning, the people you leave behind will feel the brunt of your mistakes.” That story comes from LifeHappens.org.

The other story is not similar at all. It's about a member of the Knights of Columbus. He passed away recently and like in Boomer's family, left behind a spouse and several young children. There were no whispered worries at the funeral home. There was no GoFundMe page to raise money. There is no concern that the children will not go to college or that the wedding he promised his daughter will not take place. No, their home and future are secure. Who was that knight? I don't know; you don't hear about those men. Because the council didn't have to have a spaghetti dinner or pass the hat. But I assure you he was out there. But you'll never know it...because he planned.

Let's sit down and do some planning and put your mind at ease.

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Eucharistic Procession - Boise

By: John Pettinger, PSD, FDM

This is the link to the video of this procession.

<https://youtu.be/L6lDsfGkwZ8>

On October 24, a Eucharistic Procession was conducted around the streets of downtown Boise to pray for peace and reunification of our country. The event started with a gathering and introduction by a deacon at St. John the Evangelist cathedral. An emphasis was placed on making our public procession a statement for peace and NOT a political statement. The Knights of Columbus was once again an integral part of the crowd. A group of our Hispanic brother Knights carried the Monstrance with the Eucharist on a platform covered by an awning. A Color Guard marched with the U.S. and Vatican flags, while an Honor Guard flanked those Knights carrying the Eucharist. Additionally, many Knights not in uniform participated in the March and prayers. We concluded the procession with Benediction upon our return to the cathedral.

The Color and Honor Guards consisted of members from three area assemblies: Richard Jacobson, Tom Coops, and Joe Cardona from Assy 2751 (Meridian); Jeff Allen and John Pettinger from Assy 3244 (Boise); and District Master Dave Ellingsen from Assy 184 (Buhl).

Although I was unable to get a good view of the entire crowd, I would estimate that at least 300 people, and probably more, joined us in this public display of faith.



Get out and vote

As Catholics and citizens, members of the Knights of Columbus should vote — and should encourage their family members, fellow parishioners and every citizen in their communities. KOF CVOTES.ORG



Members are not permitted to engage in partisan political activity in the name of the Knights of Columbus. Partisan political activity is defined as action directed toward success or failure of a political party, candidate for political office, or political group.

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THE LAST WORD

Roy Bartholomay - Idaho State Deputy

Dear Brother Knights,

I want to start this month's message by wishing all our veterans a Happy Veterans Day. Also, I want to wish all my Brother Knights and their families a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving. I also want to welcome fifteen new brother Knights into our order during October at the time of this writing. We had a really nice ceremony with our new Hispanic council 17462 bringing in three new brother Knights (Edgar Moreno, Raymundo Delgadillo and Daniel Torres Jr.) at the beginning of the month. We also continue to do well bringing in online members into the Knights. As our parishes will allow with the continued COVID concerns, please try to get our new online members involved with your council activities and invite them to the new degree ceremony. I also want to congratulate the Thomas Pung family from Council 1024 for winning the September Supreme Family of the Month award. A new State incentive started last month puts all the council's family of the month winners into a drawing in January for a Holy Family Icon. Family of the Month winners need to be sent to Supreme every month by the 15th of the following month they win by having the council submit form 10668. Please copy Jeff Finken, State Program Director at moscowjanitor@gmail.com so your monthly winners get entered into the drawing for the Icon.

Saturday October 31, our Founder Father Michael J. McGivney was beatified at a ceremony at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford, Ct. and I want to encourage all our councils in the state to do a watch party to view some of the ceremony in the month of November if possible. Be creative and share your stories with your District Deputies.

Vivat Jesus.



Vivat Jesus!

