



# Knights of Columbus

## Idaho State Council

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## Idaho Knights in Action

### ***Memorial Service - Pocatello***

Members of Pocatello Council 892 and Bishop Gorman Assembly 4th Degree, gathered with parishioners of Holy Spirit Catholic Community following the 5pm Mass at St. Anthony's Chapel on November 7th.

The Memorial Service for deceased KC's over the last two years was directed by Grand Knight Mike Doellman and Chaplain Deacon Scott Pearhill. Dan Anthony PSD, FDM handled the Deputy Grand Knight part; Richard Schultz performed the Warden duties; with Keith Riemersma doing the Scribe honors; and Bart Cameron was the Chancellor. Thanks a well to Pat Taney PGK; Dan Gutierrez; and Rick Laws for being ushers and doing the Mass collection. PSD Kerry Hennessy and Dave Molitor stopped by on Friday to join the crew helping to move KC banners and flags to the chapel for the Service.

Thanks to everyone for their help in honoring our lost Brothers (Tom McDevitt MD; Ed Krauser; John Cegielnik; Ken Cole; Bill Haight and John Murphy. Family members who went home to Jesus included Jackie Palagi; Arlyne Koehler; Chris Jensen; Albert Perea; and Joyce Stroschein.

The Service was live streamed on the Holy Spirit website (hsc.org) and shared to the Pocatello Council 892 Facebook page.

May the souls of the Faithfully Departed, through of mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Dan Anthony PSD, FDM at the podium with Grand Knight Mike Doellman (back left) and Keith Riemersma (State Youth Director back right).

## Hispanic Couples Retreat - Boise

A Hispanic couples retreat was hosted by Council 4013 on Saturday November 7th at St. Mary's school gym in Boise. Twenty members from councils 4013, 17462, and 16757 and 11 wives participated in the 6 hour retreat put on by Supreme Hispanic Coordinator Pona Magano. The first photo shows a couple from council 17462 leading the group in a decant of the rosary. The second photo is of some of the participants during a couple sharing activity.



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Knights of Columbus  
**INSURANCE**  
YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

The mission of the Knights of Columbus 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

## Non-Profit Donations - CDA

Council 12560 delivered checks totaling \$5,000 to five separate local non-profit groups serving our community. The funds were derived from our 2020 Charity Golf Tournament. We typically donate half of the available funds in the Fall and the other half in the Spring. As a result of the generosity of our donors, we will be giving a total of \$14,000 during this fraternal year. I am now in the process of submitting these photos to the Coeur d'Alene Press. I've learned through experience that our chances of getting them published improve greatly if I submit one photo per week to the paper as opposed to sending them all at once. The photo showing our donation to the Ronald McDonald House was printed this past Saturday in the Coeur d'Alene Press. Please use these photos as appropriate. Vivat Jesus.

Jim Burkhardt - Grand Knight



Council 12560 donated \$1,000 to the Ronald McDonald House in Coeur d'Alene. The Ronald McDonald House provides lodging and meals for families with a child undergoing extended medical treatment at Kootenai Health Hospital. From left: Ron Robarge, Terry Whalen, Mark Lang and Ronald McDonald House Development Manager Corinne Weber.



Council 12560 donated \$1,000 to the Open Arms Real Choices Pregnancy Center of Coeur d'Alene. The Center assists young, mostly single mothers make educated choices when they learn of their pregnancy. The Center offers ultrasound services. From left: Ron Robarge, Business Manager Victoria Nelson, Executive Director Dr. Richard Hawk, Terry Whalen, Advancement Manager Diane Samson and Mark Lang.



Council 12560 made a \$1,000 donation to Tesh, Inc. of Coeur d'Alene. For the past 46 years, Tesh has served our community by teaching life skills to individuals with physical and intellectual disabilities with the goal of allowing them to live independently. From left: Mark Lang, Terry Whalen, Tesh Vice President Terri Johnson, Tesh CEO Francis Huffman and Ron Robarge.



Council 12560 donated \$1,000 to the Holy Family Catholic School Success Campaign. The fund ensures that every child, regardless of faith or financial situation can attend Holy Family Catholic School in Coeur d'Alene. From left: Terry Whalen, Holy Family Office Manager Whitney Dudley, Holy Family Administrative Coordinator Tara Keith, Ron Robarge and Mark Lang.



Council 12560 donated \$1,000 to the St. Vincent DePaul Warming Center in Post Falls. When the outside temperature drops to 28 degrees or less, the Center opens its doors to our homeless residents. The Center has bed space for 42 men, women and children. From left: Ron Robarge, Mark Lang, Warming Center Manager Scott Parker, St. Vincent DePaul Development Manager Barb Smalley and Terry Whalen.



Keith Riemersma (left) and Mike Nally working their magic to help Joanne.

## The Gift of Safety - Pocatello

The Knights of Columbus Council 892 in Pocatello received a request to assist a Parishioner in need. In 2019, Joanne had a very debilitating stroke that left her unable to take care of herself. She was convalescing in a Rehab facility and was thought to spend the rest of her time there. After many months of working hard with the Physical Therapist, she was able to go home. Her caregivers constructed a wheelchair ramp but did not include rails on it. Three members of our Council 892 of Pocatello drove 25 miles to her house and constructed the rails to keep her from falling off of the wheelchair ramp. Assisting with this project was Mike Nally, Keith Riemersma PGK, and Kerry Hennessy PSD, PGK.

## 4 Knights for 4 Hours - Pocatello

**Who:** Keith Riemersma, Kerry Hennessy, John Spinner, Jim Price, Mike Nally and Grand Knight Mike Doellman.

**What:** Painting the Community Animal Hospital, winner of *Four Knights for Four Hours* at the auction at the Holy Spirit Catholic School Fundraising Gala.

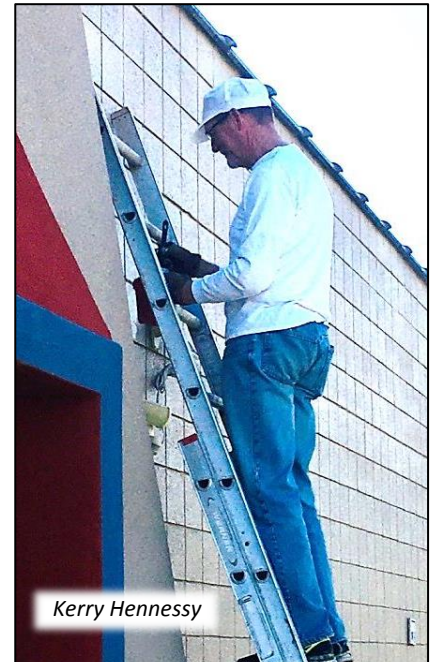
**Where:** Community Animal Hospital, 833 North 12th Avenue, Pocatello.

**When:** November 5, 2020. Pictures taken about 1 p.m.

**Why:** The Knights put in the equivalent of about 30 hours of work.

**How:** Paint sprayer and brushes.

**NOTES:** No picture with Keith in it but he was there.



Kerry Hennessy



Mike Nally (orange jacket) with Jim Price (tie-dye shirt).



John Spinner

## 23rd Inland Northwest Catholic Men's Retreat - Coeur d'Alene

October 29th, 2020

Dear Catholic Brothers in Christ:

It has been several weeks since we enjoyed our 23rd Annual Men's Retreat with Dr. Tom Curran. The results of our survey indicate that everyone was unanimous in their feeling that they were helped in their spiritual journey, with 80% rating the retreat as excellent and 20% rating it as good, which are among the best ratings we have ever seen.

Consider the next steps in your life. Are you willing to enter into the transformation that Christ wants for you and your life? What are the next steps for living this new reality in your life? Write down three significant changes you are making to your life after this retreat. Consider writing your response in preparation for Advent.

We as the committee are ready to be of assistance in any way that we can in our individual efforts at continued spiritual growth. The most important action we can take is frequent reception of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist and Reconciliation. Because this is not a journey we should undertake alone, we would encourage you to form or join small groups of Catholic men to meet regularly, with prayer, scriptures, and sharing. Through these groups you can also help encourage brothers on their journey. Committee members are willing to assist you in joining or forming a group.

We thank you for completing the survey at the retreat. Your feedback and insights have been shared with our retreat committee, Pastors, and our retreat masters. Thank you for the affirmations and suggestions. They will be used to plan our 24th Annual Retreat. If you know of anyone financially able to help underwrite the retreat next year, please let us know. Our expenses next year for travel and hosting expenses of the Vatican-based Cardinal will be substantially higher than we have experienced in the past.

In planning for next year, please ask your parish to put the 2021 retreat on the planning calendar: October 8-10th with Raymond Cardinal Burke. Those men who attended our 2020 retreat and also submit a paid registration by the deadline to be announced will be guaranteed a seat to hear Cardinal Burke. Please wait to submit until we send you the new announcement.

As you look at your digital copy of the picture taken of the retreat group (below), it is always fun to look back and remember the men who shared this spiritual experience with you. We shall pray for one another as we share the journey – walking the faith in the Body of Christ.

Please read the letter below from Mike Casey, a follow-up to his discussion at our retreat on the topic of Parish Intercessory Prayer. It should be an important part of your path forward!

As we prepare for this season of ADVENT, we are encouraged to use the tools....to be ready for Christmas. We send to you our very sincere Christmas Greetings! Have a Blessed Christmas!

For the Inland Northwest Catholic  
Men's Retreat Committee.

Mike Anderson      208-664-1498  
Mike Casey         509-869-0127

*Attendees October 16-17,  
2020 at St. Thomas Church  
in Coeur d'Alene.*





Dear Brothers;

“We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant, Fr. Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will.” How many tens of millions, hundreds of millions of times has our loving God heard this sentence from the prayer for Fr. McGivney’s canonization? Asking only to fulfill God’s holy will; requested humbly. No doubt, you, like I, have been saying this prayer of supplication for years. Now those prayers have been answered as our Venerable Founder becomes our Blessed Founder. The journey began December 18, 1997 when the Cause for Sainthood was opened in Hartford, Connecticut by Archbishop Daniel Cronin. Nearly five years later the official

document, the Positio, outlining the case for Fr. McGivney’s cause was sent to Rome. On March 15, 2008 Fr. McGivney was declared “Venerable” indicating he lived a life of heroic virtue. This year on May 27, nearly twenty-three years after his cause was opened, Pope Francis authorized a decree that a miracle attributed to Fr. McGivney’s intercession has been approved.

October 2020 will long be remembered as the month Fr. McGivney’s beatification Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. It is currently scheduled for October 31. This will be a time of great joy and happiness for all members of the Knights of Columbus.

Spotlighting our founder and his reasons for founding the Order; i.e., to strengthen men in their faith and to provide for the financial needs of families overwhelmed by illness or death of the breadwinner, this spotlight will draw more Catholic men to join with us. Our Order is an immense force for good in this world with the billions of dollars donated to worthy causes over the past decade, strengthening our fraternal bonds with acts of charity. The Knights of Columbus helps us husbands and fathers not only fortify our faith, but also provides an opportunity for us to protect our families. Is it significant that the approved miracle involved the son of one of our general agents from our insurance program?

I like to think so. When Patrick McGivney died unexpectedly, young Michael had to leave the seminary to help provide for his family. He and his family struggled through the loss of his father and then as the curate at St. Mary’s he saw parishioners facing similar situations. He saw a need and he took action. He organized; he led, he inspired. He was concerned with both the spiritual and the temporal well-being of those around him.

Speaking of being a man of action, now is the time for you to take action: You will soon receive, if you have not yet already received it, the 2020 Fraternal Survey. It may be filled out in paper form or online. Whether on paper or online, please take a minute to complete it. It will be prefilled with much of your information to make it a snap to complete. It will provide information that will help me serve you better. There is a very informative insert included in the survey packet. Please take a minute to review that, too.

I consider it a worthy calling to carry on the work of our soon to be Blessed Founder. It’s been my great pleasure to work with many of you to help you protect your family and I look forward to continuing to serve you. Please call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks to you for all the good works you carry out in the name of the Order. Your acts of charity are even more critical considering this current pandemic. Thank you for all you do!

Vivat Jesus!

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## Leaf Rake - Coeur d'Alene

St. Thomas Council 1363's annual leaf rake at St. Thomas Cemetery in Coeur d'Alene on Saturday, November 7th. Over 50 adults and many youngsters helped complete the project in less than two hours.

Blessings, Brother Mike Anderson



## St. Thomas the Apostle Cemetery - CDA

My Church in Coeur d'Alene, ID, St. Thomas the Apostle, as the cemetery is replacing their two Mary statues. This is one of only a few Catholic Cemeteries in Idaho. The new granite statues in the pictures cost a pretty penny.

If you or if you know of someone who would like to donate funds there is contact information below as well.

Nick Theisen - FDD, PGK, PFN, State Faith Director.

*Help refresh & refurbish our  
Historic  
St Thomas Cemetery  
while memorializing loved ones.*



*Risen Jesus*

*Mary,  
Queen of Heaven*



**Tax deductible  
sponsorship  
opportunities**



Some improvements have been completed! Our niche etching is now in easily readable white, the shed is newly painted and our 4 wayfinding signs are installed.

Still to come - new, black steel fencing and a refurbished cemetery sign. The Shrine will be remodeled in 2021!

These refinements to our cemetery offer an opportunity to memorialize your family and loved ones.

All donations are tax deductible. Check with your tax professional

208.664.9259 ext 3



### St Thomas Cemetery Sponsorship and Naming Opportunities

-All items can have multiple donors-

- Donations *do not* have to be for a specific amenity
- Naming opportunities begin with a donation of \$500 ("In Memory of...", etc.)
- Statue (2 available). 208.664.9259 ext. 3 for details
- Granite bench (2 available): \$1750 each
- Wayfinding sign (4 available): \$1000 each
- St Thomas Cemetery Sign: (1 available): \$5000
- Other naming opportunities available. Call 208.664.9259 ext. 3 for information
- All donations are tax deductible. Please check with your tax professional.
- Please make checks payable to: St Thomas Cemetery, 919 E Indiana, Coeur d'Alene, 83814

# Just in Case You Miss This!

2020



Knights of  
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## Fraternal Survey

I would like to share some new information regarding updated insurance benefits with you. In order to do so, please take a moment to fill out this survey and return it in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

You can also complete the survey online at:

[kofcsurvey2020.org](http://kofcsurvey2020.org)

This information program is a free benefit of your membership in the Knights of Columbus. Thank you. We appreciate your prompt response.

### FAMILY INFORMATION



Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Email \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Email \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Purchased a new home \_\_\_\_\_

Marital status has changed (describe)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Written a will or executed a trust during the year

Retired or planning to retire on \_\_\_\_\_

We are expecting a child \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in the best ways to leave assets to my family

Names and ages of children

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### I am interested in information concerning the following:

- Life insurance for myself, spouse or children
- No Lapse Guaranteed Universal life insurance
- Inexpensive term life insurance
- Mortgage insurance (mtg amount \$\_\_\_\_\_)
- Replacement of my group life insurance
- Insuring an uninsurable adult or child
- 401k, 403(b), 457, TSP or Pension rollover
- Contribute to or transfer an IRA or Roth IRA
- Annuities (competitive rate/no risk)
- Long-term care insurance options

- Life insurance/long-term combination solution
- Disability income insurance options
- General review of my financial situations
- "Am I able to retire" analysis
- CD alternatives
- Creating income for retirement
- College funding ideas
- Business succession planning
- Career as a KofC Field Agent





## St Pius X, Council 11623 - CDA



Pete Obligato, Tom Tintinger and Denny McMonigle (left to right) cook food for a recent Purposefully Catholic event.



Fr. John of St. Thomas and Fr. Flores (left to right) lead Purposefully Catholic events, which are available on the [St. Pius Facebook web page:](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/stpiuscda>

### KC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Knights of Columbus has been helping young people obtain this freedom since our founding. During the past year, the Supreme Council provided nearly \$1 million in scholarships to students attending colleges, universities, and seminaries. Learn more about what is offered and how to apply. Go to ... [kofc.org](http://kofc.org)



GK Tom Tintinger presents Family of the Month Certificate to Wayne Hash.

### Knights of Columbus Charities

Charity is at the heart of our work and our faith — and it always has been. For the Knights of Columbus, charity means supporting a virtually boundless variety of projects. Learn more. Go to ... [kofc.org](http://kofc.org)

### KC Faith in Action

Lead your family and community in faith and service through our local councils' programs. Get details at ... [kofc.org](http://kofc.org)

*The KC's have  
something for  
every man.  
Ask one to  
join us today!*



## Rake-A-Thon Pocatello

Brothers, Family and Friends gathered on November 12th at the corner of 13th and East Center in Pocatello to tidy up the property of this citizen of our community. Many thanks to Jim Price PFN for arranging this project and along with his wife Gail, Brian Jones, Dana Olsen, Grace Jory, Mitch Popa, and Brothers Kerry Hennessy PSD, Tom Reding, and Keith Riemersma, a truckload of bags were collected. Great work!



### THE LAST WORD

*Roy Bartholomay - Idaho State Deputy*

Dear Brother Knights,

Darcy and I wish all our Brother Knights and their families a Blessed and Merry Christmas. I also want to welcome nine new brother Knights into our order during November. Special thanks to Grand Knight Jim Burkhardt of Post Falls Council 12560 along with the brother Knights and their families from councils 12560, 11623 and 1363 for leading a large distribution of about 1,000 coats, 435 stocking hats, 108 pairs of gloves and mittens, 68 sock sets, and 170 scarfs in northern Idaho on November 27. The work of all our councils in our state to continue to get coats for kids in need during these trying times is another example of the great things we do that make me proud to be a Knight.

As we move into the Advent and Christmas season, I encourage all our councils to continue to work on our Leave No Neighbor Behind Program. Let's try to do our best to reach out to all our members in our councils to find out how they are doing and if we can help them in any way. The need for food in our local communities also continues to be a need that I encourage our Knights of Columbus Councils to continue to help with. This past month, I met with the leadership of Wish Medical in Moscow and toured their facility. They provide care and support and Ultra Sounds for pregnancies and their Statement of Faith is in line with our Catholic teaching, so if your councils can donate funds for an ultrasound machine, we want to do our best to be able to put a new machine in their clinic next spring. We are also starting the process to see if we can provide funding support for an ultrasound machine for the Lifeline Pregnancy Care Center in Nampa.

Vivat Jesus.



*Vivat Jesus!*

