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Idaho Knights in Action

St Pius X, Council 11623 - CDA

Coats for Kids Drive

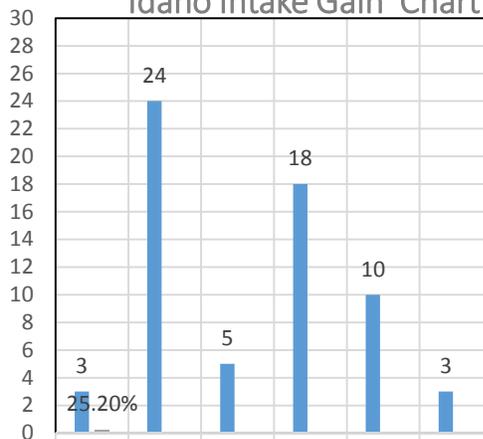
Thanks to brother Knights Tom Tintinger, Craig Frei, Pete Obligato, Don Chilcott, and Joshua Schultz who helped with the Coats for Kids distribution at St. George's in Post Falls on Friday November 27th.



Membership Report

We are half way through of the fraternal year and it seems like it just started. This year has taught us to be patient and flexible at everything we do. When it comes to our membership intake, it's no different. We brought in three new members during the month and there were three members that were removed from our rosters as of December 28, 2020 (the time of this submission). Please see the chart below as a reference although the chart does not show the removals.

Idaho Intake Gain Chart



Monthly New Members	3	24	5	18	10	3
Total Percentage	25.20%					

Incentive Ideas

I have listed a few recruitment incentives for the second half of the fraternal year that I am working with the state council on. Your district deputy will let you know once they get approved.

1. We are in the process of getting a code to offer half off the online membership dues through April 30, 2020.
2. The district with the highest recruitment between January thru March 2021 gets a reserved table and recognition for all representatives of the councils of that district at the convention or 100 dollars total for the district if the convention is streamlined again this year.
3. The state council to be hosting a barbeque for the council who brings in the most recruits between January 1st thru June 30, 2021.
4. Each council that recruits a new member in January gets 25.00 dollars.

There are three councils that are being awarded the 20% off the state per capita for this year's assessment for meeting 100% of their membership intake goal by December 31, 2020. They are listed below:

Council	Percentage of Goal
Cathedral Spanish Council 17462	200 %
Weiser Council 13089	200 %
St. George Council 12560	100 %

Hang Them High - Pocatello

Many thanks to Keith Riemersma and Drew Riemersma, Bob Fitzsimmons and Tom Reding for their efforts in putting up Christmas lights on the priest's residence by St. Joseph's Chapel Saturday, December 5th.

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State Chaplain - Father John Kucera's Homily



My Brother Knights,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I hope this message finds you well. During this last Advent season, for some reason I was drawn to the song "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." There are of course many different verses to the song, and each one begins with a different way of invoking God, like O Come Emmanuel, or O come Thou Wisdom from on High, or O Come Thou Dayspring from on High, etc. More than just singing a song, we are invoking the Lord in prayer, asking God to come, and help us with His Power, Might and Grace. One of the last verses goes:

"O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind; Bid every strife and quarrel cease and fill the world with heaven's peace."

Wow, isn't that something we need now, to really have Christ's peace in our hearts, to heal the strife and quarrels that exist in our world, nation, families and personal lives. When Jesus came to us as a baby many years ago there were great strife and quarrels happening in that time. We have our own strife and quarrels today that need to be overcome. And yet let us remember that we don't need to do this alone. Emmanuel, which means God is with us, is indeed with us. Those same words the angel spoke to the shepherds are for us as well, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord" (Luke 2:10-11). Shortly after, many angels appeared singing, "Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests" (Luke 2:14).

What an experience that must have been! My brothers, the truth is, is that we have access to Jesus the Prince of Peace just like the Shepherds did, or Mary and Joseph, or the first Apostles. Jesus who was laid in a manger, a food box for animals, now comes to us under the appearances of bread and wine as our food on the altar in the Eucharist. Jesus of course comes to us in many and various ways, such as in the Word of God, the other Sacraments or whenever we pray, but in a special way in the Eucharist. Just as people missed it when Jesus came as a baby, we can miss Him in our own lives if we are too busy. One of the reasons our world is so full of strife and quarrels is that we forget to come to the Prince of Peace and allow His love to bind our hearts in mutual love and respect of one another. How can we like Mary, St. Joseph and the Shepherds, take time to ponder the great mysteries of our faith and to actually go and visit the Prince of Peace? I don't know if you have thought of this before but whenever we come and visit Jesus in the Eucharist, it is as if we are the Shepherds going to see the Christ child in the Manger. Maybe we don't understand what is happening, or we feel nervous like we don't know what to do when we are in the presence of our Lord, but I would echo the words of the angel, "Do not be afraid!" Jesus will lead and guide you.

Perhaps it is helpful for us to think about coming before Jesus when he was a child. Do any of you feel threatened by a child? There is something adorable and irresistible about being around a baby, and we can let our guard down and truly be ourselves. I think of the precious moments when I am with my niece or some of your kids. How God longs to be united with us, with the loving tenderness that parents have for their children. Jesus desires to truly fill our hearts with His love and peace; to dispel the strife and quarrels in our lives, to heal the false images we have about God that are preventing us from coming to Him. One great way to allow this to happen is to come to visit Jesus in the Eucharist.

As we enter into this Christmas season I pray that Christ the Prince of Peace, may enter into all of our lives in a new way. If you are interested in a way of searching for and maintaining peace in your life I highly recommend Fr. Jacques Philippe's book "Searching for and Maintaining Peace." As he says in the book, "Often we cause ourselves to become agitated and disturbed by trying to resolve everything by ourselves, when it would be more efficacious to remain peacefully before the gaze of God and to allow Him to act and work in us with His wisdom and power, which are infinitely superior to ours. For thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: By waiting and by calm you shall be saved; in quiet and in trust your strength lies, but you would have none of it (Isaiah 30:15)" (pg. 6).

Know you are in my prayers this Christmas season and throughout the New Year. Take Care and God Bless.

Fundraising During Covid-19 - Meridian

Brother Dennis Kuntz, Holy Spirit Council #11548, Holy Apostles in Meridian, came up with a replacement event for the Pancake Breakfasts he's overseen for years that the Council had to cancel. He came up with a substitute event that would meet Covid-19 guidelines and raise money for council charities. He introduced the sale of cinnamon rolls in the courtyard, using CDC guidelines, and an organized crew of volunteers to prep, bake, and sell packages of four rolls for a donation. His goal was to bake off 200 units for the trial event and 280 for the first published event, knowing that the church is practicing social distancing and not as full as it normally would be. The parish stepped up and not only grabbed all 480 units they donated over \$3,000.

"I'm very pleased this went so smooth," said Brother Dennis. "We had a crew of just three in the kitchen, all practicing social distancing and wearing masks. We had another group covering two masses overseeing the sale table. Again, everyone was great about social distancing."

"No question this was a good event for us, with the profits from the trial sale going to St Vincent DePaul and our second event profits going to Holy Apostles "Be the Light" campaign, designed to fill in and replace the annual Giving Tree event," said Grand Knight Scott Holman. "Brother Dennis stepped up, as did Council members with about 100 volunteer hours, and obviously the generosity of our parish members made this a big success".

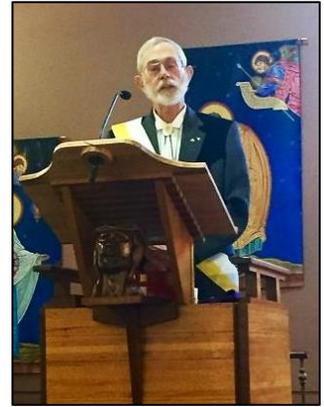


Exemplification - Post Falls

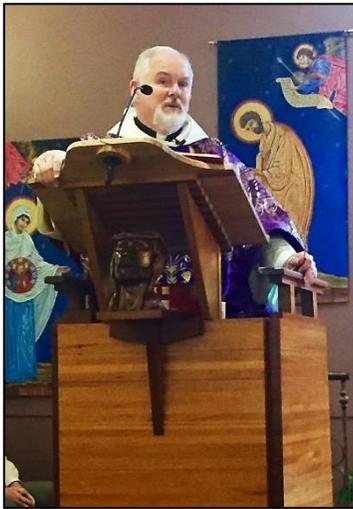
Brothers,

This past Sunday (December 6th), Council 12560 held an In-Person Exemplification Ceremony and Mass for our five newest Knights at St. George's in Post Falls. Our Pastor agreed to conduct a solo Mass in honor of the occasion. A total of 35 Knights, Knights family members and parishioners attended. Combining the ceremony with a Mass made for a somewhat long service of 1.5 hours. But, having the ceremony with a Mass made it a pretty special event for the new Knights and their families. The feedback was very positive.

Thanks. Jim Burkhardt



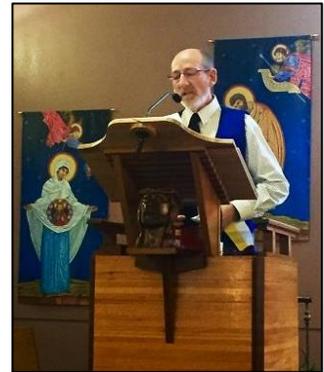
Former GK, Brother Don Beck was the Moderator.



Father Tim Ritchey, our Worthy Chaplain, delivers the Homily.



Our ceremonial team waiting to read.



Brother John Loutsis discusses the lesson on Charity.



Deacon Mike Petony aka Brother Mike reads the Gospel.

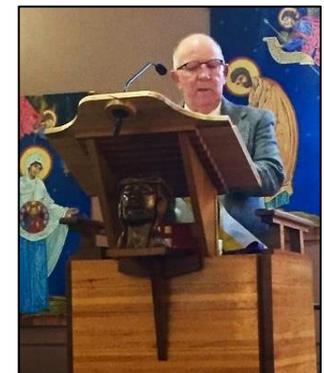


Brother Steve Gonnella was our Reader.



Brother Bruce Kauffman addresses the lesson on Unity.

Our newest Knights from left. Brothers David Marcoe, Austin Anderson, Paul Wagner and Frank Quinn. Not pictured is Brother John Dressler.



Brother Lance Stephens discusses the lesson of Fraternity.



Knights of Columbus **INSURANCE**

YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

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 Knights of Columbus 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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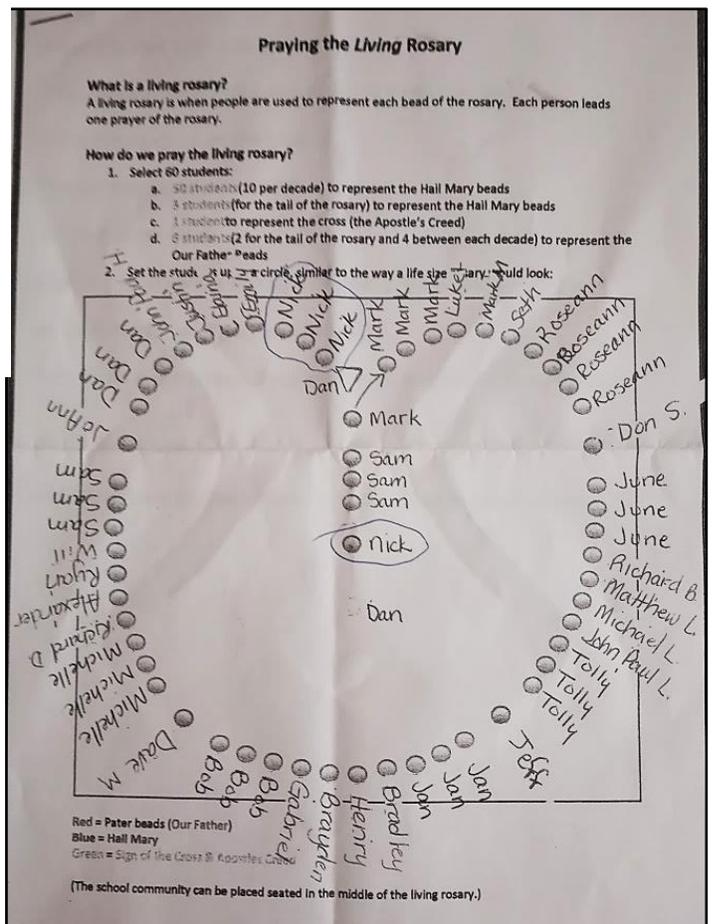
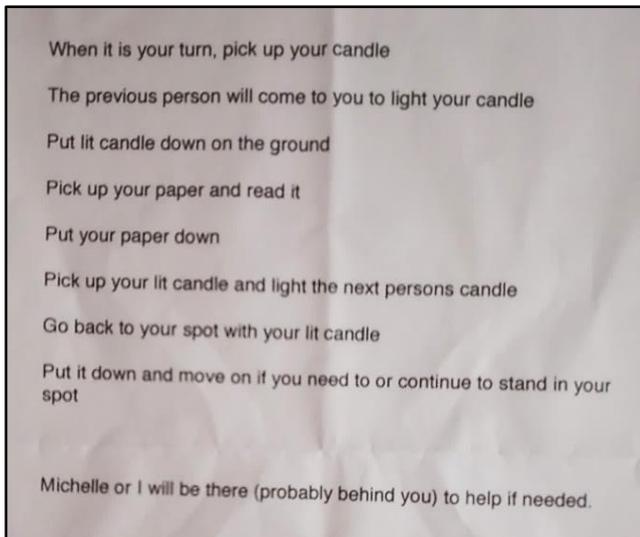
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Live Rosary

The Boy Scouts Catholic Committee when I was involved did a retreat. And an activity that was done was a human rosary chain, or also called a Live Rosary. The 2 images show how it was laid out. It was quite a fun activity and a possible option should Knights like to do something different with saying the rosary.

Nick Theisen - Idaho State Faith Director



The Upgraded Kennedy Hall Pocatello

After months of having two walls built out from cinder block to sheetrock, painted, and new carpeting installed the result is now a homey, friendly space to share Brotherhood. Thanks to the many KC's who made it happen.





THE LAST WORD

Roy Bartholomay - Idaho State Deputy

Dear Brother Knights,

Darcy and I wish all our Brother Knights and their families a Happy New Year! I also want to welcome three new brother Knights into our order during December. Congratulations to Councils 17462, 13089, and 12560 for reaching their membership goal before the end of December and earning a 20 % rebate on their State per capita billing that will be sent out in January. Congratulations to Council's 11623, 12560, 4058, 1397, 1663, 8283, 5444, 1416, 2685, 12854, 3703, 899, and 10581 for reaching out to me and letting me know about all the great programs they have been contributing too for the past 6 months and earning their \$100 program incentive. I think many of the other councils are also donating to many worthy causes, and I just want to hear from them on what they are doing. Grand Knights, please reach out to me before the end of January if your council has donated to enough worthy causes to reach your program incentive for the first 6 months of the year.

As we move into the New Year, we continue to hope and pray that the vaccines for COVID-19 will be affective and timely. We have had a lot of brother Knights in the State that have tested positive and some became quite sick and some not so much. As adult men, please continue to inform yourself on the safety measures you can take to remain healthy, and let's continue to do all we can to help and care for those less fortunate.

Vivat Jesus,



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