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Idaho Knights in Action

Blue Mass Breakfast - CDA 1363

Recently St. Thomas Knights provided Breakfast to the parish after a Blue Mass honoring all law, fire and emergency workers, plus military veterans. Pictured here in the kitchen are GK Lee Lutovsky, Brother Bill Lasher, and Chancellor Kevin Eikermann (left to right). In the background are Warden and Kitchen Chief Ray Stongle and Brother Con Kingrey.

Blessings, Brother Mike Anderson





Knights of Columbus INSURANCE

YOUR SHIELD FOR LIFE

Every sport, every enterprise, every organization, every industry has their top reps, their all-stars and their most valuable players. They are the ones who give their all 100% of the time; they represent their companies masterfully, they get customers and retain them, they provide extraordinary service, they inspire their colleagues to reach heights no one thought attainable. Well, the insurance industry is no different and I'd like to take a few minutes to tell you about that.

The life insurance industry has an organization called the Million Dollar Round Table or MDRT. It is an international organization that was founded in 1927 and it recognizes agents for their commitment to excellence, professionalism, outstanding service and the highest ethical standards. In our industry, these are the hallmarks of the all-stars.

"Big deal!" you might say. "What's so special about that?" Let me tell you what is so special about membership in the Million Dollar Round Table. Across the industry in a normal year, only about 2% of agents meet the stringent requirements to become an MDRT member. We've had a great track record at the KofC over the last four or five years where 10 or 11% of our agents qualified for membership. That's about five times the industry average...pretty impressive!

But last year was anything but normal and we had an anything but normal group qualify for MDRT: 38%, yes, you read correctly, 38% of our field force qualified for membership in this prestigious organization. There were only three other companies in the USA that had a higher number of qualifiers, but none came close to our percentage of qualifiers. Imagine that, the KofC beat out some of the biggest names in the industry.

What's all this mean to you? This kind of result doesn't come about by accident. It demonstrates the Knights of Columbus commitment to give you, our members and your families, a highly trained, qualified and committed financial services professional. My job is to use my skill and knowledge to make sure you understand the issues of protecting your family from the unknown.

Let's get together soon...and I'll tell you about my Million Dollar Round Table journey. Vivat Jesus!

Assembly Actions

Dave Ellingsen - Idaho District Master



On September 1, Joe Schaecher took over as the Vice Supreme Master of Archbishop Norbert Blanchet Province from Jesse Villareal. I am looking forward to meeting Joe at the Provincial Meeting in Seattle on October 9. On October 30th at Holy Apostles we will hold a Fourth Degree Exemplification in Meridian. I am hoping to have a good turnout. This is a great opportunity for our Treasure Valley Assemblies to advance new members into the Fourth Degree.

Additionally, the Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard, has sent out a memorandum from the September 10-12 Supreme Assembly Meeting calling for the Fourth Degree to lead the support for the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS) in support of vocations. The AMS has a program to split the cost of \$40,000 per year formation with the seminarian's home diocese up to \$20,000 for a commitment to serve as a military chaplain prior to returning to the home diocese. The AMS receives no government or military funding. Currently they only have 200 of 800 positions for Catholic Chaplains filled, and along with Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly, Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard has called on the Fourth Degree to help spearhead financial support this important program for the men and women serving to protect our religious freedom in the military. Please read the attached memorandum, and contribute to this important cause.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Vice Supreme Masters
District Masters

From: Dennis J. Stoddard
Supreme Master

RE: Military Chaplain Scholarship Fund

Date: September 16, 2021

At the September 10-12, 2021, Supreme Assembly Meeting held in New Haven, CT. Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly addressed the Vice Supreme Masters on the importance of the Co-sponsored Military Chaplain Scholarship Fund.

Supreme Knight Kelly once again charged the Fourth Degree of our Order to lead this most important program and continue the campaign to raise the necessary funds to educate our seminarian students.

You should all be aware of our previous support of priestly vocations for the military through the scholarship program, reserved exclusively for seminarians who will, once ordained, serve both their home diocese and the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, as a uniformed chaplain.

The Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program of which chaplain candidates are members, is a vocations partnership between the AMS and cooperating dioceses and religious communities around the country.

Co-sponsored means that a cooperating, non-AMS bishop or religious agrees to accept a prospective chaplain in his territorial diocese or religious community as a seminarian, and the seminarian will participate in the chaplain candidacy program of one of the U.S. Military branches.

The AMS and the seminarian's home diocese split the cost of \$40,000-per-year formation in half of the tuition, room and board, and other expenses, up to \$20,000 a year per Co-Sponsored Seminarian

Meanwhile, the AMS is struggling to pay the Co-Sponsored Seminarians' tuition and other formation expenses. The AMS receives no funding from the military or the government and gratefully welcomes donations.

The Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus has taken on this charge from the AMS and has since 2011, donated over \$2 million dollars.

At our Supreme Assembly meeting, Supreme Knight Kelly recommitted the Fourth Degree of our Order to continue our support of the AMS Co-Sponsored program through the 2023 fraternal year.

Our goal is to work with each State Deputy, District Master, Grand Knight, and Faithful Navigator to promote this most important program.

Every council, assembly and yes, ladies auxiliary, should consider making a small monthly donation, single payment donation, and to host fund raising events throughout the fraternal year.

It is important that our members are aware that people in military service to their country is a very special vocation. Those who serve their country in the armed forces are subject to special conditions of life which demand a suitable adapted apostolate. They are engaged in the most delicate ministry of peace and love. The co-sponsored program recognizes that this ministry requires a special calling, the military form of life demands an extraordinary flexibility and creativity. At the same time, it offers exceptional challenges to chaplains who have personal access to thousands of young people. The potential benefits for the Church at large through priestly ministry to military personnel is enormous.

Understand that we have just over 800 billets for Catholic Chaplains, yet we have around 200 on active duty, the need is there, your support is greatly needed.

It is most important that you distribute the following information to your members.

Donations should be made payable to:
Knights of Columbus Charities
On the memo line write "Military Chaplains."

Mail checks to:
Knights of Columbus
Attn: Maryann Ludington, Charities
One Columbus Plaza
New Haven, CT 06510



Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Dennis J. Stoddard
Supreme Master



Fr. Kucera, John (Pettinger) & Dave (Molitor). I recently (09/25/2021 @ 2:47 pm) received a phone text ...

"David, I need a favor from you please text me back as soon as possible. Father John T. Kucera"

The phone number utilized by the texter was 208-556-7049. I checked the KofC Idaho State directory and this phone number is not yours, Father. I tried to reverse directory the phone number without success. I suspect someone has utilized the KofC State directory to attempt a scam.

Thank you and Peace. Dave Palumbo

EDITOR'S NOTE: Father Henry Carmona in Pocatello has had numerous scam texts over the last year. Protect yourself and be smart.

Knight of the Month – CDA 1363

Brother Joe Drobnock of St. Thomas Council 1363, its long-time Treasurer, receiving the Knight of Month award. Pictured from left are District Deputy Rich Freedle, Brother Joe Drobnock, and Grand Knight Lee Lutovsky.

Thanks & Blessings, Brother Mike Anderson



Iron Men Knights of North Idaho State Fair – CDA 1363

St. Thomas Council 1363 recently recognized the outstanding contributions of two Brother Knights for their inspiring efforts at the Knight's food booth, where both Gary Fessler of St. Pius Council 11623 and Ray Stongle of St. Thomas Council 1363 work every shift of the 10-day event. Pictured with their spouses are (from the left) are Ray and Barbara Stongle and Julie Fessler. Each Council netted \$5900.00 from the Fair, their principal fundraiser.

Blessings. Brother Mike Anderson



Award Winners – CDA 1363

This picture shows St. Thomas Council 1363's annual award winners for the 2020-2021 Year. On the left is Brother Kevin JENNE', Family of the Year recipient, in the middle is Grand Knight Lee Lutovsky, and on the right is Brother Ray Stongle, recipient of the Knight of the Year award. Thanks for all you do. Other pictures to follow.

Blessings, Brother Mike Anderson

Getting the Word Out – Meridian 11548

Here is a photo of Meridian council members promoting membership and hosting a coffee hour at Our Lady of the Lake Parish in McCall on Sunday, September 26th. Thanks to everyone. SD Roy Bartholomay

Worthy Brothers from Council 11548 Holy Apostles Meridian.

Church recruitment drive and hosted coffee hour following the 9 AM Mass Sunday at Our Lady of the Lake parish McCall Idaho. Vivat Jesus! Cory Newell





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS NORBERT BLANCHET PROVINCE
District of Idaho



September 23, 2021

Subject: Fourth Degree Exemplification
Saturday – October 30, 2021
Holy Apostlet Catholic Church, 6300 N Meridian Rd., Meridian, ID 83646

Dear Brother Knight:

The next Exemplification of the Fourth Degree is scheduled for Saturday, October 30, 2021 in Meridian. Everything is being readied and the Sir Knights of Bishop Sylvester Treinen Assembly #275 are looking forward to hosting this event, having you become a Sir Knight, attaining the highest degree of the Order ... the **Patriotic Degree**.

QUALIFICATIONS:

You must be Third Degree members in good standing as verified by your Council's Financial Secretary. A scanned Form 4 needs to be filled out completely and emailed to District Master David Ellingsen as soon as possible (address below). The original Form 4 must be mailed to the District Master a week in advance or brought to the exemplification for registration. Make sure that Form 4 is filled out properly with Council Financial Secretary statement of good standing, Candidate, Proposer, FN and FC signatures on appropriate lines. The Form 4 should be accompanied with the appropriate cost made payable to "David Ellingsen, District Master". A scan of the form 4 should be forwarded to me as soon as possible or contact me about pending applicants so their names can be included in the program. Make sure the candidate membership number and all (five) required signatures are included on the Form 4.

COSTS:

The exemplification fee is \$50. The fee covers a Fourth-Degree pin, social baldric, and the Exemplification fee paid to Supreme. This is the Total fee for online exemplification. The Total fee for in-person is \$70 and covers the exemplification fee as well as the candidate's meal. It does **NOT** cover the candidate's wife or other guest tickets. Additional banquet tickets are available at \$20.00 each for wives, family members, or guests with an RSVP and pre-payment by Oct. 22, 2021. Without an RSVP and pre-payment, additional tickets may or may not be available for \$25.00 at the door. The check for the additional dinners at should be made out to "Bishop Treinen Assembly". The \$50 online, or \$70.00 in person check is made payable to "David Ellingsen, District Master". Please confirm your head count so the Assembly can prepare properly for the Exemplification and Banquet. All checks may be mailed to District Master David Ellingsen before Oct. 22. Checks or Cash may be accepted from in-person candidate during registration provided proper candidate registration made by October 22, 2021.

DRESS:

The desired dress for a candidate is black or dark suit (blue or gray business suit with black shoes, white dress shirt (plain front, no French cuffs, or button-down collars) and tie. If the candidate is a member of the military, a full-time police or firefighter, then a Class A or dress uniform may be worn. Fourth Degree members there to observe must be in dark business suit, tuxedo, or the new uniform. PLEASE, no blue jeans or cowboy boots will be permitted. Online candidates should follow the dress code as well.

SCHEDULE:

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM. – Registration of in person candidates ... Holy Apostles Catholic Church,
12:45 - 1:00P.M (MDT) (Note 12:45-12:00P.M. Pacific Daylight Time for those joining online from that time zone.)
1:30 – 3:00 PM. – Degree work (free Women's Tea available with RSVP during Degree)
3:00 – 5:00 PM. – Picture taking (posed Knighting, group photo, etc.) and Clean-up
5:00 – 6:00 PM. – Mass at Holy Apostles Catholic Church
6:00 – 7:00 PM. – Social Hour Cash Bar with beer and wine
7:00 – 8:00 PM. – Banquet Program, Holy Apostles Hall – Dinner choice of Tri-tip or Chicken Masala With reservation.

VERY IMPORTANT: We must have a firm head count for the banquet including candidates, member observers, wives, and guests. Therefore, we need the number of people coming **No later than Oct. 22, 2021.** Wives are not permitted to watch the Fourth Degree Ceremony at this time, a free Women's Tea has been planned with RSVP during the Degree. Wives are invited to attend Mass with our group and the Banquet Dinner following the degree. If you have questions, please contact - David Ellingsen at (208)961-1200 or email ellingsen4@live.com.

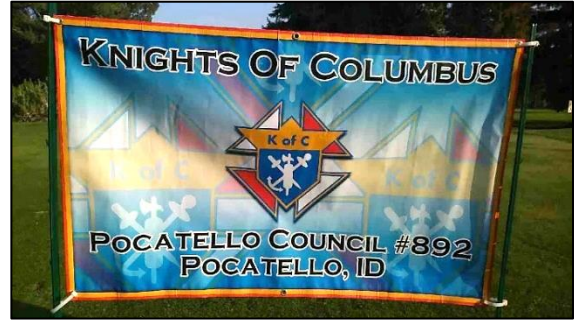
Thank you very much for considering this advancement to Sir Knight. I look forward to seeing you on October 30, 2021.

David Ellingsen, Idaho District Master

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Golf Tournament – Pocatello 892

The annual Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament was held September 12th at Riverside Golf Course in Pocatello. It was a resounding success. We had 76 golfers participate. Included in this number were players DD #1 John Krsul of Council 1663 in Idaho Falls; a brother Knight from Blackfoot who brought a prospective candidate, and State Deputy Roy Bartholomay. We had over 60 local businesses who supported us with hole sponsorships, or for items in our very popular raffle.



Thank so much to you brothers who played in the tournament and brought your friends, who volunteered today at the course, or at the parish gym for our dinner, or in soliciting donations. A special thank you goes to our "Tournament Director Emeritus", Jim Robinson, who helped guide us at every step of the planning and execution of this event.

Many thanks as well to others who pitched in. It should be noted that 70% of the net proceeds will be donated to Health West to help defray the cost of purchasing a Pediatric Auditory & Vision testing machine.

It's days like these that makes us very proud to be Knights and that show the community what a great organization we have.

Submitted by:

- Keith Riemersma – Tournament Director, State Youth & Activities Director
- Kerry Hennessy – Tournament Director, Past State Deputy, District Deputy #2
- Jim Robinson – Tournament Director Emeritus



Past State Deputy Kerry Hennessy (left) and Keith Riemersma taking a brief respite before the fun begins.



State Deputy Roy Bartholomay (yellow arrow) getting ready to sign-in for his opportunity to smoke the competition.



Don Tehle (gold hat) and Financial Secretary Fred Davis (blue shirt) manning the registration table.



L to R: GK Mike Doellman and Jim Robinson putting the goodie bags together.



The "Emeritus Team". L to R: Patrick Nelson; Wes Johnson; Larry Johnson; and Brother and Sir Knight Jim Robinson (Tournament Director Emeritus).



Membership Report

We are through the first quarter of the fraternal year and we brought in 24 new members for the year. At the time of this submission there were 13 new members in September and Idaho is ranked in 61st spot of all jurisdictions of the order and are sitting at 10% growth rate.

State Incentives

* The top council with the most new members towards the percentage of their goal from July 1st thru Sept 30, 2021 gets 200.00 cash.

UPDATE - At the time of this submission, there are three councils that are tied in the top spot.

* The 2nd place council will receive 100.00 cash.

* Every council to earn 100 % of their goal by December 31, 2021 will receive a 150.00 cash.

Supreme Incentive

First Quarter: Takeoff

UPDATE - Idaho has very good chance at winning the competition and getting money from supreme. Any money that Idaho gets will be redistributed to the council who recruited members.

Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

A monthly reflection and practical challenge from Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori

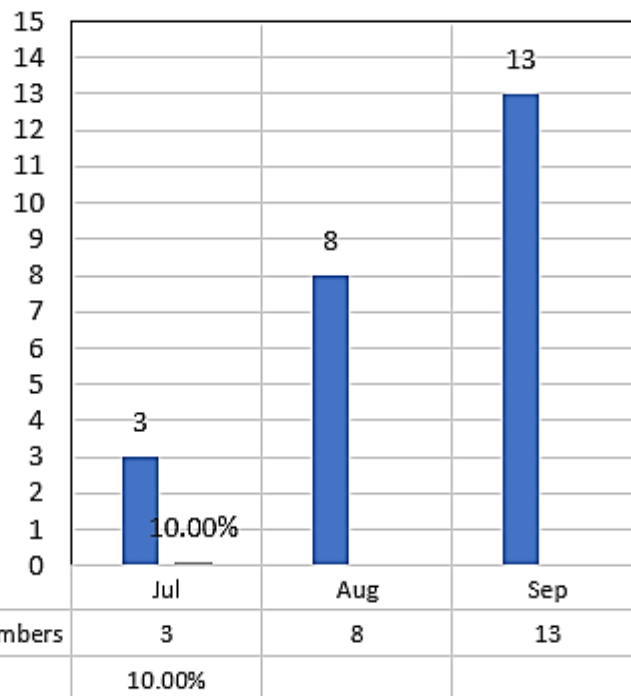
They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (Gospel for Sept. 19, Mk 9:34-35)

Naturally, in every good undertaking — whether doing one's job, helping another or playing a sport — we ought to strive for excellence, for greatness. But here, Jesus gives that thinking a twist: If we want to be great in the kingdom of heaven, we must embrace humility and become servants. We must not seek headlines, but rather give of ourselves for the sake of others, for the common good. My brothers, let us forgo seeking earthly glory in favor of being selfless "team players" in building the kingdom of heaven.



Challenge: This month, I challenge you to watch the "Leadership" episode of the *Into the Breach* video series and use the study guide to reflect on what true humility and service look like. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Soccer Challenge or Free Throw Championship program.

Circle of Honor



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In celebration of Special Olympic Idaho's Golden Anniversary year, it is with pride that we announce the creation of a new event to celebrate the history and achievements of those who have made our 50 years so spectacular.

We are hosting our inaugural 'Night of Champions' event in three regions across Idaho, which will focus the spotlight on our athletes, volunteers, coaches, law enforcement partners, and sponsors.

Night of Champions will be our single largest fundraising event of the year, where we will acknowledge five decades of athlete championship through our Walk of Decades. The night will also feature a delicious catered dinner, music, displays, silent and live auctions, along with a few incredibly unique raffle opportunities.

Special Olympics Idaho serves nearly 3,000 athletes in one of the nation's fastest growing states. This event will enable us to help meet the need for the growing population of individuals with intellectual disabilities.

It is with enthusiasm that we invite you to be part of this special evening as a sponsor or through the donation of auction items.

We look forward to working with you in support of this inaugural event. . . ."

I have asked if they intend to include the Knights of Columbus as one of the organizations that have helped make their success possible, and have had no response. I'll bring the subject up if and when I talked to the CEO, Kris Kraft.

The "Night of Champions" events have apparently been changed to a single event to be held in Nampa at the Civic Center on November 6th.

The only other item is this: The organizers of the annual "Turkey Day" ½ marathon have declared that the is back on the calendar after a one-year covid related absence. As usual, the event will be held Thanksgiving morning in downtown Boise. As has been the case the past seven years, the organizers have asked the Knights of Columbus to provide course marshals to direct traffic at the intersections affected by the marathon. In return, the organizers will make a monetary donation to one or more local Special Olympics clubs the exact amount depending on the number of volunteers supplied by the Knights. In past years, Knights from St. Mark's Council have raised an average of \$1,200.00 for the Boise Community Stars Club. This year the plan is to open the call for volunteers to all Treasure Valley councils. For more information contact State Special Olympics Chairman Jim Barclay at 208-869-5839 or jimabarclay@q.com.

I have information that funds raised for local clubs must now go through Special Olympics Idaho headquarters to be distributed to the selected clubs, minus a percentage withheld by the state organization. That too I have been unable to verify.

I think we should go with the "Turkey Day" article. If, for some reason, the marathon falls through, I can write about that next month.

Jim Barclay – Special Olympics Chair
208-869-5839

Guide and Protect

Fathers must safeguard their children from modern dangers with loving discipline and spiritual leadership. Many fathers are stretched thin, struggling to balance marriage, family and a career. Fortunately, Catholic dads have a powerful model in St. Joseph, the prayerful warrior.

Pray for Us

*Just because you stop working
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THE LAST WORD

Roy Bartholomay - Idaho State Deputy

Dear Brother Knights,

Welcome to the 14 new brother Knights brought into our councils during September.

I hope you are doing well and are enjoying the changing season to fall. This past month the State Council established a 501 C3 general charity account with the Supreme Office that is now available for charitable donations that we can distribute as needed to all our causes. We are also opening a second charity account for ultrasound machine purchases. Thanks to State Treasurer Dan Moberg for getting those set up and thanks also to PSD's Shane Gehring, Kerry Hennessy, and Chuck Davlin for researching our options for the past couple years!

This coming month our Supreme Regional Growth Director Chuck Davlin and myself will be making road trips to all our state areas to help train council officers, membership directors, and just answer any questions you may have about the Knights of Columbus and how to be more engaged as a council. We will be at meeting rooms in Lewiston at All Saints Catholic Church on October 5; Coeur d' Alene at St. Pius Church on October 6; Idaho Falls at Christ the King Hall on October 18, Twin Falls at the Guadalupe Center on October 19, and at a classroom at Holy Apostles in Meridian on October 21. All the meetings will be at 7 PM local time and food and fraternity will be provided. Look forward to seeing many of you in October!

Vivat Jesus.



Vivat Jesus!

