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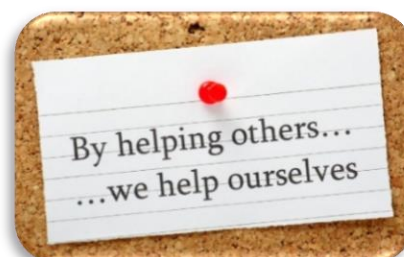
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Idaho Knights in Action

A Brother in Need

Knights from Rupert Council 2792 held a breakfast fundraiser for a brother knight who was struck by a hit and run driver while riding his motorcycle to work.

Nathan Davis is the father of seven young children and his wife, Kim, has been busy caring for him and their children. The community came together in support of this family in large fashion. Including a donation from Council 2792, we were able to raise \$2600.00 to help with the related medical expenses. Nate has had several surgeries to repair his shattered leg, and more are on the horizon. Please pray for the Davis family as they work to keep their household moving forward, and thank you to all who have contributed to this great need.



Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: “A voice of one crying out in the desert: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.’” (Gospel for Dec. 5, Lk 3:3-4)

The preaching of John the Baptist reminds us what Advent is all about: turning away from sin and preparing for the coming of the Lord. It's all too easy to get sidetracked or distracted by Christmas shopping and parties and fail to prepare spiritually for Christ's coming. My brothers, let us truly prepare our hearts this Advent — and help our families do the same — so that we might fully and fruitfully celebrate Christ's birth.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to prayerfully incorporate both an Advent calendar and Advent wreath into your Christmas preparations. Second, I challenge you to undertake the Keep Christ in Christmas Faith in Action program.

Questions for Reflection:

How can you avoid getting excessively distracted by your work obligations or holiday stress during the weeks of Advent? What can you do to set aside time for prayer, confession and other spiritual preparations for Christmas?

How can you lead your family in staying focused on the true spirit of the coming Christmas feast?



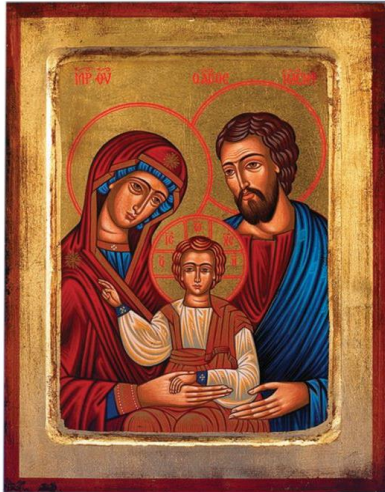
Being a Neighbor - Pocatello

Council 892 was on duty November 6th to help rake leaves for a community member that is unable to do the task. FFN Jim Price arranged the effort in conjunction with the Pocatello Free Clinic that uses the money raised to enable their services to the needy. Many hands do light work as the crew raked the entire yard in less than an hour.

Kerry Hennessy – Past State Deputy; District Deputy #2



Holy Family Icon Incentive



Good day Brother Knights,

I want to share some thoughts on how to do the Family of the Month and also earn a Holy Family Icon for your council. Whether your council is meeting on a regular basis or not, you can still recognize a Family of the Month and submit the #10784 online form to Supreme. Here is some guidance from the Family of the Month guidebook, and after I will share about earning the icon:

COMMITTEE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES: Each council should establish a committee charged with the responsibility of selecting a Family of the Month each month. Set up guidelines to help your committee choose the most deserving parish family for this honor. Listed below are some suggestions that may be helpful to your committee.

1. Committees should be made up of members who know many of the council and parish families and who want to support family life.
2. Committee members should interview parish priests, neighbors, council members, etc., to get recommendations, references and evaluations concerning families. They should also speak directly to the families considered.
3. The committee should consider the following factors in their search for a Family of the Month: • Is the family tight-knit? Does the family spend quality time together? • Does the family attend weekly Mass together? Does the family pray together outside of Mass? • Has the family made significant contributions to the parish and church community? • Does the family serve as a model of Catholic family values?
4. The Family of the Month committee doesn't need to seek out a "Super Family" each month. The committee should look for a family that lives traditional Christian family values and deserves recognition for doing so.

First off, notice that it stresses "parish" families and not just council families. Your family of the month does not need to be a Knight, though they may decide to become one after being recognized by you. Also, recognize that all of this can be done through email and/or phone calls by a small committee. You don't have to have meetings or even hold events to recognize a Family of the Month. It can be families that clean the church, or are religious ed teachers, or lectors/eucharistic ministers/ushers, etc. It also could be a parish family that is active in your community. Working at the food bank, visiting senior citizens/hospitals/prisons, etc. Which families can you name right now off the top of your head that do spiritual and corporal works of mercy that you can honor as a Family of the Month?

I am sure each of you can think of 5 families right now that you can honor over the next 8 months. That is what you need to do to earn a Holy Family Icon this fraternal year. From September (now November) through June, recognize 5 families and our State Council will send you a Holy Family Icon. You can place it in your chambers, or use it to give to your Family of the Month winners to keep in their homes for that month. You have until the 15th of the following month to submit a name. So for a November submission, you have until Dec. 15th to file it online using form #10784. Below are links to the #10784 login page, a video on how to fill it out, and the guide sheet to help complete the Family of the Month program. I hope all of you earn the icon. Let me know if you have any questions. God bless and Vivat Jesus.

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Degree Ceremony – Jerome

Here are pictures from our ceremony in the Monastery of the Ascension on November 13, 2021. We received 8 new members into the Charity, Unity and Fraternity Degree - 2 priests, 5 seminarians and one Brother from Nampa. Council 17462 Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe is the beneficiary of this wonderful event.

Thank you for joining us.

Memo Gutiérrez Díaz
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Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise



Family of the Month - Boise

K of C Council 10581 at Our Lady of the Rosary in Boise recognizes Ryan and Lynn Alderman as "Family of the Month" for October. The Adelman family attends mass together regularly as an inspiration to others. Their three boys, Joshua, Luke, and Isaiah, are altar servers. Their daughter, Lila, loves the church community. Ryan is a brother Knight and also serves on the parish council and works for Idaho Power. Lynn volunteers at Stanton Healthcare and also teaches religious education after mass.



Thanks.

John Matovu Bogere

St. Thomas Leaf Rake – Coeur d’Alene

St. Thomas Council 1363 recently conducted its annual leaf rake at the St. Thomas Cemetery. Over 55 folks worked together for two hours and removed all the leaves. The scouts who helped were from Troop 360 Boys; and a dad and son from my Cub Scouts Pack 3. Pictured in the first snap are PGK & FFN Nick Theisen and project coordinator Brother Biron Larsen. In the second picture is a full family busily collecting leaves onto a tarp, and the third picture is our current GK Leon Lutovsky, using his blower.



One Last Chance in Pocatello

These four “Star Council” award-winning Past Grand Knights paused in their ongoing Council duties to enjoy one of the last days on the golf course during a beautiful fall afternoon in Pocatello.

Left to Right: PSD, DD#2 Kerry Hennessy; PGK Don Thele; PGK Keith Riemersma; and PSS Jim Robinson.



Make a Difference!



Our faith calls us to participate in the life of our communities. From conception to natural death, we are called to protect life and to promote dignity and respect for all.

The Idaho Catholic Network makes it easy to stay informed, to become educated about Catholic social teaching, and to take action to bring positive change to our communities.

Be a Voice for Life & Dignity in Idaho!

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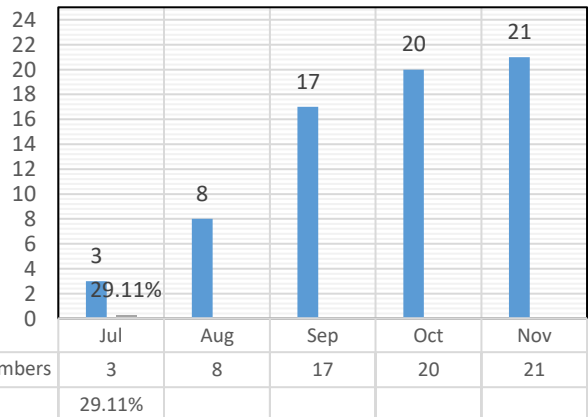
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Register

Membership Report

We are steadily increasing our membership intake growth each month. We are currently have 21 new members this month compared to finishing last month with twenty. Each month has been better than the previous month since July 2021. As of November 26, 2021 we are rank 45th in the order and we brought in 69 new members in this fraternal year and we need 168 new members to reach our annual goal of 137.

Circle of Honor



MEMBERSHIP – Part 2

Congratulations to the Cathedral Spanish Council 17462 for reaching 433 % of their membership intake goal. That is quite an accomplishment and I have never seen that done before in Idaho. I'm not saying it hasn't been done but I haven't seen it. I would also like to extend my congratulations to Blessed Frassatti Council 17059 for reaching 133 % of their intake goal. Super Job!

There are a few councils that only need 1 or 2 new members to reach 100 % of their goal and if they so do by December 31, 2021, they will take advantage of the \$150.00 incentive from the Idaho State Council.

MEMBERSHIP – Part 3

The MCGIVNEY2020 EXTENSION

Supreme has extended The MCGIVNEY2020 incentive through June 30, 2022. This date happens to be the end of this fraternal year.

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What special celebrations we have in the month of December! Our Lady's feast, the feast of the Immaculate Conception when we honor Mary as having been conceived without original sin. What an honor, too, for her mother, St. Anne, and father, St. Joachim, to have that blessing, literally the grandparents of our Lord! Then we celebrate Christmas and the Word made flesh who dwelled among us. "For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace." (Isa 9:5)

I'm sure your family, like mine, has its traditions at Christmas. There is decorating a tree and the house both inside and out, shopping for that perfect gift, and the preparation of the special meal. Maybe you start the real celebration by attending Midnight Mass. And perhaps this year it will mean a return to a houseful of relatives around your Christmas dinner table. family find peace and joy during this season!

As we approach the end of the year I want to thank each of you for the trust you've placed in me. I have been able to help so many brother Knights and their families with the services and products that the Order has available to protect Catholic families. I consider it an honor to be able to serve you as your agent. One way I may be able to serve you better is to make sure you respond to the survey that was sent from the Supreme Office recently. While some snail mail is still delayed, you should have received it. Answering the survey will help me serve you better. If you like convenience you may want to complete the survey online. Please be sure to check your contact information and make sure it is correct. If you have not yet received your survey, please let me know.

Have a very Merry Christmas! Let's be thankful for all the graces and gifts that God has blessed us with, especially the gift of his Son!

Vivat Jesus!

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Thank You For Sharing the Good News!

Choose Life plates reach goal! Thanks to all the efforts of Knights across the state! Sincerely;

Jose' (J.A.) Arroyo
State Life Director

We reached our goal of 1000 license plates sold, and the program will stay active in 2022!

Idaho joined together to raise awareness of this special prolife license plate. At the end of August we needed 510 additional sold, and we achieved that goal in 2.5 months. Choose Life Idaho will continue to work hard to help women choose life for their babies. Please keep sharing this message of hope in Idaho, and encourage your friends and family to purchase a plate.

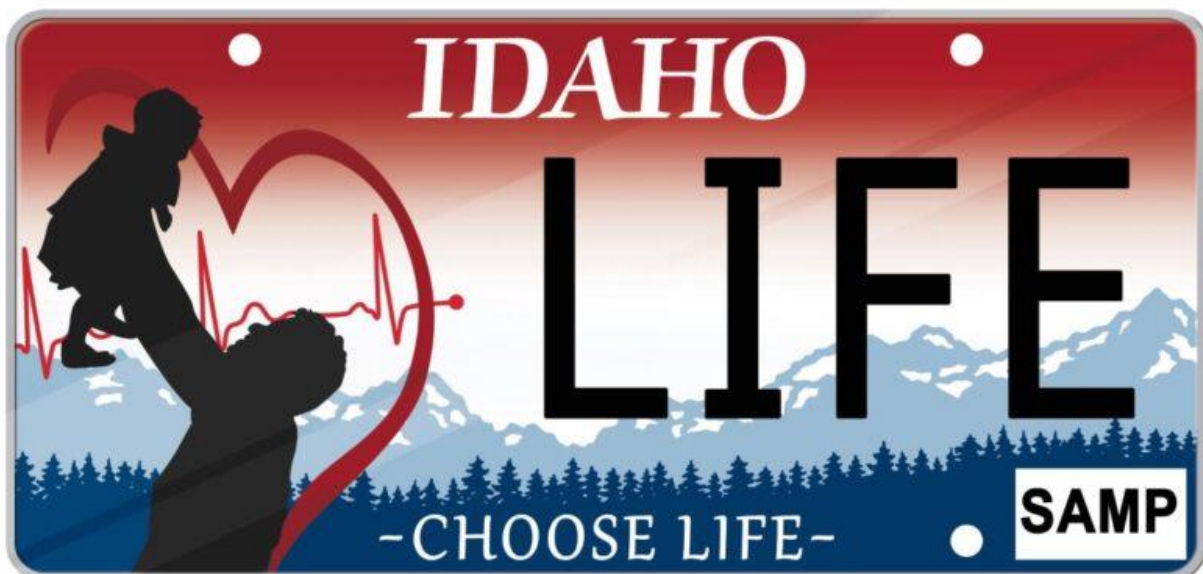
If you haven't already, please consider switching to a Choose Life Idaho license plate. The next Idaho State mandate is to sell 500 additional plates before the end of 2022. The plates will only continue to be available if we meet the 2022 mandated goal. Together, we will be successful and save lives.

Show your Support. Change the World.

This **Tiny Billboard for Life** gives hope to pregnant women facing the most important decision of their life. What message do you want young men and women in your family to see? You can change hearts and save lives. Women have alternatives other than ending an innocent life, a gift from God. If one life is saved by a license plate, it's worth it.

Each Choose Life Idaho license plate purchased benefits Idaho Pregnancy Resource Centers (PRCs). We're an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, and 100% of funds received from the ITD license plate program benefits Idaho PRCs.

Your local DMV will allow you to replace your current license plate at any time. You don't have to wait until your registration is due. If you don't see the Choose Life Idaho license plate on display at your DMV, ask them to order one, and email info@chooselifeidaho.org.



4th Degree Exemplification – Meridian

Bishop Sylvester Treinen Assembly and Faithful Navigator Chuck Boivert, of Holy Apostles, in Meridian hosted a Fourth Degree Exemplification on Saturday October 30th, where fourteen candidates were Knighted by District Master Dave Ellingsen and the combined Treasure Valley and Magic Valley Exemplification Team. The group of new Sir Knights included three priests; Father Regmigius Ihim, the Sacramental Minister at Risen Christ Catholic Church Boise; Father Vitalis Onyeama, Pastor Holy Apostles; and Father Emmanuel Chinedu, Parochial Vicar, Holy Apostles.

In addition, about 70 attended the cocktail party and dinner, to observe the Knighting, which also included an annual Appreciation Ceremony for Assembly #2751. During the Appreciation Dinner, FN Chuck Boivert, honored former Color Corps Commander, Joe Cardona, for his time served as Commander and for creating ceremonial training videos; Sir Knight Mike Shaul, for his time served as Faithful Navigator; and Sir Knight Jerry Sullivan for his work on the new chalice program.

State Officers, candidates, Sir Knights, guests and spouses enjoyed music performed by Swinging with Ellie and a dinner catered by Life's Kitchen.

New Sir Knights are: (pictured L-R) Ken Hatzenbeller, Ted Salvador, John Behrend, Steven Monte, Michael Monsunic, and James "Bud" Mederiros.



(Not pictured) Father Vitalis Onyeama, Father Emmanuel Chinedu, Tom Sorge, and Dave Bailey from Holy Spirit Council in Meridian; Father Regmigius Ihim, who joins Assembly #3244 St Michael The Arcangel; Peter Okafir, Dennis Ellison, and Dan Martinis who join Assembly #181 DeSmet in Boise. Bruce Hanni joined Bishop Sylvester Treinen Assembly #2751 by attending the virtual ceremony.

PATRIOTISM

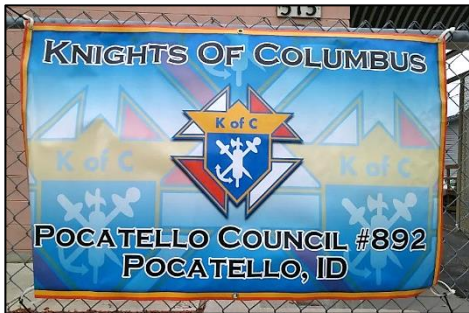
Coats for Kids – Pocatello

By: Keith Riemersma – Pocatello KC Communications; Idaho State Council Youth/Activities Director

On November 26th in the gymnasium at St. Anthony’s Parish, Pocatello Council 892 of the Knights of Columbus outreached to our community as part of the nationwide effort by the KC’s to provide “Coats for Kids & Adults”. Nearly 500 coats were available at no-charge but unfortunately only 78 were distributed during the event to those in need. However, to date additional boxes of coats have been donated through the Idaho State Knights of Columbus Council to St. Vincent de Paul of Pocatello; Corpus Christi KC Council 12516 in Fruitland, Idaho; Holy Spirit Catholic Community in Pocatello; and St. Anthony KC Council 12953 in St. Anthony, Idaho to help people in these locations. Warm and generous thanks were given to the KC’s on hand by old and young alike for the unexpected Christmas gift provided by the Pocatello & Chubbuck Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus is an international fraternal organization dedicated to empowering Catholic men to live their faith at home; in their Parish; at work; and in their community. They are guided by the qualities of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Many thanks to chairman Keith Riemersma for putting the event together. Additional gratitude to Brothers Rick Laws; Pat Taney; Dave Molitor; Rene Rodriguez; PSD & DD#2 Kerry Hennessy; Don Lesniewski; Richard Schultz; Arnold Ortiz; Bob Fitzsimmons; Idaho State Deputy Roy Bartholomay; Peter Jackson; Tom Reding; Al Nelson and Steve Neiner for helping with set-up; distribution; and clean-up.



The Set-Up crew from left to right: PGK, PFN Pat Taney; Keith Riemersma; Rene Rodriguez; PSD, DD#2 Kerry Hennessy and Rick Laws. Dave Molitor is on the camera.

State Deputy Roy Bartholomay doing a fitting.



Pocatello Council 892’s ‘Kennedy Hall’ has been transformed from a meeting space into a warehouse for the November 26th distribution day of the Coats for Kids & Adults program in St. Anthony’s gym.





THE LAST WORD

Roy Bartholomay - Idaho State Deputy

Dear Brother Knights,

Darcy and I wish all you and your families a Merry Christmas and welcome the 23 new brother Knights brought into our Councils during November. In October I asked councils to step up and help St Thomas Council 1363 in Coeur d' Alene with raising funds to purchase 2 ultrasound machines. I am happy to announce because of a very generous donation from Holy Spirit Council 11548 and other donations from Risen Christ 12854 and Sacred Heart Council 899 and previous funds donated to the State council, we have sent the necessary funding to Open Arms Facility to purchase 1 machine! It would be great if we could help our Supreme Knight meet his challenge to get 1500 machines in pregnancy centers before the March for Life in January and help Council 1363 raise the funds by then to purchase the second machine.

Last month at our State Deputy meeting in Nashville, the new Pilgrim Icons of St. Joseph were presented at a ceremony, blessed, and shipped out to our State. We have three to share with our parishes so please contact State Icon Chairman, Brian Simer (FSC, PSD, DD-7) if you want to schedule ceremonies with the new Pilgrim Icon Program.

Vivat Jesus.



Vivat Jesus!

