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Idaho Knights in Action

Farms to Families - Boise

Members of Council 17462 Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe distributed 96 food boxes from the Farms to Families program to the Hispanic community at the Cathedral of San Juan Evangelista in Boise.

The council was in charge of renting a refrigerated truck to transport the boxes to the cathedral and be able to distribute them on Sunday, April 18, at the end of the Eucharistic celebration.

Thank you to all the brother knights who participated.

Submitted by: Rutilio Cruz



In Solidarity with Our Priests

Brother Knights,

One of the long-standing precepts of the Knights of Columbus is that we stand in solidarity with our Priests. In light of this, I ask that you prayerfully consider the following information which I recently learned.

Father Reggie Nwauzor became the pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Priest River, Idaho in February 2018. His Federal Income Taxes were prepared by someone there for the years 2018, 2019, and 2020. Father Reggie believed that his taxes would be prepared according to current law and agreed to allow this person to complete his taxes. He was recently contacted by the IRS and advised his taxes were done incorrectly and he owes approximately \$10,000 in additional taxes, penalties and interest. The person who prepared his taxes is not licensed so he doesn't have any recourse in the matter. Therefore, Father Reggie is responsible for the entire amount and this will be a burden to him for years to come.

I am asking my Brother Knights in Idaho to join me in financially assisting Father Reggie in resolving this situation. Contributions can be made out to Father Reginald Nwauzor and mailed to him at P.O. Box 445, Priest River, Idaho 83856. If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact me at 206 869-8867.

Yours in Christ.

Mike Townsend, PSD



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Founders Day Mass

Members of the Knights of Columbus participated in a Founders Day Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Boise to observe the Knights' March 29, 1882, founding. Front row, from left, are Soeparto Tandjoeng, Deputy Grand Knight Don Atha, Dick Jacobson, Keith Klein, Herb Bellingham, Bruce DeVino, Grand Knight Jay Breidenbach and Eric Swanson. Back, from left, CC Commander Joe Cardona, Jon Pettinger, Dave Brown, Dave Troesh and Ken Jercha. (Photo courtesy of Bruce DeVino and OLR Council #10581)

Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

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

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself." (Gospel for April 18, Lk 24:36-39)

After Jesus rose from the dead, the apostles were confused and afraid. But showing them his wounds, Jesus proved his identity. Whenever we find ourselves confused or fearful, let us remember that Christ is risen, and "by his wounds we were healed" (Is 53:5). If Christ had not suffered and died, he could not have risen from the dead: without Good Friday; there would be no Easter Sunday. May we unite our suffering to Christ's, rejoice always in his resurrection and base our lives on his peace and presence among us.



Challenge: This month, ideally on Good Friday, I challenge you to visit your local parish and pray the Stations of the Cross. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Good Friday Family Promotion program to aid your fellow parishioners in remembering Christ's passion, in anticipation of his resurrection.

4 KNIGHTS / 4 HOURS – POCATELLO

Like many of our state councils, Council 892 has curtailed much of our fundraising efforts. One of the council members proposed a generous donation to the council if some of the council brothers could help him with a project. He had built some raised garden beds and needed help hauling soil from his driveway to the new beds. A group of council members showed up on a Saturday morning April 10th and made quick work of moving the soil. After the work was done we enjoyed a wonderful breakfast. The 892 brothers who participated were Keith Riemersma, Drew Riemersma, Ed Delio, Kerry Hennessy, Rick Laws, John Springer, Mike Nalley, and Tom Reding. Thanks to Bob Fitzsimmons for supporting the council and his wife Deb for a great breakfast.

Vivat Jesus. Keith Riemersma, State Youth/Activities Director





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Former President/GM of KTVB-7 News Group

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Dave King of Pope John Paul II Council 2014 in Nampa, Idaho, assists a woman borrowing a walker from the council's Health Equipment Loan Program. The H.E.L.P. center is open twice a week for people with health conditions and disabilities to borrow walkers, wheelchairs and other equipment for free.

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Please place the Prayer Breakfast on your calendar to attend. Please share with your family and friends and readers and other organizations suggesting they attend. Please share any suggestions on methods to promote our annual event.

Fr. Caleb Vogel will be participating in this year's Prayer Breakfast.

Thank you and Peace,

Dave Palumbo -
Secretary/Prayer
Breakfast Chair

Lenten Dinners Boise

Submitted by:
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To meet Covid-19 group-size restrictions, members of St. Mark's Council 12172 in Boise, served carry-out, Lenten fish dinners or sandwiches after four, Friday Stations of the Cross services; donating money to local seminarians and Idaho Catholic Salt & Light Radio station's spring pledge drive.



Idaho State KC Convention 2021

Despite facing continued challenges from the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Idaho Knights of Columbus continued to serve their communities with financial support and time, Idaho State Deputy Roy Bartholomay reported at the Knights' annual convention in Boise April 16-17.

"In spite of all the challenges we faced during the pandemic, the Idaho Knights of Columbus donated over \$216,000 and two cows to charitable causes of Faith, Family, Life and Community, and over 61,000 hours of labor," Bartholomay told those gathered at the Boise Red Lion Downtowner, as well as those participating virtually because of Covid restrictions. "With efforts like this, I can honestly say that the future of the Idaho Knights of Columbus continues to be very bright."

Among the highlights of the Knights' charitable efforts this year were the Food for Families/Leave No Neighbor Behind and Coats for Kids Programs. Idaho councils donated over \$27,700 to the Food for Families Program, and over 7,300 hours of service to local food banks. One council did a scavenger hunt for food, combining a fun family activity with giving to local causes. Two councils purchased beef cattle, and paid to have them butchered and wrapped to give meat to those in need. Post Falls Council 12560 won the challenge award for being the first council to donate 5,000 pounds of food to their local food bank, donating 16,262 pounds in the first two months of the fraternal year.

Meanwhile, about three-fourths of Idaho councils participated in the Coats for Kids program, purchasing over \$20,000 in coats, with large distributions in Grangeville and Post Falls delivering thousands of coats to kids in need. The Knights continued to support a culture of life in Idaho, with Council 1397 raising funds to purchase an ultrasound machine for the Wish Medical Center this year. Councils around the state raised \$9,000 for the ultrasound initiative and provided over \$8,300 to local pregnancy support centers, along with many service hours. Idaho Knights participated in Marches for Life in Idaho Falls, Boise, Lewiston, Moscow and Coeur d'Alene.

Once again, the Knights supported Special Olympics around the state in the sale of raffle tickets for a car, with every dollar raised going back to Special Olympics. Additionally, local councils donated many service hours and over \$6,200 to Special Olympics this year.

Also, at the convention, the Knights bestowed their annual honors on individuals, councils and families who provided outstanding service to the organization and their communities. Jim Burkhart of Council 12560 in Post Falls was honored as Knight of the Year. As Grand Knight of Council 12560, Burkhart has been instrumental in leading his council to a number of awards and honors. He has been an energetic recruiter to the Knights, started the Novena for Life program in praying the Rosary between masses on all Sundays in Lent, coordinated videotaping masses so those who could not attend during the pandemic could participate virtually, created and runs the Knights of Columbus Outdoor Sports Group, and organized, trained and manages the Church Safety Team, among many other acts of service.



Knight of the Year
Grand Knight Jim Burkhart
Council 12560, Post Falls



The Family of the Year honor went to the Matovu family, including father John, mother Dorcus and children Francie, Emmanuel and Samuel, from Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Boise. John Matovu has been extremely active in the Knights Council 10581, has served on the Parish Council, as well as Knights Council Warden in 2018. The entire family participates in Knights of Columbus pancake breakfasts, and Stations of the Cross during Lent. Dorcus is a religious education teacher, and both John and Dorcus regularly help with Vacation Bible School during the summer. The family volunteers time with the local food bank, serves school lunch at St. Joseph's School, and other church activities.

Family of the Year
John Matovu family
Council 10581, Boise

The Council of the Year was Council 12560, which excelled in a wide range of activities, including membership recruitment, insurance sales, community and charitable activities and compliance with required reporting.

Other award winners announced at the convention included:

- Priest of the Year: Father Tim Ritchey, Council 12560, Post Falls.
- Idaho Helping the Disabled: Council 3703, Mountain Home.
- Idaho Public Relations: Council 12560, Post Falls.
- District Deputy of the Year: Allen Darrow, District 4.
- Council of the Year: Council 12560, Post Falls.
- Rising Star: Premio Estrella En Ascencia, Consejo 17461, Nuestra Senora De Guadalupe.

Additionally, youth awards were presented for the state Soccer Challenge, Free Throw contest, and the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster contest winners.

Supreme Awards:

- Family: Council 1663, Idaho Falls.
- Community: Council 12560, Post Falls.
- Faith: Council 1663, Idaho Falls.
- Life: Council 1416, Twin Falls.

New officers were also selected during the convention. Elected to serve during the fraternal year beginning July 1, 2021 were: State Deputy Roy Bartholomay from Pocatello; State Secretary George Mesina from Idaho Falls; State Treasurer Dan Moberg from Coeur d'Alene ; State Advocate Jeff Finken from Moscow and State Warden Richard Bingham from Firth.

During the convention, the Knights also heard an inspirational speech from the Rev. Patrick Mahoney, an internationally-known right-to-life advocate and one of the founders of Stanton HealthCare, a pro-life women's health clinic that had its start in Boise and now offers services internationally. The Rev. Mahoney, a Presbyterian minister, praised the Knights for their pro-life work, including raising funding for an ultra-sound machine for Stanton HealthCare's Boise office. He told the Knights that the country is in a very challenging period for pro-life causes, but he urged them not to lose heart. He said there are many examples of when just one person can change the world, including the Biblical examples of Moses and Jesus. More locally, he talked about how Brandi Swindell started Stanton HealthCare with very limited resources, and yet her clinic has saved the lives of over 1,200 babies since Stanton was founded in 2006. Mahoney's encouraging speech received a standing ovation from the Knights, who later presented him and a local Stanton official a check to support their ongoing life-affirming work.



Council of the Year
Council 12560, Post Falls
John Webber accepting



KC's ... IDAHO SILVER ROSE TOUR

Updated Tentative Schedule – 4/21/21

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6/14 TRANSFER FROM WASHINGTON TO IDAHO
@ Pullman/Moscow #01397

6/15 Moscow #01397

6/16

6/17 Coeur d' Alene #01363

6/18 Kellogg #03762

6/19

6/20 Salmon #08283

6/21

6/22 St. Anthony/Rexburg/Ashton/Driggs #12953

6/23 St. Anthony/Rexburg/Ashton/Driggs #12953

6/24

6/25 Idaho Falls #01663

6/26

6/27 Blackfoot #03013

6/28

6/29 Pocatello #00892

6/30 Rupert #02792

7/01 Burley #12881

7/02 Jerome #08780

7/03 Buhl #02685

7/04 Twin Falls #01416

7/05 Gooding #05444

7/06 Mountain Home #03703

7/07 Sacred Heart #00899

7/08 St. Mark's #12172

7/09 Weiser #13089

7/10 Fruitland #12516

7/11 Fruitland #12516

7/12 TRANSFER TO OREGON @ Fruitland/Ontario

Inland Northwest Catholic Men's Retreat - CDA

Dates: October 8-10, 2021
Location: Coeur d Alene Inn in CDA, Idaho
Contact: Brother Mike Anderson (208-664-1498)

Retreat Link to Register & More Information

www.inwcatholicmensretreat.org

About the Event

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and other generous donors, we are excited and honored to have Cardinal Raymond Burke as our retreat master for 2021. Cardinal Burke's record and career speak for themselves on his commitment to Church tradition, pro-life issues, defending the traditional family, and speaking the truth in charity. We are beyond privileged to have this wonderful man address our attendees.

Topic:

***Continuing the Journey...Hearing God's
Word in the Rapidly Changing World***



Guest Presenter: Dr. Tom Curran





Spring is here, we have a new season and after a blessed Easter and a beautiful Eastertide, it's time to start planning again. With spring and the break in the weather, I've started to put together my honey-do list that will take me outside into the sunshine...at least I hope it's going to be sunny when I get outdoors to do all these chores. I don't know about you, but this time of year seems to energize me. After being cooped up all winter, and this year really being cooped up, I've been able to think of all the things I need to get done. Some of that includes physical repairs around the house, getting the lawn and flowerbeds ready to go, maybe even washing some windows.

Now when you get outside to get that work done, please, please be careful! I'm reminded of two acquaintances who were up on ladders in the spring. In both cases, the ladder slipped, and each gentleman sustained two broken arms! Out of commission for quite a while. But there are many hazards that can put you out of commission...and that brings me to the important part of my message this month. Protecting your greatest asset!

Your greatest asset is your ability to work and earn an income! Take your annual income (probably fresh in your mind with tax filing day extended into May) and multiply it times your remaining years of working. A 35 year old making \$50,000 a year will earn \$1.5 million in the next 30 years...if he never gets another raise! So you have lots to protect. But what if you're sick or hurt and can't work. Maybe it's something simple like the gents above...a set of broken arms. But one of my members laid his motorcycle down on his leg...off from work for two years! That's a lot of house payments to miss. Luckily, his disability income policy came to the rescue. It can happen to any one of us.

And disability does not discriminate; man or woman; Black, white, Hispanic or Asian; young or old. A 2014 CDA Long-Term Disability Claims Review had a number of notes: More than 1 in 4 of today's 20-year-olds will become disabled before they retire, 76% of us live paycheck to paycheck; less than 5% of all disabling accidents and illnesses are work related. That means 95% of those are not covered by Worker's Compensation. You're on your own 95% of the time. Turn to Social Security; but Social Security's report on SSDI says that only about 40% of applicants are awarded benefits. Couple that with 69% of the private sector workforce having no long-term disability income insurance and it's no wonder disabilities are the #1 cause of mortgage foreclosures.

So what to do? Let's get together and find out. Do you need disability income insurance? If so, how much? Maybe you have some at work...is it enough? Is it taxable? Is it the right kind? Let me suggest you put your mind and your family's mind at ease. Life is unpredictable, pandemic or not. Let's plan for the worst...but expect the best. We can't see what the future will bring, I'm here to help you plan for the unexpected. Let's make sure that if you or your spouse are sick or hurt and can't work, that your family can stay in the home you've provided, pay the utilities, buy groceries...make sure the basics are covered.

Meanwhile, stay safe and healthy.

Vivat Jesus!

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***In Solidarity with Our Priests* - UPDATE**

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Brother Knights,

This is a follow up letter to Mike Townsend's notification regarding the tax liability opportunities facing Father Reggie Nwauzor (Idaho Priest of the Year 2018-19). I know several Knights and friends were concerned that Father Reggie was being scammed. That is not the case! Through several conversations between Fr. Reggie, myself, Mike Townsend and other concerned Knights it has been established that this is a legitimate challenge and concern for Father Reggie

As noted in Mike Townsend's letter, Father Reggie had utilized an unlicensed individual to manage his taxes for him and through this individual some errors were made. Father Reggie became aware of this through correspondence with the Diocese and subsequently through the CPA that he had used in the past. Father Reggie enlisted the help/review of his taxes by his previous CPA from Las Vegas. This CPA has reviewed Father's tax returns for 2018, 2019 and his 2020 taxes and has concluded that his tax liabilities for the three years are \$3,620, \$3,775 and \$5,535 for those three years for a total liability of \$12,930. Father Reggie is responsible for the entire amount and this will be a burden to him for years to come. I have asked Father Reggie to work with his CPA and see how, if any way, this could be negotiated and/or reduced.

So far to date Father has received monetary support from K of C and friends of \$3,570. I have been told that members of the Legion of Mary at St. Mark's Catholic Church in Idaho and ChurchBuliders.us are also preparing to provide some support for Fr. Reggie. That being said I hope and pray more K of C councils and individual members can/will step up to the plate and support our great and holy priest Father Reginald!

I am asking my Brother Knights in Idaho to join in financially assisting Father Reggie in resolving this situation. Contributions (gifts) can be made out to Father Reginald Nwauzor and mailed to him at P.O. Box 445, Priest River, Idaho 83856.

Yours in Christ
Dave Hammes
PGK – St. Mark's Council 12172
Boise, Idaho

Food Distribution - Nampa

Photo 1: A food distribution that took place on Saturday and Sunday, April 24th & 25th, at St. Paul's Parish in Nampa to the Hispanic community. Council 4013 and possibly others distributed over 500 boxes of food over the weekend. Photo taken by GK of 4013 Carlos Tapia Murillo.

Submitted by: Roy Bartholomay, Knights of Columbus Idaho State Deputy

Photo 2: Another photo of food distribution last Sunday. If I understand, the distribution was done by the Idaho Knights on bikes group and not 4013. Carlos Tapia Murillo, GK of 4013 provided the picture, and he is the person to the left.



Equipment Donation - Boise



The Council 17462 of Our Lady of Guadalupe donated to the radio station Sal y Luz in its broadcast in Spanish video equipment at a cost of \$479 dollars to start broadcasting its programming on live streaming on Facebook and other platforms. For our council, Radio is an important means for the evangelization of the Hispanic community, for this reason we are committed to helping the station in the noble task of sharing the message of Christ.

Vivat Jesus.

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THE LAST WORD

Roy Bartholomay - Idaho State Deputy

Dear Brother Knights,

Welcome to the 9 new brother Knights brought into our order during April and thanks to all the councils for your continued good work around the State. Coming off our state convention, I hope those who were able to attend came away with excitement to continue the good work of our order. For those not able to attend I want to share my welcome message.

Our Theme for this year's convention was "Be still and Know that I am God" which is the first half of Psalm 46:10 which is used to encourage believers to be still and silent before the Lord. While this encourages healthy rest in the presence of the Lord, we used this theme this year as a symbol of hope as we continue to struggle with the worldwide pandemic that has affected us in different ways. May the spiritual, social interaction, and business of the Idaho Knights of Columbus enlighten us and make us stronger men, better husbands, fathers, and brothers with our fellow neighbors in Idaho. Let us continue to do great service for our churches and communities throughout Idaho to continue the vision of our Founder Blessed Michael McGivney.

Vivat Jesus,



Vivat Jesus!

