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Idaho Knights in Action

Palm Sunday - Pocatello

The student community of St. John's Chapel on the Campus of Idaho State University, are preparing to process into the Chapel with the blessed Palms for Palm Sunday. The Palms were blessed by Fr. Costance Swai and assisted by Deacon Scott Pearhill. Under the guidance of the campus director, KC Brother David O'Neill, the St. John's Student Center has become a very vibrant, healthy and welcoming center for the Catholic students and families on Campus.

Kerry Hennessy PSD - District Deputy #2



Events Around the State – May 2022

George Mesina, State Secretary

Idaho Knights of Columbus serve our communities in a wide variety of ways, community events, donations to charities, and building up the Church. This month we highlight one noteworthy activity from each district, though there are many more. For more information, contact the council, District Deputy, or George Mesina ... gmesina626@gmail.com.

District 1

Idaho Falls 1663 Corporate Communion

Sunday May 22, three parts:

8:30am Corporate Rosary for All our Knights

Christ The King Church Chapel
1690 E 17th St, Idaho Falls

9:30am Corporate Communion Mass

Please wear "Sunday Best," front left pews
Christ The King Church

11:00am Corporate Brunch

Dixies Diner back room.
2150 Channing Way

Salmon 8283 Highway Cleanup

May 7

Contact GK Kurt Williams for information

District 2

Pocatello Council 892 Pancake Breakfast

Sunday May 1, 11 AM

Holy Spirit Social Hall

524 N 7th Ave, Pocatello, ID 83201

District 5

Pope JP2 Council 2014 Nampa, Golf Tournament

Join the Nampa Knights of Columbus for an amazing day of golf and prizes

Saturday, May 14 8:00 AM

RedHawk Golf Course Nampa

\$100 Registration: KofC2014.org/golf

For more information call 888-NAMPAKC

Blessed Frassati Council 17059 Family Knight

Bring a meal for your family to enjoy with the other families building community

Saturday, May 7

5:00 PM Mass

St. John's Cathedral
807 N 8th St, Boise, ID 83702

6:00 PM Family Knight

Fort Boise Park
155 E Garrison Rd, Boise, ID 83702

Membership event:

Holy Spirit Council 11548 Meridian Exemplification

Thursday, May 19 6:45 PM

Holy Apostles Catholic Church

6300 N Meridian Rd
Meridian ID, 83646

District 6

Sacred Heart 899 Mother's Day Coffee Hour

Cake and flowers for the ladies!

After Mass

Sacred Heart Hall

811 S Latah St, Boise

Council 8310 Highway clean up

Open to parish, so it's a recruiting opportunity!

Saturday May 21, 9am

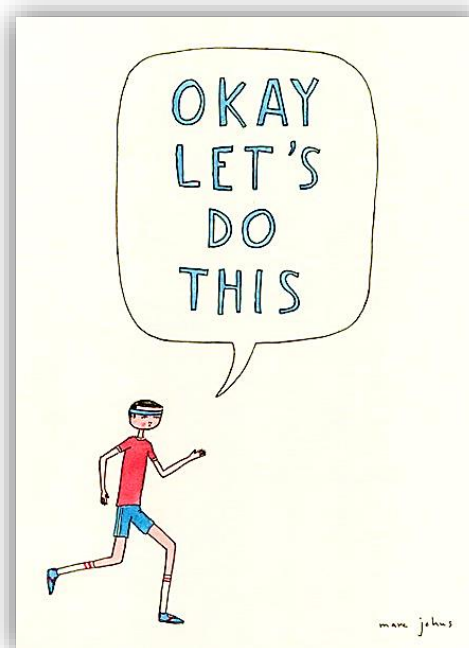
District 9

Orofino Council 4585 Family night

May 7

St. Theresa Catholic Church

446 Brown Ave, Orofino, ID 83544





Ed Slott, America's IRA Expert, presents
**Retirement Planning in a
Changing Landscape**

Ed Slott, CPA

is a nationally recognized speaker, television personality & best-selling author known for his unparalleled ability to turn advanced tax strategies into understandable, actionable and entertaining advice. Ed combines current research, in-depth expertise, and humor to teach viewers about the ins and outs of their retirements and provides insight to the latest tax and planning information.



You are invited to join our free virtual webinar featuring Ed Slott. Ed specializes in the latest retirement planning strategies and opportunities for 2022. Register today to reserve your spot.

May 26:

7:00 PM MDT / 8:00 PM CDT / 9:00 PM EDT

<https://tinyurl.com/SlottMay26>



June 23:

7:00 PM MDT / 8:00 PM CDT / 9:00 PM EDT

<https://tinyurl.com/SlottJune23>



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Fish Fry – Caldwell

Council 3086 held its last fish fry on April 8, 2022. It was the first time Our Lady of The Valley has had a Fish Fry since Covid began. For this event there were sixteen Knights who pitched in and gave a helping hand.

Thank you.

Joseph Zahnle Photography



*Monte Katzenberger
(cleaning kitchen items)*



Pat King, Grand Knight Tom Ineck and Jeff Allen (discussing their game plan for the fish fry)



Chuck Manchester and Bernard (Bernie) Stalp



Steven Smith, Shane Crutcher, Doug Franich, way in back Charlie Robinson and Pat King, Brett Baucher, Chris Inama and Rich Sims.

Gerry Ibarra and Rich Sims (preparing food)



Chris Inama and William Shuey (discussing their roles for the fish fry)



Brett Baucher, with his back to us Gerry Ibarra, Charlie Robinson, Rich Sims, Paul Hubbs.

Idaho Silver Rose 2022

As of April 8, 2022

Attached is the updated schedule for the Idaho Tour and names of those Councils indicating an interest in hosting a Silver Rose service. Please continue communicating with me to reserve your council's place in the schedule. There are only 5 slots still available. Let's fill them up!
Thank you and Peace.

Dave Palumbo
Silver Rose Idaho 2022 Tour Chair

6/05*:	TRANSFER FROM WASHINGTON TO IDAHO; Moscow #01397
6/06:	Moscow #01387
6/07:	CDA; St. Pius X #11623
6/08:	CDA; St. Pius X #11623
6/09:	CDA; St. Thomas #01363
6/10:	
6/11*:	Salmon #08283
6/12*:	Salmon #08283
6/13:	St. Anthony #12953
6/14:	Driggs #12953
6/15:	Rexburg #12953
6/16:	Idaho Falls #01663
6/17:	Idaho Falls #01663
6/18*:	Pocatello #00892
6/19*:	Pocatello #00892
6/20:	Jerome #08780
6/21:	
6/22:	Buhl #02685
6/23:	Gooding #05444
6/24:	Rupert #02792
6/25*:	Twin Falls #01416
6/26*:	Twin Falls #01416
6/27:	Mountain Home # 03703
6/28:	Our Lady of the Rosary #10581
6/29:	Sacred Heart #00899
6/30:	Meridian; Holy Spirit #11548
7/01:	St. Mark's #12172; Dave Palumbo
7/02*:	Fruitland #12516; Jim Griffith
7/03*:	Fruitland #12516; Jim Griffith
7/04:	Weiser #13089; David Frei
7/05:	
7/06:	
7/07:	Caldwell #03086; Tom Ineck
7/08:	
7/09*:	St. Mary's #12531
7/10*	TRANSFER TO OREGON @ Fruitland/Ontario

Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

May 2022

“My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” (Gospel for May 8, Jn 10:27)

Jesus is the Good Shepherd, and the Church is his flock. But are you a good sheep? Do you hear his voice as he calls, teaches and leads you? If we want to follow the Shepherd and not become lost, we must know him well and listen intently. We come to know him most intimately through prayer, the Eucharist, Scripture and good spiritual reading. My brother Knights, let us continually listen to Christ's voice so we can follow him ever more closely wherever he leads us.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to pray the rosary every day and meditate intently on its mysteries to know Jesus better, and become ever more attuned to his voice. Second, during this month of Mary, I challenge you to join your council in holding the Faith in Action Rosary program.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you regularly make time to pray? Do you sometimes just go through the motions in prayer or at Mass, not really listening to what Christ is saying to you? What personal habits could you adopt in order to make your prayer life more focused, receptive and fruitful?



Environmental Fair – Pocatello

From: Keith Riemersma

April 16th was the Portneuf Valley Environmental Fair scheduled for Caldwell Park. **(was moved to the LDS Church across the street from the park due to the high likelihood of inclement weather).** Council 892 voted to support this event by serving hot dogs and baked potatoes. The city of Pocatello provided the food and the Knights served it.

This will be some great publicity for our organization as the Fair organizers are expecting up to 5000 attendees.



PGK Pat Taney (L) and Tom Reding doing prep work in the KC Hall.

A huge thank you to those who worked serving food today at the environmental fair. We served a ton of hot dogs and baked potatoes for 3 1/2 hours. Everyone was very complimentary of our service and we put a great face on our council to the Pocatello community. Thank you to those who worked:

Pat Taney, Arnold Ortiz, Rick Laws, Mike Nally, Kerry Hennessy, Talon Cook (a future member), Bob Fitzsimmons, John Spinner, Jim Robinson, Ron Torres, Roy Bartholomay, Rene Rodriquez, Jim Price and Tom Reding.

You have to be proud of our Council and the services we provide after a day like today. A Happy Easter season to all you Brother Knights and your families.



L to R: Online member from Michigan Louis Braun; State Deputy Roy Bartholomay; John Spinner; Jim Robinson; volunteer Jeff; and Bob Fitzsimmons.

St Pius X, Council 11623 Coeur d'Alene



Fr. Len and some of the Holy Family Catholic School volunteers at breakfast for HFCS.



L to R: Mike Nally; Jim Robinson; and Louis Braun serving patrons.



Tom Tintinger(left) and Pete Obligato working at the Fish Fry.



Ben Sturgeon receives Knight of the Month Certificate from DGK Wayne Hash.



Knights of Columbus
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Blessed Michael McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus 140 years ago with two purposes in mind: To strengthen men in their faith and to provide for the widow and orphan if the breadwinner died or could not work. Our Order continues his mission today. That two-pronged approach to the young Catholic men of New Haven, Connecticut was important then and even though much has changed in our society since 1882, I believe that approach is important now. I am honored and blessed to be a part of continuing that mission.

While we work together to strengthen our brother Knights in their faith, I am able to work to secure the future for those who are left behind. For those who know me and the indispensable work I do for our members, you already have a good idea of how I do that work. But I'd like to take a minute to explain my approach.

My approach is to help members solve problems. The most important thing I can do for you is listen: listen to what you want to accomplish, listen to what keeps you up at night, listen to the plans you have for you and your family's future. And the first step is to take stock of where a family is at the present...a snapshot of this time in your life. The Order has equipped me with a financial needs analysis platform to help you take that snapshot. We plug in the numbers and it does the calculations, taking any bias out of the process.

If your analysis shows there are gaps, we can discuss how to fill those gaps. We have a wide range of life insurance products that can be tailored to your needs if that is where the gap is. We have fixed rate annuities that are designed for retirement savings. Long-term care insurance and disability income insurance can provide peace of mind for the unexpected that life throws at us.

Stepping back and taking stock is not a difficult process and I try to make it as easy as possible. I can meet with you face to face or if you prefer, we can meet virtually. My goal is to fulfill Fr. McGivney's mission of taking care of every member and his family in this council. But I want to further his legacy and offer membership to every man eligible in the parish. His goal was to protect Catholic families...that's my goal, too.

Vivat Jesus!

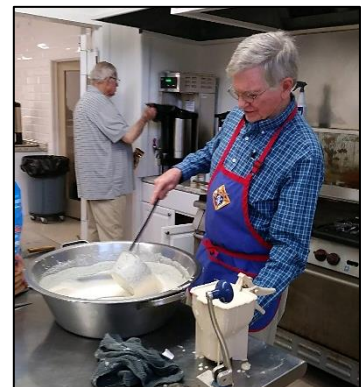
Kevin Tuuri FICF - General Agent

Coffee Hour – Pocatello

For years Pocatello Council 892 has hosted coffee hours at St. Anthony's Chapel for the parishioners of Holy Spirit Catholic Community. April 3rd was the most recent outreach of fellowship. Many thanks to PGK Pat Taney for coordinating these events. Additional praise goes to PFN Jim Price; Richard Schultz; Arnold Ortiz; Mike Nally and Rene Rodriguez for doing the work to make it happen.



PFN Jim Price (R); Mike Nally (L) serves eager diners.



Richard Schultz whipping up a new batch of batter for pancakes with PGK Pat Taney reloading the coffee machine.

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Membership

The last two months has been very productive for us as we head into the down stretch of this fraternal year. We brought in 27 new members for this month and only need 67 more new members to reach our circle of honor goal. The following incentives are still in effect until the end of the year.

MCGIVNEY2020

Which runs through June 30, 2022.

4TH QUARTER INCENTIVE

Supreme is offering a monetary incentive if the state meets or succeeds its monthly goals in the remaining months of the fraternal year. Our goals have been set at 24 new members for April, 23 new members for May and 27 new members for June. The state will receive the money and in turn split it amongst the councils that bring in two or more members.

Paul Petro - Membership Chairman
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Idaho State Council Convention 2022

Idaho State Awards

Knight of the year 2021-2022 Council #12516- Fruitland Jim Jensen District Deputy
Family of the year 2021-2022 Council #11623 St. Pius X Council Warren and Theresa Halcomb
Council of the year 2021-2022 Council #1363 Coeur d' Alene Leon Lutovsky, Grand Knight
Priest of the Year 2021-2022 Council #3703 Father Germán Osorio, Pastor
District Deputy of the Year 2021-2022 District 7 Brian Simer
Disabled and Elderly #12516 Fruitland Jim Griffith, Grand Knight
Publicity Council #11623 **St. Pius X** John Thurston, Grand Knight

Supreme Awards

Family Council #12560 Post Falls Jim Burkhardt, Grand Knight
Life Council #11548 Meridian David Cereghino, Grand Knight
Faith Council #3086 Caldwell Tom Ineck, Grand Knight
Community #13089 Weiser David Frei, Grand Knight

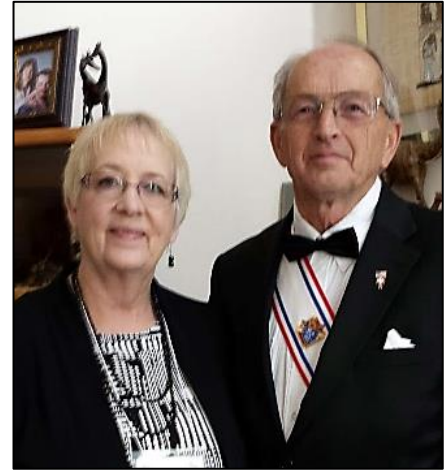
From: Rich Bingham
Idaho State Warden



KNIGHT OF THE YEAR: JIM JENSEN

Fruitland Council 12516 would like to nominate Sir Knight Jim Jensen as Knight of the Year. Jim passed this last fall but we are asking this be awarded posthumously.

When Jim Jensen married Vea Rabourn Black in 2010 after completing RCIA, already knowing he had been active in his previous faith, his computer user group and the Orchid Society, the council made sure he was invited to become a Knight. He accepted the invitation as he was hungry to do things in his new faith. The earliest 1st degree was at Risen Christ which worked well for him as he was still working for the Postal Service in Kuna. He met me there with a big smile and the rest is pretty much history!



In his first year as a Knight, Jim acquired his second, third and then fourth degrees, becoming a very proud Sir Knight. He served 26 terms in council, assembly and district positions including GK, Treasurer and Faithful Navigator and District Deputy (as well as two years as District Warden) 16 annual program positions, numerous silver rose hand-offs, incoming and outgoing and was always available for pictures with the youth and would beam at answering their questions about the Knights of Columbus. When the regalia was retired and the 4th transitioned to the current uniform, he was quick to follow as he didn't want to miss any opportunities to represent the Order. He would go to great lengths to ensure that Sir Knights in Ontario and Western Idaho had representation at their funerals, even if he may be the only one there. He would also travel much of southern Idaho to do the same for others. The respect for his dedication to the 4th and the Honor Guards was obvious at his funeral by the tremendous turnout of other Sir Knights and 3rd Degree Knights at his services.

But Jim was dedicated to serving the local church and community as well. In his 11 years as a Knight, he served full time in the choir, most of the time a cantor as well and was a Eucharistic Minister. Anytime the church office folks needed help, they knew they could count on Jim so he and his sidekick Dee would move furniture, tables or whatever was needed. During the exodus of the parish hall at Payette they helped move items to storage. Then when the temporary parish offices had to be vacated they moved everything off site, then when we moved into the new office space, guess who got the call Jim.

Outside of his obvious help at the church, he also managed the food pantry for the K of C. This entailed purchasing the products needed for us to help Payette County residents with emergency food products. He kept the food pantry inventory at a level that let us service the community. He also went out of his way to help the volunteers who distributed the food in any way he could! This eventually led to another ministry of the Knights through distribution of food from a corporate partner. Several days a week, sometimes up to 7, he would go and pick up food at 8am, stock the food pantry at our church, fill overstock freezers with frozen meat and distribute to needy families who may not solicit the food pantry. He also shared this bounty with other Catholic food pantries and senior citizen centers. This program saved our food pantry thousands of dollars a year as well as the neighboring ones.



Jim also started a medical equipment program to help folks in need. He built an additional storage on his property dedicated to this program, and advertised it well. He had families from a 4 county area that benefited. He often would pickup and deliver when the families had no means to transport the equipment. When the Meridian program shut down he added much of that inventory to our own, growing the help to families in both Idaho and Oregon. I have received many compliments from people we didn't know, from parishioners, other parishes and other friends out of the blue. He touched many lives in many ways.

It is bittersweet that we submit this application, and we ask that you prayerfully consider deceased Sir Knight Jim Jensen as Knight of the Year.

**Idaho State Jurisdiction
Knights of Columbus**

Family of the Year 2021-2022

Warren Holcomb (#2305780) is a knight in good standing in the Knights of Columbus. He currently serves St. Pius X Council 11623 in Coeur d'Alene as Outside Guard. He has 40 years of continued service with the Knights of Columbus. Warren and his wife Theresa are exemplary members of our parish and are deserving of this award.

Together they are committed to their faith and although all their children are adults with families of their own, Warren and Theresa continue to be instrumental in ensuring that their faith continues to be an integral part of the lives of their children and grandchildren. Every weekend you will see three generations of Holcombs present together at Mass.

Warren is active within our council and helps out at most events. Together, they coordinated an appreciation dinner the council held to honor our wives for the support they give up. Every 6 weeks our council is asked to host a soup kitchen at the parish for those who would otherwise go hungry. Warren and Theresa have hosted the soup kitchen twice in the last year. This involves preparing food and directing volunteers in serving that food to the needy. They helped coordinate our council's participation in a local multi-parish picnic held this last summer at Holy Family Catholic School. In excess of 20 members of our council participated and more than 500 people attended that event. Our council's biggest fundraiser is selling food from a booth at the local county fair. At the last Fair Warren worked 4 six hour shifts and Theresa worked two shifts.

Warren is a Eucharistic Minister at St. Pius X Catholic Church and Theresa is a Lector.

Theresa is responsible for hospitality at the weekly Exploring Catholicism class at St. Pius. In this capacity Theresa and another person make sure that there are refreshments for the attendees. Exploring Catholicism usually has at least 80 – 90 people in attendance.

Theresa is also a member of the Pius Angels. This group is on call to the church to assist as needed by the church at a variety of things. When needed, Warren is also there to assist.

Father Roger LaChance a former Priest at St. Pius X used to say, "Evangelize always. When needed use words." Warren and Theresa live their live this way and are always there for the parish and the council and always lead by example and always live their faith.

In preparing this nomination I talked to St. Pius X Deacon Chris Stewart about the Holcombs and about the man we are presenting as our nominee for Knight of the Year (Tom Tintinger). During that conversation, Deacon Chris said the following, "Tom and the Holcombs are always there when the church needs them and they all approach their service with joyful participation".

I hope you will consider honoring Warren and Theresa Holcomb as the Knights of Columbus Family of the Year in Idaho for 2021 – 2022.

***Prepared by John Thurston
Grand Knight
St. Pius X Council 11623***

*Family of the Year Award
received from State Deputy Roy
Bartholomay by John Thurston
on behalf of
Warren & Theresa Holcomb*



Priest of the Year

Father Germán Osorio is the Pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Mountain Home. Father is our only Priest for the Parish for both English and Spanish parishioners. He holds mass Tuesday -Sunday, Holy Hour on Thursday night and Reconciliation and Adoration on Friday. What really set's Father Osorio apart is he is a Chaplin in the Air National Guard. On top of that he is the only Catholic Chaplain in the Idaho National Guard. On April 9th 2021 Father Osorio took the oath to become part of the U.S. Air Force. His current rank is Capitan and will be going to OTS in June of this year at Maxwell AFB to get his formal military training.

Father is currently serving on active orders meaning while Father Okorie from MTN Home AF Base is away TDY Father Osorio has to fill in. Father Osorio is doing daily mass & weekend mass on the Air Force Base along with his Parish schedule. Father Osorio is a supporter of the Knights of Columbus, Mother Cabrini, the Legion of Mary, Catholics Returning Home, RCIA and the Youth Ministry. When the Silver Rose is in Mountain Home Father includes the Silver Rose ceremony in mass. Father is also the Chair on the Catholic Charities of Idaho Board of Directors. As you can see this man is not afraid to stay busy because he loves to do Gods work.



Jimmy Mancuso, GK Mtn Home 3703, for Father Germán Osorio

FAMILY ACTIVITIES OF THE YEAR

Behind every good Knight is an even better wife and family. It is easy to overlook the sacrifices that families of Knights make when their husbands and dads are away participating in Council activities. Therefore, Council 12560 sponsors two annual events just for family members. Those activities are our annual Summer Barbeque and our Spouse Appreciation Banquet

Summer Party

Typically held during July of each year, Council 12560 organizes a get together for our Knights and their family members. For the past few years, we have held this event at the 7B Ranch located just west of Post Falls. The ranch is owned by former Grand Knight Don Beck. The Council provides the burgers, brats, chips and beverages. Partygoers bring a potluck dish suitable for a summer picnic, chairs and sunscreen. This year, over 80 people participated in the event. This event has become famous for its cornhole tournament. Several cornhole boards are placed outside. Multiple teams of two compete. To enhance the competition, the Council offers to comp the annual dues of the winning team. This year, former Grand Knight John Webber and Ken Schake won the tournament.

Spouse Appreciation Banquet

In November, for the first time ever, Council 12560 organized a Spouse Appreciation Banquet. We wined and dined the ladies as the Knights stayed home and watched the kiddos. Participants were encouraged to attend a Saturday Vigil Mass. After Mass, the Knights reserved the church social hall for the event. After Mass, the ladies wandered into the social hall where they were met by Knights wearing tuxedos, taken by the arm and led to their tables. One of our parishioners that specializes in decorating banquet halls assisted our Council in decorating the hall and tables with an array of flowers, plants and candles.

Council 12560 is fortunate to have several excellent cooks within our group including some that were professional chefs and former owners of restaurants. A five-course meal was prepared to include assorted wines, dinner salad, antipasto, minestrone soup, garlic bread sticks, homemade lasangua (meat, veggie and gluten free), cheese ravioli and gelato.

As the ladies dined, they were entertained by a musician playing soft, Italian-themed guitar music. Fun was had by all. We fed 72 spouses. The feedback was both positive and genuine. Now, it will be difficult for the Council not to have this event each year.



David Krell – new Grand Knight of Post Falls Council #12560. Family Award on behalf of Jim Burkhardt

Faith Award

The Caldwell Council 3086 supports Our Lady of the Valley parishioner Gustavo Gomez in his work with Vagabond Ministries. Vagabond Ministries confront a cycle of neglect, violence and broken family life. Vagabond Missions introduces them to Jesus and a loving community by mobilizing missionaries. Through outreach, every inner-city teen can be known, loved and experience hope for their lives. We invite inner-city and urban teens into a relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church, through contact work, discipleship and solidarity with the poor. Our council raises money to help support the efforts of Gustavo who works full time with this ministry. Not only does the council participate and donate but individual council members and families donate to the good work of Vagabond and Gustavo.



Council #3086 Caldwell - GK Tom Ineck

At risk youth are the focus. Teens in the inner-city face a cycle of neglect, violence and broken family life. This destructive environment has dire consequences for them and society. Vagabond Missions intervenes during this time of crisis by inviting them into a relationship with God and others. Through outreach and mentorship, teens experience hope for their lives and a place to call home. When teens tangibly experience Jesus, lives are transformed. Caldwell parishioner Gustavo Gomez works with the inner-city youth of Wichita, KS. In Wichita, KS the council sponsors Gustavo Gomez of OLV. Gustavo is a partner with the local diocese and a local church. Often these parishes are the home of our Urban Underground. They take kids to Mass weekly and coordinate RCIA with the local parish. By doing these activities, Gustavo and his co-ministers help get at risk kids off the streets, out of gangs and help them build a relationship with Jesus Christ through the Gospel.

Gustavo's father Hector is a member of council 3086. Hector and Gustavo approached the council about the good work of Vagabond Ministries and the assistance that Gustavo needs in order to carry out his mission. Support for Gustavo has been ongoing and will continue in the near future. The council is also considering supporting others that have been called to this ministry by God.

Publicity Award

Our need was to improve communication. Our monthly newsletter allows Knights who cannot attend Council meetings to keep up. Our parish web page allows parishioners to find out more about us and to contact us. Our Facebook page allows us to post pictures with captions and current activities. If a group that we are working shares our post, that can dramatically increase the number of people who see the post. Using the parish's Flocknotes email and text system instead of having emails come from individual Knights computers is a better practice. An individual's computer can crash and leave the Council without a way to communicate. Both the GK and FS can email or text using Flocknotes. The real-time, multi-user capability of online Google spreadsheets allowed our Council and the St. Thomas Council to jointly fill 199 schedule slots for our main fundraiser, the North Idaho State Fair Food Booth.

Submitted by: GK John Thurston, Council #11623
St. Pius X, Coeur d'Alene

Life Award

The Council selected this program because we as Knights of Columbus recognize the importance to protect the innocent and vulnerable life of an unborn child. The distribution of misinformation and propaganda by the evil one making abortion an acceptable way of ending a pregnancy and a health right for a woman is unacceptable and will not be unchallenged by the Knights of Columbus through faith, prayer, distribution of information and truth.

This program was able to raise funds that were distributed throughout the state to provide information on pregnancy, faith-based options for un-wanted pregnancies, assistance with medical expenses, pre-natal treatment, post birth expenses, support to create a bond between a mother and unborn child, and for families seeking forgiveness and support that are affected by an abortion.

Submitted by: GK David Cereghino
Council #11548 Meridian

Disabled and Elderly

Medical Equipment Program

Fruitland has been offering medical equipment at no cost to community members for a number of years. It started when Jim Jensen, then as Grand Knight was contacted by someone looking for medical equipment. The hunt was on and soon we were accepting equipment from those who no longer needed it, and making it available to those who did. When the Risen Christ program was slowing down we got equipment from them and others including members of the VFW and American Legion.

As the program grew, Jim volunteered space on his property and through the grace of a brother knight from Ontario there was a storage building put up on Jim's property and we continued to grow. With increasing need and word of mouth we got more donations and more and more requests. Members of the council have traveled all over the greater Treasure Valley picking up equipment. Calls come in weekly for help from all walks of life, some we end up delivering, others are picked up by appointment, and others still are for thank you's from family members here to finalize details for their passed family members, thanking us and commenting on how much it meant to their loved ones to have the items available. We often get more items back than what we supplied them with!

With Jim's passing the items have been moved to a new home, and due to the amount of items we have available, we are first sharing with the Caldwell council who wants to get involved, and then any other council who would like a start in this worthwhile endeavor.

Having personally delivered items to needy community members... seeing the looks on their faces and the tears in their eyes makes it all worthwhile.

Submitted by: Jim Griffith, Grand Knight
Fruitland Council #12516

Picture Anthology



Supreme Representative from Salt Lake City,
Ray Lopez



Idaho State Warden – Rich Bingham



Fred Ahlin – DGK Rupert



Life Award - Steve Monte of Council #11548 Meridian on behalf of GK David Cereghino



District Deputy of the Year Award – Idaho State Deputy Roy Bartholomay with Brian Simer. The Past State Deputy and Past Supreme Director takes some time during a break to work out some of the intricate details of his Lego gift.



Council of the Year Award – Idaho State Deputy Roy Bartholomay with GK Leon Lutovsky, St. Thomas Council 1363, Coeur d’Alene



State Deputy Report

As State deputy, it is my responsibility and honor to report annually on the condition of the Idaho Knights of Columbus. In spite of all the challenges we have faced during the pandemic, and with all 40 of our active councils reporting in record time, I am very proud to report that the Knights of Idaho donated almost \$370,000 to our charitable causes of Faith, Family, Life, and Community this past year and almost 117,000 hours of labor. With work efforts like this, I can honestly say that the future of the Idaho Knights of Columbus continues to be very bright!

Our thoughts and prayers always remain with Pope Francis who is a tremendous supporter of the Knights of Columbus, world-wide. Our thoughts and prayers also remain with our brother Knights and families in Ukraine along with other families affected worldwide by war.

The State Council is thankful for the leadership and spiritual guidance of Bishop Peter Christensen. We appreciate his support of the Knights in Idaho, and his leadership within the Diocese of Boise. We stand **always** in “Solidarity with our Bishops and Priests” in Idaho. We renew our pledge to be their right arm as the lay leaders that the Church so badly needs and that our founder, **Parish Priest** and Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney envisioned when he conceived this organization 140 years ago.

We are also very grateful for the continuing commitment and spiritual leadership of our State Chaplain Father John Kucera. Fr. Kucera sacrifices much of his time to serve as spiritual advisor at our State meetings as well as here at the Convention. This year, Father once again led a Spiritual retreat for the State Officers that followed his previous years retreat with more lessons from the Father Kapaun spiritual series. He also led us in three prayer hours at our state meetings. May God bless you, Fr. Kucera, for your service.

I express my sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the State Officers, District Deputies, Directors and Chairmen who contribute to the goals of the State Council. All the successes that we have enjoyed this past year are a direct result of their dedication, perseverance, and communication. My duties have been lightened by your strong support. In addition, we cannot accomplish anything without the support and dedication of local Council officers and members. Our work is for you and our successes are from you. Thank you all for the great work you are doing!

I need to thank my wife Darcy and my children, for their continued help and support of me. My thanks to all the wives and families of all my brother Knights for their continual support of us and our Order. It is only through the generosity of our families that we can dedicate the time and energy to serve others. Without our families, much of what we do, would not matter.

I would like to offer a special thanks to Chuck Davlin, our Regional Growth Director. He has been a tremendous asset and has been a great mentor for these past 2 years. The State Council is blessed to have had him assigned to us.

Worthy delegates, you have been chosen by your Councils to represent your Council’s membership at this convention. Please take this responsibility seriously. Your vote during the elections, resolutions process and other business decisions obligates your Council to abide by the decisions made at this meeting.

We are continually asking you to invite another Catholic man to join in our charitable efforts. Why is it important that we GROW THE ORDER? We have to recruit every day of the fraternal year, because it IS IMPORTANT. If we are not growing, then we are dying like so many other

organizations. It is through Council growth that we recharge our Councils with more hands to share the load and replace some of the hard workers that have done all they can do

On every Council roster, there are Knights who have decided not to participate in our charitable works or who we cannot even contact. This year Supreme introduced the affiliate program to help move those brother knights off the council roles so councils can spend more time doing their works of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. We can all do a better job of keeping all of our members involved in our activities, mentoring them and keeping in touch with them. As part of the ongoing activities in your Council, you must talk to these men to maintain their inclusion in your Council. Make a TRUE effort to retain members. The Retention Committee's work starts when a new member is brought in by finding out what activities interest him and how he can help the Council. We can retain him by keeping him interested in what we do.

As of April 16, our state membership stands at 5,092 members. So far this year, we have recruited 161 new members. We have reached 69% of our state membership goal. However, we are 80% of the way through our fraternal year. In order to achieve our statewide goal by June 30, we need to get serious about inviting other Catholic men to join with us. Membership has been picking up as more people are coming back to masses and we still have the opportunity to offer free online membership and can still offer this to any eligible Catholic man we meet for the rest of this Fraternal year by asking them to go to KofC.org/joinus. I challenge everyone in this room to recruit just one more guy. We must actively offer our Order and the good works we do, to every eligible Catholic man and his family. Help them become better men, Catholics, fathers and husbands, by joining their efforts with ours.

Thank you to all Councils that have recruited this year. To those that have not; join the rest of us and help us to build the order!

NEW COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT AND REACTIVATION

We have really tried to establish new councils this year in McCall and Jerome recruiting several members into the McCall roundtable and Recruiting 5 new Hispanic members in Jerome, but in neither location have we been able to find the leadership to have them start a council. Our Hispanic Development coordinator Cruz Estefes has brought in a few new members in Mountain Home to try to reactivate their Hispanic Council, but again we cannot get our brother Knights to step up to the leadership roles, so are working to create a roundtable under Mountain Home Council 3703. Also, a special thank you to Pona Magano, our Hispanic Growth Coordinator from Supreme. He has traveled to Idaho several times to help us with training for council 12953 and helped with recruitment weekends in Jerome and St. Anthony, Rexburg, and Driggs.

ROUND TABLES

I remind all District Deputies and Grand Knights that each Round Table ceases to exist on July 1st and so a new Round Table Form must be submitted for a round-table to continue. Having a round table fulfills Fr. McGivney's dream of having a Knights of Columbus presence in every parish. A Round Table contains the spirit and the energy of the Knights in a visible, active and focused forum even if it never grows into a full council, it is one more step in the realization of Fr. McGivney's dream. This year we have worked with the Mountain Home council and Fruitland councils to establish Hispanic round tables in their councils. Our College round table at University of Idaho has continued to be a great success under the leadership of David Gonzalez and other brother Knights in

our Moscow 1397 council. Recently had a very successful recruitment weekend for our college council Round Table at Idaho State University bringing in 4 new members.

STATE COUNCIL ACCOUNT BALANCES

Whenever requested, the State Treasurer and Secretary have provided updated reports of all accounts. I look the accounts over on a regular basis. I can attest that all accounts remain strong and are solvent. State Secretary George Mesina and State Treasurer Dan Moberg are to be commended for their diligence to good accounting principles during this fiscal year. We utilize an independent outside auditor to review our books, to protect both the State membership and the State officers.

INSURANCE

Kevin Tuuri is our General Agent. He has several agents working with him to cover all of Idaho. There are no Councils that do not have an assigned agent. Kevin has been very responsive to any questions or requests we have asked of him. With the new requirements for the Founders award, three order-wide insurance promotion nights one dealing with long-term care, one with Van Mueller, and one about careers as an agent were offered to all brother knights and fellow catholic parishioners' virtually. Kevin and his team have also offered local events when requested. We still have two more opportunities for Insurance promotion presentations by world renown speaker Ed Slott on May 26 and June 23. There has been the opportunity for every council to earn the Founders award this year. Kevin is committed to the success of his agents and to help the councils and members with their insurance needs.

Please take every opportunity to welcome, invite and utilize these valuable assets. As always, these dedicated professionals don't just sell insurance, they sell the Knights of Columbus and our Faith. Our insurance we purchase is what allows the Knights of Columbus to donate money world-wide to help causes, so when a knight buys insurance we are aiding in charitable giving. Their goal is to give as many Catholic families as possible a chance to fully participate and enjoy all of the benefits that come with membership in our Order. Do your part to provide these benefits of membership to all of the members of your Councils by actively promoting and using the Agency Staff here in Idaho. Remember that these agents are brother Knights trying to earn a living for their family, so please take every opportunity to meet with them.

FOURTH DEGREE

We are also blessed by the service of our District Master, Sir Knight Dave Ellingsen. Dave has been a vital part of the Idaho Knights of Columbus for many years and we are look forward to continuing to work with him as the District Master.

CEREMONIALS

The new Combined Ceremony of the First, Second, and Third Degree, is being used and is a great tool to bring new Knights up to the Third degree. Ken Reif, our ceremonial chairman has done well with holding live ceremonies in the Treasure valley and several councils in other parts of the state now have teams to perform the ceremony. There is no better way to invite a new knight into our order than through a well-done live ceremony, and we continue to encourage all our councils to form a team and hold in-person ceremonies as your local churches will allow under the pandemic. The video has also been used extensively to help promote social distancing, and our state has done really well with reaching out to our new online members and inviting them to degrees and getting them into their councils.

VOCATIONS

This last year was another successful one in the support of vocations by the Idaho Knights of Columbus with over \$17,000 council funds given to the RSVP program. Do not forget that support is not just money. Seminarians should receive cards, letters, invitations to Council events and visits from members. If your Council is not supporting a Seminarian, I urge you to do so and help with the development and growth of Vocations.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES/LEAVE NO NEIGHBOR BEHIND

Our State has done extremely well with our support for the Leave No Neighbor Behind Program. Many of our councils have set up calling trees to check up on their brother Knights and reached out to their priests to offer help and support for their parishes. The food for families' program has been one of our primary contribution programs in the state this year. Council's donated over \$19,700 and 7,300 hours of service to their local food banks.

COATS FOR KIDS

I am extremely proud of Idaho's accomplishments with the Coats for Kids program. About ¾ of our Councils participate in this program to help put coats on kids in need. This past year councils in this State purchased over \$13,000 in coats and did large distributions in Grangeville, Coeur d' Alene, McCall, Pocatello and Twin Falls delivering thousands of coats to kids in need. Each year Supreme offers to match any box purchased as long as your council submits a plan for your local distribution. This past year we received over 40 matching boxes from Supreme to distribute. I encourage all our councils to consider even purchasing one box from Supreme and getting a box matched to help support your local causes and continue to request donations for gently used coats from your local parishes, which many councils already do as part of their Coats for kids' program.

GLOBAL WHEELCHAIR MISSION

The pandemic certainly slowed down our opportunity to host Wheelchair Sunday's, but some our councils still were able to provide some funds to this important program. Wheelchair Sundays are easy to plan and help accomplish, so please remember to consider this as something we can do to provide the gift of mobility to those in need.

CULTURE OF LIFE

I have the honor to announce that Council 1363 and other councils in the state were able to raise the funds and do the paperwork for matching funds from Supreme to purchase 2 new ultrasound machines for their Open Arms Center this year. Lewiston Council 1024 along with help from other councils in the State raised the funds and did the paperwork for matching funds from Supreme to purchase an ultrasound machine for the Reliance Center. As a State, councils donated over \$86,300 for life activities along with many service hours. Idaho Knights also participated in Marches for Life in Idaho Falls, Boise, Lewiston, Moscow, and Coeur d'Alene and our State legislature passed a bill to ban abortions after 6 weeks of life. I am proud to say Idaho is truly a supporter of life at all stages!

REPORTS

To preserve our tax-exempt status as an international organization, your Council has to report charitable hours through the Fraternal Activity report. The government would love to get their hands on our

charitable funds; it is up to each of you to help protect our status as a non-profit organization by reporting your service activities.

The Colombian Award Report is the vehicle to report activities to Supreme and be recognized for service in our Parishes and communities. It is important that we recognize our members who do so much charitable work.

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

The Pennies from Heaven Fund continues to help those in need. Last year many Councils helped to support this cause. Thank you all. Please contribute again this year so we can continue to help those who need it most. I encourage you do a fundraiser for the person in need as well as make a PFH request so that we can be of even more help to them when the cause is needed.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Once again, the State Council is partnering with Special Olympics of Idaho. This past year the state went to online raffle tickets and many local Knights purchased raffle tickets. Our council activities help get funds from the Supreme council and once again we will donate the check received to Idaho Special Olympics.

SUMMARY

This has truly been a roller coaster of a year with all the challenges but has also been an Experience of a Lifetime, I have been blessed to have been elected into an Officers role and have the opportunity to work with all of you. I have met a lot of wonderful people during my travels and am impressed with the activity and dedication within the Councils that I have visited.

I urge you to use your membership to grow spiritually and grow personally. Singlehandedly you cannot affect as many lives as you can within a group of great men that are there to help and foster change. Take ownership of your roles, you have accepted the role that your council elected you to do. Make the most of it by achieving the goals set before you. We still have 10 weeks to make a difference in Idaho.

Thank you, members and delegates, for your prayers and support, I have tried to help and lead you, but ultimately, it is YOUR actions that guide our jurisdiction. I have been lucky to be able to visit with more than $\frac{3}{4}$ of the councils throughout our great State and have loved every minute of my experiences.

Reach out to another Catholic man, invite him to join with the Idaho Knights of Columbus to
CHANGE LIVES AND TO SAVE LIVES AND PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION!

Vivat Jesus.

Roy Bartholomay

State Deputy of Idaho, 2021-2022



CHARITY



GIVE WHERE IT'S NEEDED MOST

“Whether at home or abroad, charity is our Order’s first principle and the basis for all we do as brother Knights.” - Supreme Knight Carl Anderson



Roy Bartholomay - Idaho State Deputy

Dear Brother Knights,

Welcome to the 25 new brother Knights brought into our Councils during April as of April 25 and congratulation for meeting our April membership goal to receive an incentive from the Supreme office. Congratulations to our new State leaders elected at our State convention in Idaho Falls on April 24. Our new State Deputy is George Mesina, our new State Secretary is Dan Moberg, our new State Treasurer is Rich Bingham, our new State Advocate is Ken Rief, and our new State Warden is Paul Petro. Congratulations to all our award winners at the State Convention: Family Activity-St. George 12560, Community Activity-Weiser 13089, Life Activity-Meridian 11548, Faith Activity-Caldwell 3086, Helping the Disabled-Fruitland 12516, Publicity-St Pius 11623, District Deputy of the year-Brian Simer District 7, Council of the Year-St. Thomas 1363, Knight of the Year-Jim Jensen Fruitland council 12516, and Family of the Year Warren and Theresa Holcomb from St. Pius council 11623. We also had a youth from St. Mark’s that took 2nd in the Order (internationally) in the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest.

We were blessed to have Bishop Peter speak at our Friday night dinner, and also had great presentations from Kristi Kraft and her staff from Special Olympics, Cindy Garnier from BirthRite of Idaho Falls, Dan Moberg from the American Wheelchair Mission, and Ray Lopez from the Supreme Office. As we look forward to May, please continue to support membership-our goal for the Supreme incentive is 23 new members in May. Also, councils should please promote the Ed Slott insurance promotion night on Thursday May 26.

Vivat Jesus.

