



# Knights of Columbus

## Idaho State Council

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## Idaho Knights in Action

### Keep Christ in Christmas Pocatello

Once again, activity chair Past Grand Knight Pat Taney, along with Brothers of Council 892 stepped up and determined the winners of the "Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest". Thanks to the teachers and students of Holy Spirit Catholic School for participating.



L to R in the group picture: Kelsie Chapman, Keanan Gonzalez, Jazlyn Clark, Donovan Griggs, Stella Colman, Mary Elizabeth Hianz, Kyn Clark, Elaine Frost.  
Back row – Council 892 Past Grand Knight Pat Taney.



Gwendolyn Sullivan

## The Winners of the Keeping Christ In Christmas Poster Contest 2021.

#### 5-7 age group:

- 1st: Mary Elizabeth H
- 2nd: Kyn Clark
- 3rd: Elaine F

#### 8-10 age group:

- 1st: Jazlynn C
- 2nd: Donovan G
- 3rd: Stella C

#### 11-14 age group:

- 1st: Kelsie C
- 2nd: Gwendolyn S
- 3rd: Keanan G

# CHOSEN

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

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St Paul's Catholic Church, Nampa & Online

January 29, 2022

**\$49** In-Person thru Jan. 15, '22 | **\$29** Online; student, deacon, military

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Fr. Don  
Calloway



Deacon Adam  
Curtis



Matt Harte

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## Scouts Honor

Just like to share a leader award I am going for in Boy Scouts (Scouts BSA). Doctorate of Commissioner Science. Lots of classes and a thesis to get that certificate 1st in 20 years for the council. Now I need to recruit 3 leaders then I can get a spiffy leader knot for my scout uniform.



Nick Theisen  
Council 1363  
Assembly 185



## Seniors Mobility

I received the message below regarding a service for seniors and others with medical equipment needs.

John Pettinger PSD FDM  
Knights of Columbus - Financial Secretary, Council 12854

On Mon, Sep 27, 2021 at 4:38 PM "Maurice (Seniors Mobility)"

<maurice@seniorsmobility.org> wrote:

Hi John,

By way of introduction, I run a website called **Seniorsmobility.org**, which provides information for seniors to stay active and mobile.

I recently published the largest directory of programs that provide free medical equipment to seniors in Idaho, and I included your organization in the directory.

Here's the link to the directory ... "Free Medical Equipment for Seniors in Idaho"

<https://nyl.as/t1/176/926koax2mb2oja06k71d3h1q1/2/7913e7076e86d3e8e921e2ae1de470ad36f369d4b96cf3d5b05da480ff71cbcf>

Looking forward to hearing from you,  
Maurice Muise  
Editor, SeniorsMobility.org  
maurice@seniorsmobility.org

P.S. The directory is on page #1 of Google, so it's getting a lot of visitors every day.

## Honoring our Heroes – Pocatello

On December 15<sup>th</sup> Bishop Gorman Assembly presented to the Idaho State Veteran's Home in Pocatello a \$300.00 check. All our Sir Knights are extremely pleased to assist those women and men who dedicated themselves to keep us free.



L to R: Administrator Josiah Dahlstrom; Faithful Navigator Bart Cameron; and Faithful Comptroller Dave Molitor.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Degree - Buhl

On November 14 a Fourth Degree Exemplification took place at Immaculate Conception in Buhl with a thirteen in-person candidates and two online candidates. The Degree class was from four separate assemblies, online-William Cutshall from Assembly #181 Boise, Bruce Hanni from Assembly #2571 Meridian, in-person - Kenny Santacruz and Brandon Esquibel from Assembly #3744 Rupert, Brent Brumfield, Fransisco Hernandez, Arturo Marez, Jose Marez, Rigoberto Mercado, Santamaria Sarmiento, Miguel Serna, Robert Stange, Adrian Tafoya, Daniel Valdez, and Santa Valdez from Assembly #184. After the exemplification a very tasty tri-tip and lemon chicken dinner was served with a short dinner program. Many members from the hosting Fr. Nicholas Wirtzberger Assembly #184 helped cook and put on the degree with four Color Corps Members helping a team composed of members from both Treasure Valley and Magic Valley Fourth Degree Teams.



## Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

January 2022



**And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.**  
(Gospel for Jan. 2, Mt 2:9-11)

In so many ways, Jesus was not what was expected. He came to us not as a powerful earthly king or military leader, but as the helpless child of a poor family. Even so, the pagan Magi recognized the child as a newborn king. The true dignity of all human beings can at times be difficult for us to see and recognize. But, like the Magi, may we look past appearances and see the true worth of every human person — and rejoice in the gift of life.

### Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to offer one decade of the rosary each day — individually or as a family — for the intention of life. Second, I challenge you to participate with your brother Knights in the Novena for Life, March for Life, and/or Pregnancy Center Support Faith in Action programs.

### Questions for Reflection:

How can you live your life in such a way as to inspire a change of hearts and minds to a pro-life position? What concrete actions can you take to build a culture of life, such as supporting pregnancy resource centers? How can you better incorporate praying for life into your own prayer life?

Pray Always



## Charitable Funds

Brothers,

I pray this finds you well. Have you ever thought how nice it would be if donors to the Knights could enjoy the benefits of a tax deduction for their generous support of our work? Unfortunately, we are only a 501(c)8 organization and, therefore, we don't qualify. Well, we have great news! The Idaho State Council has established two 501(c)3 Charitable Funds with our Supreme Council and these funds allow donors to receive tax deductions for their donations. One fund is for general donations (non-specific) and the other is a 'restricted fund' set up exclusively for our **ultra-sound** initiative.

**General Donations** can be made online using a credit card by cutting and pasting this link into your browser:

[https://ccfnj.iphiview.com/kofc/Dashboard/OnlineDonation/tabid/542/dispatch/contribution\\_id\\$18563\\_hash\\$c8f7dd1071d003b60c56feae78b04fa9e70612c6/Default.aspx](https://ccfnj.iphiview.com/kofc/Dashboard/OnlineDonation/tabid/542/dispatch/contribution_id$18563_hash$c8f7dd1071d003b60c56feae78b04fa9e70612c6/Default.aspx)

To support the **Ultra-Sound Initiative** you can do so by cutting and pasting this link into your browser:

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For those who would like to donate using a check, wire funds or securities, a Donation Agreement (in PDF format above) must be used.

For reference: **Our General Fund is Fund #18563**      **Our Ultra-Sound Fund is #18568**

Please reach out to me if you have any questions or if your council may have an interest in establishing your own charitable fund accounts. Thank you and may the holy and blessed occasion of Advent bring peace, joy, and warmth to you and your families.

**Dan Moberg - Idaho State Treasurer**

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## *The Gift of Life ... Blood! - Pocatello*

Due to the efforts of Past Faithful Navigator Jim Price a Red Cross Blood Drive took place on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Pine Ridge Mall in Chubbuck. Because of the nationwide blood shortage, the Pebble Creek Ski Patrol was asked to sponsor their 3<sup>rd</sup> blood drive in 15 months. This Drive produced 34 units of blood of which 17 came from Patrol members or relatives, along with some members of Bishop Gorman Assembly 183.



*Past Faithful Navigator Jim Price in background donating his life-giving blood to the Red Cross.*



*Current Faithful Navigator Bart Cameron also giving of himself.*

# Pancake Breakfast - Boise

Here are photos of the Our Lady of the Rosary Pancake Breakfast of December 12th. This is our first breakfast since 2019 when the pandemic began. We had a great time serving our parishioners and had one of our best incomes even though we decided to try voluntary donation only. We had no charges for our patrons and a few ate free of their own choosing but most were very generous. We hope to continue.

Vivat Jesus,

David E Brown, Financial Secretary  
OLR Boise Council 10581





# Assembly Actions

Dave Ellingsen - Idaho District Master



Dear Brother Knights,

Great thanks to the members of both the Treasure Valley and Magic Valley Fourth Degree teams. We have successfully held two exemplifications in the last calendar month. The first was Hosted by Bishop Sylvester Treinen Assembly #2751 Meridian, ID. We had a wonderful Patriotic Degree that brought in fourteen new Sir Knights to three assemblies, three of which were priests. The dinner was wonderful, and they had a nice program in both social hour and at the dinner Banquet. The Second was hosted by my home Fr. Nicholas Wirtzberger Assembly #184. This Exemplification brought in fifteen Sir Knights, thirteen in person and two online from four assemblies. Both host assemblies have exceeded their yearly membership quotas and are our states' largest assemblies.

Coincidence or the result of active recruiting to the Fourth Degree. I believe it is the latter. Please work to increase the percentage of Knights in the Fourth Degree. These members are usually more engaged with the Knights in both the Council and Assembly and have good retention. Nationally only 18.4% of Knights are Sir Knights, and Idaho is very close to that average. I would like to see that increased and possibly doubled. We stand at 37% of our intake Goal for the Fourth Degree in Idaho. We have a Fourth Degree Scheduled for Jan. 8 in Idaho Falls; information should be found in the flyer in this issue. An early Spring Degree in Lewiston is also being planned as well as a Spanish language Degree in Boise. Ask your active Third Degree members to join the Patriotic Degree.

Please start planning for the gathering of information for the #1728 Fraternal activity report that will be coming up in January. Sending the information gathering sheets for individuals with your dues statements will help get better response rates from your members.

I hope you had a Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year to all! Vivat Jesus.

## Membership Report

We are half way through the fraternal year and we are in 45<sup>th</sup> spot in the circle of honor standings. As of December 27<sup>th</sup>, we have 15 new members this month compared to 21 for last month. It's the first time this year that we didn't exceed the previous month's intake. We are sitting at just over 35% of our goal and we need 152 new members to meet that goal.

### Second Half Incentives:

For the sake of the 2nd half incentives, every council's membership goal will be reset to zero on January 1st, 2022.

1. Every council earning 50 % of recruitment goal by March 31, 2022 get \$ 50.00
2. The 1<sup>st</sup> Council to reach 100 % by June 30, 2022 gets \$150.00

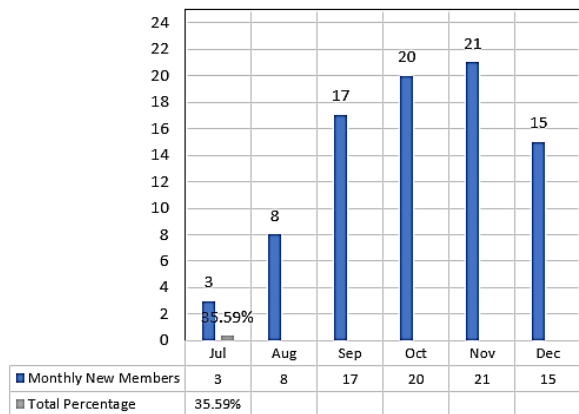
Every new member MUST be recorded at supreme by close of business on March 30, 2022 to qualify!

### MCGIVNEY2020

The MCGIVNEY2020 incentive continues to run through the end of this fraternal year.



Circle of Honor



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Councils in the Idaho Panhandle and the Treasure Valley have raised \$5,456.00 for Special Olympics Idaho (SOI). Councils in Spirit Lake, Rathdrum, Kellogg and Coeur d'Alene recently presented SOI with a check for \$4628.00.

The funds were raised through the Tootsie Roll "Drive to Help People with Intellectual Disabilities" and

collected outside local grocery stores and the Councils' Parishes.



Councils From St. Marks, Boise and Our Lady of the Valley in Meridian provided Course Marshals for the Thanksgiving Morning Turkey Trots (1/2 marathons) that were held in both cities. This was the first time Our Lady of the Valley has been

involved in the race and they were able to provide a team 8 volunteers. For the 6<sup>th</sup> time, St. Marks Boise Council provided teams for the race in Boise. Teams for both events were comprised of Knights, their families and friends.



In return for their services, race organizers provided a monetary contribution to SOI based on the number of volunteers provided. This year their efforts resulted in a \$1000.00 donation.

Jim Barclay  
Special Olympics State Chairman  
K of C Idaho  
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## THE LAST WORD

### Roy Bartholomay - Idaho State Deputy

Dear Brother Knights,

Happy New Year and welcome to the 13 new brother Knights brought into our Councils during December. Last month I reported that we had obtained enough funding to purchase one of two ultrasounds for the Open Arms Facility in Coeur d' Alene. In mid-December we got news that funding was brought in to purchase the second machine. Thanks to all for the blessing of offering life-saving opportunities in northern Idaho. This month, many Knights in our State will show our support for life with annual marches. Please be safe as we support the cause for the rite to life.

Last month, our council leaders were introduced to training for the pilot affiliate membership program. The paperwork to transfer members to the affiliate program has to be approved and sent to Supreme by the end of January. Councils are also working on showcasing all the great works we do by submitting their annual Survey of Fraternal Activity by the end of January. Thank you for all your great work in 2021!

Vivat Jesus.

