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Idaho Knights in Action

Holy Spirit Council 11548 ... News - Meridian

The changing of the seasons, being it fall colors or the start of school at St. Ignatius at Holy Apostles, it seems the Knights at Holy Spirit Council #11548 seem to also kick into high gear serving the parish and the community this time of the year. "We are pleased to see so many Brother Knights find ways to get involved and they really do step up," stated newly elected Grand Knight Dave Cereghino, whom replaced GK Scott Holman, after he accepted a work position in Phoenix in September. "Our activity has us going in so many directions, from fundraisers like our Cinnamon Roll fundraiser to community work such as handing out Peace Rosaries; our food drive for our St. Vincent DePaul food pantry; mass near Planned Parenthood for Right to Life; and holding a much-needed Red Cross Blood Drive. We also are involved with our Round Table Council in McCall and holding membership ceremonies once a month at Holy Apostles. Plus, our monthly meetings, once held in a classroom, are packing the dining room at church," he concluded.

See specifics about all the Council 11548 activities and pictures throughout this Newsletter.

Franciscan Sisters – Arbon Valley (Pocatello-Chubbuck)

Sent by: Keith Riemersma, State Youth / Activities Director

October 2nd was the anniversary of the passing of Mother Mona of the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist community of Pocatello & Chubbuck. To commemorate her passing, the Sisters planned an outdoor work day to get the grounds ready for winter and asked our local KC's to help. The work day was this Saturday October 2nd from 10am to noon at the Sister's desert house (2098 Old Arbon Valley Rd). However, with the Sisters having us additionally clean the weeds and grasses out of all the flower beds it took more time than was originally planned.

So thanks very much to Richard Schultz, John Prokschl, Kerry Hennessy PSD, DD#2, Don Lesniewski, Mike Houston, Jim Price, Dick Newton and Pete Sheridan for coming and helping the Sisters on this project.



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Holy Family Catholic School - CDA

On Saturday, October 9 Knights from Coeur d'Alene Councils 1363, 11623 and Post Falls Council 12560 provided assistance to the Holy Family Catholic School's "Hawktoberfest" event. The school is located in Coeur d'Alene and many Catholics and others from the Coeur d'Alene and Post Falls areas send their children to school there. Hawktoberfest is one of the school's major annual fundraisers. A total of approximately 20 Knights were on hand to help and the event drew an estimated 300 participants. The Knights provided safety and parking services as well as operated the beer and wine garden.



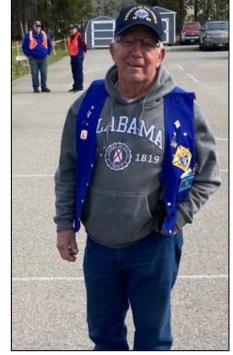
St. Pius and St. Thomas Knights operating the beer and wine garden.







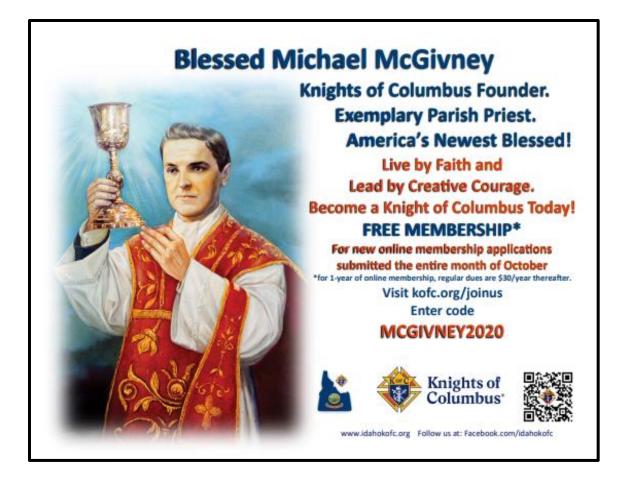
Council 12560 Brother Lance Stephens assists with safety services.

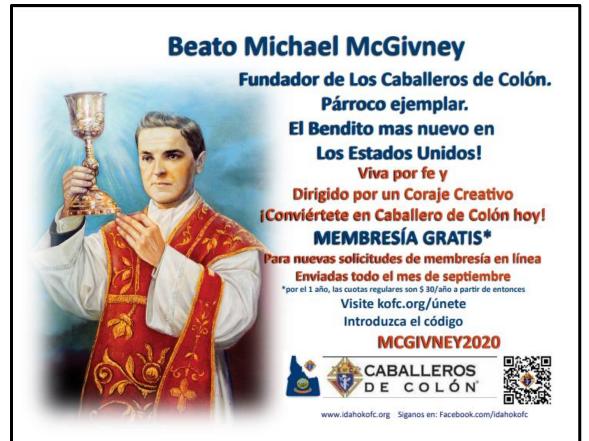


Holy Spirit Council 11548 ... Peace Rosary – Meridian

Brother Dennis Kuntz introduced an idea for the Knights to fund and coordinate with the Rosary Makers at Holy Apostles the making of one thousand Peace Rosaries to be handed out to parish members. The Council put up about \$1700.00, a price a bit higher than expected because of supply and demand issues for crosses and beads tied to Covid-19. The Peace Rosary consists of seven sets of three beads each set for the recitation of one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be.







Our Lady of the Rosary - Boise Family of the Month

Bruce and Teresa Devino

Our Lady of the Rosary Council 10581 DeSmet Assembly 181

Bruce and Teresa are being recognized as the Family of the Month of September. Bruce and Teresa are a closeknit Catholic Family that attends Mass regularly and work in several church ministries. Bruce is an Honorary Life Member of the Knights of Columbus and a Fourth Degree Knight, in his 39th year of service. He plays drums at Mass, helps with the Swahili Mass, ushers at Mass, Eucharistic Minister and visits the home bound. Teresa is a Lay Ecclesial Minister and received her Commission from Bishop Michael Driscoll in 2012. She is a Graduate of the Diocese of Boise Servant School. Teresa is a sacristan, Eucharistic Minister and helps in many other ministries. She is dearly attached to the homebound, taking them the Eucharistic, sending gifts and talking to former parishioners in retirement homes.



"Family of the Month" Selection Criteria State Family Director, Nick Pettinger

To consider the following:

- 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?

Special Olympics Idaho

As has been previously reported, all Special Olympics Idaho (SOI) Athletic Events have been canceled for 2021 while the organization regroups under a new administration. There will be fund raising events, however, with the focus being on starting 2022 in a stronger position financially.

On November 4th SOI will hold their major fund-raising event for the year.

"Night of Champions 50th Anniversary Gala 5:30pm-9:30pm Nampa Civic Center

Join us as we celebrate 50 years and honor the athletes that inspire us every day!

We will acknowledge five decades of athlete championship through our Walk of Decades. The night will also feature a delicious catered dinner, music, displays, silent and live auctions, along with a few incredibly unique raffle opportunities.

This event will enable us to help meet the need of the growing population of individuals with intellectual disabilities." If possible, Knights are encouraged to attend this event.

On Thanksgiving Morning there will be a charity 1'2 marathon fun run/walk in downtown Boise. The Knights of Columbus have been asked to provide volunteers to serve as course marshals, directing traffic at the intersections that will be shut down while the participants run/walk through. As in the past, the organizers will make a donation to Special Olympics based on the number of volunteers we provide. In the past, the donation was made to one Special Olympics Club. This year the funds will be paid to SOI, who will then distribute them to clubs in the Treasure Valley. Jim Barclay, State Special Olympics Chair for the Knights, will be emailing more detailed information to all Councils in the Treasure Valley.

This will be the only event in the South Central Area where Knights will be able to have an impact in 2021.

On November 13th, law enforcement personnel will be serving as waiters at the Anderson Reserve fine dining restaurant, 7275 Sweet Ola Hwy, Sweet, Idaho. All tips earned by the volunteers will be donated to Special Olympics Idaho.

> Jim Barclay – State Chair 208-869-5839

Holy Spirit Council 11548 ... Blood Drive - Meridian

Holy Spirit Council sponsored its first blood drive in over 18 months, because of Covid-19 restrictions at the church, on October 18th at Holy Apostles. "There is a national emergency for blood and blood products, that didn't go away because of the pandemic, so we were ready to do our part when we got the green light from our church's administration," stated Sir Knight Joe Cardona, Blood Drive Coordinator. "Our Brothers not only assisted the Red Cross team, but most gave blood to help us reach our goal of 58 units. Each unit helps approximately three individuals in need. Our Council and Assembly currently list 41 parish and community support activities, but this one saves lives, so I'm happy to report we delivered 62 units," he concluded.



Sir Knight Joe Cardona (Colonel (r), USAF) a cancer survivor headed up the Red Cross Blood drive with the help of Holy Apostles parish nurse Monique Kilroy.



Knight Fred Klein, MD, visits with Sir Knight Dennis Shaul, as he completes his donation at the blood drive, where most of the Knight volunteers not only helped donors but gave themselves.



New parish priest at Holy Apostles, Father Vitalis, visits with Sir Knight Rob Brkljacich (a cancer survivor) while giving blood.



Sir Knight Mel Phelps handing out bags for food drive.

Holy Spirit Council 11548 ... Food Drive - Meridian

The Fourth Annual Food Drive for St. Vincent de Paul required handing out food bags at five masses on October 9th and 10th and collecting, over 10,000 pounds of food and personal items, after mass on October 16th and 17th. This annual event helps fill the shelves prior to the holidays at one of the busiest food banks in Meridian. Winco once again donated the bags and over 100 donated hours of labor were needed to collect the donations. "Very successful food drive, "stated Sr. Knight Dennis Shaul, Family Director for the Council, who coordinated the event. "Our total weight count was off a bit, but we had fewer canned goods on the list and the parish really came through with donations of paper goods," he stated.



Sir Knight Mike Shaul with Sir Knight Dennis Shaul loading paper goods for storage at the food drive.

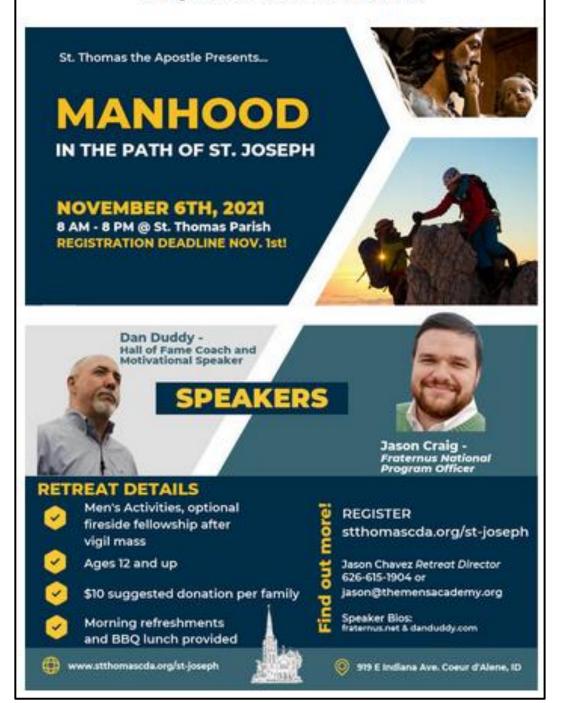


Knight Father Vitalis jumping in and helping Knights hand out list of needed items for the St. Vincent de Paul Food drive.

This is the year...

Fellow Retreatants: In Ileu of our planned but unfortunately cancelled Cardinal Burke Retreat, we are collaborating with St. Thomas and Brother Jason Chavez on a Father-Son Retreat, in this Year of St. Joseph. The flyer below and website provide all the details. You can come with your sons and/or grandsons, ages 9 and up, or you can come as a solo Catholic man, in support of the program. The date is Saturday, November 6th at St. Thomas, at the Center and the Church next door. Please try to attend, in full, or in part. Call Mike Anderson at 308-664-1498 if any questions.

Blessings, The INW Catholic Men's Retreat Committee



Re-Location Service - Pocatello

On October 16th five of our brothers -- Kerry Hennessy, Rick Laws, Keith Riemersma, Drew Riemersma, and Mark Serve -- helped to move a destitute elderly couple from their fire-damaged apartment at Pine Ridge Apartments to a new one in Kirkwood Meadows.

They met at 10 a.m. for what was thought to be a two-hour project. In the event, it wasn't over until about 3:30 p.m.

Although the move was from a ground floor apartment to ground floor apartment, there was far, far more to move than they (or I) were given to expect. The truck from St. Vincent de Paul and another 15-foot U-Haul truck were used and between them they made three fully packed trips.

Nevertheless, these Knights did the job. The couple had to be out by Sunday (today) because they were impacted by the fire at the apartments on August 29. Reconstruction started the next day.

They "got 'er done" and we all owe these men who demonstrated the best of our Order a vote of thanks. I intend to put a formal vote of thanks on the agenda for the November meeting.

These people had never heard of the Knights of Columbus before this and I can't think of a better introduction.

Vivat Jesus! Mike Doellman - Grand Knight, Pocatello Council 892

Holy Spirit Council 11548 ... Degree Ceremony - Meridian

The Combined Degree Team from Holy Spirit Council #11548 Meridian hosted two candidates and many special guests at Holy Apostles Catholic Church for its monthly Degree Ceremonial on Thursday, October 21st. District Deputy #5, Cory Newell, also uses this team to exemplify new members in the Knights of Columbus. Current members welcomed in Father Regmigius Ihim, the Sacramental Minister at Risen Christ Catholic Church Boise, to Council #12854 and Will Amalu to Family Knight Council #17059 Blessed Frassati.

Idaho State and Council officers witnessed the ceremonial that was followed up with a training session directed by Supreme Regional Growth Director Chuck Davlin. Other notable attendees were the Idaho State Deputy Roy Bartholomay and Past Supreme Director Brian Simer. The session instructed the council officers in their roles, responded to questions, and guided directors and chairman on their obligations to prepare prospects, candidates and members for long term engagement resulting in council growth.

Our newest Chaplain Knight, Father Remigius, is a priest from the Archdiocese of Onerri, Nigeria. He served in seven parishes in his home country for the past 24 years. Upon receiving his assignment to Risen Christ in Boise last month, he made it known to the Council members his interest in becoming a Knight of Columbus.



Left: District Deputy #5 Cory Newell briefs new Brother Knights Father Regmigius Ihim, and Will Amalu prior to the ceremony.



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Many companies can boast about their financial strength, their industry ratings, their size and their reach. With one of the largest books of life insurance in the industry, and a long track record of strong ratings and industry accolades, so can we.

But only one company can combine products and pedigree with a unique Catholic purpose. Only one company can transform the act of purchasing a financial product into a statement of faith and fraternalism. And that company is the Knights of Columbus. We:



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ASK A CATHOLIC GENTLEMAN TO JOIN TODAY!!

'Open Arms' Ultrasound Initiative – Coeur d'Alene

Here are some pictures from an October 6 meeting with Open Arms in Coeur d' Alene. For the first picture below from left to right is Leon Lutovsky, Grand Knight of 1363; Dr. Richard Hawk; Dana Drechsel (staff nurse); State Deputy Roy Bartholomay; and Dave Rusconi, Deputy Grand Knight 1363. We met with the Open Arms facility to start paperwork to pursue getting matching funds to purchase an ultrasound machine for their facility.







Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 1:26 AM

To: Dillingham, Drew < Drew.Dillingham@Kofc.Org>

Cc: Roy Bartholomay <royrugger@msn.com>; Leon Lutovsky <leelkofc@hotmail.com>; Constance Anderson <a href="mailto:sanderson155@roadrunner.com>; Bill Larson <b href="mailto:<b href="mailto:sanderson12@outlook.com">sanderson155@roadrunner.com>; Bill Larson <b href="mailto:sanderson12@outlook.com">sanderson155@roadrunner.com>; Bill Larson <b href="mailto:sanderson12@outlook.com">sanderson155@roadrunner.com>; Bill Larson <b href="mailto:sanderson12@outlook.com">sanderson12@outlook.com> **Subject:** Fw: [External] Diocesan Evaluation, KofC Ultrasound Program

Brother Drew;

I am Brother David Rusconi, Deputy Grand Knight Council 1363, St. Thomas Coeur d'Alene, ID. We are requesting matching funding from Supreme to purchase 2 new ultrasound machines for Open Arms a pregnancy center here in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

We have requested and received permission to work with Open Arms from our Diocese here in Idaho. Please see the attached note of approval from Christian Welp, Director of Diocesan Services, Diocese of Boise.

I am also attaching our form 10716 Application for Ultrasound Program and supporting documents pertaining to this application. I believe Roy Bartholomay has already forwarded copies to you. Please review this application and at your convenience contact me by phone or email to advise how we can achieve the goal set forth.

Your help and support is greatly appreciated for this project.

Brother Dave Rusconi, 650-400-9779

Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 2:03 PM
To: <u>David Rusconi</u>
Cc: <u>Roy Bartholomay</u>; <u>Leon Lutovsky</u>; <u>Constance Anderson</u>; <u>Bill Larson</u>; <u>cwelp@rcdb.org</u>
Subject: RE: [External] Diocesan Evaluation, KofC Ultrasound Program

Worthy Brother David,

Attached is the approval letter from Supreme for your ultrasound initiative. Godspeed in your life-saving efforts!

Call or email with questions any time.

Fraternally,

Drew Dillingham

Program Manager, Life and Faith Knights of Columbus 1 Columbus Plaza New Haven, CT 06510 203-752-4078

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Wow, That was fast congratulations 1363! I will do my best to get the word out in the State for councils to help you raise the funds to purchase the 2 machines. Thank you.

Roy Bartholomay, Knights of Columbus Idaho State Deputy

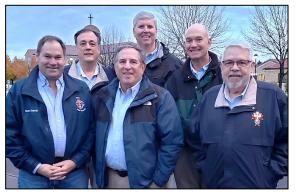
Holy Spirit Council 11548 ... Round Table & Coats for Kids – Meridian

When Father Bruno was transferred to Our Lady of the Lake Parish in McCall, one of his first questions was, "Where are the Knights?" He wanted the Knights of Columbus to increase their presence in (Valley Country) McCall, Cascade, and Riggins by re-establishing their Roundtable Council. District Deputy Cory Newell reached out and explained to Father about McCall being a Roundtable Council tied to Holy Spirit and he would assist with gathering the needed membership to start a new council.

Along with a team from Holy Spirit Council #11548 visiting our Lady of the Lake on August 22nd and September 26th, membership numbers have grown with the addition of reactivations, readmissions, and new interest. A Combined Degree Exemplification was held on Saturday, October 23rd in the Sanctuary at Lady of the Lake, with the District 5 and Holy Apostles Degree Team welcoming two McCall candidates and one Cascade candidates. One other Brother Knight was reactivated and four more are scheduled for a November event. The member count has now reached sixteen, which is closing in on the number needed to apply to form a council.

This event was followed by a number of events at the church, coordinated by Office Administrator at Our Lady of the Lake, Amy Hickerson including gifting coats to residents in need by the Knights, parish members, and McCall fire, police and first responders. Using the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program around 240 coats was donated for gifting. Holy Spirit got the ball rolling donating two cases matched by Supreme. State stepped up with two cases and again Supreme matched. Then John Paul II Nampa Council 2014 donated a case and again Supreme matched by Council 17059 Blessed Frassati Family Knight and Risen Christ Council 12854, which once again, Supreme matched. Finally, hearing the good news, three organizations in the Valley County community used the Knights program to contribute another three cases, which once again was matched by Supreme. Coats will be divided between those in need in not just McCall, but Cascade and Riggins to.

"No question this just goes to show what the Knights can do to impact a parish and the community," stated District Deputy Cory Newell. "I'm sure Father Bruno is excited and we'll continue to assist in all we can do to help build a Council. I'm sure the men of these three parishes will enjoy the fellowship and all the benefits tied to being Brother Knights," he concluded.



Ceremony Team: Roy Bartholomay, Daryl Staskey, Ken Rief; Cory Newell, Ray Hynson and David Innerbichler.



New members Larry Brockman, Milton Espy, Mark Wilmer and Michael Rimkus attended Mc Call

























With holidays approaching we get busier and busier...right through to the end of the year. It seems nearly non-stop with family gatherings, holiday shopping, special programs at the parish and at schools. Everybody gets busy! From what I've read about shipping and trucking delays of getting shelves restocked it looks like Christmas shopping will need to start even earlier for many.

As busy are you are, here is one item that needs your attention: If you have not yet completed the Annual Survey, please take just a few minutes and respond. It's easier than ever; it can be done online at www.KofCSurvey2021.org. Your responses help me understand your current situation better. That in turn allows me to be of better service to you. For some of you that means referring you or a family member to one of our many fraternal benefits. For others it may mean updating important contact or family information. Still others may benefit from a comprehensive look at their current insurance plans. With our new financial needs analysis tool and a few minutes together, I can give you an accurate picture of where you stand when it comes to your family's protection. With our full suite of products, life insurance, long-term care insurance, disability income insurance and retirement annuities, I can help in most any situation.

Our financial needs analysis allows me to gather information from you and make fact-based recommendations based on your wants, needs, and desires. With the help of computer modeling, we can look at a variety of scenarios and help ensure you are on the right track regardless what lies ahead.

Now, before things get too busy, let's meet and take a look at where you stand. Maybe you're in good shape in one area, but could use some shoring up in another. Those blind spots can be problematic, but once identified you can take the necessary steps to address them.

Thank you to the many brothers who have met with me so far this year. I've been very fortunate to be of service to them and their families. Even as the end of the year gets busy, I look forward to helping more.

From: Kevin Tuuri

CONTACT THE KC FIELD AGENT IN YOUR AREA TODAY TO SET AN APPOINTMENT



Roy Bartholomay - Idaho State Deputy

Dear Brother Knights,

Happy Veterans Day and Thanksgiving and welcome to the 17 new brother Knights brought into our State during October. I hope you are doing well and are enjoying the nice moisture we have been getting. This past month we had two successful coat distributions: one in Coeur d' Alene put on by St Pius 11623 along with support from 1363 and 12560; and one in McCall put on by local Knights and members from Meridian council 11548. While in Coeur d' Alene, the leaders of St. Thomas 1363 and myself met with Open Arms Real Choices Clinic to discuss fundraising for two ultrasound machines for their facility. We filled out paperwork to get approval of the clinic for the Knights of Columbus Ultrasound program and got great news in the middle of the month that both the Diocese and Supreme office approved the clinic to get matching funds. We now need to work as Knights of Columbus to help St. Thomas raise the funds to purchase the ultrasounds and help save lives.

This month our councils will continue to do coat drives and feed the families in their communities and we should also remember to honor our veterans, pay respects to our members that have passed away with memorial masses, and give Thanks for all the blessings God has bestowed on us.

Vivat Jesus.

