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Idaho Knights in Action

Solemnity of St. Joseph - Rupert

Members of Rupert Council 2792 and Rupert Assembly 3744 took part in services for the Solemnity of St Joseph, which highlighted the K of C St Joseph Icon Program, March 19 & 20 at St Nicholas Church. March 19th included a bi-lingual 8 am mass, followed by the rosary and Litany of St Joseph. March 20th included the rosary and Litany of St. Joseph, in Spanish, before the 12 pm Sunday Spanish mass. Approximately 35 people were in attendance for each service and approximately 14 brother Knights, which includes Father Camilo Garcia, Deacon Paul Henscheid and Deacon Jose Medina, were in attendance (not all are pictured).

Fred Ahlin
Deputy Grand Knight Council 2792
Faithful Navigator Assembly 3744



ST. JOSEPH, PRAY FOR US !

Events Around the State – April 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 Seder Meal

April 13 5:00 to 7:PM at Christ the King Parish Hall

Salmon 8283 Meager Meal

April 1st 5:30pm at Parish Hall

District 2

Pocatello Council 892 Pancake Breakfast

Sunday Apr 3, 11 AM
St. Anthony Social Hall

Rupert Council 2792 Exemplification

Sunday April 24 after 10 AM Mass

District 3

Twin Falls Council 1416 Good Friday Service

Friday April 15, 7PM
St. Edward the Confessor Church

District 4

Mountain Home 3703 Church Drive

Sunday April 3, All Masses
Our Lady of Good Council Church
342 E Jackson St, Mountain Home, ID 83647

Buhl Council 2685 Fish Fry

Fridays in Lent, 5:00 – 8:00 pm

District 5

Meridian Council 11548 Blood Drive

Monday, April 25 - 11:30 AM - 05:30 PM
Holy Apostles Catholic Church 6300 N Meridian Rd, Meridian, ID 83646

Meridian Council Pro-Life Marathon Relay

Saturday, April 9, 11 AM
Finish Line at Meridian Planned Parenthood
2112 E Franklin Rd, Meridian, ID 83642

District 6

Sacred Heart 899 40 Cans for Lent

Ongoing. Bring donations to:
Sacred Heart Hall
811 S Latah St, Boise

District 8

Lewiston Council 1024 Fish Fry

All Fridays in Lent
All Saints Catholic Church Social Hall
3330 14th St

District 9

Genesee Council 1554 Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday April 17, 8:30 AM
138 N Jackson St, Genesee, ID.

Moscow Council 1397 Scholarship Breakfast

Sunday April 24 8:30am-12:15pm
St. Mary's parish center, 618 E. 1st St, Moscow

District 10

St. George Council 12560 Rosary for Life

Sundays in Lent before 10 am Mass, 9:45-10
St. George Church
2004 N. Lucas Street

St. Pius Council 11623 Fish Fry

Fridays April 8. Contact council for details.



Join
the
fun!

Sacred Heart Council 899 - Boise

From: Mike Kosik,
Financial Secretary

Picture of crowd at St. Patrick's dinner with Killarney Irish Dancers on stage in background.

Boise Highlanders playing at St Patrick's dinner.



Killarney Irish Dancers dancing at St Patrick's dinner.



Supreme Chaplain's Challenge

April 2022



When the hour came, he took his place at table with the apostles. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for, I tell you, I shall not eat it [again] until there is fulfillment in the kingdom of God." (Gospel for April 10, Lk 22:14-16)

Every Palm Sunday, we hear the account of Christ's Passion. The story is quite familiar to us by now. Has it lost any of its impact for us from repetition? The Passion of Christ is not just a rote story we recall once a year, but a reality that lies at the heart of our Catholic faith. My brothers, may we never let the recollection of the Passion of Christ fail to move our hearts to greater love for him.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to participate in the Stations of the Cross — alone or with your parish — to enter more deeply into the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Second, I challenge you to carry out the Faith in Action Good Friday Family Promotion program.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you sometimes "glaze over" or lose focus when listening to the readings at Mass? What can you do to better prepare for Mass so that you reap more fully the spiritual benefits of hearing the word of God? What devotions — such as the Stations of the Cross or the rosary — can you take up to engage more deeply with the stories and events of our faith?

Afghan Immigrants - Pocatello

Knights from Council 892 are taking a breather after they unloaded a truckload of furniture into a new home for immigrants. These immigrants were saved and brought out of Afghanistan after the country was taken over by the Taliban. Because these Afghans were helping the US Government, their lives were in danger if they stayed, so a lot of the employees were rescued and brought to the United States. With the leadership of the Catholic Charities of Idaho, many families are being relocated to Idaho. Pocatello volunteered to be one of the cities chosen to house some of the many families brought to Idaho. The photo is from the first house that the Knights helped to deliver the furniture. The community has been very generous with their donations of furniture, household goods and money to make the transition of these refugees more comfortable. Since this first house that was furnished, the Knights have picked up and delivered goods to furnish three more houses in the Pocatello area.

This tremendous help was donated by Knights - Brad Bugger, Jim Robinson, Rick Laws, Rick's sister, Cathy, Keith Riemersma, and Kerry Hennessy.



Ukraine Relief - Blackfoot Council 3013

Blackfoot Council 3013 heard the call for support to the country of Ukraine and jumped into action. With very short notice they planned a coffee hour after the 10 am Mass recently, and asked the Priest to announce that the Knights were hosting a coffee hour and all donations were being sent to Catholic Charities to help the displaced residents of Ukraine. The generosity of the Blackfoot churchgoers resulted in a donation of \$300.00. Well done Blackfoot Council, Don Weikert GK, and also to the generosity of the Blackfoot Parishioners!

SP-7 Columbian Award Application



What an amazing ride we have all been on this year! Covid 19 continues to present us with challenges but the threat is lessening and we are living freer and less restricted. I am proud to know that our Idaho councils have not allowed a little "bug" to get them down. Our work and our charity has continued throughout.

This is a great time to show your Brother Knights, your Pastor and parish community how much you have done for the betterment of your community. I encourage **every** Idaho Council that is Safe Environment compliant to submit an SP-7 application for the Columbian Service Award. This Supreme award recognizes you for excellence in your council's programming and for your charitable outreach. I know that every safe environment compliant Council in Idaho would qualify. All it takes is a few minutes fill out the form and it can even be filled out and submitted online.

Even if you don't feel it is necessary to be recognized, this award is something that is admired by your Church and community and it provides prospective members with the belief that your council is one that he would be proud to join.

I suggest that we strive for 100% participation in the Columbian Award and **now** is the time to start. I am happy to assist you in any way. If you have questions, please let me know. Good luck and God bless.

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St. Patrick's Day - St. Thomas Council 1363, CDA

On Sunday, March 13th, St. Thomas Council held its most successful ever St. Patrick's Day Dinner and sing-along. Featuring a 4-piece Irish folk quartet, a full course traditional corned beef & cabbage dinner by Warden & Chef Ray Stongle, and over 40 raffle prizes, gathered by project leader Randy Young, with Louis Zember and Dave Rusconi assisting, under the overall leadership of GK Lee Lutovsky. The event attracted about 250 celebrants and far exceeded our expectations in all respects! It was a fun evening for everyone.

From Financial Secretary Mike Anderson



The happy kitchen crew, from the left, in the back, Trustee Kevin Jenne', Warden & Head Chef Ray Stongle, in the far background, DGK Dave Rusconi, and Brother Max Loera.



The greeters. Left to right, Brother Jerry Parker, Brother Gary Lasher and GK Lee Lutovsky.



Brother John Lasher, who won the "best costume award" was the life of the party.



Featured was the Irish folk group, with one member leading some young people in a folk dance.



Heartbeat Bill S1309

Brother Knights:

As you may know the Idaho State Senate passed the Heartbeat Bill S1309.

On the next page is a note from Right to Life Idaho. Please reach out to your State Representatives to support our Pro-Life efforts.

Jeff Finken
Knights of Columbus
Idaho State Advocate 208-301-3438



Please Make a Donation Today

Today the Idaho Senate **voted to pass** the Heartbeat Bill S1309 by a large majority—28 to 6. This was done in spite of the fact that Planned Parenthood and others in the pro-abortion lobby worked very hard to defeat this legislation.

We in Right to Life of Idaho owe much gratitude to Senator Patti Anne Lodge, the Senate sponsor. And we thank all of you for contacting your senators to support this vital bill.

We so appreciate your voice for the voiceless. But the battle is only half over.

Now the bill goes to the Idaho House of Representatives for a hearing and a vote. We ask for your prayers as we continue lobbying for this bill and for the unborn.

Please contact your **two** Idaho State House of Representatives. Copy and paste this URL into your browser.

<https://legislature.idaho.gov/legislators/contactlegislators/>

For Their Lives,

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Right to Life - Pocatello

Spring has sprung in east Idaho and with that, Spring Break! For those that do not get to go somewhere fun, ISU's Holt Arena in Pocatello hosts the annual Spring Fair. The floor of the arena is filled with vendors and activities to please the wishes of the fair goers. One of the long-time vendors at the Spring Fair is the Pocatello Knights of Columbus 892 again hosting a Right to Life booth from March 24 to 26. The purpose of this booth is to educate interested persons about the options available regarding child care, prenatal preparations, assistance through advocacy groups and options against abortions. Many thanks to Keith Riemersma, Rick Laws, Kerry Hennessy, Jerry Stroschein, Roy Bartholomay, Peter Jackson, and Santiago Serena (from Blackfoot Council 3013) for their time and effort to be at the booth and answer questions on behalf of those who have no voice.



Rick Laws with Jerry Stroschein (in background) visiting with fair goers about Right to Life and how the Knights of Columbus has made this a priority in our mission of outreach that every life is precious.

Hello, Pro-Life Friends -

Headline: Citigroup to pay for travel expenses for employees' abortions - NRL News Today (nationalrighttolifenews.org)

This is disturbing news about CitiBank. I guess I'll be looking for another alternative card to use at Costco. Please spread the word to your pro-life contacts about this unsettling decision by a major bank to support abortion rights and abortion access.

Copy and Paste this url into your browser to find the article ...

<https://www.nationalrighttolifenews.org/2022/03/citigroup-to-pay-for-travel-expenses-for-employees-abortions/>

MaryLou Molitor (sister-in-law of Dave)

Membership Report

3RD QUARTER INCENTIVE UPDATE

At the time of writing this report There are 6 councils that has qualified to win the 3rd quarter incentive in which all councils that earned 50% of their annual intake goal between January 1, 2022 and March 31, 2022, would be rewarded with a \$50.00 check. Those councils are:

Sacred Heart Council 899
Caldwell Council 3086

Coeur D Alene Council 1363
Santa Maria Council 4013

BlackFoot Council 3013
Orifino Council 4585

MCGIVNEY2020

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

4TH QUARTER INCENTIVE

Supreme is offering an 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.

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Knights Mass - Meridian

When Father Vitalis Onyeama became pastor at Holy Apostles in Meridian last July, he immediately engaged with Holy Spirit Council #11548. He invited Father Emmanuel Chinedu, Parochial Vicar, to join the Knights. Both moved through the degrees, including joining Bishop Sylvester Treinen Assembly #2751 this past fall. They both attend monthly meetings.

Father Vitalis quickly realized all the good works done by the Council/Assembly, for the parish and community, and he wanted the parish to be aware.

In addition, he wanted to help encourage men in the parish to become Knights. So, he suggested a Knights mass, twice a year, where fellow Knights, and their spouses, would assist with readings, be altar servers, ushers, and Eucharistic ministers. Further he allowed a pitch for membership and after mass gave his own pitch. The first "All Knights Mass" was held on March 27th. Members of the Color Corps assisted Father Emmanuel with the mass as did Council members. (Pictured after mass are Father Vitalis, with celebrant Father Emmanuel, the Color Corps, and those without a beret on were readers, altar servers, and ministers).



Ukraine Donation – Boise

From: Sir Knight Bill Kibble

St. Mark's Council 12172, Boise, Idaho, donated \$500.00 to the national Knights of Columbus Refugee Fund, providing shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing and religious goods, as well as other humanitarian needs in Ukraine and refugee sites in Poland.



THE LAST WORD

Roy Bartholomay - Idaho State Deputy

Dear Brother Knights,

As we prepare for our Easter season, I want to welcome the 16 new brother Knights brought into our Councils during March. Also, congratulations to 6 councils Blackfoot 3013, Caldwell 3086, Sacred Heart 899, St. Thomas 1363, Santa Maria 4013, and Orofino 4585 for bringing in more than 50% of their membership goal in January-March to earn the states 3rd quarter membership incentive.

On behalf of my fellow State Officers, District Deputies, and Directors, I want to welcome you to Idaho Falls April 22-24 for our 115th Knights of Columbus State Convention. Our Theme this year is "I can do all things in Christ who strengthens me." from Philippians 4:13. This passage does not mean that God can fix all things even though we sometimes wish he could. What Paul is saying with this verse according to jesuswithoutreligion.com is that even if he is suffering, or in need, that his joy doesn't come from solving those problems. He's saying his joy comes from knowing Christ. Even during bad times, Jesus strengthens him/us as he counsels us, guides us, and encourages us. In other words, even if you lose your job, or can't pay a bill, your source of joy should not be from fixing those problems.

Paul wanted us to realize that planet earth hurls all kinds of problems our way, and if our joy is found in earthly things, well, we're going to be in for an emotional roller coaster ride. However, if our joy is found in Christ, well, even when life hit's rock bottom, we can still find joy.

God Bless all of you. Vivat Jesus.

