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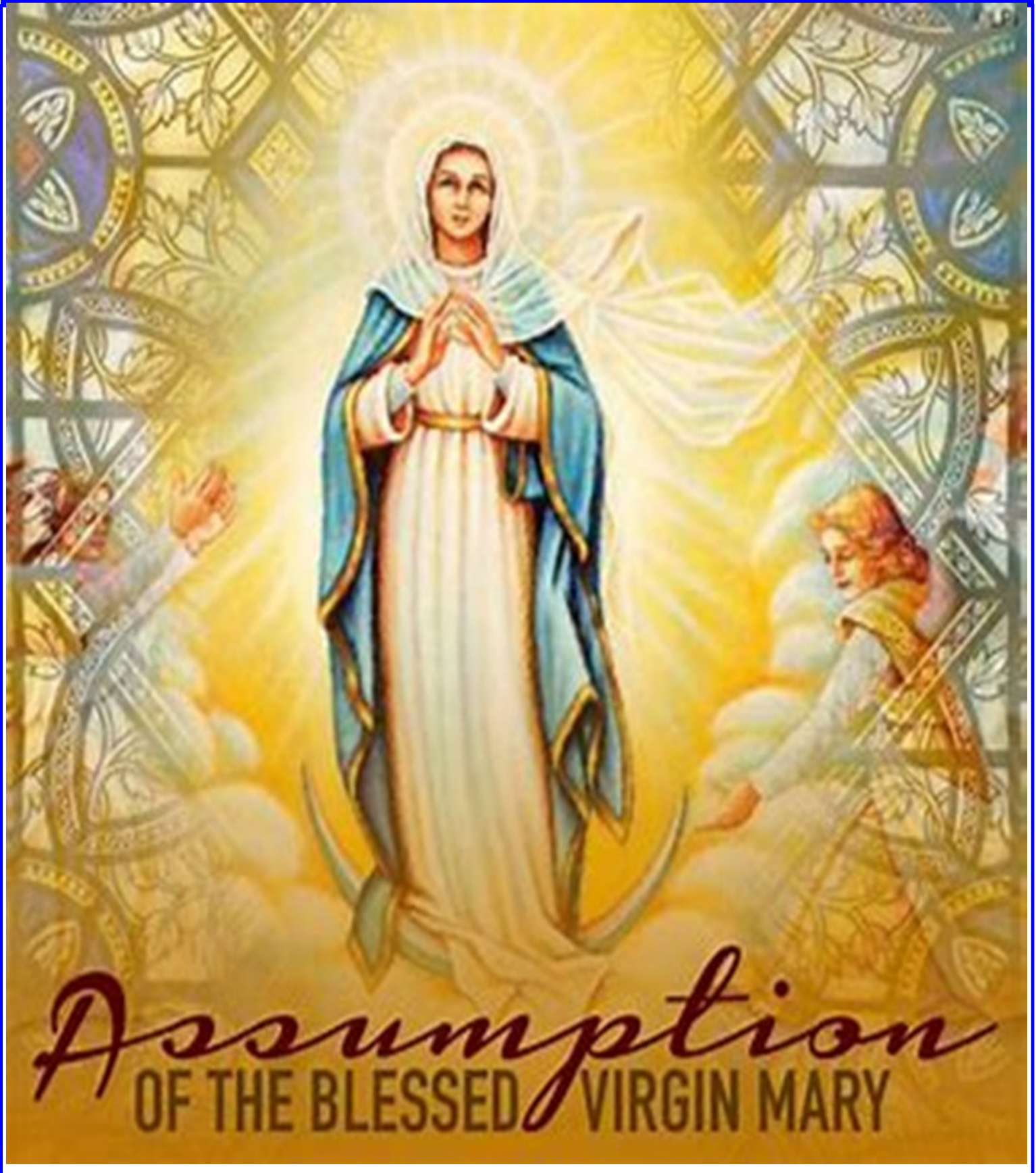
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OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Message from the State Deputy

State Deputy  
Ray Prom



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Knights of the Eucharist!****Into the Breach**

Brothers, This past week has been spent in Nashville, TN, at the Supreme Convention. The theme for this Convention has been “Into the Breach”, and the speakers there emphasized how that now more than ever, the world needs the Knights of Columbus. We know that since the very beginning, the Knights have always been about Charity and Evangelization. For many of us though, it was a type of Evangelization through our good works. Now however, we are all being asked to become even more, solid witnesses of our Faith.

We are at a pivotal time in this country. The recent decision by the Supreme Court, which overturned Roe v Wade, has been a blessing for so many of us who have been in the trenches for years for the unborn. But the battle is not over. We are only part way there. In Oregon, as in many other states, we still have much work to do in changing peoples’ minds and hearts.

More than ever, we need to increase our efforts in our Life programs. The newly released ASAP program (explained later in this newsletter) will be a great benefit for pregnancy resources centers and our homes for unwed mothers. Our Ultrasound Initiative is already saving hundreds of thousands of lives, as women choose not to have an abortion. Our participation in Marches for Life, both nationally and locally, make a powerful statement that cannot be ignored by politicians and the press.

The Supreme Knight, Patrick Kelly, is asking us to become beacons to Catholic families. He is asking us to be “Knights of the Eucharist”, through prayer and Adoration. This is the perfect time for us to be working even closer with our priests and bishops, as the bishops in the US begin their National Eucharistic Revival.

Studies show that many Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence, that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist; Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity. Every Council should be working to help coordinate Holy Hours in their parish, and to reach out to their membership and their fellow parishioners, to invite them to share in Eucharistic Adoration. The Eucharist is the Source and Summit of our Catholic Faith, and is also the source of every good ministry.

The programs we involve ourselves with are complete when we work with the love and sacrifice of the Cross. In addition, we must find a way to invite lapsed Catholics back to the pews. So many simply got out of the habit of Sunday Mass attendance. Let’s reach out to these families, and in a loving way, remind them that an hour spent at Mass is an hour where heaven and earth come together. It may be best to begin with Brother Knights, where a simple phone call invitation may make the difference. As the largest Catholic Fraternal Organization in the world, we are the best ones equipped to help our bishops and our priests. As allies with them, we must remember to always pray for our priests and bishops, and to pray for increased vocations. Our priests are getting older and we must help find men willing to be their replacements. In these confusing times, it will take a special effort to find men willing to give up their lives, to bring us the Eucharist.

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Another topic that was mentioned at the Convention was our continued support for our Brother Knights in Ukraine. I was very privileged to meet in person the State Deputy from Ukraine, and he was extremely impressed and thankful when I passed on to him the news of Oregon's contributions to the Ukrainian Relief Fund. Of special note, I told him of the Lavang Council 15263's contribution of over \$14,000 to the fund. Many in that Council have first-hand knowledge of what it means to be a refugee. The Ukrainian State Deputy was very thankful, but also warned that help was still needed, that we cannot forget about them. Later in the week, I received the news about District 5's recent donation to the fund and I passed that news on to the Ukraine State Deputy. Once again, he was most grateful that his people were not being forgotten. Even in the midst of the terrible war, the Knights of Columbus show the love of Christ to the world, and that love is even bringing in new Knights, even in Ukraine. The Knights in Poland, because of what they are doing to help the refugees, bring in new members every week. We are making a huge difference in this world, when we are willing to Step into the Breach.

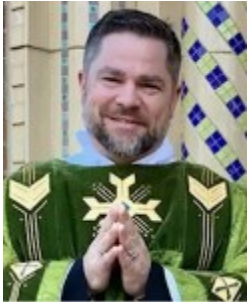
Now, more than ever before, we need to reach out to families, to invite men to share our Brotherhood, to become Knights of Columbus. We need to go where it is not often comfortable to go, to get up in front of the church, to have our membership drives, and to bring more allies into the fight.

Think about what kind of world we want to leave to our children and also our grandchildren. If we want that world to resemble what we grew up with, we must find many more men willing to [Step into the Breach](#).

.....[Because—if not us, then who?](#).....

***Vivat Jesus!*** (Jesus Lives)

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[Introducing](#)  
[Oregon State Council Faith Director](#)

Deacon James Thurman has a BA in Philosophy and Masters in Theology from Mount Angel Seminary and is the founder and organizer for the annual Holy League Northwest Catholic men's conference. Newly ordained in October 2019 by Archbishop Alexander Sample for the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, Deacon James is currently serving at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Silverton, Oregon. He is a Benedictine Oblate of Mount Angel Abbey. He became a Knight of Columbus in 1997, while on active duty. He has served as Pastoral Associate of Catechesis and Family Life at St. Joseph's in Salem and at St. Paul's in Silverton.

James is U.S. Army veteran as a M1-A2 Abrams tanker and Field Artillery specialist. He spent 3 years active duty, deploying to Bosnia-Herzegovina and 2 years in the Washington State National Guard. He currently is a hospice chaplain for Evergreen Hospice House in Albany. Deacon James is a member of the Board of Directors at G. K. Chesterton Academy of the Willamette Valley. He and his wife Kathleen have been married 12 years and have three beautiful children. Deacon James loves spending time with his family pursuing outdoor adventures like camping and hiking. Deacon James' passion is studying the faith, reading spiritual books and playing golf. When time permits, he enjoys raising a glass in the company of good friends.

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[Grandparents Day by Pope Francis](#)

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Archbishop  
William Lori

### [About The Supreme Monthly Challenge](#)

Each month, Archbishop William Lori – Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus – selects a brief passage from the Gospel reading of one of the Sunday Masses of the month.

Archbishop Lori shares a brief reflection on the passage and issues a challenge for men to live for the month.



The next month, men undertaking the challenge as a group gather and share their experiences living the challenge.

The Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge is ideally done during monthly Knights of Columbus meetings, but can be done in a separate group or individually.

By taking up the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge, men take direct, concrete action to grow in their faith and help their Brothers do so as well.

### [THIS MONTH'S CHALLENGE AUGUST 2022](#)

**[“For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”](#)**

(Gospel for Aug. 28, Lk 14:11). An important part of humbling oneself is not constantly focusing on one's own needs, worries and desires. If we want to put God and others before self, we must think about ourselves less often and others more. This reality is seen in the life of Blessed Michael McGivney, whose feast day is August 13th.

Father McGivney was constant in his humble service of God and neighbor. May we imitate his humility in our own lives.

### [Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori](#)

This month, I challenge you to pray the Blessed Michael McGivney Novena for the intention to grow in humility. Second, I challenge you to support the Faith in Action Family Prayer Night or Family Week program, including in your efforts devotions to Blessed Michael McGivney.

### [Questions for Reflection](#)

Do you find yourself being self-centered at times? What are some ways you can seek to think about yourself less often? What can you learn from the life of Blessed Michael McGivney about humility?

### [7 Lessons From the Life and Ministry of Blessed Michael McGivney](#)

#### [Young Clergy](#)

Father McGivney died at age 38, having spent only 13 years as a priest. Saints do not have to be old.

#### [Lay Leadership From Men](#)

Blessed Michael was decades ahead of his time in empowering — as we would say today — laypeople to lead.

#### [Prisoners](#)

pastoral success of Blessed Michael revolved around his dozens of visits to Chip Smith, a young man on death row.

#### [Immigrants](#)

Blessed Michael reminds U.S. Catholics that theirs is an immigrant Church.

#### [Inclusion of the Poor](#)

The Knights of Columbus was founded to address an ancient biblical need, the care of widows and orphans.

#### [Family Unity](#)

The desire to keep families together animated Blessed Michael McGivney.

#### [Cultural Disdain](#)

When the Catholics of New Haven built their first church, St. Mary's, in the midst of the civic Protestant elites, The *Times'* headline summarized the disdain in which Catholics were held: “How an Aristocratic Avenue Was Blemished by a Roman Church Edifice.”

### **Membership Recruitment Is Not Hard**

Brothers,

Parish picnic time is in full swing, so don't miss a perfect opportunity to be visible and to recruit. First off, make sure Knights of Columbus are part of the work crew. Ask Father or your Parish Council what our Knights can do to help out. Then make sure everyone is wearing Knights apparel. Show your fellow parishioners that you are proud Knights of Columbus.

If you are having a picnic, make sure that during the picnic information about the Knights of Columbus is readily available. Don't be shy about coming up to people and engage with them. But remember to do it right.

No one likes the hard sell. No one is going to say YES, if your line is *"Hey, do you want to join the Knights"*. Try this instead. Look for the couple or the family sitting alone. Probably they are new to the parish and do not know anyone. Come up and introduce yourself and engage with them. *"Are you new to the parish? "I don't think we have ever met."* Get to know them a little bit, and then **invite them** to be members of your Council. *"You seem to be nice people; can I tell you about this group many of us belong to?"* Make the invitation to join the Council enticing. And when they respond with *"I really don't have any time for that"*, your response should be; *"We don't require any real time commitment. You can give of your time if and when you find one of our activities that appeals to you. In the meantime, we want to add your voice to the 2 million Catholic men who stand up for their faith and their families"*.

Be prepared to sign them up that afternoon online. Then you can set up for an exemplification later. Too many times good prospects are hard to track down later in the Summer. Busy schedules, vacations, you know the routine. Sign them up online right away. Also, remember to talk to those guys you have asked before. I personally was asked about 6 times before I said yes. Don't be a pain about it, but say something like *"Bob, we still have a seat available for you"* or *"We need one more outstanding man, now is the time"*. Each new member adds a needed dimension to Councils. Take advantage of a parish picnic as a great time to meet and talk to people you don't get to talk with on Sundays.

One more thing we sometimes forget about. Our priests sometimes are on vacation this time of year. Do you ask the substitute priest if he is a Knight?

If you need some help with an exemplification, don't hesitate to contact Bill Geary, our Ceremonials chief or ask your District Deputy.

Vivat Jesus!

Ray Prom  
State Deputy  
Oregon Knights of Columbus  
(Oh yes—and also a 5 time "No thank you" responder)

### **The Oregon Delegates at the Supreme Convention August 2-4, 2022**



### State Advocate Report



State Advocate  
William Geary

Members of the Clergy, Worthy District Deputies, Directors, Council and State Officers and Brothers all.

We begin a new year of Fraternity and hopefully we begin with a renewed energy, the need to do much better as a state, with the Safe Environment Program (SEP or S/E). At the summer meeting held in Hermiston, our District Deputies were alerted to the new plan getting them more involved with their Councils. More of a direct hands on with the S/E program and their Councils. The District Deputies now have the role of monitoring twice monthly their Councils status with S/E, based on the information passed on to them from the MPC (Membership Program Coordinator) report which comes to the State Deputy and Advocate.

Since Supreme has just issued new training completion dates to incoming Council Officers, it is only fair to allow those Knights to come up to speed for themselves and their Councils. A brief status report was sent to all our District Deputies on August 3rd. It is now the responsibility of the District Deputy to contact the OYP (Office of Youth Protection) group at Supreme to receive a status update on non-compliant Councils. By the middle of September, most if not all our Councils should have met their training requirements. From that time on our Districts will be required to report on the status of why and how any such non-compliant Council will meet the goal of being compliant. If your Council is compliant or becomes compliant, then there is no need for a monthly status report. Please, make the effort to get this important work of our order completed.

**Ceremonials:** The State Ceremonials team for the Charity, Unity and Fraternity and the District Masters 4th degree team will be starting this Fraternal Year beginning on Saturday August the 13th in Hillsboro. With the tremendous organizational help of our District Master Duane Morris and District Deputy Michael Pranger, St. Matthew's parish center will be the venue. The registration will begin at 12 noon with the 3-degree ceremonies beginning at 1 PM. The 4th degree ceremony will begin promptly at 2 PM. A flyer has been distributed by our State Executive Secretary, Pat Rice [patrick.lee.rice@gmail.com](mailto:patrick.lee.rice@gmail.com) so please email him or Duane [dlmorri@gmail.com](mailto:dlmorri@gmail.com) if you need a new copy. This is only the beginning of our effort to meet our intake goal for 2022- 2023. Please continue at the District and Council level to double your membership efforts. The State Degree team and the District Master will always make our teams available to assist you when they are called upon. Please keep checking your emails for announcement flyers for upcoming exemplification dates and locations.

**Vocations and Pennies from Heaven:** This always seems to be the easiest and certainly the most rewarding area for us all to provide a report to our jurisdiction.

**RSVP (Refund Support Vocations Program):** The Fall Term at our seminary is approaching. It's time to consider your Council sponsorship for the Fall on behalf of a seminarian. No names are available yet, however, if your Council is planning to have a sponsorship let me know as soon as possible as we are building a list. Also, the names of the seminarian(s) whom you plan to re-sponsor.

**Cor Christi:** This program, at the Bishop White Seminary at Gonzaga University, has now finally gotten a good look from Councils in the Northwest. Remember that a \$500 donation to this program is looked at by Supreme in the same vein as the regular RSVP commitment and is treated dollar for dollar the same with the \$100 rebate.

This is the beginning of the journey to the priesthood for these young men. Your work here is very important.

**Christopher Fund & Pennies from Heaven:** Our worthy State Deputy was alerted by the administrator of the Christopher fund at Supreme several weeks ago that an opportunity for receiving some of the benefits of that fund had arisen. Therefore, our State Deputy Brother Ray Prom, Brother Ron Boyce, IPSD (President of Oregon K of C Charities) and our State Vocations Chairman, arranged for a meeting with President/Rector of the seminary, Monsignor Joseph Betschart. On Friday July 22nd a presentation was made at the his office by the Charities President and Vocations Chairman. Presented was a \$23,000 check to the Seminary from our most recent Pennies from Heaven effort, which was finalized at our 2022 Convention held in Lebanon. The second check presented was for \$196,000. From the Christopher Fund. Yes, six digits. Take a bow, for you have always done great work with your generosity. You have begun the 2022-2023 Fraternal Year with a very good start. Let's get ahead in the game and not play catch-up. I would like to give special thanks to the Albany Council, 1577 for their gracious invitation

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for myself to attend their general Council session, on the 3rd of this month, as their guest. I was very impressed by their attendance level and their participation as a group and the way they conducted themselves. To Brother Emmet, District Deputy and Brother Al, Grand Knight for their leadership. Additionally, to Brother Sean Fornelli for his invitation to participate in fraternalism with the Councils in his District. Yes, invitation accepted and many thanks.

My contact info is, as always, below.

Vivat Jesus

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### **Checks Presented To The Seminary**

On Friday July 22nd, State Deputy Brother Ray Prom (who was the taking pictures), Brother Ron Boyce, IPSD (President of Oregon K of C Charities) and Brother Bill Geary, State Vocations Chairman, arranged for a meeting with the President/Rector of the seminary, Monsignor Joseph Betschart. A presentation was made at his office by the Charities President and the Vocations Chairman.



Presented was a \$23,000 check to the Seminary from our most recent Pennies For Heaven effort, which was finalized at our 2022 Convention held in Lebanon. The second check presented was for \$189,000 from the Christopher Fund.

### **Council In Action**

The Holy Trinity Knights of Beaverton, Msgr. Charles P. Taaffe Council 14802, helped the Franciscan Sisters, at Our Lady of Peace retreat house, by moving about 50 yards of chipped wood mulch out of their main parking lot to a storage area on the grounds. The mulch is used to cover walk ways and as ground cover in the gardens. Due to the rains earlier this year, the tree trimming service truck could not get through the soft ground, so the mulch had to be dropped in the parking lot. Now that the ground is hard again, five Holy Trinity Knights, with the aid of tractor and two trailers, spent 8 hours "moving the pile". The parking lot is now clear and the mulch is being spread around the property. The Sisters are very happy to have the parking lot cleared and Sr. Angela (seen in the picture below) even helped with cleanup.

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## Vice Supreme Master Report



Joseph W. Schaecher  
Vice Supreme  
Master

Worthy Sir Knights,

With the 140<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention occurring this year in Nashville, there will be several opportunities to watch the proceeding on EWTN, Catholic TV, Salt + Light TV and The Catholic Channel (SiriusXM 129).

It will be nice to see the Knights gathering once again and I really look forward to seeing our Fourth Degree Knights in Regalia. I hope you and your families take advantage of the opportunity to tune in and watch.



### **Off to a Good Start:**

The first form turned in for the new Fraternal Year is the Report of Assembly Officers Chosen for the Term using Form 186 or it is preferred that you use the online method to submit your Officers listing. If not using the online method, please scan in your report and email to [membershiprecords@kofc.org](mailto:membershiprecords@kofc.org). Remember that even if the Assembly has the same Officers from last year, this form must still be submitted to Membership Records.

Please be sure to include copies to your State Deputy, District Master and Vice Supreme Master.

As stated, this form is preferred to be submitted through Member Management and the online method.

However, adding to the whole form confusion, at the bottom of this form it states "This form is intended for submission through regular mail." It also states to E-MAIL – [membershiprecords@kofc.org](mailto:membershiprecords@kofc.org) so what should you do?

**Please email the completed form!**

**The Annual Assembly Audit Report** utilizing Form 1315 is the second form of the new Fraternal Year to get turned in to Supreme. By turning in the Audit Form a couple things are assured. The bond on your Comptroller is retained and later in the year when the Assembly is submitting forms for Star Assembly, you can check off that one box regarding Audit completed.

Please be sure to include copies to your District Master and Vice Supreme Master.

Even though the form states to mail original to Supreme Master, he has a big helper to manage all this paperwork so please email the Audit Form to the Supreme Master's Executive Administrative Assistant, Justyna Padilla ([Justyna.Padilla@Kofc.Org](mailto:Justyna.Padilla@Kofc.Org)).

Have you found a Patriotic Day to celebrate?

The Coast Guard's official history began on August 4, 1790 when President George Washington signed the Tariff Act that authorized the construction of ten vessels, referred to as "cutters," to enforce federal tariff and trade laws and to prevent smuggling.

If there is a Catholic School near you, consider asking if the Fourth Degree can "Raise Their Flag" on the first day of school.

The next Exemplification in your District is just around the corner. Ensure that you ask when and where they are occurring so you can plan ahead. Then ask someone if they are familiar with the Fourth Degree, Patriotic Order of the Knights of Columbus and offer to attend the Exemplification with them. It is a good start.

Supreme Assembly Meeting will be August 26-27, 2022. If there is something you would like brought up, let your District Master know, so it can be addressed if there is an open forum.

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## Life Program Director Report

### Reflection



Eric Walter  
Life Director

Brother Knights,

A couple years ago, I was praying the rosary along with two women at Planned Parenthood. We were holding pro-life signs and praying while walking around the building. Suddenly a woman came out of the building and stopped us. She yelled "Why are you here? What makes you think you can tell me what to do with my body?" When the two women with me started to respond, the pro-abortion woman immediately stopped them. She said "No, I want to hear from him (pointing to me)". I responded "The child is not part of your body, but is a distinct separate human person, with different DNA and has an eternal soul. The mother and father do not own their children. God is the Author of all Life and the creator of every child. God has entrusted us to take care of these children that are a gift to us". I was

surprised that she did not respond and I do wonder if that answer really sunk in! It is important to reflect on the fact that she needed to hear the answer from a man.

The current pro-abortion movement in our society is a direct attack on the family and on our God. How many times have we seen their signs stating "My Body, My Choice" or "No Uterus, No Voice". Not only has the child been reduced to a worthless piece of tissue that can be discarded from the women's body, but this movement is also an attack on men. The men's role as husband and father has been clearly diminishing. The pro-abortion women feel that men have no say regarding their abortion decision and the secular laws in our country support this. Yet, the mother and father are equally responsible for this child. So, this responsibility starts at the very moment the couple decide to have sex.

The truth is, sometimes men help to feed the flames of the pro-abortion movement primarily because of:

- 1) Irresponsibility,
- 2) Ignorance, and
- 3) Indifference. So many men have abandoned the mother immediately after pregnancy. Many men feel the abortion issue should be left up to the woman only. Many men who have been involved in an abortion in their past often bury their feelings and are in a state of denial regarding the magnitude of what they did. Many men feel uncomfortable being a part of pro-life groups or even talking about abortion.

A large percentage of abortions could have been avoided had the mother been loved and cared for as she ought and the child was sincerely wanted by the father. Our Lord has revealed the importance of marriage between a man and woman. The man has an important role as husband and father and should be the protector of the family. Because our Lord commands us to love one another, we need to do our best to also help other families. Men have a critical role to play in changing hearts in our country, particularly the good Catholic men who have been blessed with a beautiful family. You are the role models. Please consider getting involved in pro-life work and being a role model for future fathers and the voice for these vulnerable precious children. We are all one body, one family in Christ.

### Prayer to St Joseph, the patron saint of the unborn

*St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and foster father of the Son of God, obtain from Jesus the grace we fathers need to raise our families according to the will of God. We need light to recognize our grave responsibility as husbands and fathers. Above all we need the courage to persevere in the fatherly care of our families through time into the endless reaches of eternity. Amen.*

### 40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life is an excellent opportunity for men to get more involved with pro-life work. Coordinators for the 40 Days for Life campaign have recently reached out to the Knights requesting assistance from men, especially at this particular time following the Roe v. Wade reversal. The men are not acting as security guards. Just having men present has proven to help deter unruly behavior. The 40 Days for Life campaign is being held at the Lilith Center in Portland from September 28 to November 6, 2022. Please consider this opportunity to serve. For more information and sign-up, contact Therese Ruesink at: [ruesinktherese55@gmail.com](mailto:ruesinktherese55@gmail.com) or (503) 997-1884.

Vivat Jesus

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Eric Walter  
Life Director

### [Life Program Director Final Monthly Report](#)

Brother Knights,

Greetings to all. I am Following up to our Columbian newsletter announcement on the ASAP campaign that is just rolling-out, I wanted to forward more detailed information and the actual application process for this program.

Please consider holding fund raising activities for this campaign at your parish.

The attached link has so much of the information that is needed to learn about this program. Program details: <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/aid-support-after-pregnancy.html#>

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or if I can be of any assistance.

Vivat Jesus

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### [Supreme Knight Announces New Pro-Life Initiative](#)

In early June, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly announced the [ASAP](#) (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) program, a new initiative to strengthen K of C assistance for pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes. For every \$500 that a Council donates to a qualified pregnancy resource center or maternity home — up to \$2,000 in the 2021-22 Fraternal Year — the Supreme Council will add \$100, a 20% increase.

“Repeal of Roe won’t be the end of abortion in America,” the Supreme Knight said. “But it might be the beginning of the end. ... In a post-Roe world, we need to be there for mothers and children. They will need our help more than ever — so let’s make the ASAP program a top priority.”

*Learn more about the ASAP program [here](#).*

(Remember, drag mouse over the underlined word in red and right click the mouse and then left click OPEN HYPERLINK to open your browser).

[It’s all about:](#)

Mothers and Children First

[ASAP, a new K of C pro-life initiative, encourages Councils to step up support for young moms and children in need!](#)



### [Roe vs Wade](#)

The following is a great write-up to help let non-members know more about the works that the Knights do daily in our communities. It might just capture the attention of parish men, and give them that push to join us.

I am following up on a request from our State Deputy to have the attached statement put in parish bulletins throughout the state. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance.

On June 24, 2022, the Supreme Court over-turned Roe v. Wade. This is truly a gift from God and a historic day for our country. Many have been waiting for this day, particularly those on the front lines standing for life at abortion centers and others who are working countless hours behind the scenes to save these precious children. This Supreme Court decision was a critical step in the right direction by moving the decision to the state level but we know our work is still in front of us. Although many states will make the right decision and ban abortion, other states including Oregon, will only increase abortions by accepting out-of-state mothers who want to abort their child.

Now is the time to step up our efforts, not only voting for pro-life candidates, but also increasing our support for pregnancy centers and ultrasound installations.

The Oregon Knights of Columbus have been providing this support. The Knights of Columbus serve in four different action categories: Faith, Community, Family and Life. The Life Program includes the Ultrasound Grant, Marches for Life, Special Olympics, Christian Refugee Relief, Silver Rose, Mass for People with Special Needs, Pregnancy Center Support, and also the Novena for Life.

The Knights are also involved in installing memorials for the unborn, rallies for life, prayer vigils and special services in honor of unborn victims of abortion. The Knights of Columbus ultrasound grant initiative has proven to save innocent lives.

This program is helping women choose life by giving them the opportunity to view their unborn children on the ultrasound machines at pro-life pregnancy centers. Because more than 70% of undecided women decide to have their child after seeing an ultrasound, it has been estimated that one ultrasound machine in a pregnancy care center may save the lives of 1,000 unborn children.

Knights in Oregon have provided at least 30 ultrasounds since 2014, which means our efforts may possibly have saved 30,000 lives. Please consider supporting Knights events and for those men sitting on the fence, there is no better time to jump in and join the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus are saving lives and making a difference in our communities.

Eric Walter State Life Program Director  
Oregon Knights of Columbus.





Tom Burns  
DD02

The three Districts met on July 30<sup>th</sup> to deliver the District Deputy’s report taken from the summer meeting in Hermiston. We had several men assuming the role of Grand Knights for their Council’s and were incredibly pleased to have their presence.

The meeting had a lot to cover but many of the highlights were about the Supreme Council’s initiatives on the rededication to the understanding and the devotion to the Eucharist and Knights encouraging veneration via Holy Hours. Many parishes have been doing this regularly but more than a few have not had this adoration at all.



We had the pleasure of our Worthy State Deputy Ray Prom and our State Advocate Bill Geary joining us as they were in town to catch an early flight the next morning to the Supreme Convention. They added a lot to the meeting as I requested them to present the issues of the subjects of the benefits registering men on-line for membership for RSVP (Refund Support Vocations Program) and ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) . They both really added a lot to the meeting and Bill pretty much covered so much—(you know how he can be with an open mic). Bill covered the RSVP Program from its inception to the \$197,000 Supreme just provided out of the Charitable Fund and also our inclusion of this year's record Pennies from Heaven gifts of \$30,000 collected at the State Convention.

This gift from Supreme was much needed by Mt. Angel Abbey for the formation of Seminarians. Remember to adopt these men into your Council to associate them with knowing more about our mission and our dedication to help them from the very beginning. Any assistance you give them should be funneled through the Abbey with their name attached.



Addressed at length by Ray was the importance of our ASAP program, and the appointment of McMinnville GK Chuck Pattishall as our Director of Safety. Pat is a veteran and works with law enforcement and trains on conflict de-escalation and gun safety. The program is to form Safety Committees in parishes to be sentinels watching for people who may not belong. Remember, we are to be observers, not security.

Ray spoke about the fact that many supporters of abortion have many who criticize Christians for being all about anti-abortion but not caring for the women after pregnancy. This is not true as the Knights have been supporting women's recovery and shelters for many years prior to this latest ruling on the constitutional right to end life. We must also support the adoption agencies that believe a child should be placed in a biological family with a mom and a dad.

[We all have so much to do and we all do so much!](#)

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Mt. Angel Oktoberfest 2022  
September 15—September 18 2022

**Council In Action For Ukraine**

Brothers,

Thank you for your efforts. This week I have been at the Supreme Convention, and had the pleasure of meeting the State Deputy of Ukraine. He has been personally involved unloading supplies shipped in from Poland, and loading them into smaller trucks for distribution throughout Ukraine. He expressed his thanks for everyone contributing, but mentioned that initially, many were contributing but in the past month or so the contributions have gotten less frequent. Your timing is most welcome, as the people of Ukraine need the help more than ever. Thank everyone in your Council for their hard work, and I will personally pass on the information of your charity to the Ukrainian State Deputy.

Ray Prom, State Deputy

Attached is the letter sent to KofC Charities along with our check for \$3,500.00. Thanks to all for your efforts and especially to Gordon Wavra for his God given talents and skills.

God bless our  
Ukrainian brothers  
and families.

Vivat Jesus,

Bob Kampmann FS  
Council 8129



## Knights of Columbus

SAINT THOMAS MORE COUNCIL, No. 8129  
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Knights of Columbus Charities

1 Columbus Plaza

New Haven, CT 06510

Brothers,

Enclosed is our check #1312 for \$3500.00 to go to the Ukraine Solidarity Fund.

These funds were raised as a joint effort of OR District 5 councils # 1623 McMinnville, #8129 Dallas, and #11109 Independence.

These proceeds were raised with a raffle conducted at each parish of sacramentals hand made by Brother Gordon Wavra of #8129. Brother Gordon conceived this fund raiser and was present at each parish to conduct and award the prizes.



For our brothers and families suffering and in need of support.

### 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Knights of Columbus Charity Golf Tournament

Sunday, September 11, 2022 at Glendoveer East Golf Club

Golfer registration and check-in begins at 10:30 AM. Shotgun start at 12:00 PM. Separate award flights for seniors (all players 65+) and co-ed teams (2+ women on team). Early-bird entry price is \$440 per team. Registration must include payment for all four golfers and any extra dinners. Early-bird discounted entries must be received by 8/15/22.

**\$460 per team after 8/15/22. Last date for team registration and payment is 8/31/22.**

No payment for team registrations at-the-door!

Price includes player snack bag, range balls, golf cart, dinner and awards for winning teams.

Buy **"Team Super-Ticket"** now for an extra \$60. Makes each team player eligible for the putting and chipping contest before the shotgun start, all on-course challenges, 6 ft. of "gimme" tape and 4 team mulligans. Automatically enters each team player into the Lucky Golfer door prize drawing at Awards dinner. Plus, faster check-in!

Tournament is limited to 32 teams and always sells-out. Tournament is open to the public.

Non-playing dinner guest(s) are welcome at the dinner (must pre-pay \$20 now). Dinner theme is Mexican Fiesta and includes soft and hard tacos, chicken fajitas, Margarita bar.

Tournament charities: St. Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), Lion's Club Oregon Sight and Hearing, Father Taaffe's homes for expectant mothers, Coats for Kids, American Bible Society, St. Therese School Student Scholarships and more.



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QUESTIONS/SPECIAL NEEDS???

Contact Tom Burns  
503.740.3711 (burnsit@aol.com)  
or Bob Cornell 503.720.2184.

**Please register EARLY. They were full last year and had to turn away late registrants!**



### [Ukraine State Deputy Visits Supreme Convention](#)

From left: State Deputy Yuriy Maletskiy of Ukraine, Past Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, Past State Deputy Bogdan Kovaliv of Ukraine, Supreme Secretary Patrick Mason, and Szymon Czyzek, Director of International Growth in Europe, standing outside a Ukraine Solidarity display in the "Fraternal Lounge" at the 140th Supreme Convention.





Chris Cummings  
Membership  
Director

## Membership Director Report

Worthy Brother Knights,

Some food for thought! Do you have or do some of the following things at your Council?

- Wear your name badge and encourage all members of your Council to do the same
- Have a business card with your contact information available to hand out
- Have the attached "I Am A Knight" (small size) with your business card to hand out. I Am A Knight is a condensed version of what KofC stands for and not too "bulky"
- Invite your candidate to coffee or the parish picnic and let them know what you are doing with KofC.
- If you don't have something to hand a prospect, that's ok! Find a way to connect with him this week.
- KofC is FREE - Use code - BLESSEDMCGIVNEY with online membership

If everyone participates, we will win!

Vivat Jesus!

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**JOIN ONLINE**



## Council Membership Achievements

Congratulations to Redmond, Coos Bay, Ontario and McMinnville for adding 1 new member each in the opening weeks of our new year!

\*\*It was mentioned to me that Astoria had a couple of new members? They did not show up on the reports for July as of the day it was received by me.

Much more work must be done to revive our membership and Councils. In the spirit of growth of our Order I would like all the DD's to have at least 1 Delta Drive and Exemplification in their District each month.

August 13th is the Feast Day of Blessed Michael McGivney is 1 week away. There is time to meet with your priest and make a pulpit announcement and have a Delta Drive or perhaps attend your parish picnic meeting new parishioners and inviting them to join KofC.

We are in this moment in history as a Brother Knight for a reason. That reason is NOT to do nothing! The time is now to make a difference in your parish.

Vivat Jesus

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**JOIN A COUNCIL**



Chris Cummings  
Membership  
Director

## [Membership Director Report](#)

Brothers,

The membership activity ending August 5th is too lengthy for the newsletter. If you want to see how your individual Council is doing, please send me an email and I'll email the information to you. I added a PDF version of the file as well as Excel for those that had trouble opening up the worksheet.

Congratulations to Astoria for adding 2 new Brother Knights!

There is still work to be done as it relates to membership. I have a couple of requests:

I am looking for information as to when your District Exemplifications have been scheduled? The goal is to have an exemplification from each District each month of the year. As of now I have the following info but would like your input as to what is coming up. I am sure there are additional Exemplifications going on. please send me an email with the dates, [membership.director.or@gmail.com](mailto:membership.director.or@gmail.com).

- August 9th - St Pius X in Portland - 1-3 degree
- August 10th - St Mary's Church in Albany - 1-3 degree
- August 13th - St Mathews in Hillsboro - 1-4 degree

### [DELTA DRIVE:](#)

- Each Council should be planning a Delta Drive NOW for a September Drive or the latest on early October Drive. September is much better!
- The Q1 membership incentives expire Sept 30th. **Plan your Delta Drive now and take advantage of \$10 per man incentive!**
- How to order a Delta Drive Kit:

- Go to Officers Online > Supplies Online > Type "delta" in the search bar and the kits will show up (English and Spanish) ready to order.

One of the attachments is "Request a Page". This allows you to collect the names of your candidates electronically at your Delta Drive.

District Deputies, I am really counting on you to make sure your Councils are actively working on a Delta Drive to grow the order.

### [I have TWO ASKS of District Deputies:](#)

1. Send me the dates of your upcoming Delta Drives. I will make a list and keep a record
2. Send me your upcoming Exemplifications

Any questions or assistance you need regarding membership, please reach out to me. I will do my best to facilitate your needs and get your new members onboarded.

Vivat Jesus

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*The Good Samaritan*

Homily, In part, by Fr. Angelo Te, Pastor of Sacred Hearth Parish Tillamook, Oregon  
Homily given at St. Joseph's Satellite church Cloverdale, Oregon on Sunday July 10, 2022

We all know the story about the Good Samaritan and how the Levite and priests walked by and would not help him after he was robbed and beaten.

At Sunday Mass, Fr. Te told us a true story about how this lesson was used and inserted into a seminarian class by a learned professor who had extensive knowledge and tenure with his position.

The professor challenged his 15 students to write something about the Good Samaritan and showed how much they had learned from the Bible story. His one caveat was that they had until 5 p.m. on a Friday afternoon to complete the paper. Those who were late would fail the class – no exceptions.

Meanwhile, unbeknownst to the students, the professor had hired several actors who were to place themselves along the way where the students would walk that Friday afternoon. Each actor was to portray an injured person or one who needed immediate attention and some medical aid.

However, the seminarians, as the professor had already planned, were to be kept as busy as possible so that they would barely have enough time to run from their dormitory back to the classroom to turn in their paper. Late of Friday, as the students were released from their duties, they knew that they barely had enough time to run to the computers and finish their work and print it out and rush off to the classroom. It was a couple of minutes to five. Breathlessly, as they ran down the walkway, they saw some people bleeding and in agony, but they knew that they did not have time to stop. Surely someone who is not as rushed will assist the injured person. So, they continued and rushed by without looking at these men. They just had to get their paper to the professor. Time was running out. They had to rush. They had to run. In the end, all of them, nearly without any breath left, handed in their papers – all 15 of them.

The professors then asked them if they saw the injured men on their way to the classroom. They all acknowledged that they had seen them, but that time was running out and they had to get the papers to him in order to pass the test.

Yes, they all passed the test of meeting the time limit, but all failed to have compassion in their lives. They failed to render aid to someone in distress and surely needing help.

Fr. Te also mentioned that in the Bible, Jesus only mentions compassion twice. The first was with the Good Samaritan story and the second was His compassion for the 5,000 who came to hear him and did not have any food to eat, but that he then provided them with fish and loaves of bread to eat. Jesus was filled with compassion!

As you go about your day – will you be filled with compassion for those around you who are suffering or sick and in distress? I hope that your answer is YES!

*If not us, then who?*

*Now, the Bible story:*



*A Jewish man was traveling on a trip from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. By chance, a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.'* "Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked. The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same." [Luke 10:30-37](#)

## *Who Were The Samaritans & Why Were They Despised?*



The region of Samaria that is frequently mentioned in the New Testament has a colorful history that helps us understand many things written in the four Gospels.

Samaria was the area between Judea and Galilee that had been the northern kingdom of Israel after Judah. Israel split into two monarchies following the death of Solomon around 931 BC. Some two hundred years later, in 726–722 BC, the Assyrian king Shalmaneser V invaded the region, captured the capital city of Samaria and deported many of its inhabitants to Assyrian cities in Mesopotamia. But some of the Samaritans remained in their land and eventually mixed with other groups who moved

into the area.

This mixed – partly Jewish and partly pagan – population represented the Samaritans of Jesus' day. Although they worshiped the same God as the Jews and strictly upheld the commands of the Mosaic law, their religion was rejected by Judaism – both because of their partly Gentile ancestry, and because the Samaritans accepted only the first five books of the Bible and worshipped in their temple on Mount Gerazim in Samaria rather than in the Temple in Jerusalem.

As a result, the Samaritans were despised by most Jews – who treated their northerly neighbors terribly, as virtual “untouchables.” The depths of this terrible disdain can be seen in the fact that Samaritans could not even be accepted as converts to Judaism. Rather than “contaminate” themselves by passing through Samaritan territory, Jews who travelled between Judea and Galilee would often cross over the River Jordan in order to bypass Samaria, rather than going through the area. Those who did take the direct route would hurry so as not to stay overnight there and would even refuse to eat in that area.

The attitude is reflected in later statements in the Jewish Talmud such as: “He that eats the bread of the Samaritans is like to one that eats the flesh of swine” (Mishnah Shebiith 8.10). Perhaps understandably, the Samaritans developed a deep antipathy toward the Jews, and there is no question that there was a great deal of mutual hostility and religious rejection between the two cultures (Luke 9:52-53).

This was the situation in the society into which Jesus was born. When we understand this background, we see how remarkable Jesus' teaching and actions regarding the Samaritans truly were. We can sense the shock among many of his Jewish listeners when Christ told the parable of the “Good Samaritan,” an individual he held up as being not only “our neighbor,” but also someone more righteous than a representative priest and Levite – the Jewish religious professionals of that day (Luke 10:25–37).

The nature of Jewish-Samaritan relations (or lack of them) helps us to realize what a statement it was that Jesus chose to pass directly through Samaria instead of crossing the Jordan to avoid the area on the way to Jerusalem (John 4:4-5). When Jesus spoke with a Samaritan woman outside one of their cities, it was directly contrary to Jewish custom (John 4:9), and when he agreed to eat with the Samaritans of the area – and even stay with them overnight – it was the ultimate outrage from the perspective of the Jews: Jesus accepted the Samaritans as being no different from the Jews themselves.

When Jesus healed ten lepers from the border of Samaria (Luke 17:11-16) – at least one of whom was a Samaritan (vs. 16) – he showed he loved the Samaritans just as much as anyone else. In his teaching and serving alike Jesus accepted and cared for the Samaritans in a manner that completely negated their “untouchable” status in the eyes of many.

So, despite widespread Jewish antipathy, it is not surprising that the early Church recognized Samaritans as equal to Jews. Many Christians spread through the area of Samaria (Acts 8:1), and the evangelist Philip taught there (Acts 5:3-8). Significantly, the leading apostles Peter and John were sent on a special mission to the area in order to confirm those Samaritans who had been baptized by Philip (Acts 8:14-17) – to show that their acceptance was the official position of the Church.

The ready acceptance of Christianity by many Samaritans is likely due to their expectation of a *Taheb* or “Restorer,” a messiah-like figure whom they understood would be the prophet like Moses foretold in the Scriptures (Deuteronomy 18:15, 18). The *Taheb*, they thought, would be so much like God that anyone who believed in him would believe in the *Taheb's* Lord (God himself).

In his ministry, Jesus had taught that the time was coming when worship in the temples of both Jerusalem and Samaria would no longer be important (John 4:21), and the conversion of Samaritans was one of the first steps in the realization of that truth. The acceptance of Christianity by many Samaritans became a clear intermediate step between the preaching of the Gospel to the Jews and to the Gentiles – just as Christ had predicted (Acts 2).

Even today a few ethnic Samaritans still survive in their homeland – mainly in the city of Nablus in northern Israel – and have maintained their traditional identity and worship. Some Samaritan Christians also maintain their faith – descendants of the second oldest Christian community in the world, and the only group of believers founded outside of Judea by Jesus himself.



Joe Keller  
Family Director

### [Family Director Report](#)

Hello, Brothers. Summer is a great time to initiate some Family programs in your Council.

### [Family of the Month](#)

Each month, the Council Family of the Month committee selects one parish family that models Christian family values and visibly lives them every day. Report the Family of the Month using the online Form 10784. Once a year, each participating Council selects one of the previous twelve Family of the Month winners to represent the Council/parish as the potential state and international Family of the Year. The Oregon State Family of the Year entry form is due by March 15th, and the State Family of the Year award is presented at the Annual State Convention. The Knights of Columbus Family of the Year is chosen by the Supreme Council and recognized yearly at the Supreme Convention. For Family of the Month/Year resources, visit [www.kofc.org/familyofthemonth](http://www.kofc.org/familyofthemonth).

In addition, the Family of the Month can be a Featured Program that counts for two program credits toward the Columbian Award. The requirements are: Recognize twelve families throughout the Fraternal Year (one each month) and submit a Family of the Year to the state. Report activity using the Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784) each month and a Family of the Year Entry Form (#10680).

It is not too late to submit your July Family of the Month; the 10784 form is due to Supreme by August 15th. Also, be sure to note your Family of the Month on your monthly state Service Program Family Report form, worth 200 points.

Summer is also an excellent time to schedule your Family Week. Councils should dedicate a special week of the year in order to recognize the vital importance of families as the foundation of our domestic church and to promote Catholic family values. When choosing a week, Councils should consider factors that might affect parishioner schedules such as school vacations, holidays and other local events. Though traditionally celebrated in the summer to commemorate the birth and death of our founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney, this program can take place anytime during the year. Family week activities might include a family picnic, a movie night, or a sporting event. You can also partner Family Week with your Rosary Program and host a rosary open to all families. Other ideas include pairing Family Week with a Family Prayer Night or a Holy Hour that includes families. Check the Supreme website under What We Do for more Faith in Action resources for Family Programs.

Finally, don't forget that Food For Families is a year-round program. In the summer, encourage your members to donate any excess fruit and vegetables from their garden to your local food pantry. Ask the pantry to track donations from Knights of Columbus members so that you can include it in your Food For Families report at the end of the Fraternal Year. Remember that Supreme will refund \$100 for each 1,000 pounds of food donated, up to a maximum of \$500. Those tomatoes, squash and pears add up fast. Also, fresh fruit and vegetables are especially appreciated by most food pantries and the families they serve.

Send me your good ideas for Family Programs, and we'll share them with other Councils.

Vivat Jesus

Joe Keller  
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George Murphy  
Youth Director

### State Youth Director Report



Worthy Brother Knights:

Summer is here and we are in the final moments of it.

I spoke with our General Program Director Duane Morris who is also a Supreme Representative for Oregon.

Good news—Supreme had approved our Coats For Kids program in its entirety. Everything is exactly the same as last year. We will have our 2 for 1 program. Buy one box get the second for free. A Council can put in their order in now. (However the Coats will not be delivered until the end of October 2022 or beginning of Nov 2022.) Put your order in now, then pay Duane Morris sometime in October 2022. Baker City has already placed the first 2 for 1 order. My garbage is empty and I am expecting 100 to 200 boxes of Coats again this year, please help me fill this garbage again.

I have attached a price list with this Youth Report.

Please remember our Council level Soccer Kick starts in September 2022. Start looking for location to host your competition.

All of our fall programs will start in September 2022.

- 1. Catholic Essay contest
- 2. Keep Christ in Christmas
- 3. Drug Abuse
- 4. Alcohol awareness

Thanks in advance, if you have any questions please contact me .

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[Article On Behalf of State Deputy Ray Prom](#)

Mike Hahn, as Worthy DD12, was requested to read the following introduction during an installation at Bandon. This is by their Pastor and Chaplain who was unable to attend. It is very insightful for all of us:

Dear friends in Christ,

I am sorry I cannot be with you in person on this occasion of the installation of new Officers. However, I will be with you in spirit.

To be an Officer among your Brothers is to be a part of the leadership in a community of faith, a community of God's people. For leadership, there is only one road: service. There is no other way. If you have many qualities, the ability to communicate, etc., but you are not a servant, your leadership will fail, it is useless, it has no power to gather [people] together... Leadership must enter into service, but with a personal love for the people. Be leaders wherever it behooves you to be. Leaders of thought, leaders of action, leaders of joy, leaders of hope, leaders of unity, and leaders of the construction of a better parish and a better world.

As you serve God's people, there will be times when you may feel discouraged. I encourage you to not give. Turn to the Lord Jesus for strength, grace, and empowerment. Remember that you are carrying out His ministry entrusted to you. So always turn to the Lord in times of weakness.

I ask that you work with me in bringing our people ever closer to the Lord, by continuing to create cultures of unceasing prayer, healthy teamwork, and active discipleship in our parish.

I entrust you to the care of the Mother of God, Mary Most Holy, that she may cover you with her maternal mantle.

God bless you,

**Fr. Anthony Ahamefule**

*Pastor*

*Holy Trinity, Bandon*

*St. John's Port Orford*

*541-329-0697*

## Rosary Bowl NW - SAVE THE DATE



**New Location this Year:**

**Queen of Peace  
Catholic Church, Salem**

***Pray with us:***

**Sat., October 1st, 2022**

**9am - 3pm**

**[www.RosaryBowlNW.org](http://www.RosaryBowlNW.org)**

**Council In Action**  
**Church safety**

Oregon Brother Knights,

There have been a couple of instances in the past year where people have been asked to have a heightened sense of alertness to something or someone that could cause issues. Last year on Columbus Day weekend, we were even asked by the Archdiocese of Portland if we could help with having people watch the property. Kudos to those who have been involved in this. We want to take it one step further. We have been working on implementing a Safety/Security online training course for those Councils and parishes who feel this would be a benefit to them. This has become more of a priority for Councils and parishes due to the Supreme Court leak and the increased protests from pro-abortionists. A Brother Knight from McMinnville, Chuck Pattishall, has stepped up to be the lead contact for Councils who would like to implement a Safety program or would like more information. Chuck has a history in law enforcement and is the right person to help with this kind of program. This is a comprehensive program—not just in protecting our priests and our churches—but in learning how to de-escalate a situation, increased awareness for ushers and greeters, and in how to help make sure that the physical property in a parish is safe and well maintained. It is much more than just keeping guard at the front door. If you would like to get information about Safety/Security for your parish, please contact:

Chuck Pattishall [cpattishall@comcast.net](mailto:cpattishall@comcast.net)

**Be sure this meets with the pastor's approval.**

Ray Prom  
State Deputy  
Oregon Knights of Columbus

**Be Bold, Be Catholic, Be a Knight!**



**The Pope St. John XXIII Assembly 906 Installation of Officers**

On July 17, 2022 The Pope St. John XXIII Assembly 906 Installation of Officer took place. The ceremony was conducted by District Master, Duane Morris.

Pictured from left to right:  
Duane Morris (District Master),  
John Morford (Faithful Captain),  
Bernie Covino (Faithfull Navigator),  
Stephen Radel (Inner Sentinel),  
Vince Wells (Faithful Scribe),  
Pat Parson (Faithful Pilot),  
Al Correia (Trustee),  
Dan Wehrman (Faithful Purser),  
Paul Nowak (Faithful Comptroller),  
Arnold Kroll (Trustee)



**Scholarship Request For Student In Need**

Brothers, I received a request today for scholarship information from Kristi Lange. She is president and valedictorian of her class at Chesterton Academy, and was the speaker at the State Convention when they talked about her trip to the March for Life. She is a remarkable young lady who just coincidentally happens to be the niece of our State Chaplain. I am sending this out just on the off chance that some of you who provide college scholarships for your local students might have some funding left over from last year to consider her request. I know this past year in Astoria we had more scholarships available than we had requests, so maybe other Councils have come across this also. If there is a way where some of the Councils could help this young woman out, I am sure her proud uncle would say Thank YOU!

**Ut In Omnibus Glorificetur Dei** (Latin: so that in all things God may be glorified; Benedictine motto)

**Greetings!**

Happy feast of St. Mary Magdelene! This is Kristi Lange. I was the President of the Chesterton Academy Students for Life group the past four years, and presented at the Knights of Columbus State Convention this April. I will be an incoming freshman at the Franciscan University of Steubenville this Fall, and am majoring in Theology and History and minoring in Human Life Studies. I have put a lot of volunteer time into the Pro-Life movement over the past five years, as well as Catholic youth ministry, and as my family doesn't have any money to put towards my education, I am looking for avenues to receive scholarships for college. Does the State Knights of Columbus, or any local groups, offer scholarship opportunities for students attending Catholic colleges? If you know of any other scholarship opportunities, I would always appreciate a heads up.

It was a gift and a great joy to come out this Spring, and was truly a highlight of the end of my school year. Thank you, Mr. Prom! May the Lord bless you and keep you.

Yours in Christ,  
Kristi Lange

PS - I attached my resume if it is of any help. Thank you!

Ray Prom  
State Deputy  
Oregon Knights of Columbus

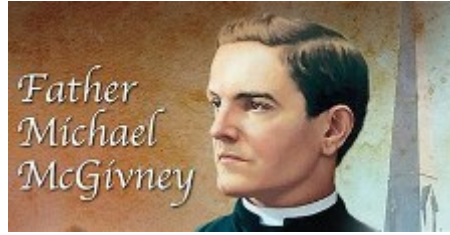
**Be Bold, Be Catholic, Be a Knight!**Resumé: Kristi Lange PRO-LIFE ADVOCACY

- President and founder of the Students for Life of America (SFLA) chapter at Chesterton Academy of the Willamette Valley (Fall 2018-present).
- Organize and run events for the Pro-Life Club including apologetics trainings, sidewalk counseling, volunteering at the Oregon March for Life and local Pregnancy Centers, etc.
- Spoke at the Oregon March for Life in January 2019.
- Spoke at the State Knights of Columbus Convention 2022 about the club's trip to the DC March for Life.
- SFL Action State Captain for Oregon. Focused on public policy, attended trainings, a Lobby Day, wrote a blog post, and organized a public policy training for the Pro-Life Club. Spring 2021)
- Door-knocked in Virginia June 2021 in support of Pro-Life politicians and engaged in dialogue with people on the abortion issue. Knocked on over 20,000 doors in three days.
- Member of the Thaddeus Stevens SFLA Fellowship for High School students. In this Fellowship, we read books, heard from various speakers, attended bi-weekly calls, worked with other student-leaders across the country, were mentored by a leader in the Pro-Life movement, and held an event in each of SFLA's five pillars (June 2021- April 2022). Attended the SFLA National Leaders Collective in Washington D.C. in June 2021. VOLUNTEER WORK
- Help a local youth ministry program put on retreats (2019 - present)
- Led Confirmation classes once a month by providing testimonies and teachings (October 2021-June 2022).
- Volunteered for Oregon Right to Life at their fair booths and their annual auction, and helped put together resources for them to distribute.
- Helped Pregnancy Resource Centers build wreaths for their Christmas sales, and volunteered at their booth at the Oktoberfest in 2019 and 2021, and helped put together baby bottles for fundraising 2022.
- Volunteered for the St. Paul's Knights of Columbus booth at the 2021 Oktoberfest.
- Volunteered at Chesterton Academy's booth at the Rosary Bowl NW in 2019 and 2021, as well as at various open houses.
- Greenshirt volunteer at Ignite Your Torch 2022. EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES
- Sing in the Traditional Mass choir at my parish. Practice every Sunday and sing twice a month, focusing primarily on Gregorian Chant and polyphony.
- Member of the extracurricular choir at Chesterton Academy, which practiced after school twice a week and sang for school Masses on Fridays.
- Member of the young ladies choir at my parish. Practice every week and sing once a month.
- Athletics: Softball (2019), Basketball (2019), Ultimate Frisbee (2021-22) - team captain Acting class in the Fall of 2020 and 2021. Learned the basics of acting theory, and performed in two showcases.
- Played lead role, Emily Webb, in Thorton Wilder's full-length play, 'Our Town' (Spring 2021). Played Miss Prism in Oscar Wilde's play 'The Importance of Being Earnest' (Spring 2022).
- Competed in the Oregon Right to Life State Oratory Competition 2021, and a number of their essay contests (placing 2nd in state one year).



Charles Northup  
Fr. McGivney  
Guild Chairman

### **Father McGivney Guild Feast Day**



Greetings Worthy Grand Knights, Officers and Brothers,

The Oregon State Council is hosting a prayer hour on August 13th for the Feast Day of Father Michael McGivney. This will be an in-person event and will be held at St Philip Catholic Church in Dallas Oregon (825 SW Mill St, Dallas, OR 97338). Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Alternatively we will also be live streaming the event on our State Council's YouTube page (<https://youtube.com/channel/UCW2Rb2CFjRiuZALjLo9ZALQ>). Brothers, you are encouraged to work within your own Councils to host your own satellite prayer hour by gathering together, watching and praying along with the livestream.

You can also disseminate this link for the 9 Day Father McGivney Novena. It can be prayed anytime but particularly starting August 5 and finishing on Father McGivney's Feast Day on August 13th. (<https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&source=web&rct=j&url=https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/events/father-mcgivney-beatification/beatification-novena.pdf&ved=2ahUKEwiFsI2YIZX5AhUDizQIHRvUC6IQFnoECBAQAQ&usg=AOvVaw1rlxmr8sUnw78c3gkZf3vX>)

This is a great way to strengthen our fraternal bonds and to honor our Blessed Founder on his Feast Day. I implore you to work within your Councils and come together to honor and pray for the man that worked tirelessly to found our organization.

Thank you and Vivat Jesus,

Charles C Northup  
Oregon State McGivney Guild Chairman  
PH: 503-983-4120  
[charlesnorthup91@gmail.com](mailto:charlesnorthup91@gmail.com)

### **Knights In Action**

All of us at Mater Dei Radio want to extend a huge "Thank You" to the Knights of Columbus! Last week, Immediate Past State Deputy Ron Boyce delivered a donation of \$1,000 to support the ministry of Mater Dei Radio. On Saturday July 16th, a very fantastic group of local Knights updated the landscaping in the Marian Grotto and around our studio property. Thank you for your generous support!







### Membership Update

Brother Knights,

Happy Independence Day! I hope you all have a great day with your families and friends.

God Bless our great nation and the fallen heroes who shed their blood for our liberty! The USA under God has provided immeasurable opportunity for us to prosper. Indeed this opportunity remains for all of our future generations in abundance with God almighty as our guide.

Membership  
Director  
Chris Cummings

Challenges to our liberty remains today as it was on July 4<sup>th</sup> of 1776. Enemies within and without may seek to destroy the liberties and freedom that God has endowed and we have enshrined in our founding documents. Enemies that want to redefine/remove morality, right and wrong from our public conversation that our Christian faith clearly recognizes in holy scripture. As men of the Knights of Columbus we have a duty to be examples of our faith in the public square and also to peacefully defend our liberties and pray for our adversaries.

As Knights in the State of Oregon, recruiting men to become part of our order is our mission. Becoming a Knight gives men an avenue to reengage with their families and parishes. It provides men of faith confidence to redirect the conversation back to Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. These core principals are largely missing from our public conversations. Bring men to KofC to help restore and promote the principals of our Order.

THANK YOU to all Councils who recruited and brought in new members in 2021-2022 Fraternal Year. A special "shout out" to our "Champions". A worksheet can be provided if you contact me, but it is too large for the newsletter format.

For those who "missed" in 2021-2022, today is a new day! Change your strategy! Be an evangelist for your Council and win the hearts and minds of your fellow parishioners.

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Cummings

### Below is a speech from July 4<sup>th</sup> 1776 from John Adams

***Sink or Swim, Live or Die, Survive or Perish, I give my heart and my hand to this vote. It is true indeed that in the beginning we did not aim for Independence, but there is a Divinity that shapes our ends. Why then should we defer the declaration? You and I indeed may rue it. We may not live to see the time when this declaration shall be made good. We may die; die Colonists or die Slaves. Be it so, be it so. If it be the pleasure of Heaven that my country shall require the poor offering of my life, the victim shall be ready. But while I do live, let me have a country or at least the hope of a country, and that a free country.***

***But whatever may be our fate, be assured that this declaration will stand. It may cost treasure and it may cost blood, but it will stand and richly compensate for both. Through the gloom of the present, I see the brightness of the future, like the sun in heaven. We shall make this a glorious and immortal day. When we are in our graves our children will honor it. They will celebrate it with thanksgiving and festivities, with bonfires and illuminations.***

***Before God I believe that the hour has come. My judgment approves this measure and my whole heart is in it. All that I have, all that I am, and all that I hope in this life I am now ready to stake on it and leave off as I began. Live or die, survive or perish, I am for this declaration. It is my living sentiment and by the blessing of God it will be my dying sentiment.***

***Independence now, Independence forever.***

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Cummings

Knights of Columbus Membership Director - Oregon

541.543.7596

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**Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity  
& 4th Degree Exemplification on  
Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney's Feast Day**

**Blessed  
Father  
Michael  
McGivney**

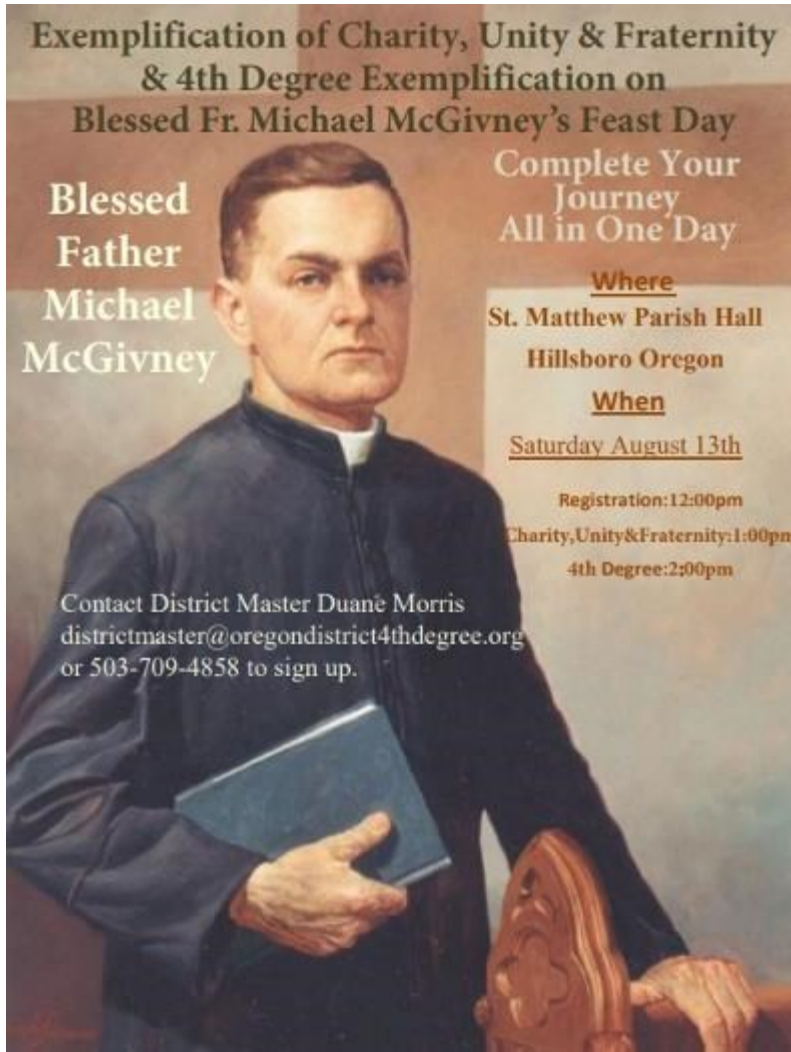
**Complete Your  
Journey  
All in One Day**

**Where**  
St. Matthew Parish Hall  
Hillsboro Oregon

**When**  
Saturday August 13th

Registration: 12:00pm  
Charity, Unity & Fraternity: 1:00pm  
4th Degree: 2:00pm


Contact District Master Duanè Morris  
districtmaster@oregondistrict4thdegree.org  
or 503-709-4858 to sign up.



**Exemplification of  
Charity, Unity and  
Fraternity**

**Wednesday 8/10/2022**

**St. John Vianney Room  
St. Mary's Church  
815 Broadalbin St. SW  
Albany, OR 97321**




"Unity and Charity is our motto"  
1883 Father Michael J. McGivney

**This your chance to join the Knights of Columbus or if you are a 1<sup>st</sup>  
Degree or 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree to advance to Knighthood and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree**

**Ceremony starts at 7:00pm.  
Candidates should arrive no later than 6:30pm.  
Ceremony should be done by 8:00.**

Please RSVP to:  
Tom Radel  
DGK Albany Council 1577  
1737 NW Laura Vista Dr.  
Albany, OR 97321  
541-974-5716  
[twilidel@comcast.net](mailto:twilidel@comcast.net)



### [Life Program Director Added Report](#)



Eric Walter  
Life Director

Brother Knights,

The Christian Refugee Relief is one of the critical Life programs that we should not overlook. Supreme's 2021 statistics show 562 Councils reported activity in LIFE initiatives, but only 50 reported activity in Christian Refugee Relief.

This program provides humanitarian assistance to persecuted Christians throughout the world, and help to the most vulnerable.

For additional information, please refer to the letter excerpt below that includes a link to the website.

If you have any questions and/or would like to set up a virtual meeting with your Councils, please contact Brother Hikmat Dandan, Christian Refugee Relief Director at (416) 893-8060 or email: [knightsofcolumbus@hotmail.com](mailto:knightsofcolumbus@hotmail.com).

Working together for life,

Vivat Jesus

Eric Walter  
State Life Program Director  
Oregon Knights of Columbus  
[dominuspictura@gmail.com](mailto:dominuspictura@gmail.com)  
PH: (541) 554-2074

### [Christian Relief Letter](#)

Dear Brother Knights,

All the Knights of Columbus initiatives are important but Christian Refugee Relief is particularly important because it deals with Christians at risk. The Supreme Councils has adopted a resolution for Solidarity with persecuted Christians. All Oregon Councils should do the same. Although Christian Refugee Relief is classified under LIFE, however its initiatives, which are entirely different in nature, also fall under FAITH, FAMILY and COMMUNITY pillars. Please consider allocating a budget for [www.christianrefugeerelief.org](http://www.christianrefugeerelief.org), no matter how modest it is, and choose from many different initiatives dedicated to Christians at risk, to distribute their donations. Your Councils will earn many credits which will get them closer to their Columbian or Star Awards. It does not have to come out of their budget, as parishioners will be impressed and will donate and may also join their Councils.

[Click on: www.christianrefugeerelief.org](http://www.christianrefugeerelief.org)

Remember by forgetting about Christian Refugee Relief, a Councils would have forgotten the most vulnerable, persecuted, and at-risk Christians. Also please consider inviting me to your virtual Councils meetings, to humbly explain the initiatives and give suggestions to your Councils or call me at 416-893 8060 or email [knightsofcolumbus@hotmail.com](mailto:knightsofcolumbus@hotmail.com). I wish you a Blessed successful new Fraternal Year. Vivat Jesus

Brother Hikmat Dandan Christian Refugee Relief Director  
Holy Land & Persecuted Christians  
Founder/Chairman Jerusalem Students  
Knights of Columbus / Chevaliers de Colomb  
C: (416) 893 8060

[knightsofcolumbus@hotmail.com](mailto:knightsofcolumbus@hotmail.com)

Visit and support Christians at Risk: [www.jerusalemstudents.org](http://www.jerusalemstudents.org) [www.christianrefugeerelief.org](http://www.christianrefugeerelief.org)

Choose from 15 charity initiatives

## [Oregon State Fair Oregon Right to Life](#)

Attention Brother Knights,

The Oregon Right to Life (ORTL) has many volunteer shifts available at the Oregon State Fair pro-life booth from August 26 – September 5, 2022. Given this volatile time period, immediately after over-turning Roe v. Wade, ORTL is making a special request to the Knights of Columbus this year. ORTL is requesting men to be present at the fair booth to help deter unruly behavior and theft. It is important to note the volunteers are not considered security guards, only observers. If an issue arises, the fairground security is immediately contacted. For additional information and sign-up, please refer to attached flyer. If you have any question, contact Nickie Snyder at (503) 463-8563 or email: [nickie@ortl.org](mailto:nickie@ortl.org).

Please consider serving at the Oregon State Fair and grab some cotton candy on the way out!

Working together for life.

Following is the Right to Life notice for the Oregon Fair.

Eric Walter  
State Life Program Director  
Oregon Knights of Columbus



## [Oregon Right to Life | Oregon State Fair | Equipped for Life](#)

Dear Advocate,

The Oregon State Fair is quickly approaching!

Oregon Right to Life Education Foundation (ORTLEF) has many volunteer shifts available at our pro-life fair booth from August 26 - September 5, 2022. We have purchased seats for the Equal Rights Institute Equipped for Life pro-life conversation training. We would like all of our volunteers to participate in the first four modules. Would you like to sign up to receive a link in your email for the Equipped for Life training? Reply to this email and include your first and last name and email to receive the link to the Equipped for Life training. Many trained volunteers are needed to interact with the general public at our impactful and sometimes life-saving pro-life booth at the Oregon State Fair. Important volunteer information:

- Shifts are between four and five hours
- You will be volunteering with three other advocates
- Volunteers receive a free pass to enter the Fair
- There will be an in-person volunteer training session Please view available shifts and sign up for a volunteer shift or two at the following link, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44a8ac23abf5c16-2022>.
- When signing up click on the white square next to your desired shift. Scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the "Submit and Sign Up" button. Fill out the form and click "Sign Up Now". Thank you! Because everyone deserves an advocate, Nickie Snyder P.S. I mentioned volunteers receive free entry to the Oregon State Fair. If you are interested in attending concerts, you can see the lineup here: <https://oregonstatefair.org/concerts/>. Save the date: In-person volunteer training Thursday, August 18 at noon or 7 p.m. at Salem Evangelical Church 455 Locust St NE, Salem, OR 97301.
- We ask that all volunteers attend.



### [Special Olympics Oregon](#)

The Knights of Columbus are excited to announce that we will be working with the Special Olympics Oregon. After revamping their entire program in 2019 they were stifled by the onset of the pandemic. Now that the haze of Covid has finally begun to clear they are planning on hosting events locally, regionally, nationally & beyond. There will be several events that Special Olympics Oregon will be putting on over the course of the upcoming autumn months with more details to come.

The two biggest needs for the Special Olympics is fundraising & volunteers which is why the Knights of Columbus could serve as an ideal partner to help change the lives of these inspirational individuals. Special Olympics Oregon is based out of Beaverton, but they will be hosting events all over Oregon and could use all of our help. Any assistance that you could offer would be greatly appreciated.

Vivat Jesus!

Michael Hanley

PH:503-310-2812

[hanleyman80@gmail.com](mailto:hanleyman80@gmail.com)



### [Council In Action](#)

Dr. John McLoughlin Council 2325 in Oregon City helped to host our annual parish picnic on July 31. The picnic is held each year on a date nearest to July 24, the founding date of the parish in 1844. Knights cooked hot dogs and hamburgers, plus provided buns and condiments to an estimated crowd of 400 parishioners.

It is a good feeling to have gatherings again after the impact of COVID-19 on our activities. The Council will also be helping to organize a historical tour of Oregon City on October 15 from 9 until 11 AM. Beginning at St. John's, Brother Jerry Herrmann, a lifelong resident and local historian, will lead a tour of the roots of Christian establishments in the Oregon City historical district. A \$15 freewill offering is asked to cover costs of this project.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Dec DD14

PGK/Trustee

Dr. John McLoughlin Council 2325





Community  
Director  
Brent Dattke

Brother Knights,

Under Community, there are nine programs—these are:

- ◆ Helping Hands
- ◆ Coats For Kids
- ◆ Global Wheelchair Mission
- ◆ Habitat For Humanity
- ◆ Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest
- ◆ Disaster Preparedness
- ◆ Free Throw Championship
- ◆ Soccer Challenge
- ◆ Hockey Challenge.
- ◆ Note: Leave no Neighbor Behind was a temporary program and has been discontinued.

### [Coats for Kids](#)

This month's focus is on Coats for Kids.

Again this Fraternal Year, the Supreme Council is offering a 50/50 matching program, for each box of coats purchased, Supreme will match one for one.

The mix of coats does not need to be the same i.e. you can order a box of boys' and request a box of girls' coats. The boxes are already packed as mixed sizes.

However, there are two different types or thickness of coat, one is a lighter coat—more of a wind breaker and the other is a heavier coat—for more severe climate areas.

**Your orders must be in by October 1, 2022** to the State Council. This program is only available when ordered through the State. This is an opportunity again this year as it was last year to help the under privileged children stay warm this winter.

Brent Dattke State Community Director  
District Marshal  
541-388-1437  
[kofcbrent@gmail.com](mailto:kofcbrent@gmail.com)



**Honor Guard for Deacon Tony Karam - St. Pius X - Portland - Saturday August 27th**

Requested by: District Master Duane Morris

Peace be with you Brothers,

This is Gibran from Vancouver. I write on behalf of Deacon Tony Karam who some of you know from morning Mass and adoration at St. Pius. Deacon Tony is a married Maronite deacon and will be ordained a priest, God willing, on Saturday August 27th. Our Bishop and his supporting group is flying in from LA and the ordination and reception will take place at St. Pius church because St. Shabel is too small.

Deacon Tony asked me to ask Y'all if it would be possible to have the formally dressed honor guard present at his priestly ordination. It would be nice if the Bishop could walk under the swords during the opening procession and again during the closing.

Faithfully,

Gibran Zogbi

**Albany Council 1577 Installation of Officers**

On July 9, 2022 The Albany Council 1577 Installation of Officers took place following the 8:30 am Mass. The ceremony was conducted by District 7 Warden, Stephen Radel.



Pictured from left to right: Chris James (PGK, Trustee), Tom Radel (DGK), Stephen Radel (District 7 Warden), Matt Hellman (Trustee), Father Mariano (Chaplain), Al Correia (GK), Jim McDowell (Treasurer), Bernie Covino (Advocate), Chuck Wert (IG).





Dear Brother Knights,

The State Charities Fund established in 1980 so members could individually donation to a Catholic or Christian based non-profit group. The State Charity is totally depended on these contributions from Council members, our family members and friends of Knights of Columbus in Oregon.

Our first and foremost principle of our Order is Charity—the greatest of all virtues and the crown glory of a Christian life. The Oregon State K of C Charities gives the opportunity for Council Members and member of our Community to assist the other Catholic Charities in the state Oregon and full filling our Corporal Works of Mercy.

During the 2021/2022 Fraternal Year the Oregon State K of C Charities distributed following amounts:

Magdalene House in Medford.....	\$750.00	Fr. Taaffe Homes.....	\$6,500.00
Archdiocese of Portland Youth.....	\$500.00	Pennies for Heaven.....	\$33,000.00
Rachael Pregnancy Center in Baker.....	\$750.00	KBVM Mater Dei Radio.....	\$1,000.00
Baker Diocese Youth.....	\$500.00	Pre-Seminarian.....	\$1,000.00
Grandma’s House in Bend.....	\$750.00	Ultrasound Imitative.....	\$59,613.99
S.I.T.....	\$500.00	Military Chaplain’s Scholarship Fund.....	\$1,000.00
Bethany Home in Gresham.....	\$750.00	Special Olympics.....	\$4,081.00
McKenzie Long Term Recovery.....	\$500.00	Food for Families.....	\$24,250.00

Our current “Green Sheet” list the groups that we have contributed to the last few years. You may choose one of these or you can list General Fund. There are several ways to donate:

- 1.) Fill out the Green Sheet and return it with a check made out to “Oregon State K of C Charities”
- 2.) Send the check directly to the Oregon State K of C Charities: State Charities Secretary Ken Anderson, 11863 SW Greenburg Rd, Apt #8, Tigard, OR 97223.
- 3.) Visit the Charity web site at [www.oregonstatekofccharities.org](http://www.oregonstatekofccharities.org) If you have questions, please call my phone at 503-730-1986 or email: [rboyce4539@aol.com](mailto:rboyce4539@aol.com)

Vivat Jesus,

Sincerely,

*Ronald J Boyce*

Ronald J. Boyce,  
Immediate Past State Deputy & Charity President  
PH: 503-730-1986  
Email: [rboyce4539@aol.com](mailto:rboyce4539@aol.com)



FAITH      COMMUNITY      FAMILY      LIFE





Worthy Financial Secretaries & Brothers, July 1, 2022

Please pass the Green Sheet to all your Council member and Catholic Business owners who wish to have a tax write off.

The State Charities is a 501-3C Non-Profit and can give donation receipts to those who wish to have one. If you could also include this in your next Council dues notice either mailed or emailed.

Vivat Jesus,


Ronald J Boyce Ronald J. Boyce,  
 Immediate Past State Deputy & Charity President  
 PH:503-730-1986 [rboyce4539@aol.com](mailto:rboyce4539@aol.com)

**FRATERNAL YEAR 2022-2023**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Council Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHARITABLE "GREEN SHEET"**

\$ _____	<b>Oregon Homes for Unwed Mothers</b>	Help for the unwed mothers' homes in Gresham, Medford, Bend, & Baker City.
\$ _____	<b>KBVM Mater Dei Radio</b>	Support to help bring evangelization to the air waves
\$ _____	<b>General Fund</b>	The Board can choose to add support to those that are now listed. support to those that are now listed.
\$ _____	<b>Special Olympics</b>	Support of Special Olympics Oregon
\$ _____	<b>Ultrasound Initiatives</b>	This allows us to help fund ultrasounds machines in pregnancy centers.
\$ _____	<b>Military Chaplain's Scholarship</b>	This fund helps support needed Priests to become Chaplains in our armed forces.
\$ _____	<b>Diocesan Youth Programs</b>	Support Portland and Baker Diocese Youth Programs
\$ _____	<b>Natural Disaster Assistance</b>	Assist Food Banks and Distribution Centers during natural Disaster
\$ _____	<b>Pre-Seminarian Program</b>	Assist Pre-Seminarian Program to help those who are entering the Seminary.
\$ _____	<b>TOTAL GREEN  CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	

**Blessed Michael McGivney Fund Grant Guidelines**

Applicant must be a Oregon Knight, the widow or orphan unmarried child under age 26 of such Knight.

Applicant must have been in the Order for at least one-year.

Applicant must be in "good standing".

Applicant must be a member of the requesting Oregon Council.

Grants are provided based on financial need, not on the applicant's activities as a Knight.

Funds are for the "Necessities of Life." Example: housing, utilities or food - not to reduce debt Applicant cannot receive two grants for the same situation.

The situation should not pre-date the applicant's entry into the Order.

Applicant cannot receive a grant more often than once every two years.

Funds cannot be used to purchase real property or automobiles for the applicant.

If the applicant is the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary, the District Deputy should make the investigator selection and sign the application as the FS or GK.

Oregon State will not provide application status to anyone except the Grand Knight.

The State Secretary is the only one who may contact the Council for clarification. If possible, screening committee members are asked to respond to the application within 24 hours. E-mail your recommendation to the State Secretary and to all the screeners who are evaluating the same application. The applications and all the personal information, especially names and Councils are confidential!

Please erase all computer files and shred print copies after you have responded.

**Blessed Michael McGivney Fund Grant**

Application Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Council Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of First Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the Need: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Funds—Total needed: \_\_\_\_\_ Council: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of Funds: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signed: Grand Knight: \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

**State use only**

Received Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_ Declined: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: State Deputy: \_\_\_\_\_

State Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

*Parade of Past State Deputies*

John Adolph Rekart  
41<sup>st</sup> State Deputy of Oregon 1987-1989



John Adolph Rekart was born on October 15, 1916 to Russian immigrants, Anton and Katherine Garrits Rekart at his parents' home in Portland aided by a team of Russian midwives.

John attend St. Agatha School where he remained a member of St. Agatha Church his entire life. John served in the Navy during WWII.

As a young man, John worked almost at every store and shop in the area where he lived.

In 1941 John met Helen Moell at a basketball function held at St. Agatha Church. Three weeks later John married Helen on May 18, 1941 in Portland, OR. The couple had eight children.

John was Grand Knight of the Milwaukie Council 3378 in 1966 and a member of the Council until 1979. In that year he became a charter member and 1<sup>st</sup> Grand Knight of the St. Agatha Council 7388.

John was District Deputy for years 1981 and 1982. He held many State Chairman and Director positions including one as State Historian. He was elected as State Deputy in 1987 but never held any other State Office.

Helen died in 1992. John then met the widowed Cleo Brainerd and they were married on June 23, 2003. Together they managed a bed & breakfast establishment in Sandpoint, ID and a fabric shop in Oak Grove, OR. Cleo added four more children to the extended family.

John played sports of all kinds. He coached Little League and served as Cub and Boy Scouts Leader.

John Adolph Rekart died on September 12, 2014 in Portland, OR and is buried at the Willamette Nation Cemetery in Portland, OR



Helen and John in 1941



*"Share the spirit, honor the Clergy." John A Rekart, January 1989, Portland, OR*





Mike Hahn  
DD12



### **District 12 Report**

**Joseph Sidle Council 5511 in Brookings** though not having a meeting in July stayed none-the-less busy. Brother Knights produced a Pro-Life display which is placed on church property and easy to see from public roads.



Two of their Brother Knights, James Schutte and Past Grand Knight Tim Stadelman are working on a construction project in Honduras, Central America at Regina Marie Center. They are not only doing the work but also are teaching youngsters the trades as the pictures show. *(PGK Tim Stadelman, an electrician with one of the children of the center)*

As can be seen in this link to an article by the Western World, these two Brother Knights have done this charitable work for some time. [https://theworldlink.com/community/bandon/news/honduran-school-supported-by-south-coast-residents/article\\_6241c98d-ebb1-596b-a4e0-af71a09c197d.html](https://theworldlink.com/community/bandon/news/honduran-school-supported-by-south-coast-residents/article_6241c98d-ebb1-596b-a4e0-af71a09c197d.html)

These men represent Blessed Fr. Mc Givney's vision!



**Coos Council 1261, Coos Bay/North Bend:** The Council, with the help of their Brother and State Treasurer Bob Adams, is working to give the Coos Bay 'Pregnancy Clinic' a brand new ultra-sound machine. They also committed \$500.00 to the clinic. The director of the clinic, Madge Osborn and RN Liz Bach as well as other members of the clinic, expressed their sincere gratitude for the Knight's support of the clinic. One of the Coos Council Brothers, Brother Ron McGarrell, is also a board member of the Pregnancy Clinic and a mentor for men to help

them become good and responsible fathers and husbands. Madge Osborn told me that an astounding 97% of those who come in and have the ultra-sound choose to keep their child. She ensures that the men see the ultra-sound result as well.



**Council 15773, Our Lady of the Dunes, Florence :** The Council has been busy. Brothers provided soup, serving and cleanup at the local free lunch site. They also support the St Vincent DePaul program and assist the Meals on Wheels. The Council also provided \$500.00 to the local Resource Pregnancy Center. On July 19th they had their installation of Officers. Many of the wives attended. Their pastor, Fr Selvam, who stood in for the Council Chaplain, who was unable to attend, was really very complimentary about the Council's work in the community and the parish. He reminded them to wear their Council badges when attending Mass and parish functions. Lastly, on July 29th they hosted a successful fish fry

**Most Holy Trinity Council 17396, Bandon:** The Council had their installation of Officers which was well attended by many of the parishioners. A community dinner was provided to all – the event was a success given the comments by parishioners. They hosted, along with other members of the parish, a 'Taco brunch' after Sunday Mass. The parish also hosted seminarian, Coulter McIntyre, who is attending the Bishop White Seminary in Spokane. He is a member of the College Council at the seminary. The Council took him under their 'wing'. He attended the Council meeting. A Brother Knight took him on his first 'crabbing experience'. After a successful crabbing experience, he was able to take to his family a good catch along with a RSVP donation of \$500.00 and the Council's commitment of their prayers for his continued studies to the priesthood.

**Philomath Frolic and Rodeo**

Oregon District Master Duane Morris, Oregon State Secretary Ken Anderson, and Deputy Grand Knight Sir Knight Chris Rischmiller participated in the Philomath Frolic and Rodeo Parade—they won the Sweepstakes Award!



### *Council In Action*

Submitted by James Casey and John Pavik Council 3509 Molalla

#### *St. James Pew Project*

The Knights are leading the refurbishment of pews at St. James Church in Molalla. Existing pews have been in place since the parish opened in 1962. There had been a need to repair and secure the legs for safety. Faded seat backs and chipped veneer needs repairing and staining to once again restore the appearance and extend life of each pew.

Original quotes to rebuild the pews were over \$90,000 and prompted consideration of new pews at a cost quoted at more than \$120,000. Knights, in conjunction with the local Furniture Doctor, provided a repair and refurbish alternative estimate of less than \$7,000. The refurbishment project will take an estimated 7 months with volunteer help of Knights and Parishioners.

We are using the local Furniture Doctor to work on veneer and unique repairs needed. All screws securing the pews are being replaced with a corrosion resistant alternative. Faded seat backs are being completely sanded down and stained. All surfaces are receiving a new protective topcoat. As of the end of July this year all pews have been securely fastened to the Church floor with the new screws. Refurbishment has begun and is projected to be complete by Christmas of this year.

With proper ongoing maintenance these pews should be in service for the life of our Church.



Council In Action

Picnic in the Park

Knights of Columbus members from Medford's Rogue Valley Council 1594 teamed up with Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St Mary 1800 to plan, organize and host this year's annual Picnic in the Park. They also teamed up with the Hispanic community to make this a real Parish event.

There were plenty of Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Tacos for the hungry crowd. Mark Kantor set up a Nerf shooting range and the Balloon Man wowed the kids with the various animals and shapes. What is a picnic without a Piñata or two! Oh yes, fun for all.

Thanks for Fr Ken Sampson, Fr Moises Mac and Fr Bonaventure for their guidance at Sacred Heart Parish in keeping us on the path close to Jesus.

Blessings to all.

Joseph Schaecher, VSM  
Council 1594 Medford



*Silver Rose in Southern Oregon's Rogue Valley*

As the Silver Rose travels through District 9 in the Rogue Valley of Oregon the parishioners are getting a chance to send their blessings and petitions to Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The pre-Mass Rosary at Medford's Sacred Heart Church set the stage for further visits around the Rogue Valley. During the morning Mass with Fr. Moises Mac (Mackummell), Fr. Ken Sampson (concelebrate) and Deacon Dennis Macey, Fr Moises welcomed the Silver Rose and spoke about its history and final destination. He invited the parishioners to stop by the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree and to ask for the intercessions of Our Lady of Guadalupe, while Vice Supreme Master Joe Schaecher and District Warden Matt Sekreta stood by as escorts of the Rose.

After visiting Sacred Heart, Fr. Silverino Kwebuza welcomed the Silver Rose to Shepherd of the Valley Parish in Central Point.

In honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, former District Deputies, Larry Mullaly and Thom Gilsdorf along with Matt Sekreta provided the escort for the Rose.

Story by Joe Schaecher, VSM  
Council 1594 Medford





## [District Deputies Monthly](#)



August 3-7 – Pray for those attending the Supreme Convention in Nashville

August 15 – Semiannual Council Audit (#1295) due

September 15 - Form 944 Founders Award requirements due

[Free Online Membership](#) has been extended - Please note that the promo code for free online membership has changed.

The new code is **BlessedMcGivney**. The code is one continuous string and **is not case sensitive**. Any combination of upper-case and lower-case letters is acceptable.

[Do you have a Family of the Month program?](#) How about Family of the Quarter or bi-annual Family award. The point is to include the family in recognizing their participation.

[Aid and Support After Pregnancy – ASAP](#)

Digital ASAP resources are now available at [www.kofc.org/asap](http://www.kofc.org/asap). Resources include a handbook describing how Councils and Assemblies can get involved, a grant application form for Councils and Assemblies, and a brochure and posters for Council promotion. Print resources are available in Supplies Online in the “Pregnancy Center Support” folder. The July 14th Fraternal Training Webinar also featured this program – view the recording here. Please work with your programs team to promote this program helping the Order reach its goal to donate \$5 million to pregnancy centers and maternity homes before the end of the 2022-2023 Fraternal Year! Direct questions regarding ASAP to [fraternalmission@kofc.org](mailto:fraternalmission@kofc.org).

[RSVP](#) Our Worthy Advocate and RSVP Charmain Bill Geary is the point man for RSVP in support of seminarians and religious postulants and novices. He has offered to visit your Council to explain the program. Don’t hesitate to contact him.

[New Annual Report on Council Status #944](#) is due September 15. Online Don’t wait, do it now.

[New Founders Award requirements](#) - Councils must have a minimum of seven members or member eligible attendees at each Fraternal Benefit Seminar. Collaborate with the Field Agents in your District to help all your Councils earn the Founders’ Award. This will also help you earn Star District.

[Discard Old Material](#): Notify Councils that have printed material over two years old should be discarded. Form 100s and Candidate Kits #531 for example periodically change, so they need replacing to stay current.

[Remind members](#) of why we do what the Knights of Columbus do.

Helping the community, (parish, neighborhood, city, the world)

Charity provided goes beyond the local Council.

Do not ask guy if they want to join the Knights; instead ask them if they know what the Knights do. We don’t just go to meetings.

Engaging the members will make a difference in the Council activities.

[Summer Meeting](#): Have you had or scheduled your Summer Meeting? It should be on the schedule and completed by the end of September 2022. The latest Fraternal Advisory includes a sample agenda and other helpful information. If you haven’t thought about this, Invite a State Officer!

[Bishops of the United States have initiated a Eucharistic Revival](#). This initiative has launched a three year period of revival nationwide, with special focus at the local level, bringing the focus of Eucharistic revival to “any parish that desires it.

1. Hold Eucharistic events, make the Eucharist a primary focus.
2. Encourage grassroots creativity and embrace diverse Eucharistic traditions to help parishes foster a greater love for the Eucharist among their members.
3. Host a celebration event in a major city, as a pilgrimage site.

Do you have an idea to share with other District Deputies? – Let me know and it will be included in next month’s newsletter.

Fraternally,

Joe Schaecher, District Deputy Coordinator

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Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen.

### SICK AND DISTRESSED

[Bishop Kenneth Steiner, Bob Puncochar, Bro. Darrel Mattoon, Sylvia Delacruz, Mother of Deacon Efrain Razo, Robert Dahmen's Son & Daughter in Law, Jeff Grundon and his Family, Jim Moore—brother of John Moore, Rich Paris and his Family, Bill Holmes, Mike Wanner's Father, Jim Perillo, David Kabassima and Family, and Russ Evan's Mom](#)

Council 1634 Hillsboro

Those individual and families recovering from either the pandemic, floods, tornados and so many other maladies of life.

*Let us pray:*

*O Heavenly Father, God of Love, You gave us Your Son Jesus to be not only Physician of our souls but also Healer of our bodies and minds. Lord Jesus, We turn to You in this time of illness. Please come to us now and lay Your healing hand on us and all who are in need of your Mercy. Let the warmth, peace and healing power of Your Spirit fill all of us now with Your life and love. We receive You, Lord Jesus!*



**Until a new Prayer Chairman is chosen:**  
**Please direct your prayer requests to:**  
**Columbian Newsletter Editor Tom Karl**  
**C:541-921-7417 [tkarl@charter.net](mailto:tkarl@charter.net)**

### IN MEMORIAM

[William George Evans](#)

Father of Bro. Russ Evans.  
Council 1634 Hillsboro

[SK Earl Egan](#)

Council 6266 & Assembly 3219 Beaverton

[Flaviano Reyes Sr.](#)

Council 9257 Milwaukee

[Tom Lindstrom](#)

Council 17396 Bandon

***Councils—please send any memoriam information:***

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Let us keep in mind and prayers all those  
**Brother Knights and/or members of  
Knights' families who have gone before us.**



*No member nor their family members should ever be forgotten.*



We request you also pray for all Knights, their Families, friends and all of our Police, Firefighters, Servicemen and Servicewomen, our Veterans, Ambulance personnel, Chaplains, Nurses, Doctors, Care Givers and those who minister to the needs of others—please take time out to say: “Thank You So Very Much” for all that they do for all of us! Also remember those who have lost so much in the winter storms, wildfires, hurricanes, flooding, tornadoes and those whose lives have been lost and disrupted during the Corona Virus Pandemic.

This we ask through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen!





Abbot  
Jeremy Driscoll



**Monastery & Church**

The monks of Mount Angel Abbey in Oregon form a Benedictine community founded in 1882 from the Abbey of Engelberg in Switzerland. We maintain a monastic tradition that has been a vital part of the Roman Catholic Church for more than 1,500 years. Responding to God’s call to holiness and preferring nothing whatsoever to Christ, we dedicate ourselves, under a Rule and an abbot to a life of prayer and work. We strive to support one another in community, to serve God, the Church, and the larger society. We do this as we celebrate the Holy Eucharist together, pray the Liturgy of the Hours five times daily in choir, and devote ourselves to reading and silence.

**Saint Benedict Guesthouse & Retreat Center**

The Saint Benedict Guesthouse and Retreat Center is a place of prayer and peace. The founder of our monastic tradition, St. Benedict, teaches us in the Holy Rule: “All guests are to be welcomed as Christ.” It is in this spirit that Abbot Jeremy and all the monks of the community welcome you to our home.

The Saint Benedict Guesthouse and Retreat Center welcomes people of all faiths to come, seek peace, take time for prayer, and make space for quiet reflection. Whether you come alone or in a group, we welcome you as Christ! It is in this spirit that Abbot Jeremy and all the monks of the community welcome you to our home

The guesthouse is a destination for those who seek respite from worldly pressures and who seek to reconnect with God on a deeper and more personal level. At the heart of our lives is the worship and praise we give to God. There is a daily prayer schedule for the celebration of the Eucharist (Mass) and the Liturgy of the Hours (Prayer). We invite you to be part of our Benedictine tradition of prayer.

Retreats, workshops, and special events at the Abbey bring together people of different cultures and backgrounds from around the world.

Please email us at [retreat@mtangel.edu](mailto:retreat@mtangel.edu) (our preferred form of communication).

In the email, please tell us your name, address, phone number, proposed dates for your retreat, and any special needs. We will get back to you by email to finalize arrangements and then call you for the \$50.00 non-refundable/non-transferable deposit to hold the reservation. Full payment upon arrival is required and appreciated.



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