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Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine
The Grotto Upper Gardens, Portland

Message from the State Deputy

State Deputy
Ronald Boyce

**Be Not Afraid!**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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My Brother Knights and Families,

I would like to first wish everyone a Blessed Advent Season, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. December has always been remarkably a busy time for the Knights of Columbus in Oregon, especially with the COVID pandemic. Councils and members are gearing up for Advent/Christmas by passing out food boxes to those in our community who need help during these tough times, passing out coats to kids who don't have a coat to keep warm and in helping our parishes and priests in preparation for Christmas. Thank you for all this work you do and helping out those in our community.

I would like to start by letting you know what happened on November 28th in Salem. Our own Shepherd, Archbishop Sample, sent a letter to Governor Kate Brown on the restrictions levied towards Religious Organization. The Archbishop stated that he was speaking out publicly to express his great disappointment and frustration at the Governor's latest restrictions on faith communities in Oregon. After this message was sent out to the Governor and all parishioners in the Portland Diocese, State Faith Director Ray Prom and I started planning a Religious Freedom Rally at the State Capital. I would like to thank Ray for his hard and fast work in organizing this event with State Chaplain Fr. Theo Lange.

There were over 500 Religious Freedom loving individuals from as far south as Medford and as far north as Portland. The event had some great speakers—like Fr. Theo, Kevin Mannix, Young Tran, Fr. Ansgar and yours truly.

Kevin Mannix reminded us about the of the most recent Supreme Court Ruling in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn New York v. Andrew Cuomo, Governor of New York. In a 5-4 ruling the Supreme Court Justice Gorsuch wrote the concurred decision saying Government is not free to disregard the First Amendment in times of crisis. At a minimum, that amendment prohibits government officials from treating religious exercises worse than comparable secular activities, unless they are pursuing a compelling interest and using the least restrictive means available. Yet recently, during the COVID pandemic, certain states seem to have ignored these long-settled principles. The Oregon Constitution also states in Article I, Section 2. "All men shall be secure in the natural right, to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences." Section 3. "No law shall in any case whatever control the free exercise, and enjoyment of religious opinions, or interfere with the rights of conscience." The Supreme Court Ruling and the Oregon Constitution has deemed Governor Kate Brown's restrictions toward Religious Organizations unconstitutional and those restrictions need to be lifted immediately.

Both Fr. Ansgar and Young Tran gave testimony on being persecuted for being Christians while in Vietnam and the struggles that it caused in their lives—until they immigrated to the United States where they enjoyed the freedom to worship without the Government restricting them until Governor Brown started imposing unconstitutional restrictions in 2020. Fr. Theo & Ray Prom led the Rosary prayer and music was provided throughout the rally by Grand Knight of Silverton Council Bill Seeber, vocals by Alison Seeber and their incredibly talented son on the guitar.

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We came out and showed Oregon that we will not tolerate this type of oppression anymore. We need to continue this fight and talk with your parish priest about the Supreme Court Ruling and the Oregon Constitution that keeps our Government from dictating how or when we worship our Lord.

I hope everyone had the opportunity to attend the 5th Annual Holy League Catholic Men's Conference on December 5th either at St. Joseph in Salem or virtually. Fr. Don Calloway talked about the importance of St. Joseph and that we need to honor him now more than ever. In fact, Fr. Calloway wrote to the Pope asking that we have a Year of Saint Joseph. Then, on December 8th, 2020 Pope Francis with the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" (With a Father's Heart) recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church and proclaimed a Year of Saint Joseph. Let us ask for St. Joseph's help in ending this pandemic and for all of our fellow Oregonians who have suffered what this pandemic has caused.

Brothers, you have all heard that Supreme is still offering **Free One-Year Membership** when a Catholic gentleman signs up online and uses the Promo Code **MCGIVNEY2020** at www.kofc.org/joinus until December 31st, 2020 in honor of the Blessed [Michael J. McGivney](#). This is a perfect opportunity for your Council to contact those Catholic men, friends, family members, neighbors or anyone who is interested to join. Spread the word to these men and give them the encouragement to join the Knights of Columbus.

The following is the schedule for the Charity, Unity, & Fraternity Exemplification. In celebration of Blessed Michael J. McGivney: Please check with your District Deputy and Grand Knight to participate and get those Catholic men who want to join your Council. This is great opportunity to show Fraternity and Brotherhood.

Saturday, January 9th, 2021 at 9:00 am - in person and virtually at the Coos Bay Red Lion Inn.

Saturday, March 7th, 2021 at 9:30 am - in person and virtually at St. Francis of Assisi in SE Portland.

Saturday, April 3rd, 2021 at 10:00am - in person at St. James Catholic Church in Molalla.

This will be the last old school type of 2nd and 3rd Degree ever to be performed in the State of Oregon by Tom Hays and his Degree Team

Saturday, June 12th, 2021 - TBA

I would like to end with a Prayer to Saint Joseph to help us during the difficult times that we are currently facing.
"Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen"

Vivat Jesus,

We are all Brothers.

Be Not Afraid.

Ronald Boyce, State Deputy

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[Knights in Action](#)

[Caroling for Life](#)

By: Patrick Parson, Albany Council 1577

Albany Council 1577 sponsored a *Caroling for Life* activity in front of the Planned Parenthood facility at Wolverine Street in Salem on December 6. Three persons participated: Knight James Howells, and Council Life Program Couple Patrick and Teresita Parson. The trio sang 16 songs of Christmas celebrating the birth of Christ, and also prayed a Chaplet of the Divine Mercy.





Knights of Columbus

OREGON STATE COUNCIL November 11, 2020 and repeated for December



All Knights: Let's All Help to Evangelize "the True Message"!!

Promoting the True Message of Christmas starts at home, is further promoted with activities within the Parish Family, and is evangelized throughout the community and general public by Nativity Yard Signs, displays of the Bethlehem Manager Scene, 4' x 8' Nativity signs around Parish property and our State Highway Billboard Activity.

According to statistics provided by the billboard companies we used in Oregon last year, our billboards provided over three million "viewing impressions." The billboard shows the nativity scene (Joseph, Mary, and Jesus) with the phrase "Keep Christ in Christmas," along with a ten inch strip at the bottom that indicates Knights of Columbus as the sponsor. It's helps make our organization more visible and increases the Knights of Columbus "footprint."

Please encourage your Council to help evangelize the Keep Christ in Christmas message via our Billboard Activity. Also consider some of the other ideas mentioned above to help spread the "True Message" around your home, parish and community. Call me with any questions—541-519-6606.

Please mail your **Commitment & check to KCIC Billboards, State Secretary Sid Thiel, 17180 SW Smith Ave, #83, Sherwood, OR 97140.**

Fraternally yours,

Francis Mohr, Chairman, "Keep Christ in Christmas" Program

*******COMMITMENT NOTICE*******

Council Name: _____ No. _____ Date: _____

Enclosed is: _____ **OR** we pledge \$ _____

Officer's Name: _____ Position: _____

MAIL TO: State Secretary Sid Thiel, 17180 SW Smith Ave., #83, Sherwood, OR 97140

“Keep Christ In Christmas” billboard display is once again actively being displayed.

This billboard is posted on TV Highway just before Cornelius Pass Road.



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This is one of the Highway Billboards sponsored by the Oregon Knights. It is located on TV Highway just before Cornelius Pass Road. Although billboard availability and funds do not result in a billboard in every town or region of the state, I hope you understand that billboards are just one way to promote the Keep Christ in Christmas message among the population. Also please know that contributions to this State Program are in a dedicated account. THEY will not be used for anything else!

1. If you live in this area, please do what you can to spread this information among Council members and parishioners. Please encourage them to drive by, observe and talk about it with others. This helps spread the message as well as helps promote the Knights of Columbus footprint as the sponsor. Also, I suggest a notice in the Parish Bulletin--include one of these photos if possible.
2. If your Council hasn't already contributed to this State Activity, I hope you will consider financial assistance to help this program.
3. Please know that personal contributions are always welcomed as well, if you'd like to help the promotion of Keep Christ in Christmas!

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I wish you and your family a Blessed and Merry Christmas. Do what you can to promote the Keep Christ in Christmas at home, in your parish and community.

Francis Mohr
Immediate Past State Deputy



State Charities Plea For Support
TIS' THE SEASON FOR GIVING



Dear Brother Knights:

At this time of the year, our thoughts are often toward giving; what can be under the Christmas tree for my spouse, for my children or what can I send to a relative along with a Merry Christmas wish?

I encourage you not to overlook our State KofC Charities. You may have already received a Green Sheet with your annual Council dues. But I included it to provide a list of other non-profit groups also doing charitable works that KofC Charities has helped support over the past few years. You can also state your preference or you can list General Fund, which the State Charities Board uses to assist other charitable groups requesting our financial assistance.

Francis Mohr, IPSD
State Charities President

ANOTHER REASON FOR GIVING NOW!! LOOKING FOR A 2020 TAX DEDUCTION??

Our KofC State Charities qualifies as a 501 C-3 non-profit tax deductible group and your contribution qualifies as a tax exemption. Every amount can make a difference. Be sure your check is made-out to "Oregon State KofC Charities." It can be returned with your Council dues to your Financial Secretary or it can be send to: KofC State Charities Secretary Sid Thiel, 17180 SW Smith Ave., #83, Sherwood, OR 97140.

If you have questions, please call me at 541-519-6606 or email: francis_mohr@msn.com. In the mean time, I wish you all a Blessed and Merry Christmas. Do what you can to help promote "Keep Christ in Christmas."

Sincerely,

Francis

Francis Mohr, IPSD & State Charities President

If you have questions, please call me at 541-519-6606 or email: francis_mohr@msn.com

CHARITABLE GREEN SHEET

FRATERNAL YEAR 2020-2021

Council Number _____

_____ Oregon Pregnancy Help Centers/Homes	Help for Unwed Mothers in Baker, Bend, Medford and Gresham
_____ KBVM Mater Dei Radio	Support will help bring evangelization to the air waves
_____ General Fund	Assist other charitable groups requesting our assistance
_____ Special Olympics	Support of Special Olympics Oregon
_____ Ultrasound Initiatives	Funding of ultrasound machines in Oregon
_____ Military Chaplains Scholarship	Provide support for training of priests as military chaplains
_____ Diocesan Youth Programs	Assist in support of Baker and Portland Diocese Youth Programs
_____ Natural Disaster Assistance	Assist Brothers and their Council in times of natural disaster
_____ <u>TOTAL GREEN SHEET CONTRIBUTIONS</u>	

Please complete this green sheet and send it to your Council Financial Secretary.

A check for your contribution should be made out: "Pay to the Order of Oregon State KofC Charities"

Return Green Sheet payments before March 15, 2021 to your Council so they can be included with your Council's Charity report at the State Convention.

If you have any questions, please contact your financial secretary.

Everyone and every amount can make a difference. Please consider a check for any amount and send to: State Secretary Sid Thiel, 17180 SW Smith Ave., #83, Sherwood, OR 97140. Be sure your check is made-out to "Oregon State KofC Charities."

The State Charities Fund is a 501 c-3 so your contribution qualifies as a tax exemption

If you have any questions, please contact your financial secretary.

Recruitment Incentives

Worthy District Deputies, Grand Knights, & Financial Secretaries,

With the Covid-19 Pandemic hanging around us like a bad hangover. I have decided to call a do over. The State Council is redoing our incentive program and I need all of you to advertise this new incentive program to all of your Council members.

With out further adieu here are the rules:

Council Members Incentive to recruit new members – Now to December 31st

With an option to continue from January 1st to June 30th

- ◆ \$25 Amazon Gift Card for 2 to 3 new members a Council members recruits
- ◆ \$50 Amazon Gift Card for 4 to 7 new members a Council members recruits
- ◆ \$75 Amazon Gift Card for 8 to 11 new members a Council members recruits
- ◆ \$100 Amazon Gift Card for 12+ new members a Council members recruits

Vivat Jesus,

Ron Boyce

Oregon State Deputy
Cell 503-730-1986

One Member, Per Council, Per Month



State Deputy
Ron Boyce

Brothers,

With this being a crazy Fraternal Year, I thought it would be great to start 2021 off with an Exemplification of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism at the Oregon State Mid-Year Meeting in Coos Bay at the Red Lion Hotel on January 9th, 2021 in-person and/or virtually. The new Exemplification will be held at 4pm, and the 4th Degree Exemplification will follow at 4:30pm.

More information can be found on the attached flyer on the next page. Candidates must register for both of the Exemplifications. The Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity is free!

The 4th Degree Exemplification has a cost of \$50 to cover the cost of the Social Baldrick and Pin and fee paid to Supreme. All Candidates for the 4th Degree must register by Monday, January 4th, 2021 and have the required Form 4.

I would like to ask all Councils to promote this opportunity for new Members and those who need the other degrees.

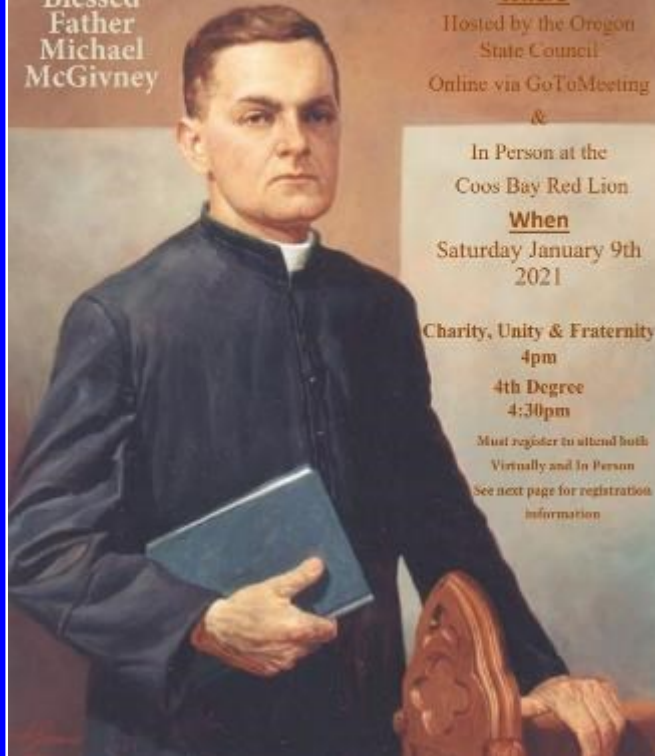
Vivat Jesus,

Ron Boyce
Knights of Columbus
Oregon State Deputy
PO Box 23093
Tigard, OR 97281
Cell #503-730-1986

One Member, Per Council, Per Month

Exemplification of Charity, Unity & Fraternity & 4th Degree Exemplification

Blessed Father Michael McGivney



Where
 Hosted by the Oregon State Council
 Online via GoToMeeting &
 In Person at the Coos Bay Red Lion
When
 Saturday January 9th 2021
 Charity, Unity & Fraternity 4pm
 4th Degree 4:30pm
 Must register to attend both Virtually and In Person
 See next page for registration information

Oregon State Council Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity & 4th Degree Exemplification

When: Saturday, January 9, 2021
Where: In Person and GoToMeeting

Schedule of Events: Exemplification 4:00 pm, 4:30 pm Fourth Degree

For: Catholic Men Who Want to Join; Online Members who are joining their Council; and 1st and 2nd Degree Members who want to advance to 3rd Degree.

The Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity can be taken in person or virtually. The exemplification starts at 4:00 pm at the Coos Bay Red Lion. If you are attending in person you will want to arrive by 3:00 pm. Collared shirt and slacks. There is No Fee. Grand Knights should verify with candidates whether they will stay for the Fourth Degree Exemplification and direct them to the Assembly nearest their home.

Ensure your Candidates are properly dressed in business casual (collared shirt, cotton pants or slacks). No T-Shirts, jeans or shorts are permitted in the in person Ceremonial. Your Council Financial Secretary will provide Candidate Kit for each candidate.

RSVP
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/exemplification-of-charity-unity-and-fraternity-coos-bay-tickets-130524509321>

Contact Duane Morris, State General Program Director dlmorri@gmail.com or 503-709-4858 for additional information. Provide Candidate's name, membership number (if applicable), Council number, phone number and email address.

Brother Duane Morris will provide the virtual exemplification links. Technical questions may be directed to Brother Duane at 503-709-4858 or dlmorri@gmail.com

The virtual Fourth Degree Exemplification will be held at 4:30 pm. Register using the below link.

RSVP - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/4th-degree-exemplification-coos-bay-tickets-130523309733>

Registration for 4th Degree required by Monday, January 4, 2021. There a \$50 fee. Candidates must complete a Form 4 and submit to the District Master. Contact the Sponsor for a Form 4 or use the one on the next page. Badrics and pins will be forwarded to the candidates by mail after the 4th Degree.

Please send the form 4 along with a check made payable to: "Duane Morris, District Master" for the total amount Due of \$50 to:

Duane Morris
 Master of the Fourth Degree
 148 SE 11th Pl
 Hillsboro, OR 97123

Or send the eform 4 via email and make a payment using the following link - <https://oregondistrictsirknights.square.site/product/virtual-4th-degree-exemplification-candidate/7>

If you have questions please contact – Sir Knight Duane Morris dlmorri@gmail.com or 1-503-709-4858, Thank you very much for considering this advancement to Sir Knight. I look forward to seeing you on January 9th.



PLEASE PRINT

FOURTH DEGREE MEMBERSHIP DOCUMENT
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 A SOCIETY OF CATHOLIC MEN

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER: []

1. LAST NAME [] FIRST NAME [] MIDDLE INITIAL [] TITLE []
 STREET [] CITY [] STATE [] ZIP []
 APARTMENT NUMBER [] HOUSE NUMBER [] BUSINESS NUMBER [] FAX NUMBER []
 2. COUNTRY OF BIRTH [] BY BIRTH OR NATURALIZATION? [] NATURALIZATION DATE []
 3. IF YOU WERE PREVIOUSLY INITIATED IN THE FOURTH DEGREE, ONE: []
 REASON FOR TERMINATION [] ASSEMBLY NUMBER [] CITY [] STATE []
 4. MEMBER'S SIGNATURE [] DATE []
 I HEREBY DECLARE THAT THE ABOVE IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT ALL APPLICANT CHECKS IN CONFORMANCE WITH BYLAWS ARE []
 I CERTIFY THAT THE APPLICANT IS A THIRD DEGREE MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING
 BY [] COUNCIL NO. [] COUNCIL []
 DATE [] SIGNATURE OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY []
 5. OFFICIAL RECOMMENDATION []
 6. RECEIVED FEE OF \$ [] APPLICANT SIGNATURE [] DATE []
 7. OFFICIAL COMPROLLER []
 8. SUPREME SECRETARY COPY

[Faith March In Salem Saturday November 28th](#)

Many individuals, Knights and family members attended the rally held at the State Capitol on Saturday November 28th in direct support of our constitutional rights or specifically the 1st Amendment—Freedom Of Speech. Below are some photos taken on cell phones of the event.



[Oregon City Council 2325 Also Attended The March](#)

On November 28, members from Council 2325, Oregon City, drove down to Portland to join other Knights and their families to support 1st Amendment Rights for Catholics and other Christians and religions in the state of Oregon.

This rally was initiated by the State Deputy Ron Boyce, who spoke at the event. Representing Council 2325 were Mike Dec, Grand Knight, Nick Guarriello, Trustee and DD 14, Harry Reed past Grand Knight, and Dan Bennett, 3rd degree Knight with his wife and five children. Carrying the cross is Dan with two of his sons, Michael and Jacob. The other photo is of Mike Dec standing next to State Chaplain Fr. Theo Lang. Fr. Theo Lang was a keynote speaker who charged all present to stand up for religious freedom in Oregon. Accompanying the Knights from Oregon City was a new convert from Christ the King parish, who after he rallied with us, joined Council 9257 the following Saturday in a ceremony at Christ the King church. He was the photographer, Michael Phelan.

Nick Guarriello

503-317-8907

nicjoe17615@gmail.com

Gathering at the State Capitol

Pictures from the Rally for Religious Freedom Saturday November 28 at 1:30pm.



View from the back of the crowd listening to a speaker.



After the crowd dispersed, our Worthy State Warden took a selfie.
Note his crown!



Fr. Theo, State Chaplain, talks to the crowd.



With rare exception, everyone was wearing a mask to keep their neighbor safe.

A word from our State Deputy.

Brothers, I made some calls to the Archdiocese of Portland and Archbishop Sample's office and during a return call from Todd Cooper, he informed me how much Archbishop Sample appreciates the support the Knights of Columbus in Oregon have shown him, and he sends his prayers to all of us. I was also informed the Archdiocese had been in negotiations with Governor Kate Brown on reducing the severe restrictions the Governor has imposed on not only us as the

Catholic Church and the parishioners, but all Religious organizations. With the recent letter that Archbishop Sample sent to the Governor and the actions of the Knights of Columbus in Oregon's to hold a Religious Freedom rally this weekend, I believe therefore the Governor had a change in policy where from Thursday December 3rd religious organizations will be able to hold services at 25% capacity or up to 100 people indoors or 150 people outdoors in the extreme risk counties (*Baker, Benton, Clackamas, Columbia, Deschutes, Douglas, Grant, Jackson, Jefferson, Klamath, Lane, Linn, Malheur, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Umatilla, Union, Wasco, Washington, and Yamill*). The current restrictions for faith-based organizations are no more than 25 people indoors or 50 people outdoors.

The Second call I received from the Portland Archdiocese was to inform me that we have their blessing, and they will pray for all of us at the Religious Freedom Rally. Brother Knights, we need to make sure that we always act and hold ourselves to the Mission of Blessed Michael McGivney, not only at this Religious Freedom Rally, but every day. At the Religious Freedom Rally we are going to pray for the end of this COVID-19 Pandemic, those who lost their lives from COVID-19, those who are currently sick, and all of the doctors, nurses, and caregivers who are in the front line having to deal with it every day. We will also be praying for those Christians who are being persecuted for their religion in the United States and around the world.

Brother Knights, this was an incredible opportunity to show Oregon what the Knights of Columbus are all about and how we stand for our Pope, Bishop, Priest, and the Catholic Faith.

Yes, they will Know We Are Christians By Our Love!

ALSO!

Canby & Molalla Councils Support Current Issues

Members of the Canby (Council 3484) and Molalla (Council 3509) were among the 400 people participating in a flag-waving demonstration outside the Oregon Capital on Saturday, November 28th. They were protesting against the strict limits of 25 attending church masses and pressing to increase it to 25% of church capacity and be treated similar to grocery stores, which are allowed 75% capacity. Other issues were also on the minds of protesters who continue to fight for fair elections across the country where every legal vote is counted.



Council In Action

By: Chris Erno, FS Council 11258 Central Point

Central Point Knights of Columbus are once again sold fresh cut Christmas Trees at St. Vincent de Paul on N. Pacific Hwy in Medford. The tree lot hours are weekdays 3pm-7pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 9am-7pm. The trees sold this year were Douglas fir, as well as Noble and Nordman firs. Proceeds are split between Saint Vincent dePaul and Knights charities.



After only a short period of time, this was the earliest we have ever sold out of Christmas trees by about a week. We order 400 trees each year and when they are gone we are done.

Special thanks to Brother Knight Ralph Browning for spearheading this effort each year and to the many volunteers that helped on the tree lot.

We'd also like to thank St Vincent de Paul for allowing us to set-up and sell the trees on their property.

Thanks to each of you, who purchased tree, for your support!

Merry Christmas to all!

Chris Erno
Financial Secretary
St Augustine Council 11258
Central Point, OR



Council In Action

By: Larry LaVoie, Council 15773 Florence

This is the photo of Pat Beckham DD12 and me presenting the boxes of coats to Siuslaw School Counselor Ali Bitner at the Florence Elementary School for the St Marys' kids and other Florence community children. She will be sending us pictures of her handing them out to the kids due to the Covid 19 change in the delivery operation. We also sent some Coats to Reedsport for some kids in our second parish (St Johns).



District Deputy Report

DD06 Kent Purdy

Brother Knights,

We are living in unprecedented times. Not only are we coming to a tipping point in the history of our county, but our Church is in an unprecedented crisis of faith.

All of these problems can be traced back to the "errors of Russia" that Our Lady warned us about during her apparitions at Fatima, Portugal, in 1917. She gave us a remedy for these "errors" that have caused all the trouble that we see today and are threatening to wreak havoc in our way of life and our Church:

"To prevent this, I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to My Immaculate Heart and for the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays. If My requests are heeded, Russia will be converted and there will be peace; if not, she will spread her errors throughout the world, causing wars and persecutions against the Church. The good will be martyred, the Holy Father will have much to suffer, various nations will be annihilated."

While it is up to the Pope to do the Consecration of Russia (some say he's done it, others say he hasn't...either way... its out of our hands), it is up to US to fulfill Our Lady's wishes by doing the First Saturday devotion for five consecutive months.

**The Five
First Saturdays**

"God wishes to establish in the world
devotion to my Immaculate Heart"
(Our Lady of Fatima, July 13, 1917)

If you don't know what that is, here is a good website to put into your web browser:

[The Five First Saturdays - The Fatima Center](#)

In a nutshell, it consists of doing these things on the first Saturday of five consecutive months:

- 1) Receive Holy Communion
- 2) Go to Confession (this can be deferred for up to 8 days before or after if not available)
- 3) Recite at least 5 decades of the Rosary
- 4) Meditate on the Mysteries of the Rosary for at least 15 minutes and do all these things in a spirit of reparation for the offenses against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The website describes each of these in detail, and answers any questions you may have.

Brothers, this is the most important thing we can do to help combat the creeping socialism (and Cultural Marxism) in our nation and the lack of supernatural faith in our Church! These "errors of Russia".

Let us all make a resolution during this New Year to fulfill Our Lady's simple request.

Thank you!

Vivat Jesus,

Kent Purdy, DD 6

prudalator2@gmail.com

Council In Action

If you are in the Canby area or if you are in the mood for crab then go out to St Patrick's. As you can see all the dinner proceeds will be donated to 3 local charities. Even if people can't come to the drive through dinner, they can donate to a great cause for a family of 6 who lost everything in the Santiam Canyon Wildfire.

Vivat Jesus,

Ron Boyce
Knights of Columbus
Oregon State Deputy

Help us



Help others

24th Annual *Drive-Thru* Charity Crab Dinner



Saturday, February 6th, 2021



Dinner proceeds donated: Canby St Vincent DePaul Food Bank, Canby Pregnancy Care Center and Canby Share the Warmth.

Special appeal donations: Santiam Canyon Wildfire family of 6 who lost everything.

You select one of 3 pick-up times when purchasing tickets:

4:30 – 5:30 pm 5:30 – 6:30 pm 6:30 – 7:30

Menu:

Crab or Chicken Cordon Bleu

Sides: Caesar salad, coleslaw, Spanish & chicken rice pilaf, dinner roll and dessert.

Tickets must be purchased in advance using website address:

<https://canbykccharities.ejoinme.org/2021>

or scan the QR code below with your smart phone:



Thank you for your continued support!

Canby Council 3484 Canby, Oregon

Council In Action

By: Ed Diehl GK St. Anthony Council 2439



Long-time St. Anthony Council member Pete Etzel and his wife Jeannie will be celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary on January 20th. What an amazing milestone!

The family was hoping to throw a great big bash to celebrate, but unfortunately that can't happen. Terry and GayAnne think the next best thing would be for us Knights, and all friends and family, to mail them surprise anniversary cards. We think this is a great idea and a way to celebrate their 70 years together. Pete will be 95 in February, and Jeannie will be 90 in July.

If they received an anniversary card from each member of our Council it would be an amazing gift, and a way for us to share their joy! Please put one in the mail, to arrive the week of their anniversary on January 20th.

Their address is:

Pete and Jeannie Etzel
18722 Fern Ridge Rd SE
Stayton OR
97383

Council In Action Continued For Council 2439

Our Christmas Raffle will be held virtually and in person on Tuesday, December 22nd, at 6pm. Join virtually using Google Meet (<https://meet.google.com/psq-mawc-hmg>) or in person at Wolfgang's Thirst Parlor and Tap House (134 W Washington St, Stayton, OR 97383.)

WE ARE ASKING OUR KNIGHT COMMUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE PRIZES.

Our prize list so far (and growing)

- Weekend at the coast - Randy Bentz family
- Scenic flight for two over the Oregon coast or the Cascades - Ed Diehl family
- Dewalt 20v drill driver set - Kendall Smith family
- Fine Wine bundle - Ed Diehl family
- Two \$20 gift certificates to Lovin' Oven – Tom Etzel family
- Round of Golf for 4 with cart at Santiam Golf Club – Dan Bolduc family

Some have asked how purchasing extra raffle tickets works. Here's the details:

If you want to purchase additional tickets (beyond what's in your letter arriving very soon) then send some additional funds (cash or check) when you return your raffle tickets, OR order additional tickets online at <https://kofc2439.org/shop-event-tickets/>. Additional tickets are \$2 each.

1. Ron will note your purchase on a running spreadsheet.
2. We will pull additional raffle tickets for you, and mark your unique member number (the number we use for our monthly good of the order drawings) on each ticket.
3. We will place these tickets in the raffle drum along with the others you mail back to us. If you prefer, join us in person at Wolfgang's and purchase more tickets there.

Thanks again for being flexible in these crazy times. It is important that we continue to raise funds and keep our Council healthy, our community needs our help now more than ever.

As always, call or email with questions.

Vivat Jesus,

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Santiam Canyon Wildfire Relief Fund. Learn more, volunteer, and donate <https://santiamcanyonwildfirerelieffund.org/>

The State Council has again approved the incentives for the Councils to achieve for this Fraternal Year.



Individual Promotion

"Oregon Star Recruiter"

Recruit a new or reactivate a member and print your name and Member Number in the proposer information on the form 100 during the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year. Upon the Oregon State Council's receipt of the monthly membership notification from the Supreme office you will receive the following:

Recruit your first new member and you will receive a special commemorative "Oregon Star Recruiter" pin. Recruit 3 new members and in addition to the pin, you will receive a Knights of Columbus Charles River New Englander Rain Jacket or Water Repellent Lightweight Jacket

Recruit 5 or more members and in addition to the pin and recruiter gift, you will receive a Knights of Columbus Warm Winter Jacket or Puff Jacket.

Master "Oregon Star Recruiter"

For the recruiter with the most (must be at least 10) new or reactivated members as of March 31, 2021.

He and his wife will be invited as guests of the State Deputy to the 2020 Oregon State Convention which includes a 2-night Stay at the Best Western Agate Beach Inn Hotel in Newport, OR, registration fees, all meals, Ladies Luncheon, invitations for special winners' recognition at the Saturday Awards Banquet Dinner as the "2020-2021 Master Oregon Recruiter" award.

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Council Promotions

"Oregon Star Recruiter Council"

Any Council that recruits one new or reactivated member over their council's Supreme quota during 2020-2021 Fraternal Year, per the "Net" on the Supreme Membership Reports.

Achieve by November 30, 2020; receive a special commemorative "2020-2021 Fast Start Oregon Star Recruiter Council" award and a barbeque put on by the State Council for the Council members and their family at a time to be determined.

Achieve by March 31, 2021; receive a special commemorative "2020-2021 Oregon Star Recruiter Council" award and receive invitations for one Knight (at the council's choice) and his wife as guest of the State Deputy to the 2021 State Convention Awards Banquet, with recognition as "2020-2021 Oregon Star Recruiter Council.

Achieved by June 15, 2021; Receive a special commemorative "2020-2021 Oregon Star Recruiter Council" award.

"Council Insurance Promotions"

Any Council that refers 3 members to their Field Agent and becomes a valid policy will receive \$25 for the council. For every referral after that will receive \$5 per valid policy during 2019-2020 Fraternal Year.

Field Agent Promotion

"Field Agent Star Council Award"

The Field Agent who has the most Star Councils will receive a "Oregon Field Agent Master Star Recruiter" award. Also receive a Skagen Steel Mesh Watch or Callaway Cher Stand Golf Bag.

District Deputy Promotions

"Oregon Star Recruiter District"

Any District Deputy that has one new or reactivated member over their District's Supreme quota during the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year, per the "Net" on Supreme Membership Reports.

Achieve by November 30, 2020; receive a special "2020-2021 Fast Start Oregon Star" award. Also receive a Gents' Two-Tone Sport Watch or Callaway Chev Stand Golf Bag along with a Special Invitations for him and his wife as guests of the State Deputy to the 2021 State Convention Awards Banquet.

Achieve by March 31, 2021; receive a special "2020-2021 Start Oregon Star" award. Also receive a Special Invitations for him and his wife as guests of the State Deputy to the 2017 State Convention Awards Banquet.

Achieve by June 15, 2021; receive a special "2020-2021 Start Oregon Star" award.

"Master Oregon District Deputy Award"

Any District that has all its councils at 100% of their Supreme Membership quota by April 30, 2021 will receive a special "Oregon Master Star Recruiter District" award. Also receive a Skagen Steel Mesh Watch or Callaway Chev Stand Golf Bag.

Any District that has 75% of its councils at 100% of their membership quota by April 30, 2021 will receive a special "Oregon Master Star Recruiter District" award.

"District Deputy Columbia Award Challenge"

Any District Deputy that received 100% Supreme approved Columbia Award Application from the councils in their district by April 30th will receive \$50. Any District Deputy that received 100% Supreme approved Columbia Award Application from the councils in their district by June 30th will receive \$25. The first District Deputy who achieve 100% Supreme approved Columbia Award Application will receive \$75.

"District Deputy Insurance Promotions"

Any District that has councils who refers 6 members to their Field Agent and becomes a valid policy will receive \$25 for the council. For every referral after that will receive \$5 per valid policy during 2020-2021 Fraternal Year.

Report From Vice Supreme Master Report

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE - Patriotic Degree of the Order

"Moving Forward Brother Knights"

Mgr. Francis N. Blanchet Province



Jesse Villarreal
Vice Supreme
Master

REFORM

Worthy Knights of Columbus Brothers, Sir Knights and All,

The last month of the year 2020 is here and the COVID-19 pandemic is still with us creating all kinds of challenges for us all. There have been some very uncomfortable ideas and action which are so controversial that they are causing some very serious disagreements and disputes even among our own Brother Knights. This is not what we have ever thought was normal. I don't think, at least not for a long time, that we will ever see what we thought was normal anymore. I have mentioned this before, but I think the old normality we were used to is gone forever, that is why I chose to use the word **REFORM** for my contribution to this newsletter for all of us to try to learn. My hope is to put this word into ACTION. Do you remember a Knights of Columbus Convention a couple of years ago where we had placed an emphasis on "FAITH IN ACTION"? Now is the time to **REFORM** and put it into practice.

Our work has just begun. Let's look back in time, to the time when we were first informed about the virus COVID-19? Was it March 2020? From March until now is nine months. What a coincidence? It's time to give birth to the new ways, to **REFORM** to the new rules and regulations we are given to live by. What have we learned?

Things are not going wrong; they are just going different. We need to **REFORM** to the new ways as different and difficult as it might seem. We need to stop blaming each other or the new ways, let's just **REFORM**. Becoming negative is not the answer. I know we all face challenges and difficulties. We see and hear hatred, mistrust, and judgements everywhere. Let's not lose focus any of our ill feeling on people and especially on each other. Let's break down our divisiveness, the rancor and hatred. Is that why they created the new rule of wearing a mask? So that we can't see each other frown.

My biggest challenge and difficulty to **REFORM** as Vice Supreme Master is having our Province, which includes Oregon, Idaho and the two Districts in Washington, to have more Fourth Degree Exemplifications. In the past, the normal was to have at least two exemplifications per year per district, and now the recommendation is to have one a month per Province. Thank God for Zoom. Our Monsignor Francis N. Blanchet Province is having some great positive experience with the Virtual Exemplifications thanks to the District Masters. The last event held here in Oregon brought in forty-two new members into the Fourth Degree.

The new ways to conduct the Knights of Columbus ceremonial fraternal degrees have been **REFORMED**—very nicely. The new "virtual" method is being practiced all over and working very positively. The new adjustments of having the degrees done virtually is that family members can witness the ceremony. Having First, Second and Third Degrees combined is being practiced increasingly throughout the area. Our Patriotic Fourth Degree is being worked on to make some other similar adjustments, but it is not ready yet. The Patriotic Fourth Degree is available to Third-Degree members in good standing.

All District Masters and I are sending an open invitation and encouragement to all the Brother Knights to step forward and complete their journey into full Knighthood. Be a Patriot and raise the true colors—Red, White and Blue of Old Glory to God and Country.

Remember being a Sir Knight is an Honor. Wearing the uniform is one of the privileges in which we can show respect to our deceased Brothers on his final farewell.

We are having many reasons to join with our communities, outside the church walls, with civic and civil events to demonstrate we are Proud to be American. Catholic Americans.

VIVAT JESUS

Jesse C. Villarreal, Vice Supreme Master

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Nicholas Guenther
Community Director

Community Director Report

Brothers,

As many nonprofit organizations during this challenging time – the Salvation Army is needing additional help to provide whatever support and hope they can to so many displaced or vulnerable families. And this is especially true for our precious children who may have to go without this Christmas.

I am attaching a link where you can check out all the volunteer opportunities open to you for the “Rescue Christmas” campaign.

Please contact Heidi Fredrick with Catholic Community Services if you have any questions about this wonderful service for others and she will provide any information, assistance and support she can.

www.signup.com/go/toynjoy

Keep CHRIST in CHRISTmas

Vivat Jesus,

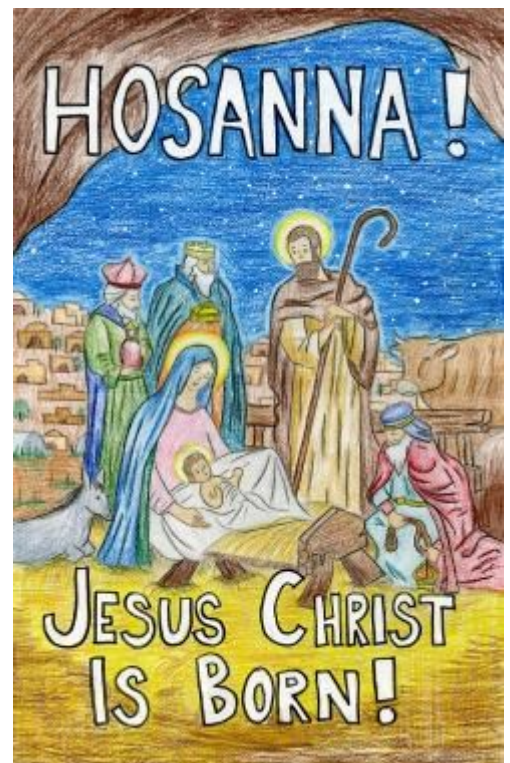
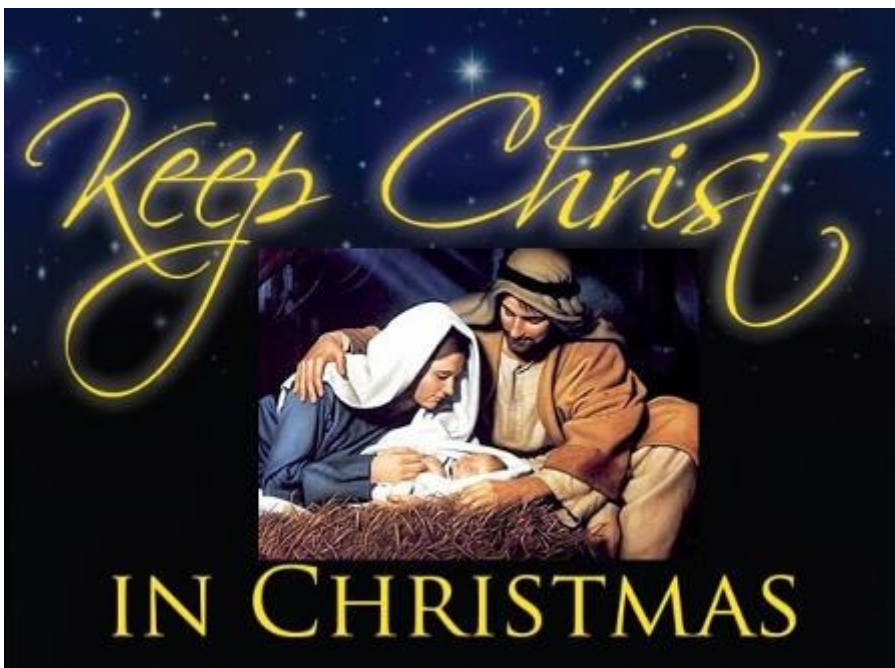
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May We All Enjoy The Birth Of Our Lord On Christmas Day

While we have lived nearly a year of a pandemic, hopefully all of us have learned to pray more and enjoy our time here on Earth enjoying the bounties of the Lord. It is in Him and with Him and through Him that we are able to enjoy the fullness and richness of our religion and lives. Gives thanks each morning that you can awake to the birth of Jesus our Savior! Hosanna!





Kenneth Anderson III
State Warden



State Warden's Report

Worthy Brother Knights,

Advent is here and it is a new liturgical year! Christmas will be here soon, let each and every one of us prepare our hearts. This is a great opportunity to light the candles on the Advent wreath, participate in the Journey to the Inn program that Supreme has provided, and many other activities. This will be a different Advent and Christmas than most of us are used to because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but we must still do our very best to prepare ourselves for Jesus at Christmastime.

Meetings:

As the COVID-19 cases are rising fast, many places are going back into lockdown mode or are at least tightening restrictions again. Some Councils will still be able to meet in person with smaller capacities, but other Councils will need to go 100% virtual again. This is something that each Council will need to evaluate for themselves based on what is best for their needs. I would like to encourage everyone to continue to meet, even if it's virtual. If a Grand Knight or Financial Secretary is not familiar with setting up online meetings, work to identify a member of the Council who is familiar and appoint him as the online meeting chairman. Zoom and GoTo Meeting are both good software to use (the free option for Zoom has a 40 minute limit, so that would be an incentive to keep meetings at 40 minutes or less). Other conference call software is available as well that Councils can use.

Marian Icon:

As State Warden, it is my responsibility to look after the physical property of the state. The three large Marian Icons are considered property of the state and thus are entrusted to my care. They are intended for Councils to use as they're available, but I will need to be aware of where they are at all times. I will periodically check in with DDs regarding their whereabouts. *PLEASE MAKE SURE TO LET ME KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.*

One Icon is in Keizer while another is in Canby. The third is in Bend. We recently got more prayer books and prayer cards for the Marian program and they will go to the Icons.

Knights of Columbus Canopy/Tent:

The Knights of Columbus State canopy/tent is now in the storage unit and is available for anyone to use. It has the Knights of Columbus emblem on it. It's a great way to promote visibility of the Knights of Columbus and an excellent recruitment tool. Let's take advantage of this resource. As State Warden, I will be in charge of tracking it. Please let me know if you would like to use it.

Let us be the Knights of Columbus we need to be in this time of pandemic! Let us step into the breach!

Forms:

I haven't been contacting Councils regularly about the forms recently due to all of the various things going on right now. We've recently been through the fires, an intense election, COVID-19 cases have been on the rise and things have been shut back down, we're in the middle of Advent and have lots of things to do to prepare for Christmas, etc. But we ultimately cannot let these forms slip too much. Here's another friendly reminder about the forms.

The **Form 1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity** is coming up due January 31st. It is required for the Knights of Columbus to keep its 501(c)8 tax exempt status. This means that our pancake breakfast fundraisers are not taxed. It is also part of the Star Council requirement. Also remember that it does NOT need to be 100% accurate. It can just include estimates.

Reminder of the forms due this fraternal year:

Form 185 - List of Chosen Officers (due July 1st)

Form 365 - List of Council Personnel (due August 1st)

Form 1295 - Semi-annual Audit Jan-Jun (due August 15th)

Form 1728 - Survey of Fraternal Activity (due January 31st)

Form 1295 - Semi-annual Audit Jul-Dec (due February 15th)

SP-7 Columbian Award (due June 30th)

As of now, the Form 185, Form 365, and Form 1295 are all past due. Let's continue to get these submitted. Thank you for all your hard work.

Vivat Jesus

Kenneth J. Anderson, State Warden

Oregon KofC State Council

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"Be confident. Be bold. We need you to step into the breach!"



Duane Morris
General Program
Director

Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Drive

My Brother Knights,

This year we were able to double the amount of Coats from last year for a total of 222 boxes of Coats, the Oregon State Council organized a State wide Distribution of Coats for Kids utilizing Supreme's 50/50 Match Program where the Supreme Council matches the Coats ordered by the State. We had 3 Distribution points with State Youth Director George Murphy handling the Hillsboro Distribution, Grand Knight Robert Garcia handling for Wilsonville and surrounding areas and State Community Director Nickolas Guenther handling for Salem and the rest of the State.

These are the Councils that participated in each distribution: The Hillsboro location included the following Councils - St. Mary's Cathedral Council 15295, Hillsboro Council 1634, Holy Cross Portland Council 5279, Lake Oswego Council 3818, Pendleton Council 1673, Baker Council 849, St. Pius X Council 12656, McMinnville Council 1623, St. Therese Council 7828, Newburg Council 6602 and the Baker Assembly.

The Wilsonville location included the following Councils – Wilsonville Council 15640, Bend Council 1872, and Sherwood Council 9137. The Salem location included the following Councils - Queen of Peace Council 9263, St. Jude Council 17442, Shaw Council 8270, St. Pius X Council 12656 (being donated to the Councils impacted by wildfires), Albany Council 1577, Mt. Angel Council 1767, Silverton Council 5416, Florence Assembly 3656, Klamath Falls Council 2255, and Medford Council 1594.

There were many demographics making up the area that the distributions served. They are low income areas, mixed demographics with notable black, Hispanic and Asian populations. An example of the distribution for the Wilsonville Council will be for the NW Children's Outreach which is a volunteer organization that serves over 375 agencies. Several of the Coats will also be distributed to the Communities that were impacted by the wildfires in Oregon, like the Santiam Pass and cities of Phoenix and Talent.

Food For Families & RSVP Refund Deadlines

Please note that the deadline to submit your refund application forms for the Food for Families and/or RSVP programs for the **fraternal year** is **Dec. 31**. Please be sure to have your forms in to the Supreme office by that date to ensure that your refund is processed.

Participate in Helping Hands

The holiday season is upon us and what a perfect time to conduct the Helping Hands Program. This program is designed to recognize the important work many Councils already do to care for those in need. Councils are encouraged to take time to assess the many and varied needs of their immediate and surrounding community. You are free to develop a program that best meets these needs as a Helping Hands program.

If you have any questions on Faith in Action, or any Program in general, please contact the Directors listed below.

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Faith Programs Director - Ray Prom - 503-440-2382 - promray58@gmail.com

Family Programs Director - Bob Adams - 541-404-5905 - radams7383@aol.com

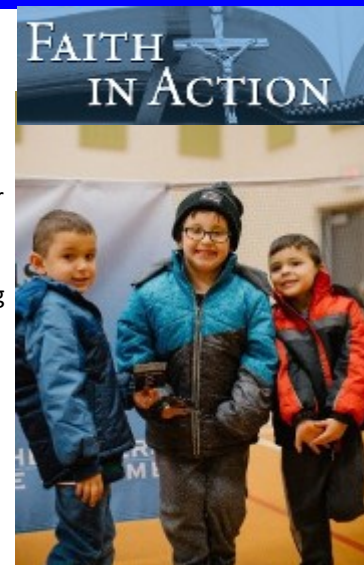
Community Programs Director - Nick Guenther - 503-890-3457 - Kofc.Community.Director@gmail.com

Life Programs Director - Patrick Parson - 541-248-3346 - ppparson@yahoo.com

Vivat Jesus,

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Duane Morris
District Master



Knights of Columbus
4th Degree Oregon District
Archbishop Blanchet Province

The Fourth Degree Patriots of the Knights of Columbus

Worthy Sir Knights of the Oregon District,

On behalf of the 4th Degree Oregon District I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I was honored to be reappointed as District Master for a two year term ending September 2022. This past year has been one of many ups and downs in our honored Order as we have had to face a Global Pandemic which has greatly impacted our lives, our communities and our Country. Now more than ever, we need Brother Knights to step into the breach. We need to grow our Order so that we can help our families, our communities, our Parishes and our Country. I am happy to announce that starting in January, I will be working with the State Council to schedule Patriotic Exemplifications that will follow the new Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity. Our 1st All in One Exemplifications will take place at the Oregon State Mid Year Meeting at the Red Lion in Coos Bay on January 9th. It will be both in person and virtual. Please promote this event in your Councils and Assemblies.

Another issue that I am seeing across our District is that due to the pandemic several Assemblies are having financial issues because they are unable to fundraise or even meet. I suggest that every Assembly should try to find a member in their Assembly that can set up virtual meetings using GoToMeeting or Zoom. Our District has an account with GoToMeeting that I would be willing to help set up a Meeting so that your Assemblies can meet. Another issue causing some Assemblies to struggle is that they do not have any Members with the new uniform. One point I would like to reiterate is that the new uniform is not a requirement to have an active Assembly. It just means that there is no local Honor Guard. But there are several activities that an Assembly can partake in without an Honor Guard. Holding projects that help Veterans like Quilts for Valor or other similar projects, participating in parades wearing a Tuxedo and Social Baldric. Hosting a Silver Rose event at your Parish and many others.

For those who would like to see about purchasing the new uniform, the supplier website is <https://www.kofcuniform.com/>

The cost of the uniform is \$449 for the package. However I see that they are also selling individual parts of the uniform now as well. Which could help some as they now can purchase one item at a time.

If you have any questions about the uniform, the 4th Degree or need ideas for how to conduct patriotic programs during a time of pandemic, let me know.

Vivat Jesus,

Duane Morris

Oregon District Master

Archbishop Blanchet Province

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Duane Morris
District Master



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The Fourth Degree Patriots of the Knights of Columbus

Worthy Sir Knights of the Oregon District,

I am pleased to announce that the Oregon District had 3 Star Assemblies for Fraternal Year 2019-2020. Please see the below email from our Vice Supreme Master Jesse Villarreal with the attachment from Supreme on the Star Assembly winners. I would like to congratulate the Members of St. Michael the Archangel Assembly 3219 in Beaverton, Archbishop F.N. Blanchet Assembly 901 in Klamath Falls and The Very Rev Francis W Black Assembly 905 in Medford. I would like to thank a few other Assemblies that were close to making Star Assembly but did not achieve their Membership goal. These Assemblies were Fr. Robert O'Hara Assembly 1606 in Canby, Pope Saint John XXIII Assembly 906 in Albany, Corvallis, Lebanon, Most Rev. Wm. H. Gross Assembly 2251 in Milwaukie, and Archbishop Fulton John Sheen Assembly 3248 in Sherwood. I hope that for this Fraternal Year 2020-2021 I will see more Oregon Assemblies achieve Star Assembly as I know that we are doing great Patriotic programs in Oregon and I am going to have more opportunities for 4th Degree Exemplifications so that we can grow the Patriotic Degree in our District.

Here are the requirements for the Star Assembly Award:

- Publish a monthly newsletter or bulletin to Assembly members (copy to VSM, District Master)
- Submit Form 186 Report of Officers Chosen (submit to: Membership, State Deputy, VSM, District Master)
http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/Council/officer_report186_p.pdf NOTE: Report of Officers Chosen for Term can also be submitted through Member Management.
- Submit Form 1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities (submit to: Dept of Fraternal Services, District Master):
https://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/Council/fraternal_survey1728_p.pdf
- Submit Form 1315 Annual Assembly Audit Report (submit to: Supreme Master, VSM, District Master):
http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/Council/audit_1315_p.pdf
- Meet the Assembly NEW member goal 7% of July 1 membership NET of drops.
- Earn the Fourth Degree Civic Award (submit to VSM, District Master)
http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/Council/civic_award2321_p.pdf
- Enter the "To Be A Patriot" competition (submit as directed) http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/Council/to_be_a_patriot_p.pdf

Vivat Jesus,

Duane Morris
Oregon District Master
Archbishop Blanchet Province
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The entire listing could not be published as it is too long for this newsletter.

Name	Assembly Number	Faithful Navigator	Year	Province Name
St Michael The Archangel	3219	Duane Morris	2019-2020	Archbishop Francis Norbert Blanchet
Archbishop F N Blanchet	901	no FN 2019-2020	2019-2020	Archbishop Francis Norbert Blanchet
Holy Trinity	3097	George Harding	2019-2020	Archbishop Francis Norbert Blanchet
The Very Rev Francis W Black	905	no FN 2019-2020	2019-2020	Archbishop Francis Norbert Blanchet
St Cecilia	3223	John Donohue	2019-2020	Archbishop Francis Norbert Blanchet

[The Fourth Degree Patriots of the Knights of Columbus](#)



Jesse C. Villarreal
Vice Supreme Master

Worthy District Masters,

Congratulations to all the Provinces awarded with the Star Assemblies. It's all about working together. Supreme has identified all the Provinces, but due to the length of the list we were could not put it into this newsletter. Our own Archbishop Francis Blanchet Province has 5 Assemblies that qualified: Klamath Falls, Medford and Beaverton in Oregon and Bremerton and Stanwood in Western Washington. I know Idaho and Eastern Washington submitted some events as well?

I know it takes manpower and a lot of work and time to put events together. Some of the Assemblies are doing this type of event monthly but don't talk about it. Please talk about this during your virtual meetings. To document the event sometimes it's only a one page report. Please make sure you pass it on to Navigators and all the Sir Knights that participated and helped.

Only three of the 6 Provinces in our Division IV made the grade so that is another plus to your efforts. But we are still at just over 20% of our recruitment goal. If we keep hitting the virtual exemplifications hard, we might hit 50% by the end of the year. We can shoot for the stars but if we only hit the moon that would be alright, considering.

Hopefully you get the Star Assembly plaques soon to make the presentations. If I get them at our address, I will try to deliver them in person, God willing.

Thanks to all of you again for the great works and deeds. You are real Sir Knights.

Jesse C. Villarreal
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[Council In Action](#)

Council 2439 Sublimity

Many Councils talk a lot about doing some good for their community. Sublimity Council 2439 has been a beacon of hope and a guiding light in their ability to help provide food, supplies, calls and so much more. The following is about their current efforts.

We have a lot of baskets to deliver. Regis St. Mary did a great job with the food drive and we've worked with Stayton Food Bank to fill out the rest. Each of the local families will also receive \$100 worth of gift cards instead of the \$50 I had stated before. The gift cards were donated through Marion Polk Food Share and I'm confirming who donated them.

We have approximately 65 families to deliver food and gift cards to and, because of the wildfires, many are not living at their normal residence. We will be delivering to Gates, Mill City, Lyons, Sublimity, Stayton, Turner, and a few to Salem. We will group the families by location and divvy them up that way. And I know some of you do not want to travel to Salem, so if you are game to do that group please let me know (about 3 families).

To make efficient business of this, we would like at least 12 drivers and at least 1 helper per driver. That would be 5-6 families per driver. But more drivers will make even easier work of this!

The Etzel's have worked hard to put all this food together, so let's give them a hand and deliver this food to families in need!



Future Knights of Columbus and their sister a possible Columbiette, willing to help provide food for others.

Council In Action



Sublimity, Oregon

You are born a MAN. You become a KNIGHT.
Charity - Unity - Fraternity - Patriotism



The Knights of Columbus St. Anthony Council of Sublimity is blessed to provide these food baskets and gift cards to you this Christmas season. It was a community effort to make this happen:

- Regis St. Mary Catholic School performed a food drive;
- Stayton Food Bank collected food donations from individuals and local stores, and volunteers assembled many of the boxes;
- Oregon Food Bank provided the gift cards through Marion Polk Food Share;
- Marion County and the Santiam Service Integration Team provided contacts and reached out to families to arrange delivery;
- Knights of Columbus collected the food, assembled many of the food boxes, and made deliveries to Gates, Mill City, Lyons, Stayton, Sublimity, Turner, and Salem.

Men of Principle

St. Anthony Council is devoted to good works in our neighborhoods, churches, schools and around the world. All the good works we do are informed by our four core principles.

Men in Community

From feeding families in need, to supporting youth athletics, to supporting alternatives to abortion, the St. Anthony Council supports many causes important to our community.

Men of Action

Our council offers men a place to lead their families and communities in faith and service. As Catholic men, this is what God calls us to do. Put your Faith in Action.

The Santiam Canyon has been hit hard this year with a pandemic and wildfires, two once-in-a-lifetime disasters within just a few months. It has been amazing to see our community come together to help each other.

We are Canyon Strong!

CHARITY • UNITY • FRATERNITY • PATRIOTISM

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Blessings,

Ed Diehl
Grand Knight
Knights of Columbus St. Anthony Council 2439



A Journey Into The Seminary

The following is a link to a video about a 2nd year seminarian at Mt. Angel and his journey. It is well worth watching. Our thanks to Chris Erno, St. Augustine Council 11258 in Central Point for this link and give credit to the Archdiocese of Portland Vocations Facebook Page.

[Stories of Vocations to the Priesthood - Matthew Knight on Vimeo](#)

Brothers,

I just wanted you to see the article in Life Site News today. The Knights of Columbus in Oregon are letting our voices be heard and our Catholic Brothers and Sisters are responding. Check out the link below

'We want God!': Hundreds of Oregon Catholics protest church restrictions

<https://www.lifesiteneews.com/news/we-want-god-hundereds-of-oregon-catholics-protest-church-restrictions>

Vivat Jesus,

Ron Boyce
Knights of Columbus
Oregon State Deputy

[Council In Action](#)

Once again Council 678 has had a great year supporting our great community. For the 6th year Council 678 has given time and money to the Radio Cab Foundation, a 501c3 dedicated to bringing together families in need around the dinner table for Christmas. This foundation has been giving full Turkey dinners with all the trimmings to families in need for 24 years. It's more than just a meal, it's an opportunity to bring the family together in the kitchen to cook and around the table to feast. In this day and age, families are separating and glued to technology. The Radio Cab Foundation gives an opportunity for families to celebrate the gift of Christ and the Joy of the spirit of Christmas! \$20 feeds a family of five and every year between 600 and 1,000 families receive a food box. This year expectations are that requests for food boxes will be high due to the Governor's stay at home orders and so many losing their jobs as an outcome. There are many volunteer opportunities for Knights to help. Radio Cabs Foundation is looking to add a significant number of deliveries this year. If you would like to volunteer to deliver food boxes please **call Grand Knight Michael Campy at 503-422-3501**. If you would like to donate to the Radio Cab Foundation as so many Knights have please go to RadioCabCares.ORG and click the donate button.



This year Council 678 along with Councils from Pendleton, Medford and Central Point have worked with Working Dogs Oregon to assist our Police Departments add Police K9s to departments who otherwise would not have them. K9 Bali of Pendleton passed his certifications in September and has been working the streets with his handler Officer Cass Clark adding a level of security and enforcement the Pendleton Community had not had in 18 years. K9 Gus of Central Point passed his qualifications also in September and has been working Central Point neighborhoods with his handler Office Tyler Aplin. Gus and Aplin are the first patrol track and capture K9 the Central Point Police has ever had. These two K9s were given to their departments through a grant from Working Dogs Oregon and Howling Creek K9. Included in the scholarship were the dogs and all training up to certification. The Knights of Columbus respective Councils have helped with small fundraisers to off set the costs of the Scholarships. In addition Working Dogs Oregon has created two more programs that are perfect for the Knights of Columbus to get behind on a statewide level. The first is WDO's mission to supply every certified police K9 team with a K9 trauma first aid kit. Many of the police k9 units do not have adequate funding for any type of first aid kit for the dog and that cost usually comes out of the handler's own pocket, if they have one at all. This program not only gives a kit to each team but it standardizes the kits K9 units use and will make it easier to replace used items. Each kit costs \$165 and with over 200 teams in the state of Oregon this is a lofty goal. Working Dogs Oregon so far has given over 40 kits to K9 units from all over the state. The 2nd program has already seen great success. In March Working Dogs Oregon Placed K9 Simon with the Central Point Police Dept, his role is to work with the victim advocacy team as a support dog. To this point K9 Simon has had over 300 victim contacts and the Jackson County Family Court Judge has requested that Simon be at court every Thursday to interact with families filing restraining orders. K9 Simon gives these victims comfort and strength in a time they need it most assisting them in a lifechanging time of their lives. Victims of Sexual and physical assault typically feel alone, isolated and with no one to turn to. K9 Simon is a rock of support that helps them get through arguably the most difficult time in their lives so that they may be able to move to a place of healing. Simon is available to victims from the first call for help all the way through the court process and beyond if needed. Working Dogs Oregon has continued with the success of this program and is making a fully trained Victim Support K9 available to any Police or Fire Department that would like one. The latest dog to be added is K9 Saber heading to the Portland Police Dept. Saber is a one year old German Shepherd and is a natural at working with people in need. Working Dogs Oregon has announced that the 2021 recipients of the Police K9 Patrol Scholarships will be the Wheeler County Sheriff's Office and the Philomath Police Dept. If you would like to support any of these programs with Working Dogs Oregon you can send a check to:

[Working Dogs Oregon, 3570 SW 90th Avenue, Portland Oregon 97225](#)



K9 Gus and Officer Aplin, CPPD



K9 Bali and Officer Clark



***K9 Simon CPPD
Victim Support Dog***

Council In Action—3 Items On This Page From DD09 Joe Schaecher

Feast of Christ the King Mass in Medford

Each week in Medford, on Sunday at the 3:30 pm hour, the Extraordinary form of the Mass is celebrated in Sacred Heart Church. On the special Feast of Christ the King, Assembly 905 with the 4th degree Honor Guard, provided the extra layer of honor for Our Lord during Mass and for the procession that occurred after Mass. As the procession led by Fr. Stephen Kenyon wound through the streets of Medford, they paused in front of the Court House, and adjacent to City Hall and Medford Police Station, to provide a special blessing. We give thanks to Our Lord, Christ the King in all things.

Photo by Marc Salvatore and story by DD09 Joe Schaecher



Farewell Friend

SK Martin Marcial passed away on 11/13/2020. He was surrounded by his children and grandchildren.



Martin lived an honorable life. He traveled all throughout Mexico as a young man when he worked in the fields, as a soldier in the Mexico Military and as a respected Policeman. After immigrating to America, he studied hard to become a citizen of the United States of America.

He recently was sharing with his family the 100-question test that was required. He still remembered each question and answer—in order!

Martin had only been a Knight of Columbus for 10 years, with the Rouge River Council 1594 in Medford and 7 years as 4th degree in Francis W Black Assembly 905 in Medford; but he felt very strongly about the mission of Blessed Michael J McGivney.

Taking care of the family was very important to him. He requested to be buried in a 4th Degree tux and his 4th Degree baldric. He was preceded in death by his wife Lenora Marcial Escobar.



Earlier photo of Bishop Cary and Martin. Taken by Marc Salvatore.

Southern Oregon Continues to Receive Blessings

Community Help By Knights

When Grand Knight Michael Pitts and Council 1594 decided to buy Coats for Kids they were blessed with an abundance. First noted was that Supreme matched the order—box-for-box. WOW! Then they heard that District Deputy 22 Kevin Fredinburg would be delivering the coats along with 10 wheelchairs. This good fortune had to be shared; and it was. In the trailer that Keven brought down were even more surprises. Grand Knight Joe Pulito of Council 12656 and the parishioners of St Pius X in Portland also sent Coats for Kids for Klamath Falls. District Deputy 11 Ipo Ross drove over from Klamath Falls to be Santa for his community.

The warm abundance of blessings from across the country have really been the bright spot in this crazy year of 2020.

Article by Joe Schaecher DD09



State Soccer Kick Championship Cancelled

Brothers,

Due to the very strict steps the Governor has mandated to all Oregon and concerns for the safety of all volunteers, parents and kids participating, I cancelled the State Soccer Kick Championship that was to be held on Sunday, November 22, 2020 at St. Pius X Catholic Church.

My apologies to the Councils, kids scheduled to participate, and the parents.

Vivat Jesus,

Ron Boyce

Knights of Columbus

Oregon State Deputy



George Murphy
State Youth
Director

State Youth Director Report

Brother Knights All;

This is the last youth report of our calendar year 2020. First of all, my sincere thank you to each individual who participated and supported The Knights of Columbus Youth Programs.

As with so many of us, I would like to go on record as saying this was a very indifferent year. Our State had to cancel our Soccer and Basketball Championships, plus our face-face State Convention. However we were able to continue our Essay and Poster Programs. Probably our crowning jewel was our state's youth programs participation in The Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids program. We bought and gave away 220 boxes of Coats to the needy and to the victims of the many wildfires around our state. Each box contained 12 Coats. Our new light weight boxes contained 24 Coats. There were four different distribution locations around the State. From those locations, we supported providing 66 boxes of Coats for the Hillsboro location as well as sending boxes to Bend, Baker, Pendleton, McMinnville, Newberg, Lake Oswego, Sublimity, Salem, North and Northeast Portland.

Many thanks to our General Program Director Duane Morris and Community Director Nick Guenther. Several others who very strongly supported us were IPSD Francis Mohr, Gorman Krook, Dan Boone, Phil Barr, Mike Haney, Subhuti Lichtman and Steve Spick. Many thanks to D.D. 18 Mike Pranger who took his trailer and loaded it with 20 or more boxes and drove it to McMinnville, Lake Oswego, Salem, SE Portland...thanks Mike. Also thanks to State Warden Ken Anderson for the follow-up.

There were so many who helped, if I missed your name ... thank you.

Please remember we are still accepting Essays and Poster entries for this year.

Cut off date is 21 Dec 2020.

Any questions please contact me.

George E Murphy

State Youth Director

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**2020 - 2021 ESSAY TOPIC****Faith in Action - Community Programs**

In an essay of 500-750 words, discuss how trusting in God during a difficult time has helped you or someone you know find the strength and hope to endure it. Consider especially those times when it was a challenge to understand why something was happening. Consider also sharing any lessons about faith and hope you or someone you know may have learned from this experience.

"Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy" (1 Peter 1:8).

Parade of Past State Deputies

William John LaRoche
20th State Deputy of Oregon 1946-1948



William J. LaRoche was born during September, 1906 to Victor and Mary Brunner LaRoche in Wisconsin.

At the age of 18 he moved to Salem, OR. William attended Mt. Angel College and Willamette University.

On May 14, 1934, William married Teresa Lutz in Salem, OR. They had five children: Mary, Victor, Frank, Bill and Tom. William later divorced Teresa. Theresa died on February 25, 1967 and is buried at Calvary Cemetery in Mount Angel, OR. On May 24, 1955, William remarried Thelma "Tiny" Cox Maden in Salem, OR.

William owned and operated LaRoche's Tavern in Salem, OR for 26 years. In the 1960's he moved to Clackamas, OR and worked as an electrician.

William was a member of the Salem Council 1748 and a member of the Elks.

William J. LaRoche died on February 19, 1972 in Portland, OR, of cancer, and is buried at Belcrest Memorial Park in Salem, OR. Thelma died on July 10, 2002 and is buried next to William.

"I cannot but be most humble and the only expression that I can use at this time is, thanks, my brothers, and continue for the good of our beloved Order." William LaRoche, 40th Annual State Convention, May 17, 1948, Bend, OR





Tom Radel
State Advocate

Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program Changes and Updates

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Brother Knights,

Below is a summary of upcoming critical changes and updates to the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program.

- ◆ Praesidium is moving to a new training platform on April 1, 2021
- ◆ Email addresses will be mandatory for every member to retain access, and to be counted towards a Council's compliance for the Fraternal Year End 2020-21
- ◆ Please have your District Deputies check the Safe Environment Member Status Report in Officers Online and reach out to any members who don't have an email listed and assist them in adding a valid email address, unique, personal to him, to his membership profile with the Knights of Columbus.
- ◆ PLEASE NOTE: **Generic emails will no longer work**, e.g., gkCouncil1@gmail.com will no longer work
- ◆ Guidance on how to use the Safe Environment Member Status Report and the Safe Environment Participation Report, which are both updated each week in Officers Online:

The *Safe Environment Member Status Report* shows the compliance of each member appointed into the roles that require training and background checks.

- ◆ DDs may view each member's due date and then follow up if a member doesn't complete all assigned requirements by their due date; if a member does not complete their training by their due date, they will switch to a status of Non-Compliant.
- ◆ Directors and counsellors are automatically removed from their roles once they become non-compliant; this means that the Council has to submit an updated form 365 (for program, family, and community directors) or 468 (for counsellors) to restart the process. This is a lot of work all around so it's best for members to complete their assigned training and background checks when they're first assigned.
- ◆ Also, please remind everyone that, once the training or background check is completed, compliance is valid for 3 years; so if a Council appoints members into the same roles the following year, it is likely that those members will still be fully compliant.
- ◆ The *Safe Environment Participation Report* ONLY details whether or not the required roles are filled and does NOT address members' compliance status. When you view that report you'll see a member number listed if a role is filled, and a zero if it is not filled.
- ◆ This report helps everyone to focus in on those Councils that need to fill or refill roles.
- ◆ You may see Councils listed that have all zeros which means that not even a grand knight is appointed.

Additionally, Councils in which a Grand Knight holds all 4 Council level required roles even if he has completed the training and the background check will NOT be considered compliant with the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program. This practice, which only a tiny minority of Councils have employed, has never met the standard of having at least 2 fully compliant members at all events where youth or other vulnerable persons may be present. This standard is in effect for the current 2020-21 Fraternal Year. Grand Knights of Councils who fall into this category are strongly advised to recruit members willing and able to step up and into each of these key leadership roles as soon as possible.

If you have any question, please contact me.

Thank you

Tom Radel
State Advocate
Historian

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If you have not seen this flyer, please take some time to read it, answer it and return the survey as requested.

COUNCIL QUESTIONNAIRE

COUNCIL #

RETURN THE SURVEY TO kcbooster@comcast.net

Why did you join or why have you stayed with the Knights of Columbus?

How can the State help you be more successful

What are some ideas which might help motivate members and Councils?

How is your relationship with your Pastor and Parish Staff and what can you do to improve it?

Any other areas the State Council should be aware of in your Council?



One Question Can Help You Declutter Like a Champ

We know the ultimate goal of decluttering is to remove things we no longer need, allowing for a happier, healthier life. So why is it so difficult to decide what to keep and what to let go? If you've realized it's time to scale back, you may already be overwhelmed by the sheer size of the task.

The simple solution? Ask yourself: **If I had to move to another country next week, would I bring this with me?**

This uncomplicated question can help you identify what you truly need and what's just taking up valuable space. It may immediately assist you in discerning what is most important and useful, and what can be tossed or given away. Furthermore, you might try the FARFI acronym to ensure sentiment doesn't override your judgment when it's time to say goodbye:

- ◆ Frequency – “Exactly how often do I use this?”
- ◆ Acquisition cost – “How expensive or difficult is this to get?”
- ◆ Recency – “When was the last time I actually used this?”
- ◆ Functionality – “Why do I own this?”
- ◆ Intention – “Am I keeping it for a logical reason?”

Decluttering can be a daunting task, but you don't have to do it in one session. You might set aside 20 minutes per day for 30 days, focusing on one room at a time.

You may be surprised at how easy it becomes to let go of things and how an orderly space aids in concentration. The mental and physical energy you used searching through messy drawers and piles might now be channeled toward more exciting or productive tasks.

This is a reminder about how things change in your life. When you think about insurance, think about me and let me give you help in determining your true needs.

COURTESY OF:

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**Supreme's
Family of the Month for October 2020**

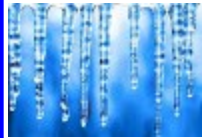
Tim Mixdorf
Council 9137 Sherwood



Note: As of 11/01/2019, the program has changed to have one (1) winner per participating jurisdiction.

Oregon Council participating in June was: Council 849 Baker City, Council 1623 McMinnville and Council 9137 Sherwood*.

*This Council's family received one of the 100 Holy Family gifts that are given out by the Supreme office in a random drawing each month. Any Council using the Family of the Month (Form 1993), available online at KofC.ORG under Council Forms and sub-category Program forms, is automatically placed in the random drawing each month at Supreme.



Polar Plunge 2021

Submitted and story by: Joseph Schaecher, DD09



Yes, Special Olympics Polar Plunge in Medford is slated for February 20, 2021.

We will revise the venue for improved physical distancing. Start thinking how you can support our favorite team, The Rogue Valley Knights of Columbus.

The Knights of Columbus in Southern Oregon are registered for the 2021 Polar Plunge - are you? Register today at: www.plungeoregon.org





Life Program Report

Patrick and Teresita Parson
State Life Couple, Oregon Knights of Columbus



Oregon March for Life

The Oregon Right-to-Life 2021 March is January 23 in Salem at the State Capitol. Music starts at 2:10 p.m., program starts at 2:30 p.m., and the March starts immediately after the program (around 3:30 p.m.).

Oregon Right to Life needs around 20 volunteers to help with the March in a variety of positions. They need extra help with security, road crossing guards, and parking lot attendants. Volunteers would arrive at the Capitol steps in Salem around 1:00 pm for a briefing and assignments.

Please call the Oregon Right to Life office to sign up as a volunteer at 503-463-8563 or email Nickie Snyder at: nickie@ortl.org

Brothers, the **March for Life** is the largest and most visible pro-life activity in this state. This is something every Knight should prayerfully consider supporting.

Celebrating the Savior's Birth

We enjoy driving around to see the different Christmas decorations people install in their yards and on their houses. We also note with disappointment the disproportionate balance between the few decorations that celebrate the season for what it is, remembering the birth of Christ, and the far greater number of lights and figures that feature totally secular aspects of what should be a holy day.

If you put up outside Christmas decorations, try to remind people how Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. Maybe that might get someone thinking about how important life is, both born and yet-to-be-born.

Merry Christmas!



Christ in Christmas, vs.....



Yoda, Mickey, Santa, etc.



The Holy Family, vs.....



Snowmen, the Grinch, and Santa

Reporte del Programa de Vida

Patrick y Teresita Parson, Pareja de la vida de los Caballeros de Colon de Oregon

Marcha por la Vida

La Marcha Pro-vida 2021 será el 23 de enero, en la Capital de Oregon, Salem, la música comenzará a las 2:10 p.m. y la marcha comienza inmediatamente después del programa (alrededor de las 3:30 p.m.).

Oregon Pro-Vida necesita alrededor de 20 voluntarios para ayudar en la marcha en varias posiciones. Ellos van a necesitar ayuda en cuanto a seguridad, guardias al cruzamiento de calles, y asistentes en el estacionamiento. Los Voluntarios llegaran al Capitolio de Salem alrededor de la 1:00 p.m. para asignamientos y eexplicacion de las actividades.

Por favor comuniquense a las oficinas de Right-to-life para firmar como voluntarios al telefono: 503-463-8563 o envíen un email a: nickie@ortl.org

Hermanos la Marcha por la vida es la mas larga y visible actividad pro-vida en este estado. Esto es algo que cada Caballero de Colon debe de considerar y apoyar.

Celebrando el Nacimiento del Salvador

Nosotros disfrutamos de estar manejando alrededor de diferentes decoraciones navidenas, que la gente ha instalado en sus jardines y en sus casas. Y tambien encontramos con desaliento un desproporcionado balance entre las pocas decoraciones que celebran la estacion por la cual es recordado el nacimiento de Cristo, y el gran numero de luces y figuras con aspectos totalmente seculares de aspectos de lo que deberia de ser un dia sagrado.

Si tu pones afuera decoraciones navidenas, trata de recordar a lagente que lo que se celebra es el nacimiento de Cristo. Tal vez con esto hagas pensar a alguien que importante es la Vida, de ambos, nacidos y no-nacidos.

¡Feliz Navidad!



The message of Christmas, vs.....

Mr. Grinch.



The Holy Family, vs.....



Santa, Frosty, and candy canes.



July 28 – 30, 2021

This holiday season, offer your family and friends the promise of a summer evening at the Mount Angel Abbey Bach Festival – enjoy a picnic buffet on the lawn followed by beautiful concerts. We will bring you music on the fortepiano, violin, harp and many cellos. Honoring the music of Bach, Beethoven, Mozart, Chopin, Haydn, Piazzolla, and Leonard Cohen. We look forward to celebrating our 50th year of the Bach Festival evenings with you!

Alon Goldstein



The Tempest Trio



Sivan Magen, harp



Amit Peled and the Cello Gang

All tickets include church concert, picnic buffet, and the featured concert.

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

General Admission \$60
(festival seating per day)

Patron Admission \$125
(reserved seating per day, includes post-concert reception
with the artists, and a \$65 tax-deductible donation)

Purchase Tickets by adding this link to your browser: <https://www.mountangelabbey.org/join-us/bach>

Bach on the Organ, Violin and Cello!

The festival starts with Bruce Neswick on the massive Abbey organ. Answering survey requests for more Bach compositions, Bruce Neswick will kick off our 2021 season playing Bach on the celebrated Abbey church Martin Ott organ. "Bruce Neswick brings out the humanity in Bach's music little short of brilliant in both registrations and execution." The Birmingham News, Alabama. Thursday, cellist Amit Peled will treat us to one of the iconic Bach cello suites, and Friday, violinist Ilya Kaler will play a Bach partita.

Learn more about the musicians and listen to recordings on the [Abbey Bach Festival website](#) and [Facebook](#).



Schedule

5:20 pm Vespers (optional)
Abbey Church

6:00 pm Musical Performance
Abbey Church

6:30 pm Picnic Buffet Supper

8:00 pm Feature performance
Damian Center



While this article was presented last month, there is some additional information contained in this amended version.

Brother Knights,

December 6, 2020

About a month ago the Past State Deputies met with the State Deputy regarding a concern expressed in the Good of the Order Report. The concern was: "need to increase interest among members to serve as State Officers." The State Deputy asked the Good of the Order Committee to pursue with this concern and share information among the membership encourage qualified members to run for an office at the next State Convention.

Following that request, we have outlined some of the basic skills needed for each position:

-[State Deputy](#) -- should have Leadership, Teambuilding, Motivational and Communication Skills

-[State Secretary](#) -- should be familiar with the Computer (especially Quick Books Program), Record Keeping, Teambuilding and Communication skills

-[State Treasurer](#) -- should also be familiar with the Computer and the Quick Books Program, Record Keeping or Bookkeeping, Budgeting and Communication skills

-[State Advocate](#) -- should understand "Roberts' Rules of Order", our State By-Laws and have computer and communication skills

-[State Warden](#) -- The SW has the responsibility for meeting setup and the Convention Banquet and assists with keeping order at all meetings

Interested candidates need to know that serving in one position DOES NOT mean you have to move to the next position or eventually be State Deputy. In the past there have been officers who remained in the same position for 3-5 years as long as they were performing a quality job and were re-elected. Also a member does "not" have to start as a State Warden to serve in any other position as long as he is qualified for and elected to that position. There is a major time commitment and some financial commitment that is expected. Are you seriously prepared for this? Are your wife and family on board with this commitment? **These are the realities.** It's more than a title and prestige as some might think.

The PSD's have the following sub-committee mentoring group willing to provide information for questions/concerns from anyone interested in serving as a State Officer. They are:

PSD Jim Gay,	H: 541-485-1598	C: 541-729-6340	e-mail: JPGayPSD@comcast.net
PSD Robert Kish,	H: 541-929-6884	C: 541-760-2821	e-mail: Robert.Kish@KofC.org
PSD Pat Rice, (h & c):	H: 503-888-8304	C: 503-888-8304	e-mail: Patrick.rice@gexpro.com
PSD Michael Adams,	H: 503-654-6148	C: 503-742-8219	e-mail: mpjadams@msn.com
IPSD Francis Mohr,	H: 541-523-6245	C: 541-519-6606	e-mail: francis_mohr@msn.com

Interested candidates need to follow the procedures outlined in the State Advocate Letters of 11/9/20. Resolutions need to be submitted to the State Office by February 28, 2021. Although nominations can be made from the floor during Convention, it is ideal that a resolution be submitted to serve as an early announcement that you are interested.

Respectfully submitted,
Past State Deputies
cc: State Deputy

District In Action—District 21

St Cyril Council 15640 Wilsonville



The St Cyril Council was active with distributing a Thanksgiving Dinner as a “Take Out” meal only on Thursday, November 26th. Br. Frank Garcia made two or three additional trips to Phoenix and Talent to provide continued support to the Migrant residents that lost all their documents in the fire. This Council was once again very active in the Coats for Kids program.



DGK Joe Fieweger Traffic control at St Cyril Food Box distribution. DGK Joe Fieweger, FS Richard Parent, Family of the Month for October Joanie and James (not pictured) Kruse for Parish Food Box Coordinator.



PGK Manny Buzo, GK Robert Garcia, and PGK George LeDoux dropping off 32 cases of coats to NW Children’s Outreach Center

St Peters Council 6602 from Newberg
St Francis Council 9137 in Sherwood

St. Francis Council has continued their Tuesday night adult bible study and Friday night Holy hour programs. In addition the Council moved Fr Amal into a new rectory and spent a great deal of time making upgrades like painting, plumbing, and installing a new washer and dryer. Adolph Eppich, Ed Contreras, and Keith Blau repaired the old altar and installed the new relic into the alter. Brother Paul Mayer took time to repaint the sacristy as well. Brother Tim Mixdorf initiated the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest while brothers Matt Killinger and Jack Tice moved the wooden holy family icon into place to begin the ‘Journey to the Inn’ program.



Brothers Jack Tice, GK Chris Roth, and Matt Killinger



Brother Knights Adolph Eppich and Ed Contreras speaking with Fr Amal about Alter repairs.



Brothers Matt Killinger, Rob Watson, Keith Blau, and Mike Faber with Fr. Amal during the move out of the old rectory.

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

State Treasurer Bro. Steve Steele

Council 1634 Hillsboro

Miquel Marcial (Son)

Council 1594 and Assembly 905 Medford

Mark Garcia

Son of John Garcia FC
Council 9246 and Assembly 0903 Newport

DD18 David Judy

Council 14802 Portland

Robert Garcia GK's Sister

Council 15640 Wilsonville

Prayers Requested by Chuck Davlin

Assistant Regional Growth Director – West

DD Sly Barros from Montana

DD Dana Smith from Washington

State Secretary of Washington Kim Washburn

The State Deputy, the State Secretary and the State Treasurer of Montana and their wives with Covid

DD James Long of Wyoming and his wife are battling Covid.

DD Buddy Cater of Wyoming Covid

IN MEMORIAM

Martin Marcial (Dad)

Council 1594 and Assembly 905 Medford

Dave Root

Council 1623 McMinnville

SK Mario Gomez Martinez

Council 1723 McMinnville

Joel Tobias, MD

Council 11258 Central Point

Richard F Basl

Council 2439 Sublimity

John Duncan

Council 15773 Florence

Councils—please send any memoriam information to our Prayer Chairman, Stephen Radel.

H:541-801-1350

sjradel333@gmail.com

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.



Please direct your prayer requests to:
State Health/Welfare/Prayer Chairman
Stephen Radel
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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 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



Hello friends of Mount Angel,

We are now well into the season of Advent. Did you know that, in Latin, "adventus" is a simple word that means "coming"? You might say the liturgical season is called The Coming.

Advent liturgies beautifully entwine three aspects of the coming of the Lord: His coming in the flesh in Bethlehem; his coming at the Christmas Feast, that great outpouring of grace for the whole Church; and his coming again in glory at the end of time. These are not three different comings, but three aspects of the same coming. **Ours is a God who is always coming to us.**

In the second week of Advent, we encounter a herald of those comings in the Gospel readings – John the Baptist. He always appears on the second and third Sundays of Advent and all through the third week and into the fourth. Why is that? Who is this figure who looms over the Church’s prayer?

Origen, the great second-century theologian, said **whenever Jesus comes to the Church, John the Baptist precedes his coming.** Origen recognized the mysterious presence and power of John, whom the Lord said was "the last and greatest of the prophets."

Just think of the role John the Baptist plays in the life of Jesus! In fact, **I would like to give you all a homework assignment that is quite easy, if you follow the Advent lectionary:** Read all the Gospel passages where John the Baptist appears. Just follow along in a missal – as I know many of you do. Day by day, John the Baptist can help us prepare for Christ’s coming.

Your reading will remind you of some great lines. "Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand." "Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sin of the world."

You will see again how he described himself so beautifully as the friend of the bridegroom – Jesus. And speaking of Jesus, how he states, "He must increase; I must decrease." These encounters with the presence of John the Baptist prepare us for Christ’s coming.

Which coming? The coming of our Lord in Bethlehem, in our Christmas Feast and on the day he returns in glory.

Repent, dear friends, for the Kingdom of God is at hand.

In Christian hope,

Abbot Jeremy Driscoll, O.S.B.

<p><u>Advent Vespers</u> The world on the verge of its last evening – when suddenly, breaking out from the womb of a most pure virgin, comes running the Word, the Bridegroom!</p>	<p>(as if out from some bridal chamber) and courses like the Sun through the sky, A Champion and Day bursting out from the verge of night.</p>
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