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A close-up photograph of a shallow, dark-colored bowl containing burning incense. Bright yellow and orange flames rise from the pile of sticks, which are partially charred. The background is dark and out of focus.

**Ashes on our
foreheads,
Repentance in our
hearts,
No sacrifice too big
to follow the Holy and
Eternal One.
Let us give up our
fears,
Let go our prejudices,
Allow love to speak,
and broaden the
community of our
hearts.**

Christine Sine
<http://godpsace-msa.com>



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Message from the State Deputy



Be Not Afraid!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



My Brother Knights and Families,

I want to let everyone know that there will not be a Columbian Newsletter this month. Tom Karl the Columbian Newsletter Editor had quadruple bypass surgery on February 3rd. Jo Karl informed me that Tom is in good spirits and thanks everyone for their prayers. Let us continue to pray for Tom for a speedy recovery. There will be a newsletter in March so please send either me or Alex Paul your articles.

I also hope everyone can and will participate in Ash Wednesday and the Lenten Season. Due to COVID all Catholics will receive a sprinkle of ashes on our head, rather than using them to make a cross on our forehead. Sprinkling of ashes on the top of a Catholic's head, rather than marking forehead with the ashes is a customary practice at the Vatican and in Italy. The priest will also not be saying anything while sprinkling the ashes unlike last year when the priest would say "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." Maybe the New Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly can lobby the Pope to use the phrase "Tempus Fugit Memento Mori" to be used during the next years Ash Wednesday.

I have been talking with our Oregon Priests in both the Portland and Baker Diocese. What they are telling me was not shocking at all. Apparently, the people who are attending Mass are the people who are most susceptible to COVID-19 and the people who are not as susceptible to COVID-19 are watching mass in the comforts of their home while I imagine drinking their coffee in their slippers. As Knights of Columbus in Oregon we need to help our Parish Priests with this huge attendance problem. With the low attendance our parishes are feeling the financial pinch when people do not show up for Mass, and we all understand if you attend Mass, you are more likely to give to your parish. I would like every Grand Knight to reach out to their parish priest and ask if they could help get people back to Mass. Make sure you assure him the Knights are not going to be asking them to join the Council, but we will find out how they are doing, if they need assistance, and welcome them back to the Parish. All you have to say is this "Hi, this is Joe Knight with the Knights of Columbus wondering how you are doing and would like to welcome you back to Mass." Then give them the parish Mass times and that is it. You have accomplished two things. The first thing you did was help your parish priest and the second thing you did was show the parishioner the Knights of Columbus members are helping out the parish. You cannot beat that type of positive exposure. If your priest does not want you to make the calls, please ask him what other things we can take off his plate.

I have been hearing from Council Officers that they cannot do anything because of COVID. I am sorry but that is a "cop-out". Your Council can and should stay involved with your parish, community, and the Council. If your Council is struggling, you need to attend one of the two Virtual District meetings.

On February 20th at 9:00 am; Virtual District Meeting for all Council Officers in ***District 3, 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27.*** An invite will be sent to all Grand Knights this week.

February 20th 9am - 1pm

Look for your invite in your email or ask your District Deputy to forward the invite to you.

On February 20th at 2:00 pm; Virtual District Meeting for all Council Officers in ***District 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28.*** An invite will be sent to all Grand Knights this week.

February 20th 2pm - 6pm

Look for your invite in your email or ask your District Deputy to forward the invite to you.

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On February 6th, the State Council in partnership with the District Deputies helped two virtual District Meetings for District, 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 21, 22, 25, 26. I would like to thank the 79 Council officers who attended one of the two sessions and for the 33 Financial Secretaries who attended their training session with Regional Growth Director Chuck Davlin. I would also like to thank Chuck Davlin for hosting the Financial Secretary training on Membership Management, and I would like to thank Chris Erno from the Central Point Council in recommending and helping Chuck with more ongoing training for the financial secretaries during the rest of the fraternal year.

Brothers, if your Council is still searching for things to do then here you go.

On Saturday February 27th from 8:00am to 4:30pm. The Knights of Columbus State Council is sponsoring a Men's Retreat both in-person and virtually. I would like the Councils to advertise this Men's Retreat to all the men in their parish and ask their parish priest if the Council could broadcast it to all the men of their parish. If you have members who cannot attend due to being susceptible to COVID please urge them to register and watch it online at home or make this a big deal at your parish and invite all men to join you and watch it from the pews. If you are in the Baker Diocese area you can also attend in person at the Baker Diocese Retreat Center at 14427 SW Alfalfa Rd, Powell Butte, OR 97753. The facilities will be providing lunch for \$15.00. Please copy and paste the following link to register. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/oregon-state-knights-of-columbus-baker-diocese-mens-retreat-registration-137237760837>

This is a free Spiritual Retreat, and we ask that you donate to the K of C State Charities. Just visit www.kofc-or.org and select the Oregon State K of C Charities button.

The speakers at this incredible event are Bishop Liam Cary, State Chaplain Fr. Theo Lange, Fr. Gabriel Mosher from Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Portland, Brother Louis Nguyen a Benedictine Monk from Mount Angel Abby, and Ryan Mainard a speaker from the Portland Archdiocese. Also, a more in-depth agenda will be going out very soon so please keep an eye out for it and pass it on to all the men in your community.

Brothers, in March there are some more events that your Council can participate in person or virtually.

On a day and time in March to be determined; The Knights of Columbus State Council will be holding another Religious Freedom Rally at the Oregon State Capitol in Salem. There will be speakers like we had last December. The speakers, and the date and time will be announced very soon.

On March 18th at 6:30pm; State Chaplain Fr. Theo Lange is holding a Virtual Easter Spiritual Reflection and shares how the Paschal Mysteries lie at the heart of the knightly call to prayer and service. This event is sponsored by the Medford's 4th Degree Assembly #905. To register please email Larry Mullaly at lmullaly@jeffnet.org.

April 30th, May 1st & 2nd; Mt. McLaughlin Council 2255 would like to invite you to the 113th Annual State Convention in Klamath Falls. Convention Committee Chairman Benjamin Quen states *"The theme for the 2021 State Convention is "Mercy in Motion". This comes from the fact that Knights are continuously performing Corporal and Spiritual works of Mercy that extends God's compassion and mercy to those in need"*. For information on the State Convention just visit www.kofc-or.org and select the 2021 State Convention button. I do understand that some of you are still concerned about the COVID health risks. I ask you to reach out to your members and give those who do not have those health risks or concerns the opportunity and information on how to attend the 113th Annual State Convention in Klamath Falls.

Charity, Unity, & Fraternity Exemplification after Mass on Saturday, May 1st, 2021; in person and virtually at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Klamath Falls

You have all heard that Supreme is still offering **Free One-Year Membership**. A catholic gentleman can sign up online and uses the Promo Code **MCGIVNEY2020** at www.kofc.org/joinus until June 30th, 2021 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 and give them the encouragement to join the Knights of Columbus. To help you with the Charity, Unity, and Fraternity Exemplification the State is hosting an in-person and virtual Exemplification each month until July 2021. Please mark your calendar for the following dates.

Charity, Unity, & Fraternity Exemplification on Saturday, March 7th or 8th, 2021 after mass; in person and virtually at Our Lady of Lavang in Clackamas. If you have members who would like to join your Council or need to receive their 2nd & 3rd degree. There will be a link that will be sent out to all District Deputies, Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries.

Charity, Unity, & Fraternity Exemplification on Saturday, April 17th, 2021 at 10:00am; in person at St. James Catholic Church in Molalla. This will be the last Old School 2nd and 3rd Degree's ever to be performed in the state of Oregon by Tom Hays and his Degree team.

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.

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Dear Brother Knights,

In an effort to improve the growth of the order during this difficult time we are experiencing because of COVID-19 and with the low numbers of people attending Mass in person it has dramatically affected our recruiting at the Council, District and state level.

I think is best to break down the Membership Director into three different positions where it used to be held by one person Ricardo Hernandez. The intention is to reach more Catholic men, spread the news and hoping to recruit more members.

Ricardo Hernandez is the Membership Director for recruiting from the Hispanic Catholic Community, Ken Anderson is the Membership Director for recruiting from the Anglo Catholic Community and Young Tran is the Membership Director for recruiting from Vietnamese Catholic Community.

This does not mean these Membership Directors will not or cannot do any cross recruiting.

I feel that these three Membership Directors have close ties with their community and we need to utilize those ties to help grow the Order.

If you have any question or concern, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Vivat Jesus,

Ronald J. Boyce

Oregon State Deputy

Extended through June 30, Join us for free online. Use promo code



MCGIVNEY2020

All are invited to attend this GoToMeeting with Fr. Theo Lange, Oregon State Chaplain, on March 18th.



A GoToMeeting (Teleconference) :

***The Knights of Columbus:
An Easter Spirituality***

Reflections by Fr. Theo Lange
K of C State Chaplain

Thursday, March 18, 6:30 pm

Fr. Theo Lang shows how the Paschal Mysteries
lie at the heart of the knightly call to prayer and service.

For reservations and video link: email
lmullaly@jeffnet.org

Sponsored by Very Reverend Francis Black Assembly #905 Medford

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

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One Member, Per Council, Per Month



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.

www.kofc-or.org

Council Promotions

"Oregon Star Recruiter Council"

Any Council that recruits one new or reactivated member over their council's Supreme quota during the 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

It is time to Celebrate

Worthy Sir Knights and Brothers all,

Praise God the calendar year 2020 is over and gone. Let's Celebrate by praying that we don't see another time like that again. Even though we saw and heard a lot of hardship from the restrictions and abnormalities, let's celebrate by praying as we learned to become better Catholics, better people at our church and in our communities.

I have seen and heard the wildfires in Oregon made a lot of people more aware of coming to the rescue to others. So, let's celebrate for that! Let's celebrate by calling each other, VIRTUALLY, for the time being, and help each other overcome and persevere.

In spite of difficulty and opposition from all directions we learned to stand firm in our Faith. Being an election year and under the circumstances, UNITY was terribly affected by many factors, but we learned to stay positive, let's celebrate for that! Thank God for the Strong Faith that help us all during this times. Let us all celebrate that we are alive and well.

Of course we have to sympathize with those who lost their loved ones, but we must also face reality and prepare for what is ahead. Things have changed and are continuing to change. We should and must adapt to the new changes and learn to live by them. We must never give up and must not be discouraged, we can do so much more together. By TOGETHER, I mean ALL of us, not just a selected few.

We cannot dwell on the negatives and differences the virus and the political parties brought. We as Knights of Columbus need to enforce the UNITY we promised and serve GOD first and our Country the best we can. Let's celebrate that we are good Catholic citizens.

During the first week of January 2021, the State of Oregon Knights of Columbus had their "Mid-Year" meeting in Coos Bay. Half of the state's District Deputies were present while the other half were attending virtually. It was so great to see those present in person. No hugging just elbow touching! There was a lot of good information was obtained and exchanged with one another. The big issue is to pass forward the information we shared.

Recruitment is still the main "blood" line for growth to the Order of Knights for the First, Second and Third Degree. Due to the pandemic and other restrictions, we can no longer rely on approaching a man 18 years old or older in church and ask if he wants to join the Knights. Supreme has implemented two major changes that helps us with recruitment: First is the on-line recruitment to join the Knights of Columbus is open for anyone meeting certain qualifications and Virtual Exemplifications to the Fourth Degree are working very successfully nationally in helping to bring in new members into the Fourth Degree.

However, Fourth Degree Sir Knights can only come from the current Councils in the Third Degree in good standing.

Fourth Degree Sir Knights do not have to be long time experienced members of the Knights of Columbus. There is no longer a waiting period to join the Fourth Degree - let's celebrate that! Unfortunately, I keep hearing from a couple of Assemblies that are not active, that "because none of us bought the uniform, our Assembly no longer meet." WHAT? It is NOT and has NEVER been mandatory to buy a uniform to be a Patriotic member of the Fourth Degree. We are Knights because we want to be good Catholics, we're Sir Knights to show we are Proud American Catholics. Let's celebrate that!

I believe it's time to do some "trimming". Some might say "pruning"? I just read an article titled "Pruned To Thrive". Jesus' words remind us that in the good times and bad, God is always working in us toward spiritual renewal and fruitfulness.

This is why I want to continue to be a strong advocate for the Fourth Degree with hopes that every member we have now as well as tomorrow can complete the race and be a great reflection of the Knights of Columbus.

VIVAT JESUS

Let's celebrate on that!

VIVAT JESUS!

Jesse C. Villarreal, Vice Supreme Master

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Kenneth Anderson III
State Warden



State Warden's Report

Worthy Brother Knights,

I hope everyone has had a good first month of the new year and first month of the second semester of the Fraternal Year! We have less than 5 months left of the Fraternal Year—let's make them a great 5 months!

Lent is coming up! This is a great opportunity to grow spiritually and invite others to grow spiritually. Invite others to come back to Mass, invite them to participate in virtual programs, attend the upcoming Knights of Columbus retreats during Lent, ask your pastor how the Council can help, etc.

Remember that COVID-19 has shown us all of the opportunities that we can do virtually via conference call. This is an excellent time to learn how to use these conference call technologies as it will be incorporated in the way of the future. We can do prayer services, Rosaries, spiritual formation, group family nights, Novenas and so many more events. Even just getting on a call to have a social hour is worthwhile.

Remember that we are still in the middle of a pandemic and other people need to stay at home due to vulnerability. Many could use someone to do some grocery shopping for them. Reach out to members of your Councils and ask them if they need anything. Ask other parishioners if they need anything.

Meetings:

Over the past year, we've been dealing with a COVID-19 pandemic, which has really disrupted our Council activities; but, we really need to focus on what we CAN DO. We really want to encourage all Councils to become fluent with online conference call services. We also plan to continue to encourage Councils to use these services for hybrid meetings after the pandemic is over. If a Grand Knight or Financial Secretary is not familiar with setting up meetings online, identify one member who has experience in doing this and appoint him as an online meeting chairman. Perhaps he can show the GK and FS how to use it.

Icons:

As State Warden, it is my responsibility to look after the physical property of the state. There are three Marian Icons and one Holy Family Icon available to use. Please let me know if you would like to use one for an event and let me know where it is. I will periodically check in with DDs regarding their whereabouts. **PLEASE MAKE SURE TO LET ME KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.**

The Marian Icons are currently in: District 4, District 6, and District 10.

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. Please, let's take advantage of this resource. As State Warden, I am charged with tracking it. Please let me know if you would like to use it.

Let us be the Knights of Columbus we know we can be during this time of pandemic! Let us step into the breach!

Forms:

With everything shut down again, there's plenty of time to fill out forms. Councils can meet virtually to get these forms filled out. Filling out forms is not the most fun part of the Knights of Columbus, but it's still important. Each form has a very specific purpose.

The Form 1295 Semi-annual Audit for the period of July - December is due February 15th. It helps the Council keep track of its finances and also ensures that the treasurer keeps his bond. That way, if something happens financially where the Council loses money unexpectedly, there is that security.

The Form 1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity is now past-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.

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There are still some Councils that haven't filled out their Form 185 or Form 365. Let's make sure those get filled out. I have asked District Deputies to help your Councils if you haven't filled out any of the past-due forms.

Also remember that the [SP-7 Columbian Award](#) can be filled out any time. There are no more required programs, so each Council simply needs to fill out any 4 activities in all 4 categories. Even over Zoom or online, it's possible to do each of these 4 activities. It's permissible (and encouraged) to submit the SP-7 form now even if events are planned in April or May. If any Council has those events already planned out, the form can be submitted now.

[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

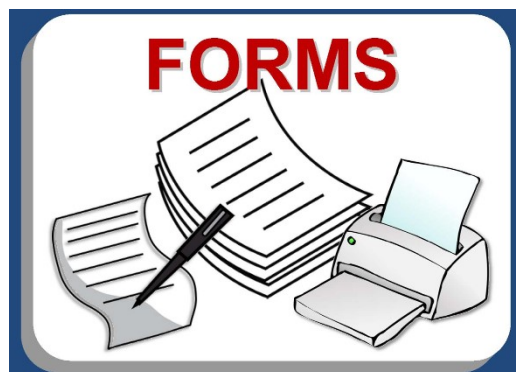
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[Membership Director Position Split Three Ways!](#)

Anglo Membership Director's Report



Kenneth Anderson III
Membership Director

Worthy Brother Knights,

Effective January 1st, the Membership Director position has been split into 3 positions: one for the Anglo community, one for the Hispanic community, and one for the Vietnamese community. I have been asked to serve as the Membership Director for the Anglo community. I will do what I can to help with membership growth for the remainder of the Fraternal Year.

Recently, the membership team met with the State Deputy and Regional Growth Director to assess our current situation and come up with a plan. We realized that Mass attendance is WAY down throughout Oregon. Since everything shut down in March, 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and everyone has been granted dispensation for the time being, many people are simply live-streaming Mass in the comfort of their own home while enjoying a cup of coffee. Even after the size limitations loosened significantly, the capacity is never reached. Furthermore, we determined that when public Masses started opening up with capacity limitations, it was primarily the most vulnerable to COVID-19 that continued to attend Mass in person while the young who are least vulnerable would stay home and live-stream.

We've also determined that this is really posing a problem to membership recruitment and more importantly, the health of the Catholic Church. We need to start inviting people back to Mass to attend in person. The Mass is so sacred that we need to invite others back to participate in person. Live-streaming can never come close to comparing with being there, in the actual presence of Jesus, in the Most Holy Eucharist.

Let it be understood that this COVID-19 pandemic is serious and there are people who are legitimately some who are truly vulnerable to this virus: those who are elderly or have specific underlying health conditions. It is understandable if they want to be cautious of the virus at this time. However, there are many younger people who are completely healthy who are not at risk if they attend Mass in person. If we can increase the number of people attending Mass in person, we can possibly help to increase membership in the Knights of Columbus as well.

[What should we do? How should we proceed?](#)

Work with your pastor.

Get a sense of how he feels about the situation and bringing membership back.

Let him know that the Knights of Columbus are willing to help reach out to parishioners and invite them back.

The pastor will know who has been attending regularly and who hasn't been.

The pastor may or may not be comfortable with providing contact info for parishioners. Gauge this comfort level and be ready to work with anything.

When calling parishioners, say the following:

This is "Joe Knight" from the Knights of Columbus calling

Ask them how they are doing. Ask them if they need anything (supplies, etc.) or have prayer requests

Invite them come back and attend Mass in person



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COVID related items:

Be mindful of those who are legitimately at risk to COVID and be sensitive to that

Invite back those who are not vulnerable to COVID

Explain the COVID related protocols at Mass (distancing, masks, etc)

Also remember that some people haven't been attending Mass for a while and their reason is completely unrelated to COVID. Invite these people back too.

Secondly, I would like to encourage ALL Councils to have a "CAN DO" mentality. Too many Councils have been doing nothing the past year because of the COVID shutdowns and protocols. It is true that there are many things that we've done in the past that we cannot do right now because of those restrictions. But also, there are a lot of things that we CAN DO. Councils need to think about what is possible.

Most people are way beyond sick and tired of this pandemic and are looking for something to do and get involved. There has been lots of quarantine, "stay-at-home orders," cut-backs on jobs, other cancellations of events and activities, etc. Maybe if the Knights of Columbus continued to do things that are within the guidelines and protocols and continued to make a positive impact on the world, this would attract other men to join the Knights of Columbus. Other men will see that the Knights of Columbus if they are active. What is the best way to attract new members? By participating in programs. Also, don't forget to have LOTS of online membership cards (business card sized) readily available at all your events. It's the "new Form-100."



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Assembly Accepts Award Patriotic Programs in Medford

By: DD09 Joe Schaecher

The COVID virus has stopped many regular programs but not everything.

At the recent State Meeting, District Master Duane Morris handed out several Civic Awards to Assemblies around the State. Joe Schaecher accepted the award on behalf of Former Navigator Ron DeAvilla and Assembly 905 in Medford. This Assembly is a combination of three Councils, 1594 - 11258 - 13407, coming from Medford, Central Point and Ashland. This award is a tribute to the spirit of patriotism and national pride exemplified by each Assembly's program of activities.

Assembly 905 reported four varied patriotic programs that included providing Honor Guard at two pro-life events with the Medford Pregnancy Center and girls shelter Magdalene Home, along with participation in the Veteran's Community Advocacy Project and a wonderful Flag Day Ceremony.



Worthy Brother Knights,

Per our State Deputy's latest email, I have been asked to serve as one of the Membership Directors for the rest of the year. I'll be focusing on the Anglo membership and online membership. I thought I'd send out an update of where we're at: how many Councils have achieved membership goal, how many Councils are close, how many Councils have recruited at least one new member, and how many Councils got their membership goal last fraternal year.

Councils which achieved membership goal:

Councils having a positive net for membership goal:

Councils within reach of membership goal:

15485 Portland
9263 Salem
1623 McMinnville
3484 Canby
3184 Lebanon
1594 Medford
3157 Grants Pass
11258 Central Point
1872 Bend
17396 Bandon
2325 Oregon City
3999 Hermiston
1307 Astoria
16482 Aloha
12656 Portland
9137 Sherwood

15773 Florence
9257 Christ the King
16889 Holy Family

Councils to achieve membership (by end of year)

2255 Klamath Falls
2325 Dr. John McLaughlin
2417 Lakeview
2939 Roseburg
3157 St. Anne de Beaupre
3509 St. James
3299 Prineville
5060 Fr. George O'Keefe
7223 Madras
7828 St. Therese
9257 Christ the King
9263 Queen of Peace
11109 Independence
11258 St. Augustine
12656 St. Pius X
14802 Holy Trinity
15295 Cathedral
15485 St. John Clare
15640 Wilsonville
16326 Monroe & Junction City
16889 Holy Family

Councils achieving membership goal last year:
(by Nov 30th)

1261 Coos Bay
3484 Canby
4087 Fr. Daniel Patrick Curley
8624 Sweet Home
15595 Mt. Angel Seminary
16934 San Jose

No Councils have achieved membership goal as of now

Advice and Suggestions:

- Put ad in Parish bulletin (with online membership card)
- Have recruitment materials at ALL events (online membership card)
- Wear KofC attire as much as possible
- Always have online membership cards with you
- Take on ushering at Parish

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



Duane Morris
District Master



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4th Degree Oregon District
Archbishop Blanchet Province

The Fourth Degree Patriots of the Knights of Columbus

IMPORTANT NOTICE ALL OREGON ASSEMBLIES

Subject: **OREGON District Level Awards**

Worthy Faithful Navigators and Sir Knights All,

It is that time of year again when we start the process of recognizing the best of the best! This year I am adding some Yearly Awards for the 4th Degree that will be presented at the State Convention Banquet.

First up, is the **Sir Knight of the Year award**. If you have an outstanding Sir Knight in your Assembly that has gone above and beyond and you wish to have him considered for this award please submit a (1) page letter that describes the candidate and his accomplishments during **THIS fraternal year** along with a picture to me so that I receive it by no later than **3/15**.

Second up, is the **Faithful Navigator of the Year award**. If you feel that your FN has gone above and beyond and has met the following requirements: He has submitted ON TIME, the following items to me, the VSM, as well as to the Supreme office: Form 186, Aug. 2019 audit, patriot award, civic award, (6) Assembly newsletter. Submit a (1) page letter describing the efforts of your candidate. (1) page of pictures accompanying the letter is allowed!

Third up, is the **Assembly of the Year award**. This award recognizes the outstanding Assembly in the district. The criteria for this award is the same as for the Faithful Navigator of the year award as well as meeting the mission goal for membership gains during this fraternal year. Due to the continued Covid pandemic conditions I as Master am waiving this requirement for this year only, so that all Assemblies across the District will have the same chance to qualify for consideration of this important Award!

ALL APPLICATIONS FOR ABOVE AWARDS NEED TO BE TO ME BY **March 15th**. ITEMS RECIEVED **PAST THAT DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED** DUE TO PROCESSING TIME NEEDED BEFORE THE STATE CONVENTION AND TO HAVE AWARDS COMPLETED. IN THE EVENT THAT CHANGES ARE MADE REGARDING THE STATE CONVENTION DUE TO THE PANDEMIC ALTERNATE PLANS WILL BE MADE TO ARRANGE THE PRESENTATION OF THESE AWARDS AS NEEDED AT ASSEMBLIES.

All of the above awards will be judged by a three member panel not to include the Master. Any ties that occur with panel selections will be then decided by our State Chaplain Father Theo for final decision.

Please plan to communicate with others in your Assemblies and with other Assemblies regarding this NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR AWARD APPLICATIONS FOR THE OREGON DISTRICT.

Vivat Jesus,
Duane Morris
Oregon District Master
Archbishop Blanchet Province



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Thomas F. Radel
Oregon State Advocate

January 29, 2021

Worthy State Officers, Program Directors, Chairman, Grand Knights & Financial Secretaries,

[REFERENCE: Call for Resolutions](#)

It is time to start thinking and formulating resolutions for discussion and/or enactment at the 2021 State Convention in Klamath Falls, on April 30th to May 2nd, 2021 (Note State By-Laws Article 1, Sec. 13 & 14).

Resolutions sent from Councils need to be signed by either the Grand Knight or Trustee and the Financial Secretary. Also, the original copy with appropriate signatures and the imprinted Knights of Columbus Council Seal needs to be sent to the State Advocate by [March 1, 2021](#). Copies of the original resolution also need sent to both the State Deputy and State Secretary.

A Resolution Committee, which was appointed by the State Deputy in January, will then review the resolutions in early March. Copies of the resolutions with the committee's recommendation will be sent to all Councils approximately at the end of March. Delegates who will be attending the State Convention should be knowledgeable of the contents of the resolutions and be ready to discuss and/or vote the opinion of their Council.

If you have questions regarding formation of a resolution, my phone number is 541-974-5716, or you can reference a copy of the proceedings of previous state conventions.

Fraternally yours,

Thomas F. Radel,
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[Council In Action](#)

Wreath of Love for Sacred Heart Youth - Medford
By: DD09 Joe Schaecher

During last year's season of preparing for the coming of Jesus at Christmas, a parishioner was heard asking, "How could we show our love for the youth in the Church during these crazy times?"

The Knights of Council 1594 heard the call and started a Wreath sale. Not just wreaths but also beautiful Centerpieces, with Garland, Swags and Crosses.

Yes, the fresh smell of the evergreen and pine was in the air as Sacred Heart parishioners decorated their homes and the Church all in knowing the proceeds would benefit Sacred Heart School in Medford which is the heart of our youth and our church community.

Grand Knight Michael Pitts presented a check for nearly \$1500 to school Principal Sharon Levesque.



The State Council is putting on a Catholic Men's Retreat at Powell Butte both in person and virtually. This is a great opportunity to not only recruit new men from your parish but to help them with their spiritual and faith journey by gathering them all to your parish and watch this awesome retreat.



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Feb. 27th from 8AM to 4:30PM

In person and virtual

Guest speakers include: **Bishop Liam Cary**
Fr. Theo Lange **Fr. Gabriel Mosher**
Mr. Ryan Mainard **Br. Louis Nguyen**

Suggested Admission is free-will donation to the K of C Charities
(www.oregonstatekofccharities.org)

Registration is limited to 40 in person, and 150 virtual sites.

Councils are encouraged to host this retreat virtually for all the men in their parish halls and churches. 10 members or 10% of your membership in attendance fulfills the requirements for the Spiritual Reflection Program.

Link to registration:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/oregon-state-knights-of-columbus-baker-diocese-mens-retreat-registration-137237760837>

March For Life

By: State Warden, Kenneth Anderson

On Sunday January 17th, State Warden Ken Anderson did a "do it yourself" (or DIY) March for Life around a neighborhood in Portland.

Since the Salem Rally and March for Life was postponed, he decided that our pro-life voices should still be heard and pro-life advocates should still have an opportunity to make a peaceful statement.

He took some video footage of this march to include in a "Virtual" March for Life that he's putting together for the state.

Everyone is encouraged to send pictures or a video of themselves as well when they accomplish activities in the name of the Knights of Columbus.

Please send those pictures/videos to our State Warden.

Kenneth J. Anderson

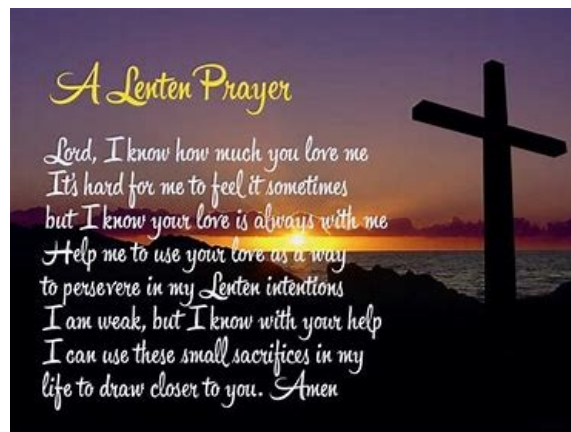
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ORACIÓN DE CUARESMA

SEÑOR Y SALVADOR, al emprender esta jornada de Cuaresma, buscamos conocer tu amor misericordioso en todo lo que has hecho por nosotros. Que enfrentemos nuestros pecados directamente, sabiendo que nos amas tal como somos. Que siempre confiemos en que tu misericordia es mucho más poderosa que nuestros lamentables pecados y que nos atraes a todos hacia Ti. Ayúdanos a acudir a Ti en nuestra tristezas para alabarte con gozo, sabiendo que todo está en tus manos. **AMÉN.**

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Knight In Action

Community Service Award Presented by Jackson County

Community Service Award recipient Joe Schudawa of St. Vincent de Paul said it's very gratifying to see how the community came together in unprecedented ways to help, starting in 2020. (Submitted photo)

Known for his compassion toward the most vulnerable, Joe Schudawa of St. Vincent de Paul was honored Wednesday with the county's Community Service Award for January by the Jackson County Board of Commissioners.

The leader of social services at the all-volunteer organization, Schudawa was nominated by Father Jim Clifford.

"It is such a joy, and I'm humbled to work with Joe. Joe is an example to me of all the things that I'm supposed to preach about — and he lives and exemplifies day in and day out," Clifford said. Clifford said Schudawa is dedicated to the poor and vulnerable, never judges anyone and is always there to go an extra step to help one more person...

(Editor's notice: Per directive from the newspaper, we have to add the following: If you would like "To read the rest of the Mail Tribune article, visit <https://mailtribune.com/news/top-stories/st-vincent-volunteer-receives-community-award>."

Reach Mail Tribune reporter Vickie Aldous at valdous@rosebudmedia.com. Follow her on Twitter [@VickieAldous](https://twitter.com/VickieAldous).

(Editor's note: We thank Ms. Aldous for generously allowing us to use part of the story here.)



Council In Action

By John Kabot Council 3157 Grants Pass

Council 3157 Grand Knight Philip J Lothrop is leading by Example

At our last Blood Drive with the American Red Cross, our GK Philip joined with 20 other people from our Community and several fellow members of our Council by donating a pint of blood to the Red Cross.

A total of 78 pints were collected in the year 2020. That equates to over 200 lives saved.

Besides donating, Philip is involved in organizing and helping to conduct every one of the blood drives that we hold.





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 2021-21
- ◆ 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

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State Advocate
Historian

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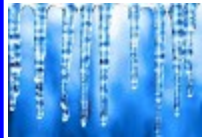
Supreme's
Family of the Month for December 2020

Keith Blau
Council 9137



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





50th Anniversary
MOUNT ANGEL ABBEY
BACH FESTIVAL

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



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

Kevin Guenther

Father of Nicholas Guenther
Oregon State Community Director

Father Anthony Ahamefulé

Tom Lindstrom

Council 17396 Bandon

Fr. Matías

Council 1577 Corvallis

David Stimac

Council 8355 Seaside

IN MEMORIAM

PGK, Life Member, SK John DeZell

Council 15605 Portland

Bob Kenndoll

Council 3509 Molalla

Harold Eckman

Council 9257 Milwaukie of Assembly 2251

Mike Wilcoxon, FS

Council 3591 Tigard

James (Jim) Moore

Council 1577 Albany

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

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

No member nor their family members should ever be forgotten.



Please direct your prayer requests to:
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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



Recently, I suggested that we think together about something beautiful and holy and of a different order— like scripture! — to help cleanse our minds of the worry and rancor that threaten to overwhelm us these days. And so, I wondered with you about the "hidden years" of Jesus's life, the years about which the scriptures are silent. I hope it helped. I want to continue this exploration about the boy Jesus and about the hidden years of his growing up. For at every stage of his life he was already being God with us, saving us by whatever he did or said.

For this exploration, it is okay to use our imagination, provided it be guided by scripture and the teachings of the Church. I find this exercise not only cleanses the mind but also helps us understand and marvel at the humanity of Jesus, which is the instrument he uses to sanctify our human nature and to share with us his divine life. To ponder this can bring us great peace.

We already looked together at the scene of Mary and Joseph finding Jesus in the Temple, but we did not exhaust all the clues it offers us. Jesus was only 12 years old, and he was lost to his parents. Mary reproached him and asked, "Why did you worry us like this?" Jesus replied, "***Why did you look for me? Did you not know that I had to be about the things of my Father?***"

I love that line. At the age of 12, Jesus was already absorbed in his Father's presence and aware of the mission that he had received from his Father—our salvation. That's big, but there is more.

Something else we read is that Jesus was found among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Jesus wasn't born already able to mingle with these teachers. First, he was a boy, learning to speak, to read, to play. He was growing, making friends, learning to interact. But all the while, in doing these things, Jesus is God with us, sanctifying our human existence at every step.

To be a disciple of Jesus means to know him still living among us in these quiet, ordinary ways, but always being God with us in whatever happens, in whatever unfolds.

Let's end again today by praying together: "Jesus, I love you. Let me know you more and more."

Peace.



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