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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Message from the State Deputy



State Deputy
Ronald Boyce

Worthy Brother Knights and Families,

It's been an incredibly successful first six months. I would like to thank all of you for the hard work and support to myself and the rest of the State Officers. I am very excited for the second half of the year so let's use this month to prepare ourselves for the second half of the fraternal year.

We have achieved 3 ultrasound machines in the State of Oregon, and one being sent to Uganda, Africa. We still need ultrasounds in the North or North East Portland area, so any Portland area Councils wanting to set one up please reach out to Pat Parson. Oregon Councils have stepped up to sponsor at least one Seminarian for the Portland and Baker Dioceses and increased our Pennies for Heaven & RSVP contributions.

Thank you, Vocations/Pennies for Heaven Chairman Bill Geary, for making this state goal happen.

We sponsored the Guadalupe Encounter Retreat and helped with the Rosary Bowl and Holy League retreats. We will continue to support both Rosary Bowl and Holy League with not only financial support but also the men, their families and friends in our Community to attend these events.

We had a plethora of Councils gathering food and money for their local St. Vincent DePaul or Food Bank Thanksgiving and Christmas basket programs.

Coming up next month Councils and Districts can and should be participating in the upcoming Polar Plunge throughout the State of Oregon to raise money for the Special Olympics. We need to increase our visibility in supporting these great athletes.

You may be noticing in the Catholic Sentinel the Knights of Columbus are more prominent and frequent than ever. I would like to thank Publicity Chairman Alex Paul on spreading the word of all the great things the Councils in the state are doing in both Dioceses.

I'm very excited for all you and want you to know right now that all the State Officers, Directors and Chairmen are here to help you. Remember you are not alone and Be Not Afraid.

We as a State are continuing to grow in membership and currently we are #15 in the whole order in recruiting and #4 in Division 4, but we need to pick it up to attain the State Goal of 550 new members for this Fraternal Year. To do this we need to continue stressing to our Councils to reach out to all the Catholic men in their parishes and ask them to join the most influential Catholic Organization, not only in Oregon, but in the World. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said, "we have nothing less than a moral obligation to offer membership in the Knights of Columbus to every eligible Catholic man." We each need to tell our own personal story on why we joined the Knights of Columbus and how the Knights of Columbus helped us become better Catholics, husbands, fathers and members of our community.

The following Councils were awarded Fast Start Oregon Star Recruiter Council Award and a barbecue put on by the State Council for the Council and their families because their Council achieved their Supreme quota before November 30th. Their District Deputies will be presenting them their awards at their District Meetings or Council Meetings.

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I would like to congratulate the following Councils:

- District #4—*San Jose Council 16934* - achieved 250%
 District #6—*St. Patrick's Council 3484* – achieved 111%,
 & *St. Benedict Council 15595* - achieved 150%
 District #7—*Sweet Home Council 8624* - achieved 150%
 District #8—*Fr. Daniel Patrick Curly Council 4087* - achieved 160%
 District #12—*Coos Council 1261* - achieved 100%

Councils still have a chance to still achieve the next State Incentive. Any Council that recruits one new or reactivated member over their Council's Supreme quota during 2019-2020 Fraternal Year, per "Net " on the Supreme Membership Reports and achieve it by March 31st, 2020 will receive a special commemorative "2019-2020 Oregon Star Recruiter Council" Award and receive an invitation for One Knight (at the Council's choice) and his wife as guest of the State Deputy to the 2020 State Convention Awards Banquet, with recognition as the "2019-2020 Oregon Star Recruiter Council." The following Councils are still in the running and those Councils who have not recruited any new members you to still have time;

- District #2—*East Multnomah Council 3179 @ 57%*, & *St. Theresa Council 7828 @ 250%*
 District #4—*Fr. George O'Keefe Council 5060 @ 25%*
 District #5—*St. Patrick Council 11109 @ 83%*
 District #6—*Fr. Baur Council 5416 @ 33%*
 District #7—*Albany Council 1577 @ 46%*
 District #8—*Roseburg Council 2939 @ 50%*
 District #9—*St. Anne de Beaupre Council 3157 @ 57%*, & *St. Augustine Council 11258 @ 55%*
 District #10—*Fr. Luke Sheehan Council 1872 @ 8%*, & *Bishop McGrath Council 3299 @ 75%*
 District #11—*Mt. McLaughlin Council 2255 @ 64%*, *Lakeview Council 2417 @ 57%*
 District #13—*Baker City Council 849 @ 10%* *Snake River Valley Council 1656 @ 10%*,
 & *Grande Ronde Valley Council 9442 @ 20%*
 District #14—*Dr. John McLaughlin Council 2325 @ 25%*, *Christ the King Council 9257 @ 71%*,
 & *Holy Family Council 16889 @ 75%*
 District #15—*Our Lady of Angels Council 3999 @ 13%*
 District #16—*Tillamook Council @ 33%*
 District #17—*St. Juan Diego Council 15729 @ 25%*
 District #18—*Fr. Luke O'Donnell Council 6266 @ 20%*, *St. Pius X 12656 @ 60%*,
 & *Holy Trinity Council 14802 @ 57%*
 District #19—*Mid-Columbia Council 7292 @ 33%*
 District #20—*Columbia Council 3302 @ 25%*, *Our Lady of Lavang Council 15263 @ 12%*,
 & *St. Mary's Cathedral Council 15295 @ 40%*
 District #21—*Fr. Robert O'Hara Council 9137 @ 29%*, & *Fr. Joseph Saal Council 15640 @ 80%*
 District #22—*Sacred Heart Council 5842 @ 33%*, *St. Edwards Council 10594 @ 14%*
 District #23—*Rev James P. Heade Council 7246 @ 33%*
 District #24—*Eugene Council 1430 @ 9%*, *Monroe & Junction City Council 16326 @ 50%*,
 & *University of Oregon Council 16370 @ 25%*

Let's Not Be Afraid.

Vivat Jesus,

Ronald Boyce

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Added State Deputy Note:

This has been a long time coming and I am happy to announce Oregon has a new Council. The St. Jude Council 17442 out of Eugene. I would like to thank GK Chris Cummings and DD Scott Kessler for their hard work in resurrecting this Council from the brink of not happening. The new Council will be in District 8 with Chris Cummings as the Grand Knight. The State Treasurer Steve Steele will arrange a Council Officer training soon. Again congrats to the St. Jude Council.



Supreme Chaplain
Archbishop William Lori

Supreme Chaplain Address

In his address at the midyear meeting, Archbishop Lori discussed the decline, or crisis, in the numbers of people who are attending Mass and its effect on dioceses and the Knights of Columbus.

Managing decline cannot possibly be the right answer to any crisis.

It ignores the fact that the crisis in which we find ourselves has deep roots. It is not merely the result of our human sinfulness and complacency. ... It is also the work of the evil one, the father of lies, who delights in undermining the Church's mission.

As St. Paul wrote in his Letter to the Ephesians, "Our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens" (Ephesians 6:12). But lest we say that all this is the devil's work and that we are thus absolved, St. Paul goes on to say: "Therefore, put on the armor of God, that you may be able to resist on the evil day, and, having done everything, to hold your ground". From Ephesians 6:13).

Here, St. Paul reminds us that we are Knights — not those who wear a suit of armor, but rather, those whose "loins are girded in truth, clothed with righteousness as a breastplate," those whose "feet [are] shod in readiness for the gospel of peace. ... In all circumstances, hold faith as a shield to quench the flaming arrows of the evil one, and take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Ephesians 6:14-17).

What St. Paul is urging us to embrace as Knights is no cowardly spirit, no giving in to discouragement, no bureaucratic strategies, but rather a robust and manly Christian faith and a new boldness in living and proclaiming the faith. We are not called to be warriors for a mere ideology or a political cause but rather, with apologies to William Wordsworth, to be "happy warriors" — those who are happy to be surrounded by the strength of the Holy Spirit, those who have a bold and confident and living faith that generously does the works of justice and mercy. This is the right response to the crisis.

Vivat Jesus,

Archbishop William Lori
Supreme Chaplain

Correction for December Newsletter

The online copy of the Columbian Newsletter had a correction on page 20. It was about the Hennemann family. Immaculate Conception Church is in Stayton, not Sublimity. St Boniface is in Sublimity. St Anthony Council 2439 is based in Sublimity but we cover several parishes including, St Boniface, Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Lourdes in Jordan, St Catherine of Sienna in Mill City, St Bernard's in Scio, St Thomas in Jefferson and a couple of other missions in the area.

Thank you.

Fraternally,

Ronald E Bernt
FS Council 2439



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March 20 - 22, 2020

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Kent Purdy
Community
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Community Director Wheelchair Report

Brother Knights,

The State Council Wheelchair Project is finally, at long last, coming to fruition!!

I've been told by the American Wheelchair Mission that it will take anywhere from three to six months to receive them. This is a change from what we were originally told, but it is not due to the AWM but rather due to changes in the timeline at the factory level.

This will make it early to late spring before we will start the distribution process. There will be more details about how the distribution will occur to follow in later newsletters. The good news is that we will not have to, God willing, deal with the most adverse weather in the distribution process.

Many thanks to the Councils that have helped fund this project. Once again, I apologize for the delay in providing the chairs, but soon this will be done and we will have a full container of wheelchairs to distribute statewide.

Each wheelchair will have a beautiful patch on the back that says it was provided by the Knights of Columbus. With this, each one is a testimony to who we are and what we do.

Please, keep your eyes open for opportunities to contribute one or more wheelchairs to worthy recipients, whether that be our parishes, charitable organizations, or needy individuals. We will have 40 or more available to distribute where they are needed.

Thanks again to all the Councils that provided the funds to make this happen!

Vivat Jesus,

Kent Purdy, State Community Program Director

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Stand Up Girl Event In Corvallis

This picture is of the "Stand Up Girl" Event held on January 10, 2020 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Corvallis, OR

Pictured: Alex and Debbie Paul, Pat and Teresita Parson, SA Tom Radel, SW Ken Anderson with several other Knights who attended from the Corvallis, Eugene and OSU Councils

Thank you

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Francis Mohr
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Dear Brother Knights:

I ask you to think back to your initiation into the Knights of Columbus and the unique compass that was shown to you. I'm sure you recall that in all four cardinal directions, the needle pointed to **Charity**, the basic principle of our Order. We can also say that this principle is the foundation for our State Charities Fund which I hope you will give serious consideration for some donation.



Our State KofC Charities qualifies as a 501 C-3 non-profit tax deductible fund so any amount is tax deductible. But if your donation is \$250 or more, you will receive a letter from State Charities for your tax record.

Last year our State Charities grossed \$20,197.50. Checks were issued to our usual past non-profit organizations: Four Homes/Centers for Unwed Mothers (Medford, Bend, Baker City & Gresham); KVBM Radio; Oregon Special Olympics; Military Chaplains Fund and the Diocesan Youth Programs (Baker & Portland Archdiocese); and the two dedicated funds (Ultrasounds and Wheelchair Activities) which have not been implemented. \$2,037 was saved for this year's operational expenses.

Note you can state a preference for your donation such as those mentioned above or you can mark "General Fund" and the State Charities Board will add additional amounts to those mentioned above or select a new group(s) that have requested our support. You can also choose more than one group to receive your donation.

There are several ways to donate:

- 1.) Fill out the "Green Sheet" and return it with a check made out to "**Oregon State KofC Charities**" to your FS.
- 2.) Send the check directly to the Oregon State KofC Charities: Secretary Michael Rooke, 15240 SW Oregon St., Sherwood, OR 97140.
- 3.) Go on line www.oregonstatekofccharities.org and click the donate button, using your credit card.

I wish to reference my opening paragraph and share with you how Oregon stands with other State Charity Funds. Other State Jurisdictions ½ our membership size are netting \$50 – 60,000. Our state membership is just over 9000. If we could at least average \$5/member, we could increase the amounts given to non-profit organizations or could expand our support to other well-deserving groups. I think the message is clear. We need to check our own personal Knights of Columbus compass!! If you have any concerns or questions, please contact me at 541-519-6606 or you can send me an email: francis_mohr@msn.com

Vivat Jesus!

Sincerely,

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[Catholic Sayings To Remember](#)

HOLY WATER: A liquid whose chemical formula is H2O.

JONAH: The original 'Jaws' story.

INCENSE: Holy Smoke!

KYRIE ELEISON: The only Greek words that most Catholics can recognize besides gyros and baklava. (For non-Catholics it means Lord have mercy.)

RECESSIONAL: The ceremonial procession at the conclusion of Mass led by parishioners trying to beat the crowd to the parking lot.

RELICS: People who have been going to Mass for so long, they actually know when to sit, kneel, and stand.



FRATERNAL YEAR 2019 - 2020

Council Number _____

STATE CHARITIES "GREEN SHEET"

<u>Oregon Homes for Unwed Mothers</u>	Help for the unwed mothers' homes in Baker, Bend, Medford, and Gresham.
<u>KBVM Mater Dei Radio</u>	Support of this will help bring evangelization to the air waves
<u>General Fund</u>	This is to provide for the charities we don't have listed and support of the Charities program
<u>Special Olympics</u>	Helps provide support for the needs of Special Olympics Summer games, regional games,
<u>Ultrasound Initiatives</u>	This allows us to help fund ultrasounds machines in pregnancy centers.
<u>Global Wheelchair Mission</u>	Many places within our state needs wheel chairs. This fund helps us purchase wheel chairs.
<u>Military Chaplain's Scholarship</u>	We need more Priests to become Chaplains in our armed forces, and this fund will help them train to be chaplains
<u>Diocesan Youth Programs</u>	Baker and Portland Diocese Youth Programs
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TOTAL GREEN SHEET CONTRIBUTIONS	

Mid-Winter State Meeting

Photos taken by: Young Tran

The Mid-Winter State Meeting got off to a great start and many activities were planned and completed. It was a great weekend on January 2nd at the Best Western Hotel meeting place and also the site for the State Convention, which will be the weekend of May 1-3.



**The Mount Angel Seminary Benefit Dinner
is just 8 weeks away.**

March 8, 2020 | Graduate Eugene

Is there a table with your name on it?

Will you help?



Support priestly formation at Mount Angel by sponsoring a table at the 2020 Seminary Benefit Dinner.

(Each sponsored table seats 8, including up to two seminarians, monks, or Abbey representatives.)

More than just a dinner, this is an evening to:

- Meet and mingle with monks and seminarians at the hosted wine and beer reception
 - Enjoy music from the seminary choir and vocal groups
 - Be inspired by the words of Abbot Jeremy Driscoll and Deacon Dominic Sternhagen, the 2019-20 seminary class president
 - Witness the love and wisdom of Msgr. Joseph Betschart, president-rector of Mount Angel Seminary
- Engage with like-minded friends, old and new

The men we celebrate at the dinner represent dioceses and religious communities from across the western United States. Proceeds from the evening allow the monks of Mount Angel Abbey to cover the cost and operating expenses of the seminary.

This spring, thanks to the Seminary Benefit Dinner, 44 students from Mount Angel Seminary received diplomas. Among the graduates were nine deacons, prepared to receive the sacrament of Holy Orders in their home (arch)dioceses in the following weeks. Others will begin preparations for their ordination to the transitional diaconate, looking forward to priestly ordination in the future.

God faithfully works miracles of grace in our world, and individuals are responding to that grace.

Thanks to your generosity, the Church of tomorrow will have shepherds, formed in the heart of Christ.

Help Build the Future of Mount Angel Seminary

During this year's dinner, you will hear about a new and inspiring opportunity to help build Mount Angel Seminary's Scholarship Fund.

We pray you and your guests will be inspired to meet the challenge!

Questions? Call us at 503.845.3030 or email sbd@mtangel.edu.



Jesse Villarreal
Vice Supreme
Master

Report From Vice Supreme Master Report
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE - Patriotic Degree of the Order



"2020 Clear Vision"

My Dear Brother Knights All,

When I was getting ready to replace the 2019 calendars around the house to start the new year with the new calendars and looked at the big numbers, 2020, I thought that's what I wish my optometrist would say when I go for an eye examination. I was hoping I could have my clear vision.

Since I accepted and was assigned the responsibility of the Vice Supreme Master for Archbishop Blanchet Province I have been trying to look at the bigger picture of the Knights of Columbus of the Fourth Degree. I have had the distinct pleasure of visiting (on the phone and by e-mail) with more or different Brother Knights from our state of Oregon, from two Districts in the state of Washington and the state of Idaho.

There are 20 Provinces in the Fourth Degree program of which 8 of us are new Vice Supreme Masters. There are 131 District Masters with over 368,000 Sir Knights in the Fourth Degree. During the Fraternal Year 2018/2019 the Fourth Degree had a net growth of over 4,200 new Sir Knights. Dennis J. Stoddard has been the Supreme Master since 2010.

Our Mission is to support the vision of the Supreme Knight in growing the Order. We proudly claim to be defenders of the Church and we should always present that image.

My duties as a Vice Supreme Master are somewhat different from my previous commitments and obligations I had with my other areas of responsibility as a member of the Knights of Columbus. One big change is going outside the realms of knighthood by getting involved with other agencies that are working for the betterment of the community, outside the church boundaries. This has been fun and interesting.

Getting engaged in civic and various patriotic programs within the community is an honor for the Fourth Degree Sir Knights. Getting call outs and participating in other public events in uniform is a privilege and secondary to our overall program.

One thing that stays the same is membership. Membership is everybody's business and those members must also be conscious of getting this organization of Knights of Columbus bigger and stronger all the time. Every one who joins the Knights of Columbus should be invited to join the rank of Sir Knight. There are four pillars that hold this foundation solid and strong, CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY and PATRIOTISM. We all made a promise at each of those levels to Love God and Country and to help each other complete that promise.

VIVAT JESUS!!!!

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State Vocations
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Brother Oregon Knights;

Welcome to the new Updater page for our vocation programs for the RSVP and Pennies from Heaven. Each month as we move closer to the opening of our 2020 State Convention, an article about these charities will appear in the state newsletter. I will also attempt to reach individual District Deputies as time and information permit. If any Council officer wishes to be updated individually, please email me at the above email address and you will put on our email list.

You may have noticed a difference with the name associated with the Pennies from Heaven program. Brother Pat Rausch, after many years of wonderful service to the program asked to be relieved of the chairmanship. State Deputy Ron Boyce made the decision last November to consolidate both programs into one chairmanship. Therefore, I now have the honor of assisting Brother Ron with the commitment to move these programs forward.

A few facts about the programs since the beginning of the new fraternal year last July 1st:

- 1). To date in Oregon 32 seminarians have been gifted by the RSVP amounting to \$16,000.
- 2) On October 12, 2019, a check for \$20,000 was presented to Monsignor Betschart at Mt. Angel Seminary, by past State Deputy Sid Thiel, State Ceremonials chairman Dave Keeling and myself, after a 2nd and 3rd degree exemplification. This represented the Pennies from Heaven gift from the state for the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year. We hope to increase that figure this year by 10% if possible.

I have waited over the holiday season, due to needs at your parishes, to make suggestions on some fund raising for our programs. In the coming months we will address our program's needs. At the mid-winter State Officers meeting held in Newport which concluded on January 5th, permission was given to our Pennies from Heaven program by Anna Boyce, Convention Charities chairperson, to host a silent auction table. The proceeds from the donated items on this table will go directly to the PFH funding. If you are creative and wish to place a donated item on that and other tables, please send me an email and confirm your participation.

I'm looking forward to working with all our Brothers in the state who are committed in assisting our works of charity and support for the clergy and our seminarians at Mt. Angel and abroad. Please remember many people come to us in Oregon to study and grow in their faith to eventually go forth and serve our parishes and families. They also need our support and we are committed to help all who seek us for assistance.

Please feel free to contact me at any time with and question or concern about our charities. I'm here to serve you.

Vivat Jesus;

Bill Geary

Note: I would like to thank Brother Knight Alfred Agcaoli of Council 1623 in McMinnville for his assistance with helping to create this "Updater" newsletter. Cheers.

Faith In Action

Past District Deputy Tom Morgan, who was instrumental in Portland Councils increasing their membership and forming a new Council, was visited by Young Tran, Insurance Agent/Financial Advisor, where Tom Morgan remains in hospital recuperating.

This is a reminder that our shut-ins and Brothers/Widows of Knights need our support with visitation as well as prayers.





Young Tran
Insurance Agent
Financial Planner

Young Tran—Financial Planner/Insurance Agent

By: Alex Paul, Publicity Chairman

Brother Knights,

For the second year in a row, Young Tran, a Knights of Columbus Financial Planner based in Portland has been named the **top agent in the nation** out of more than 1,200 agents in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. Tran, 43, exceeded his sales quota by more than 702%. He has been the Oregon Field Agent of the Year every year since 2011.

“I love my job,” Tran said of his success. “I love helping people plan for their futures.”

Born in Vietnam, Tran’s family immigrated to the United States in 1991. His father had helped the United States during the Vietnam War. Tran’s first career was as a software engineer. He has an Associate Degree in computer information systems from Portland Community College, a Bachelor’s Degree in computer information systems from DeVry University and a Master of Business Administration degree from the Keller Graduate School of Management.

He began selling Knights of Columbus insurance in 2011 and has not looked back. He has been one of the top five sales leaders nationwide every single year. “I always think about families; perhaps their children are attending Catholic schools,” Tran said. “What would happen to them if the father did not come home from work one day because he was killed in an accident? I can help families prepare financially and to insure an income for the rest of their lives.”

Tran said he sees four to five families per day and writes about 500 policies per year.

Tran said he is proud to sell Knights of Columbus products because he knows funds are invested only in areas that are in keeping with the Catholic faith. “We are our brother’s keepers,” Tran said. “We don’t invest money in things outside of our faith.”

Tran said it’s important to him that he is a good husband, father and church member. “It’s important that we support our priests and bishops; the Knights of Columbus was founded by Father McGivney to support widows and orphans. Through financial planning we continue to do that every single day.”

Tran’s supervisor, Gabe Kennedy, said the key to Tran’s success is his hard work ethic. “I would love for him to publish a book about his unique story and his attitude about work and life,” Kennedy said. “He is so motivated to take care of his family as well as all of the families he meets.”

Kennedy said he helped train Tran and has “watched him get better every year. He has had an amazing career.”

The foundation for the Knights of Columbus insurance was laid in 1882 in the basement of St. Mary’s Church in New Haven, Connecticut. Father Michael J. McGivney gathered several men of his parish in the basement of the church to talk about the issue of working class families that had lost their husbands and fathers, leaving penniless widows and orphans.

The Knights of Columbus would pass the hat to generate funds for those families. Today, the K of C insurance program offers life insurance, retirement annuities, long-term care insurance and disability insurance for some 2 million men and their families around the globe.

Knights donated more than \$185 million to charities last year and provided more than 75 million hours of service to their parishes and communities.

Tran and his wife, Kathy, have three sons, Benjamin, 8, Brendan, 5, and Braydan, 2.

He enjoys reading, jogging and being active at Our Lady of Lavang parish.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, international, family-based fraternal organization that was founded by Father Michael J. McGivney in 1882. Its principles are charity, unity and fraternity. To learn about the Oregon Knights of Columbus, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/kofcoregonsc/>.

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Duane Morris
General
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General Program Director Report

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2019-2020**



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From the Desk of the State Deputy

July 1, 2019

Brothers,

Knights in Action. Faith in Action.

The Knights of Columbus offers men a place to lead their families and communities in faith and service and put their Faith into Action. Knights of Columbus members, parishes and families have the opportunity to make a meaningful difference through 32 Supreme Council-recommended programs.

Organized into Faith, Family, Community and Life categories, the Faith in Action program model empowers Knights to come together to share faith, celebrate fraternity with loved ones, and do what they do best — stand shoulder to shoulder in service to the community and to defend life at all stages and in every condition.

Grow in faith and build a strong parish and Church. Aid priests and religious in formation, honor Mary, mother of God, and engage in serious spiritual reflections and religious education activities.

Make a powerful difference in your community. Help those less fortunate with the basic human needs of clothing, shelter, mobility and compassion.

Strengthen families through faith and service. Socialize and pray with other faith-filled Catholic families through special events, religious services and volunteer opportunities.

Create a culture of life. Assist pregnant women in need, care for the elderly, aid the handicapped and empower those with special needs to realize their full potential.

All you need to do is gather your members together and be men of Faith and Men of Action, and help your council be successful and active in the community and at your parish.

Please feel free to reach out to either the State General Program Director Mike Woody or myself for any assistance we can offer towards your successful council program efforts and help the State of Oregon reach 1,000,000 Knight Hours and 1,000,000 in donations.

Vivat Jesus!

Ron Boyce, State Deputy

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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 2019-2020 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, 2020.

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 "2019-2020 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 2019-2020 Fraternal Year, per the "Net" on the Supreme Membership Reports.

Achieve by November 30, 2019; receive a special commemorative "2019-2020 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, 2020; receive a special commemorative "2019-2020 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 2020 State Convention Awards Banquet, with recognition as "2019-2020 Oregon Star Recruiter Council."

Achieved by June 15, 2020; Receive a special commemorative "2019-2020 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 Chev 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 2019-2020 Fraternal Year, per the "Net" on Supreme Membership Reports.

Achieve by November 30, 2019; Receive a special "2019-2020 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 2020 State Convention Awards Banquet.

Achieve by March 31, 2020; Receive a special "2019-2020 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, 2020; Receive a special "2019-2020 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, 2020 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, 2020 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 2019-2020 Fraternal Year.



Council Program Promotions

Family Programs

Foods for Family

The council who brings in the most food by weight to their local St. Vincent DePaul or Local Food Banks; receive a special commemorative "2019-2020 Oregon Star Council Family Program" award and a barbeque put on by the State Council for the Council members and their family at a time to be determined.

Family of the Month

The council who has the Oregon State Family of the Year; receive a special commemorative "2019-2020 Oregon Star Council Family Program" award and a barbeque put on by the State Council for the Council members and their family at a time to be determined.

Faith Programs

RSVP & Pennies for Heaven

The council who raises the most money for RSVP and/or Pennies for Heaven; receive a special commemorative "2019-2020 Oregon Star Council Faith Program" award and a barbeque put on by the State Council for the Council members and their family at a time to be determined.

Community Programs

Habitat for Humanity

The council who has the most Knight hours; receive a special commemorative "2019-2020 Oregon Star Council Community Program" award and a barbeque put on by the State Council for the Council members and their family at a time to be determined.

Father Taaffe Homes

The council who has the most Knight hours and raises the most money; receive a special commemorative "2019-2020 Oregon Star Council Community Program" award and a barbeque put on by the State Council for the Council members and their family at a time to be determined.

Life Programs

March for Life

The council who has the most Knights and Family members marching; receive a special commemorative "2019-2020 Oregon Star Council Life Program" award and a barbeque put on by the State Council for the Council members and their family at a time to be determined.

District Deputy Program Promotions

Family Programs

Foods for Family

The District who brings in the most food by weight to their local St. Vincent DePaul or Local Food Banks; receive a special commemorative "2019-2020 Oregon Star District Family Program" award and a barbeque put on by the State Council for the District Council Officers and their family at a time to be determined.

Community Programs

Habitat for Humanity

The District who has the most Knight hours; receive a special commemorative "2019-2020 Oregon Star District Community Program" award and a barbeque put on by the State Council for the District Council officers and their family at a time to be determined.

Faith Programs

RSVP & Pennies for Heaven

The District who raises the most money for RSVP and/or Pennies for Heaven; receive a special commemorative "2019-2020 Oregon Star District Faith Program" award and a barbeque put on by the State Council for the District Council Officers and their family at a time to be determined.

Family Programs

Foods for Family

The District who brings in the most food by weight to their local St. Vincent DePaul or Local Food Banks; receive a special commemorative "2019-2020 Oregon Star District Family Program" award and a barbeque put on by the State Council for the District Council Officers and their family at a time to be determined.

Life Programs

Polar Plunge District Team

The District who raises the most money for Special Olympics; receive a special commemorative "2019-2020 Oregon Star District Life Program" award and a barbeque put on by the State Council for the Council members and their family at a time to be determined.



State Warden
Kenneth Anderson

State Warden's Report

Worthy Brother Knights,

I hope everyone had a very wonderful Christmas and New Year's! Hopefully it was a quality time with family, a special time with God and that we started the new year remembering the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. We also celebrated the Feast of the Holy Family. Although the official Feast of the Holy Family has passed, it is still possible and encouraged to hold prayer services of Consecration to the Holy Family with the Parish, community, and family members.

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 DD's regarding their whereabouts. **PLEASE MAKE SURE TO LET ME KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.**

As of now, one is in District 24 (Eugene area), one is in District 7 (Mid-Willamette Valley) and the third is in District 15 (Hermiston area).

Forms:

The **Form 1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity** is coming up due for Councils. It's due on **January 31st** (a little more than two more weeks from now). This form is important for two reasons: it allows the Knights of Columbus Order-wide to keep their **tax-exempt status** and it is required to be considered for **Star Council**. Please start working on these now to get them submitted by the end of January. Also remember, the form does NOT need to be 100% accurate. It's just a best guess estimate. I should mention that our Oregon State Government has been trying to rescind our tax exempt status for years. We cannot let this form slip through, otherwise they'll get us.

As of the beginning of January, there are 8 Councils that still have yet to submit the Form 185 List of Chosen Officers and there are 29 Councils yet to submit the Form 365 List of Program Personnel. I would like to thank all of the Councils who have submitted these forms thus far. I would ask all Councils and District Deputies to continue to get these completed. These forms can be filled out before/after a business meeting or over the phone with the District Deputy or myself. Let's get them done.

As we begin this new calendar year, it's an opportunity to have a fresh start, gain momentum and motivation to change the world. Let us change the world through spiritual leadership. Let us set the example in defending life by having a strong presence at the "**Salem Walk for Life**" on **Saturday January 25th**. Valentine's Day is coming up. Tell your wife, fiancé, or girlfriend how much you love her.

Several National Holidays are coming also up. Let us display our patriotism by honoring America.

Be the men and patriots we are all called to be!

Kenneth J. Anderson

State Warden

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Culture of Life

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● **Oregon March for Life** - Join hundreds of Oregonians at the steps of the Oregon Capitol in Salem on January 25, taking a stand against 47 years of nationally-legal abortion. The band will begin playing at 2:15, with the speakers starting at 2:30 pm. The March will begin immediately following the speakers. Your Life Couple plans to staff a table before the March. For details, visit: <https://www.ortl.org/march/>

- **9 Days for Life** - *9 Days for Life* is a novena for the protection of human life, and could meet Supreme requirements for the *Novena for Life* program, part of Columbian Award eligibility. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is coordinating *9 Days for Life* this year from January 21 to January 29. Visit: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/resources/>

- **Special Incentives** - The State Council is offering a special award for Council participation in two Life activities during the calendar year of 2019: *March for Life* and the *Polar Plunge* fundraiser for Special Olympics. Let your District Deputy or the State Life Program Director know what you did!

- **March for Life:** The Council with the most Knights and family members marching will receive a special "2019-2020 Oregon Star Council Life Program" award AND a barbeque put on by the State Council for Council members and family members at a time to be determined.

- **Polar Plunge District Team:** The District raising the most money for Special Olympics will receive a special "2019-2020 Oregon Star Council Life Program" award AND a barbeque put on by the State Council for Council members and family members at a time to be determined.

Cultura de la Vida

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- **Oregon Marcha por la Vida** - Participa con cientos de Oregonianos el 25 de enero en los escalones de el Capitolio en Salem, oponiéndose a 47 años de aborto legal nacional. La banda empezará a las 2:15pm. La marcha empezará inmediatamente después de que comiencen las bocinas. Su pareja de la vida planea promocionar una mesa antes de la Marcha. Para mayores detalles, visiten: <https://www.ortl.org/march/>

- **9 Días por la Vida** - *9 Días por la Vida* es una novena por la protección de la vida humana, y puede llenar requerimientos supremos para el programa de la *Novena por la Vida*, que es parte del premio Columbian para ser elegido. Cada intención del día es acompañada por una pequeña reflexión y sugerencias de acciones para ayudar a construir la cultura de la vida. La Conferencia Unida de los obispos católicos de estados está coordinando los *9 días por la Vida* este año desde enero 21 hasta enero 29. Visita: <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/resources/>

- **Incentivos Especiales** - El consejo estatal esta ofreciendo un premio especial por la participación del Consejo en 2 actividades de la vida durante el calendario de 2019: *Marcha por la Vida* y el *Polar Plunge* Recolección de fondos para las olimpiadas especiales. Deja que tu diputado de distrito estatal o tu director del programa de vida ¡sepan que hiciste!

- **Marcha por la Vida:** El consejo con más Caballeros de Colon y miembros marchando de su familia recibirá una estrella premio especial "2019-2020" y una parrillada cuando el consejo estatal lo determine.

- **Equipo de Distrito Polar Plunge:** El distrito que haya conseguido mayor cantidad de dinero para las Olimpiadas especiales recibirá una estrella especial "2019-2020 del Consejo del premio programa de vida" y una parrillada cuando el Consejo estatal para los Consejos y familias lo determine.

Council In Action

By: Mike Dec, GK, Council 2325 Oregon City

Dr. John McLoughlin Council 2325 in Oregon City just concluded a fundraiser to purchase a new 4D ultrasound machine for the Obria Medical Clinic in Oregon City. In conjunction with the St. John the Apostle Respect Life Ministry, the Council presented Obria with two checks: one for \$8,872.50 representing 25% of the new machine's cost, and a second for \$3,954.19 which will be used to fund the \$5,100 cost of training staff in the new machine's operation. This machine is replacing an older model purchased with the Council's efforts in 2013 that did not provide the image clarity needed to show living babies prior to the legal cut-off for using chemical abortion methods. This new model will provide the early images of life in the womb, the most powerful and effective means of convincing young women to not abort their child.



Obria Medical Clinics in Oregon have facilities in Lebanon and Oregon City; and is a full service medical facility seeking to provide assistance to young women looking for an alternative to abortion. They are part of a nationwide chain of 45 such clinics. The Lebanon Council 3184 also provided \$500 for the clinic as well as completing all paperwork necessary to receive Archdiocesan approval plus the 50% matching Supreme donation. The last piece of funding is being provided by 4US.org, who also are recycling the old machine.

Mike Dec
Grand Knight
Council 2325



Picture of the check presentation at the Clinic: Left to right: Tom Call, Head of St. John the Apostle Respect Life Ministry, Debbie Tracy, CEO of Obria Medical Clinic Oregon, Mike Dec, Grand Knight, Council 2325.

Council In Action

Story by Joe Schaecher, photo by Ramon Renteria

Medford Council 1594 heard that the staff of Sacred Heart Parish in Medford were sometimes so busy that they could not spare time to just enjoy each others' company.

Grand Knight Ramon Renteria and Deputy Grand Knight Michael Pitts led the charge to provide that precious time.

Not only did Fr. Ken Sampson get to sit and talk and laugh for a while but each person was offered their personal favorite dish.

Fr Peter Nhat Hoang had a Vietnamese dish and Sisters Imelda Mercado, Margarita Escudero Osorio and Maria Soledad Pena had authentic Mexican dishes and Deacons Ron (Linda) Filardi and Dennis (Mary Ann) Macey had their favorites too.



The Knights of Columbus and our entire Parish are so grateful to their saying "Yes" to the vocation of ministry and Love for Our Lord. We are glad the evening gave way to a relaxing and enjoyable meal with wonderful conversation and fellowship.

Council In Action

Photo and story by Joe Schaecher

Council 1594 hosted an Annual Christmas Party for the families. The Council provided pork loin while the families brought all the yummy side dishes.

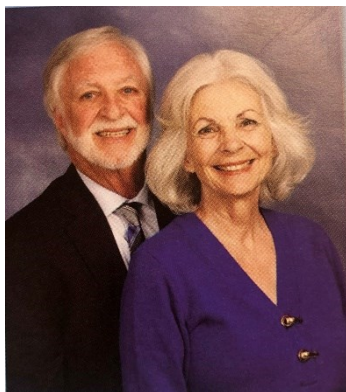
After everyone settled down and was eating, everyone sang Christmas Carols. During a slight intermission, there was a special announcement for Knight and Family of the Year.

For the year of 2019, Deputy Grand Knight Michael Pitts presented the awards:

Knight of the Year is Immediate Past Grand Knight Gary Andazola

Family of the Year is Jerry and Vicki Dudley

Also presented to Deputy Grand Knight Michael Pitts was The Columbian Award which shows that the Council is actively engaged in the community with their Faith in Action.



Council In Action

By: GK Ed Diehl

The Knights of Council 2439 Sublimity completed the cleanout of the Immaculate Conception Rectory on Saturday, January 4th. Most of the work was completed the prior Thursday. All the furniture and other belongings were removed to prepare for a 5-month building renovation and remodel.

Our Council members worked with parish staff, along with some men from a parish in Salem, to move Fr. Luan and Fr. Jossey to new temporary housing, and place most of the other furniture in storage. Other furniture was sold or given to Habitat for Humanity and Goodwill.

Thanks to everyone who offered to help with this effort!



Mid-Year Meeting

By: Alex Paul, Public Relations Chairman

The first six months of the 2019-2020 Oregon Knights of Columbus service year have “been incredibly successful,” State Deputy Ron Boyce told nearly 50 District Deputies and other Brother Knights during a mid-year meeting held January 3-5 at the Best Western Agate Beach Inn in Newport.

“The second half of our year is going to be even better,” Boyce said. “Our goal is to continue to reach out to all Catholic men in our parishes and to include every eligible Catholic family.”

Boyce reminded the District Deputies — 21 of 24 were present — that the goal is to add 550 new Knights statewide and to reach a total of 10,000 Knights before the 2020 Convention to be held May 1-3 in Newport. The Theme for this year’s Convention is “Shoot for the Moon”. *(Editor’s note: See Logo at end of article)*

Boyce added his other goals are for Oregon’s Knights to contribute more than 1 million hours of service to their local communities and donate more than \$1 million to charitable causes.

Boyce said two new Councils have been formed: Most Holy Trinity in Bandon Council 17396 and Saint Jude in Eugene (no Council number has been assigned as of this date).

Four ultra sound machines are being sponsored by Knights’ Councils, including one machine that is being delivered to a medical clinic in Uganda, Boyce said.

Several Councils are sponsoring seminarians — Our Lady of the Valley Council 3591 in Tigard is sponsoring nine — and statewide Councils sponsored a successful Rosary Bowl, a Guadalupe Encounter and coat drives that warmed more than 1,000 children statewide.

“A number of Councils sponsored Christmas food drives and their stories are incredible,” Boyce said. “I’m excited for all of you. Remember you are not alone and our theme this year is “Be Not Afraid”.”

“God has called us to be here exactly at this moment,” Damien O’Connor, director of member experience for the Supreme Council said.

O’Connor said his father was a Knight for 52 years and lived his life as an example of Knighthood. He told me, “I’m a Knight of Columbus, I can afford to be right,” O’Connor said.

That meant his father and all Knights must be willing to “take a stand on things other people won’t and to do right even when everyone else around you is doing the opposite.”

O’Connor said Knights are called to be leaders in faith, holiness and service. “Our goal should be to build a domestic church,” O’Connor said. “Our faith must permeate everything we do. We must evangelize within our families, our churches and our communities.”

He encouraged Knights to not be afraid, to choose to put their faith into action and to avoid anything that might lead them into sin.

“We may be the only person through which someone encounters Christ on any given day,” O’Connor said. “We must believe Christ is working through us.”

Jesse Villarreal, Deputy Master of the Fourth Degree, emphasized it is important that the Knights reach out to Hispanic members of their parish.

“Hispanic families are the fastest growing ethnic group in Oregon and the United States,” Villarreal said. “Some 39 of 51 parishes in the Portland area have Spanish Masses. There are 298 Hispanic Councils in the United States.”

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(Mid-Year Meeting continued)

Ricardo Hernandez, Grand Knight of St. Patrick Council 3484 in Canby, said he has found Hispanic members are “hungry to serve.”

“We pray the Rosary a half-hour before our meetings,” Hernandez said. “We devote about 20 minutes to spiritual study and prayer and keep the business portion of our meetings to about 30 minutes. I pray for my guys every single day.”

In addition to reports from numerous committees and Councils, the Knights learned about disaster preparedness through a presentation by Joe Ohama and Jacleen Simons of the American Red Cross.

Ohama and Simons challenged the Knights to consider training to assist first responders in the event of disasters such as earthquakes or wildfires and to take the lead within their parishes, which could become a gathering site for people affected by the disaster.

They added that preparation starts at home with the development of an emergency kit and a family plan, how to get out of a home, have a designated gathering spot and communication equipment such as two-way radios.

Council members were encouraged to visit the Red Cross website at <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies.html>.

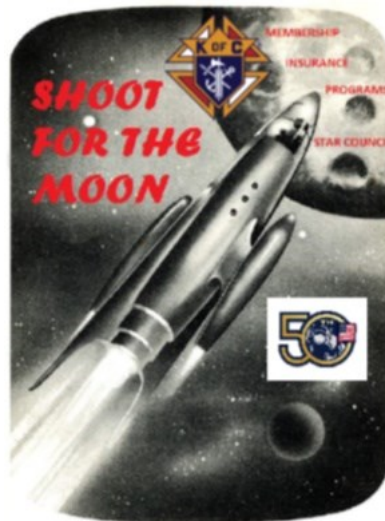
A popular segment of the meeting were break-out sessions held on Sunday that focused on the four key tenets of Knighthood: Faith, Community, Life and Family.

District Deputies also learned about the new Ceremonial Degree program that will be fully implemented in about a year and learned about how to conduct a successful meeting through a presentation by Worthy State Warden Ken Anderson.

Councils statewide are busy preparing for annual Polar Plunge events in partnership with local law enforcement agencies that raise money for Special Olympics chapters. Upcoming plunges include: February 8th: Bend and Eugene; February 15th: Medford and Corvallis; February 22nd: Portland.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, international, family-based Fraternal Organization that was founded by Father Michael J. McGivney in 1882. Its principles are Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

To learn about the Oregon Knights of Columbus, visit: <https://www.facebook.com/kofcoregons/>.



The Theme for this year's Convention is "Shoot for the Moon"

Why Are You A Knight of Columbus?

From Council 2439 Sublimity



This month we learn about Eric Smith, our current Warden (Council 2439).

Eric attends Immaculate Conception with his wife, Angela, and three children Emily (8), Claire (6) and Ethan (3). Eric and Angela have been married for 11 years.

Eric joined St. Anthony Council in 2005 where he has been a member ever since.

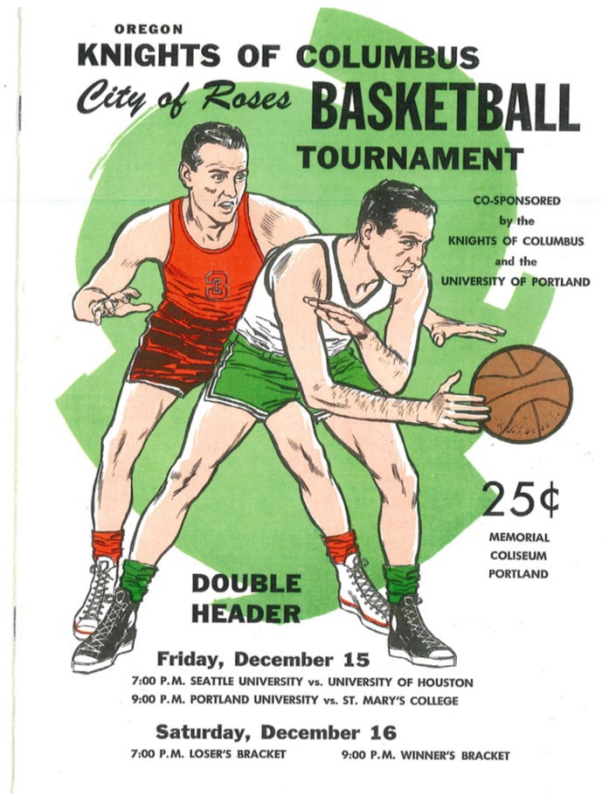
Eric is passionate about working with the Knights to end abortion. Over the years of being a member, Eric has enjoyed volunteering his time to help at the Mother’s Day Breakfast and Harvest Festival.

When Eric is not working at Freres Building Supply in Stayton, he likes to work outside on projects and build things. Thank you Eric Smith for your 15 years of service as a Knight of Columbus.

Why are you a Knight?

“For fellowship with other Knights, plus I feel good about the impact the Knights have on the community.”

GOOD LUCK ON YOUR UPCOMING COUNCIL AND DISTRICT BASKETBALL FREE THROW EVENTS



Picture is from a 1961 pamphlet out of the Oregon State K of C archives.

Tom Radel
State Historian



Duane Morris
Oregon District
Master



Knights of Columbus

4th Degree Oregon District Archbishop Blanchet Province

Brother Knights and Families,

The Fourth Degree is based on Patriotism. Being Patriots to God and Country. The concentration of its idea was based not only on Catholic citizenship but also on being a Roman Catholic American citizen and the needing to pursue their individual specialized activities.

The Patriotic Degree, with its Sir Knights, is the most visible part of the Knights of Columbus. It was meant to have a more defined distinction between the lower Degrees. In the years past, a member of the Knights of Columbus had to wait THREE years before he became eligible to become a Fourth Degree Sir Knight. Thankfully, that is no longer the case.

The more Fourth Degree ceremonies I participate in the more proud I am of being a member of the Fourth Degree. I wish to invite all Sir Knights to come to any of the exemplifications to hear, to learn and to practice the promises made during your initiation into the order of Sir Knights.

To be a member of the Fourth Degree is an **HONOR**. Be a proud American Catholic and tell the world. Come to the next exemplification at *St. Henry's in Gresham* on *March 21st* and renew your promise to love God and the rejoice with us in the freedom this country allows all of us to enjoy.

Vivat Jesus,

Duane Morris
Oregon District Master
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Council In Action

By: Joseph Keller, Council 9257 Milwaukie

On January 21st, we begin the 9 Days for Life Novena. We will pass out prayer cards for life at the Tuesday evening Mass on the 21st, and again on the weekend Masses. Please arrive at Mass about 20 minutes early to help hand out prayer cards. We are also encouraged to participate in the Novena by signing up to receive a daily reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of Life. Sign up at <https://pro-life-activities.lpages.co/9-days-for-life-2020-koc/>. You can also sign up to receive the prayers in Spanish, at <https://pro-life-activities.lpages.co/9-days-for-life-2020/>.

Sunday January 12th was the Council's annual Cub Scout Breakfast. Breakfast was served after the Sunday Masses, and the proceeds will be used for our support of the CTK Cub Scouts. Set up and kitchen work began at 7:30 a.m. Sunday. Servings were at 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Clean up was finished by 1:00 p.m. and the Council requested that some volunteer time be given to help during the breakfast.

Lastly, a notice was given that a 2nd and 3rd Degrees will be conferred on Saturday February 15th at St. Francis Church in Sherwood. These Degrees will complete their journey to Knighthood; all First Degree members are encouraged to attend and complete those Degrees.

Parade of Past State Deputies

John "Jack" Hickey Peare
7th State Deputy of Oregon 1920-1922



J. H. PEARE

John Hickey Peare, the son of William and Matilda Hickey Peare, was born November 13, 1866, in Garrick-on-Suir, County Tipperary, Ireland. He attended Erasmus Smith College in Ireland. John married Catherine Halley on Sep. 19, 1889 in Ireland. Both migrated to La Grande, OR in October of 1890 and established a jewelry store located on Adams Avenue in La Grande in 1891. They had two children, Eillen and William.

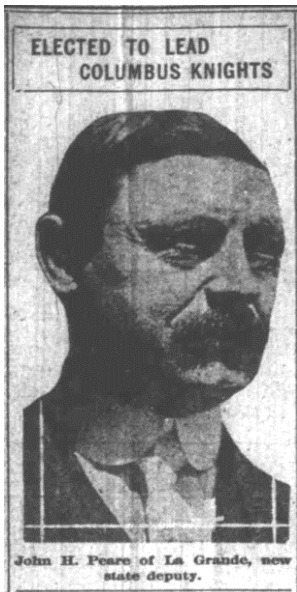


John, or Jack as he was called, was one of the charter members of the La Grande Athletic Club, and an active participant in athletics. He at one time held three Pacific Coast records, viz., high jump, running jump and 120-yard hurdle race. Jack was captain and trainer of the La Grande Fire Department Hose Team that won the World Championship in 1898. He was also a member of the La Grande Fire Department since its organization.

In 1912, his son, William, joined the family business as an optometrist and the business was then known as J. H. Peare & Son, Jewelers & Optometrists. The store was open for over 55 years.

In 1920 John Peare was the chairman of the Union County Republican Committee and went to Ohio to visit Warren G. Harding who was running for President. He was in the Third regiment of the Oregon National Guard and Register of land office at La Grande in the 1920's.

Jack once served as Exalted Ruler of the La Grande BPOE and was a member of the Knights of Pythias. John was a member of the La Grande Council and State Deputy of the KofC from 1920-1922 and District Master of the 4th Degree.



John H. (Jack) Peare died July 25, 1950, and is buried in the La Grande Hillcrest East Cemetery. Catherine, his wife, passed away March 29, 1956, and is buried next to her husband.

"Every true Knight knows that that it his duty to help all mankind and from what I do know of the Knights of Oregon they are without exception endeavoring to perform that duty."
John H. Peare - June 13, 1921, 10th State Convention, Portland, OR



Council In Action

By: Admin KofC Council 2439 Sublimity

On Saturday morning, December 14, 2019, Brother Knights and their families showed up en masse to deliver a total of 21 Christmas food baskets to community folks in need. When we say ‘baskets’ we mean two huge boxes of food plus a \$20 Roth’s meat gift card – enough for a Christmas dinner for several and then some.

A total of 26 baskets were delivered this season – 2 went to supplement the Santiam School District Thanksgiving food basket program, 3 went to Sublimity Elementary School earlier in the week, with the remaining 21 delivered by the Knights on that Saturday.

This year’s project was due to a coordinated effort of many; thanks to the Regis St. Mary Schools, Knights of Columbus St. Anthony Council 2439 and the Santiam Service Integration Team for their support. Special thanks to Brother Matt Etzel and his family for gathering and sorting the food, and letting us take over his garage. And Kennedy, Grand Knight Ed Diehl’s granddaughter says the donuts were great!

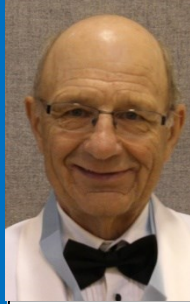


Deputy Grand Knight Dennis Volpa with his signature smile (only for photos!) The vehicles in the background are ready to load up!



A Jeep-load of baskets ready for delivery. With Grand Knight Ed Diehl’s granddaughter Kennedy.





Francis Mohr
Charities President

CHARITABLE "GREEN SHEET"
FRATERNAL YEAR 2019-2020



Dear Brother Knights,

I ask you to remember the Knights of Columbus Compass that you saw during your First Degree Initiation. Recall that the needle always points to "charity" -- the first and basic principle of our Order.

At the bottom of this page is the 2019-20 Oregon State KofC Charities "Green Sheet" which provides you an opportunity to support one of Oregon State KofC Charities we supported last year or you can indicate "general fund."

There are three options to donate:

- 1.) Fill out the Green Sheet and return it with a check made out to "Oregon State KofC Charities" to your FS.
- 2.) Send the check directly to the Oregon State KofC Charities: Secretary Michael Rooke, 15240 SW Oregon St., Sherwood, OR 97140.
- 3.) Go on line www.oregonstatekofccharities.org and click the donate button, using your credit card.

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

Sincerely,

Francis Mohr
Oregon State K of C Charities President

Name _____ Council Number _____

Oregon Homes for Unwed Mothers Help for the unwed mothers homes in Salem, Baker City, Bend, Medford, and Gresham, Oregon.

KBVM Mater Dei Radio Support to help bring Catholic Christian evangelization to the air waves

General Fund This item is for additional charities we don't have listed and are not receiving support from the State Charities program at this time.

Special Olympics Helps provide support for Special Olympics state and regional games.

Ultrasound Initiatives This allows us to help fund ultrasounds machines in pregnancy centers.

Global Wheelchair Mission Currently the State is 50% financed to purchase a container of 100 wheelchairs for use within Oregon. CERTAINLY there are individuals in your community that could use a wheel chair?

Military Chaplain's Scholarship This item helps support priests desiring to also serve as Chaplains in the armed forces.

Diocesan Youth Programs KC support for Baker and Portland Diocese Youth Programs

TOTAL GREEN SHEET CONTRIBUTIONS



Ray Prom
Faith Director

Faith Program Director

Resolve to give up procrastination!

I know, that's probably one of your resolutions, and I have total confidence you will get around to that...someday. But here's the problem with that. Another year has just flown by. Another year closer to the end, the end of your productive years as a Knight. Another year closer to your demise. Another year closer to the final judgement. We don't like to think about any of these things, but maybe we have just wasted another year.

Maybe your Council has been **Lukewarm** about setting up a **Holy Hour program**, even though you have heard that spending an hour before the Blessed Sacrament can jump start vocations in a parish. You're probably not sure how to begin and you feel you won't get many participants. But—take note—you can start with only one hour and with just a couple of participants.

You have been **Lukewarm** to the idea of leading a **Rosary program**, even though you know that it is our best spiritual weapon for fighting the devil. You're not comfortable with praying in public and are afraid you'll mess up. But, please take note, you can lead a rosary while sitting in your pew and there are countless guides to assist you in praying the Rosary.

You are **Lukewarm** to the idea of trying a **Spiritual Reflection program**, even though you are aware you could change people's lives and get people more involved with their faith and... it is a required program and you would like to get Star Council this year. There are so many ways to get this done and your Faith Director is available to help you.

You are **Lukewarm** to the idea of starting a **Faith Formation program** like—**Into the Breach**—because that's really not something men do - talking about their faith and stuff. Well, that's something that men better start doing! Start sharing your faith with other men and help other men grow in the Catholic faith. We did it in our Council and had men going back to confession who hadn't gone in 20+ years. Getting men fired up about their faith can mean salvation to themselves, their families and the generations that follow them.

Are you still **Lukewarm** about starting one of the **Faith Programs** this year? Maybe you are going to think about it (procrastinate) awhile. Maybe, you're just comfortable staying **Lukewarm** to the whole idea. Remember what the scripture says in Revelations: "But because thou are **Lukewarm**, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth".

Brothers, leaders, there is too much at stake here. Don't put it off for another year. If we as Knights won't do it, it is not going to get done! Let's not waste the opportunities we have for this New Year!

God Bless each of you and the Knights of Columbus

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George Murphy
Youth Director

Youth Director Report

Brother Knights All,

I hope everyone had a delightful New Year. The youth programs area had a very busy year thanks to your participation.

First a reminder that our year runs January-December 2020. We start our year with the Basketball Hoop Shoot at the Council level in January, then move to the D.D. level in February. We will finish the Hoop Shoot with the State Championship in Mar 2020 at the Linus Paling Gym 1111 NW Cleveland Ave., Corvallis, Oregon. Keep in mind that *the original score sheet must travel with the participant at all levels.*

Our Councils should prepare for the Essay contests to begin in September 2020. In that same month we can start our Soccer kick at the Council level.

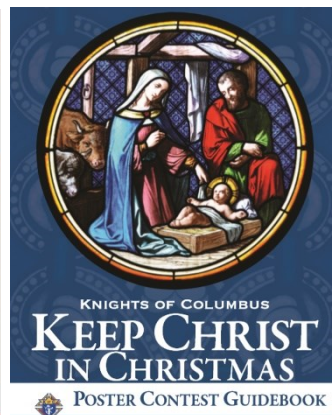
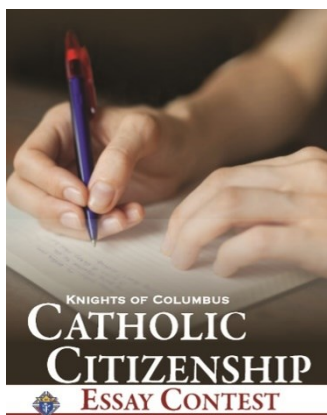
In October 2020 the DD's should plan their District competition at that time. In November 2020 we will hold our State Championship at the Nike Campus.

All of our poster programs will end in December 2020.

Each month I will send an update on that current program.

If you have any questions, please contact me at:

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Council In Action

Council 9529 Lincoln City

The following was extracted from a News Guard article with permission of Max Kirkendall, Managing Editor.

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The Knights delivered four boxes of brand new coats that were given to 48 kids at Taft 7-12, Taft Elementary and the Oceanlake Elementary schools. Grand Knight David McKee said "We wanted to help out the kids by keeping them warm and dry and these should do the trick," McKee said. Oceanlake Principal, Sandy Mummey, was very grateful for the donation and said the kids were excited to receive them as well.

Additionally, McKee said the Knights are always open to adding volunteers to join their group. The Knights meet for their monthly breakfast throughout the year at St. Augustine Catholic Church and can often be seen at different community functions in Lincoln City.

"We work with the church, but we always welcome new members to come and help out," McKee said.



L to R: Not identified, Don Flanagan, Raul Grimes, GK Dave McKee and Not identified.

Council In Action

Canby Council 3484 – Las Posadas Celebration

By: Duane Kloser Council 3484

Many members of Council 3484 participated in the Las Posadas celebration at St. Patrick’s Church in Canby. For eight evenings, the celebration started with a bi-lingual rosary and continued with a walk around the Parish Center carrying a statue of Mary and Joseph, looking for a room to stay. After the journey, everyone sang Christmas songs, enjoyed a simple dinner and ended with the kids and adults having fun breaking piñatas.





Supreme's
Families of the Month for November 2019

Dale Heberling Council 9257 Milwaukie



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

Oregon Council participating in November was: 9257* Milwaukie

*The 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.

Council In Action

Canby Council 3484 – "Light up The Night" Tree Lighting in Waite Park

By: Duane Kloser, Council 3484

Members of Canby Council 3484 and spouses volunteered their time to give back to the Canby Community by preparing and giving away 50 gallons (1200 cups) of Hot Chocolate at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting. The Knights, along with several other local organizations provided free coffee, cider and other goodies to the thousands who watched the parade and the arrival of Santa Claus.

Donations were given to the Canby St. Vincent DePaul Food Bank.



Canby Council 3484 - \$1,000 donation to The Madonna Center for Life

On November 22, 2019 past Grand Knight Duane Kloser presented a check for \$1,000 to Valerie Aschbacher from "The Madonna Center for Life" in Milwaukie.

The Madonna's Center for Life is a 503(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable nonprofit organization, serving unsupported parents of any age, who have chosen life for their unborn child. Their purpose is to ensure needy parents in Clackamas County have all of the essential items to be able to take care of their baby upon birth and up through 6 months. In addition, they provide ongoing support for parents - age 21 and under - who cannot afford the necessities to take care of their children, while these parents are enrolled in an educational program or actively seeking employment. The Outreach Office is staffed totally by volunteers who bring items to parents when they are without transportation.

In 2018-2019, they served close to 150 families.



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

PSD George Flake

Council 7223 Madras

PSD Dominic Worsowicz

Council 1430 Eugene

PDD Tom Morgan

Council 678 Portland

PDGK Robert Carlos

Jerry Bibo

Council 9529 Lincoln City

DW23 Jerry Raveling

Council 7246 Newport

Brent Dattke

Council 1872 Bend

We request you also pray for all Knights, their families and friends and all of our Police, Firefighters, Servicemen and Servicewomen, as well as those who have lost so much in the recent snow storms, flooding, tornadoes and Australian wildfires and those whose lives have been disrupted with other calamities of either man made or any natural events. This we ask through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen!

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

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IN MEMORIAM

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

Charles A "Charlie" Hess

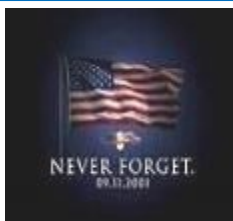
Council 2439 & Assembly 900 Sublimity

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

*Let's start the New Year's resolution of letting your
Health Welfare and Prayer Chairman, Michael Rooke
know of anyone who is sick or is distress
or has passed on to their reward in Heaven.*



*Eternal rest grant unto
them, O Lord, and let
perpetual light shine
upon them. May the
souls of the faithful
departed, through the
mercy of God, rest in
peace. Amen.*



Please always remember our Veterans and those members of the Armed Services who risk their lives in the service of our communities, states and throughout the world, as Firefighters, Police, Ambulance, 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!



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