



## Knights of Columbus Founded

*"Resolved by this assembly: That Michael J. McGivney, Matthew C. O'Connor, Cornelius J. Driscoll, James J. Mullen, John J. Kerrigan, Daniel Colwell, and William M. Geary, and all other persons now associated with them under the name of the Knights of Columbus, together with all other such person as may hereafter become associated with them, and their successors, are constituted a body corporate and politic by the name of the Knights of Columbus.*

*"The purpose for which said corporation is formed are the following: (a) of rendering pecuniary aid to its members, their families and beneficiaries of members and their families; (b) of rendering mutual aid and assistance to its sick, disabled and needy members and their families; (c) of promoting social and intellectual intercourse among its members and their families, and (d) of promoting and conducting educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and welfare, and public relief work."*

*- Excerpted from the Charter of the Knights of Columbus, Granted by the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, Approved March 29, 1882.*

March  
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**Knights of Columbus  
Founders' Day**

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Message from the State Deputy

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## Be Not Afraid!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



My Brother Knights and Families,

I would like to welcome back Tom Karl as the Columbian Newsletter Editor and for his speedy recovery from his quadruple bypass surgery on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thanks for all your hard work with the Columbian Newsletter and on behalf of the State Officer Team, welcome back.

In my last message in February I talked about helping our Oregon Priests in both the Portland and Baker Diocese to bring Catholics back to Mass. I am currently working with Jason Kidd, the Marriage, Family, Youth & Young Adults Coordinator with the Portland Archdiocese and their initiative "Come to Jesus." The Knights in Oregon are going to have a big part in this initiative and they will need our help to make our local parishes succeed and flourish. With more people now receiving the vaccine and each county obtaining the "herd immunity" threshold and goals that were set by the Governor, the parishes are hoping to see an increase in attendance. Jason and I talked about ways the Knights can help and being the welcome ambassadors for our parishes. When Jason and I get more items ironed out I will be letting all the members know the specifics on what help we are providing. The Portland Archdiocese and the Oregon Knights are going to be collaborating more than ever right now, and the Catholic Church needs the Knights of Columbus to step forward and be that support. I am very excited what this can do to the Order in Oregon and help promote Councils in the state as the right hand of their parish priest. Right now, I need all Grand Knights to have a conversation with your parish priest on what can the Knights do to help him, and the parish succeed.

There are a lot of activities for Council members to take advantage during the month of March. Make sure your Council members and the men in your Catholic community know about these opportunities for Spiritual Refection.

**On Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** State Chaplain Fr. Theo Lange is holding a Virtual Easter Spiritual Reflection and share how the Pascal Mysteries lie at the heart of the knightly call to prayer and service.

This event is sponsored by the Medford's 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly #905. To register please email Larry Mullaly at [lmullaly@jeffnet.org](mailto:lmullaly@jeffnet.org).

**On Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 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>

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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](http://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 Israel Sanchez 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.

The State with help from the Central Oregon Councils will be holding the [Charity, Unity, & Fraternity Exemplification after Retreat on Saturday at 4:30pm](#), so if you have a new member who needs to receive his full Knighthood this would be the time to get him in.

As I mentioned earlier, the State of Oregon is moving towards opening due to more and more people receiving the COVID Vaccine and the decrease in the number of cases in each county. The Council Grand Knights need to send their Credentials for the 113<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention to the State Secretary Sid Thiel. As you all are aware [On April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>](#), the Mt. McLaughlin Council 2255 would like to invite you to the [113<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention in Klamath Falls](#).

Our 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](http://www.kofc-or.org) and select the 2021 State Convention button and register for the meals and how to reserve your hotel. 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 to attend and the information on how to register for 113<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention in Klamath Falls. This is going to be an exciting Convention with 4 Councils celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> year Anniversary as well as new State Officers to be voted on to lead the State for the next two years. Currently Ray Prom, Sid Thiel, and Tom Radel have sent in resolution for State Deputy, Ken Anderson for State Secretary, Bob Adams, and Tim Mixdorf have sent in resolutions for State Treasurer, Chris Cummings, and Bill Geary have sent in resolutions for State Advocate and Scott Kessler for State Warden. We also have a few Resolutions that could help the Councils in Oregon.

Also, for the first time during a State Convention the Klamath Falls Council will be holding the [Charity, Unity, & Fraternity Exemplification after the 5:00pm Necrology Mass on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021](#) both in person and virtually at St. Pius X Catholic Church. I would like all members to reach out to the Catholic men in your community to sign up online and promote the **Free One-Year Membership**. All they have to do is type in the Promo Code **MCGIVNEY2020** at [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus) until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in honor of the Blessed Michael J. McGivney.

Since this is the Year of St. Joseph, I would like to end with a Prayer to Saint Joseph to help us continuing the move towards opening our parishes, councils, and events back to normal.

*“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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# Catholic Men's Retreat at Powell Butte



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**March 20th from 8AM to 4:30PM**

**In person and virtual**

**Guest speakers include:**

**Bishop Liam Cary**

**Fr. Theo Lange**

**Fr. Gabriel Mosher**

**Dr. Ryan Mainard** and a virtual presentation by **Br. Israel Sanchez**

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Suggested Admission is free-will donation from KofC Charities "green sheet"

Registration is limited to 40 in person, and 300 virtual sites

Councils are encouraged to host this retreat virtually 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>

**Shining Armor Award**

Worthy Brother Knights,

Please pass this information on to your Councils.

How many of you know about the Shining Armor Award? It's an excellent recruitment incentive as well as an incentive for engaging members. The Shining Armor Award used to only apply to members in their first full year of membership, but now ANYONE can get it, regardless of their years of service)

The Shining Armor Award is available to all first-year members of a council. By actively participating in the life of a Council, engaging with the insurance arm of the Order, and sponsoring men who join the Order, a member becomes a Knight in Shining Armor.

The Shining Armor Award will:

- Help you to become more engaged with K of C council life
- Encourage you to seek a leadership role within the Order

**QUALIFICATIONS**

During the Fraternal Year, a member must:

- Attend (3) Faith in Action programs
- Attend (3) Council meetings
- Attend an Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity
- Meet with the Council's insurance representative OR attend a fraternal benefits night
- Sponsor at least one man who becomes a member of the Order
- Talk to your Council's Grand Knight for more information!

**40 Days for Life**

I could use your help with a call to Knights to stand for life. Please ask the area GKs to send the request to their Council members. Request below:

I received a request from the ladies who are working hard on the 40 Days For Life campaign at the Planned Parenthood on SW 1st and SW Betts in Beaverton across the street from the Post Office. The campaign is a peaceful vigil of prayer and information on options for those considering abortion which lasts for the 40 days of Lent from 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM Monday - Saturday.

Last Saturday, the ladies met with resistance from a group of protesters dressed in black. The ladies were met with shouting and loud drums. Some of the ladies were traumatized by the actions of the protesters. We have been asked to come to the 40 Days For Life campaign on Saturday to stand in support of the ladies. The counter protesters showed up around 10:00 AM and left around 2:00 PM. Let us stand with the courageous ladies as they advocate for life for the unborn. This is a peaceful vigil and we will do our part to keep it peaceful. We are not mixing with or engaging the protesters as we will be across the street from the Planned Parenthood.

On Saturdays, after the morning mass at St. Cecilia's, the rosary has been offered across the street from Planned Parenthood for the last 18 years. The rosary begins around 8:45 AM. Come and join us in prayer and support for the unborn.

This is the preeminent struggle of our age.

I would encourage my Brother Knights to consider stopping by the 40 Days For Life during Lent and especially on Saturdays.

God love each of you.

Scott Petersen  
GK 6266 Fr. Luke O'Donnell Council, Beaverton

**Pray to End  
Abortion.**  
40DAYSFORLIFE

# PATRICK KELLY BEGINS TENURE AS SUPREME KNIGHT

He is the 14th Supreme Knight to lead the Order in its mission of charity, unity and fraternity.



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



MCGIVNEY2020





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 4 months left of the Fraternal Year—let's make them a great 5 months!

Lent is here! 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***

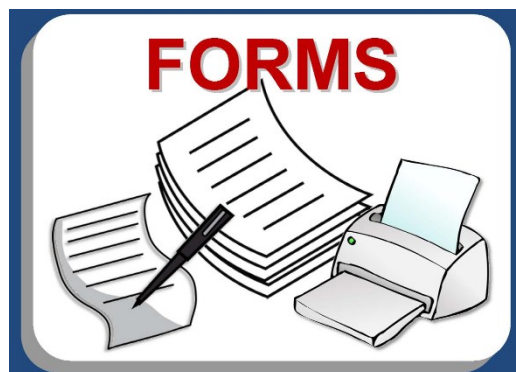
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Report From Vice Supreme Master Report

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE - Patriotic Degree of the Order  
"Moving Forward Brother Knights"  
 Mgr. Francis N. Blanchet Province

"Let's continue to have HOPE"

Jesse Villarreal  
 Vice Supreme  
 Master

Worthy Sir Knights and Brothers all,

I was eagerly waiting for the year 2020 to end and had HOPE the horrible COVID-19 pandemic would be gone by the end of the year. But, before the year had ended, we were again challenged by the problems of being covered with fire and smoke from the horrific Oregon Wildland Forest Fires. That devastation came and caused a lot of damage to lives and property. Some ONE is trying to get our attention.

There is an old saying regarding the weather that says, "the weather in February is crazy and March is a little bit worse". So, as would be expected, in March some areas were hit with a tremendous ice storm that left another deep scar in our minds. A whole lot of people were without electrical power. Some people were left with no source of heat or water and in some cases without food. But let's not lose HOPE.

The cry for help from all areas of Oregon, as well as the entire country, came loud and clear. The reaction from all those who were willing and able to help was quick. The response from those offering help with goods and services was overwhelming.

God bless all the First Responders and Service Agents who came to the aid of those in need. Let us continue to have HOPE. Let us help each other build our HOPE. I would like to use Archbishop Sample's words in the 2021 Catholic Appeal, to express my level of HOPE: He is planning to "*renew, reenergize, and reinvigorate* our local Church. I am asking all of us to also "*renew, reenergize, reinvigorate* our HOPE to put our Faith in Action.

I was so proud to see, in our own community, Knights of Columbus members and non members joined together helping each other during these devastating times. Like a band of Brothers. Everyone was working hard but there was harmony in the air. Everyone seemed glad and happy to be working, helping those that couldn't help themselves. Isn't that what being a Knight of Columbus is all about? Let's continue to enforce and believe in our HOPE.

Working together with the community is what the Fourth Degree is all about! Being a Patriot is what it takes to make the community stronger. Working together is what is going to "*reinvigorate*" our HOPE.

We all realize the pandemic is not really over and we are still under some strict conditions and rightly so, we have to be very careful. Health is most important for us and those around us. We must have HOPE and continue forward. We can not have the normal Degree ceremonies we used to have but we can and must continue to increase the number of the VIRTUAL ceremonies that are being offered.

So far this Fraternal Year, starting in July 2020 through February 2021, Fourth Degree Provinces in the United States and Canada have had seventy-seven (77) Virtual Exemplifications, bringing three thousand eight hundred and sixty-two (3,862) Sir Knights into the Order of Patriots. That is reenergizing the Fourth Degree, but we need to do more, especially here in our own State.

Let's continue to have HOPE.

Hope everyone is renewing your Love for Jesus during this Lent and have a Joyful Easter.

VIVAT JESUS

Blessings to everyone.

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Let's celebrate on that!

VIVAT JESUS!

**Anglo Membership Director's Report**

Worthy Brother Knights,

A month ago, we started an initiative to invite people back to Mass in person. Over the past year, many people have gotten too comfortable live-streaming Mass from their home while drinking a cup of coffee. It's time to call faithful Catholics back to Mass in person if they are determined to not be at risk to COVID-19. The Knights of Columbus will take an active role in working with pastors to invite parishioners back to Mass in person. While we do not want to use this opportunity as a recruitment ploy, it is also important to keep in mind that this is a stepping stone in recruitment opportunities. As more men come back to Mass, there will be more opportunities in the future to recruit men to join the Knights of Columbus.

**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 back to Mass in person

**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 in. 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 the Knights of Columbus if they are active. What is the best way to attract new members? By participating in programs.

I also want to encourage ALL Councils to have a social media presence. Especially on Facebook, Instagram, Youtube, etc. This is an opportunity to reach other men as well. Post pictures of the Council in action or pictures of another Council in action (with their permission of course). Post inspiring videos like Into the Breach, Everyday Heroes, Fr. Theo videos, etc. These materials will lead others to want to join the Knights of Columbus.

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."

Kenneth Anderson III, Anglo Membership Director

**YOU ARE BORN  
A MAN.  
YOU BECOME  
A KNIGHT.**



Join today. Visit [KofC.org/JoinUs](http://KofC.org/JoinUs)

### [Monthly Prayer Service Program](#)

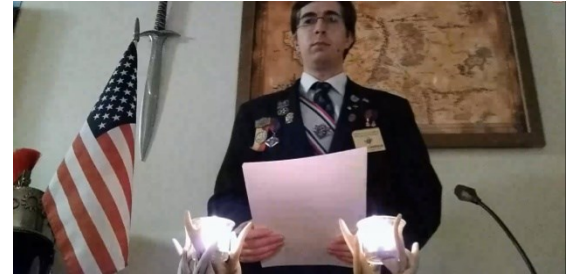
Worthy Brother Knights,

We've been holding a regular prayer service every month.

It has been a hybrid of online and in-person. This is an excellent example of a hybrid program that Councils can conduct. It enables people to join either in person or remotely.

It started off as a one-time prayer service for the pandemic back in September, but then the devastating fires hit and we decided to do another one for the fires. It ended up turning into a monthly program and we've been continuing every month with a different theme fitting for the time.

This month for March, in keeping with the theme of Lent and our current state initiative of inviting men back to Mass, our prayer service is for the intention of people returning back to the Catholic Church. This will cover a scope of young people who leave the Church when they graduate and leave home as well as those who have drifted away in their adult life. It is also with the intention of those who have drifted away because of COVID-19. There are many reasons why people drift away and we must pray for them to return.



### [Safe Environment Reminders](#)

Email addresses **mandatory** for all members holding safe environment roles

Grand Knights and DDs 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, and personal to him. **PLEASE NOTE: generic emails will no longer work, such as, [gkCouncil1@gmail.com](mailto:gkCouncil1@gmail.com)**

Perhaps a son or daughter can help?

It's possible to use a smart phone or tablet to access the internet

Such members can also visit the library in their town to access the internet to set up a personal email

Maybe a Brother Knight can help?

### **Grand Knights barred from holding all 4 roles**

If the Grand Knight is also going to hold a Director role, it should be either the Family or Community Director role (but not both) so that there will then be 2 fully trained and background checked members in each Council

At a MINIMUM, there must be at least 2 trained members, at least 1 of whom has also been background checked, present at all events where minors or other vulnerable persons may be present

If you have any question, please contact me.

Thank you

Tom Radel

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### [Canby Crab Dinner](#)



The Canby Knights of Columbus have hosted a crab dinner for the last 24 years—growing from an event held in the gym at St. Patrick’s Church to a sit-down dinner with auction for 400 guests.

Because of Covid-19 and the unknown if Canby would be able to hold an in-person event in 2021, the Council decided to split the profits from the 2020 auction and budget the funds for the 2021 and 2022 fiscal years. If the situation improved, budgets could be modified and reappropriated based on holding an in-person event in February of 2021. A decision was made to wait until the fall of 2020 to make a final decision if the event would be cancelled completely. The biggest fear of cancelling the event was losing our base of guests that have made our event a major success over the years.

The team met virtually in August to discuss options. Everyone felt we needed to do something and the wheels started spinning. After a lot of discussion, the team decided we needed to give back to the community for the support we received over the last 23 years. Because budgeting was completed for the next two years, we didn’t need any funds to support the Council and elected to give back the net profits from the Crab Dinner to three local charities that were all struggling because of the inability to do normal fundraising. The team selected the [Canby Pregnancy Care Center](#), [St. Vincent DePaul Food Bank \(Canby\)](#) and [Canby Utility Share the Warmth](#) (which pays utility bills for the needy) and notified their management of our plans.

In September, the Oregon wildfires caused a change in our original plans. We recognized the need to help those affected by this disaster. Every year, a special appeal paddle raiser was held as part of the Annual Dinner and Auction. Many times, the Council looked outside the immediate area for someone in need. Dennis Richey, a member of our Council, was one of the lucky ones who did not lose his cabin in the Santiam Canyon wildfires. He quickly contacted agencies to find a family that was devastated by the fires. Soon, he learned of a mom with 5 children, ages 4-15, who lost everything twice in the last year. The first time, they had to flee their home in the California desert because of an abusive father, each child taking only what would fit into a grocery bag. The second time, they only had minutes to flee the raging forest fire that was traveling more than 50 mph down the Santiam Canyon toward their home in Gates, Oregon. Dennis became the liaison between the agencies that initially helped the family, including the Knights of Columbus in Sublimity, and our Council. He then interviewed the family to get more details of the catastrophic events and what we could do to help. Over the next few months, donations started to flow in to help furnish a home once they found a place to stay.

Team members Steve Heli and Duane Kloser worked on a budget to determine what net profits could be made for the dinner based on hosting 200 - 400 drive-thru dinner guests. Our Council had no experience with the logistics of doing a drive-thru dinner, even though we had some feedback from a dinner held in July by the Molalla Knights of Columbus. To make it worth the effort, we determined that we had to have close to 300 dinners to make it profitable. Duane Kloser developed the website to allow guests to purchase dinner and raffle tickets, donate to the three local charities and the family who lost everything. The website was ready by early November to kick off our event on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Even after contacting our guests from previous years, things were looking gloomy after the first couple of weeks. The team knew we had to do more promoting to make this event a success. Brother Knight Greg Perez stepped up to the challenge to help with the promotion, contacting civic and business leaders in Canby. Greg designed two large signs that Canby businesses allowed our Council to display in their places of business. Greg, along with other Brother Knights Mike Schmader, Matt Bunch and Dennis Richey, had developed three YouTube videos that explained the history of the Knights and our involvement in the Community. These videos appeared on Channel 5 in Canby and on the websites for the event and the Knights of Columbus. Dennis Richey also created two touching videos of the family and what they had gone through this fall, with several of the kids expressing “all we want for Christmas is a home, a place where we can make new friends”.

If Covid-19 wasn’t bad enough, issues with procuring crab for the event were another hurdle the team had to overcome. The crab season in Washington was closed until February 15, a week after our event. This would be devastating. It was extremely scary, but with a lot of prayers, everything worked out. In late January, the support from the Canby Community and guests from previous years grew quickly and a decision was made to cap the dinner sales at 340, even though we could have sold 400 tickets if we hadn’t had the restrictions of the manpower in the event center and the unknowns of the crab supply.

On February 6<sup>th</sup>, we held a drive-thru Crab Dinner for 340 guests at the Fairgrounds in Canby. Even with restrictions of 10 people in the building to prepare the meals, everything worked as planned. We had 125 vehicles come through during the 3 hours. Using headsets to communicate with the team preparing the meals was a life-saver.

We can’t give enough praise to everyone who made this event a major success. Even our Chairman, Mike Schmader, said “I lost a few nights’ sleep near the end.” Luckily, we got our event in before the devastating ice storm that hit Canby the next weekend. Our prayers were answered. You can look at the numbers below and say it was a success, but knowing how the team worked together in the planning and execution of the event was the true measurement.

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Donations to the Family - \$19,977  
Donations to three charities - \$6,231

This event took hundreds of hours of work to make it happen. We had more than 35 Knights, parishioners and spouses involved the night of the event. It was great that everyone was home by 8:30 p.m. to enjoy a great meal. Normally, at the sit-down dinner, it was midnight. Below are the links to the videos that made our event a success.

**Intro to Family**

<https://youtu.be/89Oe06hZSgs>

**Marta Family Story**

[https://youtu.be/P3Q1z1\\_dd94](https://youtu.be/P3Q1z1_dd94)

**\*\* Greg Perez & Mike Schmader Video - Special Thank you to the Community \*\***

<https://youtu.be/w-cWiGlaqNQ>

**\*\* Mike Schmader & Greg Perez Video - New Update on Crab Dinner \*\***

<https://youtu.be/mM7TkGJIOBI>

**\*\* Greg Perez and Matt Bunch Video on Crab Dinner History \*\***

<https://youtu.be/Y9LL3izUZTs>

**\*\* Greg Perez and Dennis Richey Video on Current Family Situation & Crab Dinner \*\***

<https://youtu.be/cMyY-jL2Auw>

**Thanks**

Duane Kloser

Past Grand Knight for Council 3484

Past Faithful Navigator for Assembly 1606

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Below are a few pictures from our event.



Corrected Reservation Form



**Knights of Columbus Oregon State Council**  
 113th Annual State Convention Reservation Form  
**"Mercy in Motion"**  
 April 30 - May 2, 2021

Last Name: _____	First Name: _____
Address: _____	City, State, Zip: _____
Phone # _____	Wife's Name (if attending) _____
Council # _____	Council Name: _____

**REGISTRANTS CONVENTION STATUS:** (Please check one only)

<input type="checkbox"/> Guest, State	<input type="checkbox"/> Past State Deputy	<input type="checkbox"/> District Deputy	District # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Delegate
<input type="checkbox"/> Alternate	<input type="checkbox"/> Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/> Member non-delegate		

**ACTIVITY TICKETS (All tickets must be purchased in advance)**

Event	Number Required		Cost per Person	Total Cost
<b>Friday 4/30</b>				
Breakfast & Lunch (on your own)	_____			\$ _____
"Klamath Hoedown" Western BBQ Dinner and entertainment	_____	X	\$22.00	\$ _____
<b>Saturday 5/1</b>				
Breakfast (on your own)	_____			\$ _____
Saturday Men's Lunch	_____	X	\$17.00	\$ _____
<b>Saturday Awards Banquet</b>				
<i>Banquet Dinner Choice:</i>				
Tri-tip	_____	X	\$35.00	\$ _____
Chicken	_____	X	\$35.00	\$ _____
Vegetarian	_____	X	\$35.00	\$ _____
Gluten Free	_____	X	\$35.00	\$ _____
<b>Sunday 5/2</b>				
Breakfast (on your own)	_____			\$ _____
Travel Box Lunch - (Available at Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery)	_____	X	\$5.00	\$ _____

**LADIES CONTACT INFORMATION**

Last Name: _____	First Name: _____
Phone # _____	Email: _____
Can you assist with carpooling?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Friday 4/30</b>				
Historic Baldwin Hotel Tour	_____	X	\$5.00	\$ _____
<b>Saturday 5/1</b>				
"Mercy in Motion" Luncheon & Fundraiser	_____	X	\$17.00	\$ _____
<b>Convention Polo Shirt</b>				
	# of Shirts			
SM - XL	_____	X	\$30.00	\$ _____
2XL	_____	X	\$33.00	\$ _____
3XL	_____	X	\$35.00	\$ _____
<b>Late Fee of \$25.00 (non-refundable) if postmarked after APRIL 1, 2021</b>				\$ _____
<b>Convention Registration Fee: \$10.00</b>				\$10.00
<b>Grand Total</b>				\$ _____

**Make Checks Payable to: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**Mail Reservation Form and Payment to:**  
 Stan Pence (FS Mt. Mcloghlin Council)  
 PO Box 5131, Klamath Falls OR 97601

**ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 15, 2021**





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](mailto: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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### [Life Program Report](#)

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



### [Day of the Unborn Child](#)

March 25, in addition to being Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord, is also *Knights of Columbus Day of the Unborn Child*. What is your Council going to do in observance of this special day? Visiting the website at <http://dayoftheunbornchild.com/> may give you some ideas.

### [Letters to Pharmaceutical Companies](#)

The USCCB has posted sample letters to seven different pharmaceutical manufacturers that urge the drug companies to develop vaccines with no connection to abortion. If you have not made other plans in observance of March 25 (see above), this would be a good activity for Councils to encourage for Knights, families and parishioners: to write and send letters to drug companies asking them to no use abortion-related cell lines in the creation and testing of their products.

See <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/biomedical-research>

### [March for Life](#)

**Oregon Right to Life has rescheduled the March for Life to April 17** (Saturday) at the Oregon Capitol steps, 900 Court St. NE, Salem.

More details to come. See <https://www.ortl.org/march>  
We hope to see you there!

### [Reporte del Programa de la Vida](#)

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

### [Día del Niño por Nacer](#)

El 25 de marzo, además de ser la Fiesta de la Anunciación del Señor, también es *Caballeros de Colón. Día del Niño por Nacer*. ¿Qué va a hacer su Consejo en observancia de este día especial? Visitar el sitio web en <http://dayoftheunbornchild.com/> puede darle algunas ideas.

### [Cartas a las Empresas Farmacéuticas](#)

La USCCB ha enviado ejemplos de cartas a siete fabricantes farmacéuticos diferentes que instan a compañías farmacéuticas para desarrollar vacunas sin conexión con el aborto. Si no ha hecho otros planes en cumplimiento del 25 de marzo (ver arriba), esta sería una buena actividad para que los Consejos alentaran para Caballeros, familias y feligreses: escribir y enviar cartas a las compañías farmacéuticas pidiéndoles No use líneas celulares relacionadas con el aborto en la creación y prueba de sus productos.

Ver <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/biomedical-research>

### [Marcha por la Vida](#)

**Oregon Right to Life ha reprogramado la Marcha por la Vida para el 17 de abril** (sábado) en el Oregon Pasos del Capitolio, 900 Court St. NE, Salem. Más detalles por venir.

Ver <https://www.ortl.org/march>

!Esperamos verte ahí.!



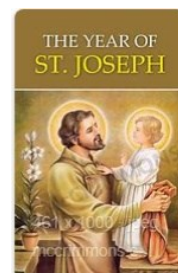
*The Year of St. Joseph*

Ray Prom  
Faith Director

Brothers, I think most of you are aware that last December, Pope Francis declared this year as the *Year of St. Joseph*. As Knights of Columbus in Oregon, we are taking full advantage of the spiritual benefits associated with the St. Joseph.

Last month, due to a winter storm, we had to postpone our Men's Retreat at Powell Butte. However, we have **rescheduled it now for March 20<sup>th</sup>**. There is free registration, whether in person or virtual, thanks to our state **Spiritual Growth Fund** established a few years ago to help the state and individual Councils with organizing spiritual reflection programs such as retreats and conferences. If you haven't already registered, you can go to the Oregon Knights of Columbus website for the link. We would encourage you especially to try to watch the event in your parish hall, church or chambers, as a fraternal activity as well as a spiritual one. If you are not comfortable in a group setting or it is inconvenient for you, you can register for watching virtually from your home, as our Worthy Program Director has made available 300 virtual sites. If you have 10 Council members participating, or 10% of your membership, whichever is less, this will count for your council **Spiritual Reflection Program**. In addition, and in accordance with the *Year of St. Joseph*, Pope Francis has proclaimed a plenary indulgence, with the usual conditions, for participating in a form of spiritual reflection program of at least one day, with focus on St. Joseph.

You may have heard that we are also about to start the prayer service program for St. Joseph. You may be familiar with the Marian icons that come with a prayer service, and travel around the state. Well this year, we are doing a prayer service with the focus on St. Joseph. The program will launch in just a couple of weeks. Our icon has been delayed a little, and as soon as it is delivered, we will begin the prayer service program. Contact me if you would be interested in bringing the icon to your parish.



Lastly, at least for this newsletter, we will begin the 33-day **Consecration to St. Joseph**, as outlined in the book by Fr. Don Calloway. This **Consecration to St. Joseph** will begin on March 30, and conclude on the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker, on May 1. Individuals can sign up to participate, or you can do it as a Council or a parish. Each participant will need a copy of the book by Fr. Calloway, **Consecration to St. Joseph**. The book is broken up into daily readings and reflections on the life of St. Joseph, along with some specific prayers to St. Joseph. The book is available through almost any outlet you use to buy books, and is almost certain to be available at any Catholic online book store or gift shop, and the bookstore up at the Mt. Angel Abbey. Most of the activity specific to the **Consecration to St. Joseph** will be done individually, but there are some weekly group meetings that we will be doing virtually. If you choose to do this with your Council or parish, you can elect to do the weekly meetings with them, and not join the state wide group. There are plenary indulgences associated with prayers contained in this book, so I would encourage every single Knight in Oregon to join us in this Consecration, along with your families. More complete information will be out by March 15<sup>th</sup>, but get a jump start on this and order your book(s) today.

This type of Holy Year, and these extra plenary indulgences are very special, and very much oriented to the men of the Knights of Columbus. What better role model of husband, father, guardian, leader and servant could we have than St. Joseph.

For more information on any other these Faith programs, please contact me at

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Vivat Jesus

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**APRIL IS NATIONAL DONATE LIFE MONTH and COTA's 35<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY MONTH**



Dear Editor:

The Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA) was founded in April 1986 when residents of Bloomington, Indiana, rallied around a toddler who needed a life-saving liver transplant. In less than eight weeks, the community raised more than \$100,000 to place the boy on the organ waiting list. But he died before an organ was found. Those community volunteers, along with his parents, turned tragedy into triumph by using those funds to help other transplant families. That was the beginning of COTA and those volunteers were our first Miracle Makers.

For 35 years, thanks to the help of the men and women of America, COTA has assisted thousands of children and young adults by helping to raise funds for a lifetime of transplant-related expenses. Extensive volunteer networks across the nation are working to ensure that no child or young adult needing an organ or tissue transplant is excluded from a transplant waiting list due to lack of funds.

**We need your help today to make sure that tragedies, like the one that was the catalyst in founding COTA 35 years ago, are not repeated.**

Sadly, 20 people in the United States die each day waiting for an organ transplant. One organ donor can save eight lives. April is National Donate Life Month and COTA is asking everyone in America to go to [www.RegisterMe.org](http://www.RegisterMe.org) and register to be a designated organ and/or tissue donor.

*Celebrating 35 Years of Giving Hope*

2501 West COTA Drive · Bloomington, Indiana 47403

800.366.2682 · EmmaM@cota.org · COTA.org



Sincerely,

Rick Lofgren, President  
rick@cota.org

***COTA's priority is to assure that no child or young adult is denied a transplant or excluded from a waiting list due to lack of funds. 100% of funds raised in honor of patients assist with a lifetime of transplant-related expenses.***

*Pacific Daylight Savings Time Starts March 14th*

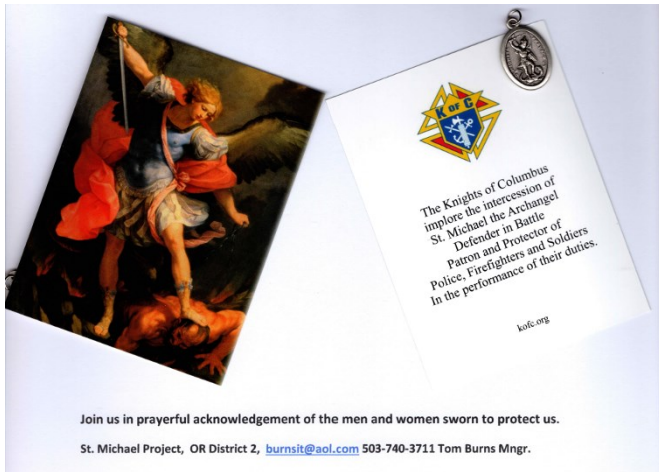


Daylight saving time in the United States is the practice of setting the clock forward by one hour when there is longer daylight during day, so that evenings have more daylight and mornings have less. Most areas of the United States and Canada observe daylight saving time, the exceptions being Arizona, Hawaii, and the overseas territories of American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands. The Uniform Time Act of 1966 established the system of uniform daylight saving time throughout the US.



***While you snooze, you lose an hour. Be prepared!***





We were excited to visit the State of Oregon! We were happy to distribute blessed Saint Michael medals to police departments across the state.



Rockaway Beach Police Dept.  
Sept. 04, 2017  
30 blessed medals



### [Who started it, how, when, and why Saint Michael the Archangel medals?](#)

My name is Ruth Laursen and I live near Lakeville, Minnesota. My husband Paul and I own an outdoor maintenance company and I am an independent distributor of essential oils. I started giving blessed St. Michael the Archangel medals to police departments July 2016.

I heard about the shootings of police officers at the protest on July 7, 2016 in Dallas, Texas. I saw a video of a woman recount her personal experience at the protest that day. She told how she was injured and how the officers protected her and her son with their own bodies. The officers were human shields with no regard to their own lives. The woman continued recounting her story the best she could while crying in between.

I was stunned and heartbroken. The police officers who were there to protect the protesters were being gunned down because they were police officers.

At that moment it seemed to me that any and all police everywhere were not only in a physical battle but also in a spiritual battle. It was then that I felt divinely inspired with the idea to give blessed medals to the police for their protection. I checked to see who the patron saint of police were and found that it was St. Michael the Archangel. That made sense because [Saint Michael the Archangel](#), protects and serves the kingdom of God, the police officers also serve and protect those in the communities around them.

### [Was there any interest?](#)

I thought I should see if there was any interest from the police department in receiving the medals. Since we live near Lakeville, MN, I went to the Lakeville police station. I talked to Lieutenant Puncochar and explained to him why I was there. At one point he looked at me and asked me what we were called. I looked back at him, thought for a few seconds and said "I don't know... how does the Saint Michael project sound?" **Thus, the Saint Michael Project was born.** I indicated to Lt. Puncochar that the medals were for anyone who was interested in having one and that no one had to take one if they didn't want to. Lieutenant Puncochar was interested in getting 100 medals for the officers, staff and volunteers.

### [Now what? Medal Presentation and Blessing](#)

After that meeting, I had a lot figure out. Where do I get the medals from, how do I give them and present them, cards, inserts, some flyers, etc, etc. The presentation I felt was important to show the value and importance of the medals and the importance of those who were receiving them. Deacon Jim from All Saints Church and Lieutenant Puncochar helped me with the wording on the flyer and on the inserts that go in the bag with the medals.

The medals have always been 2 sided, with Saint Michael the Archangel on one side and the Guardian Angel protecting children on the other side. The medals we use now are made in Italy and they were specially made for us.

The [medals were blessed](#) on Monday, July 25th 2016 by Archbishop Hebda. They were also given that same day to the Lakeville Police Department. It was just 2 weeks from the first time that I had walked into the Lakeville MN police department with nothing to the time I handed them the 100 blessed St. Michael the Archangel medals!



Patrick Beckham  
Disaster Preparedness  
Chairman

Brother Knights,

Many of you have taken the Disaster Preparation class presented by the KofC and sponsored by American Red Cross to prepare your families for possible disasters in Oregon. Many of you have also participated in helping those impacted by the Oregon Wildfires this past year, as well as floods and other disasters in our area.

However, while many Knights have stepped up to help, usually in groups (Councils), I have heard from several who would like to get involved, but as a single individual whose Council is not active in the relief effort, they don't know how to participate. Consequently, I just wanted to pass on this information to give you some ideas on how you can become as active as you want as a volunteer. While my expertise is with Red Cross disaster deployments, there are several agencies that you can contact (listed below with links) to offer your service to help those in need.

"If you are trained in disaster response, mass casualty EMS, or search and rescue, you can contact your local emergency services, sheriff's office, and Red Cross to see if they are seeking volunteers. Let them know your capabilities and availability. They will follow up if and when they're ready to deploy volunteers. "Do not go as an individual volunteer to a disaster zone expecting to find ways to help. In reality, you will only add one more person to the strained infrastructure.

Disasters stress medical resources in communities and towns affected by the disaster. That includes supplies of blood. "Your blood is unlikely to be used in the disaster zone, but blood supplies have a shorter shelf life than most people think. "Donations are always needed right in your own community year-round. This is also part of helping your own community be prepared for a disaster."

#### **Become a volunteer now for the future**

Preparedness is an important part of disaster response, particularly with so many people working in different capacities in a crisis setting. In the wake of a natural disaster, a variety of responders volunteer to provide physical and emotional relief to the affected population. [In 2018, the American Red Cross activated more than 14,000 workers \(90 percent volunteers\) to respond to major disasters.](#)

But for those who haven't served in a disaster response capacity, knowing which organizations to connect with, what capacity to serve in, and how to prepare to enter disaster sites can be **overwhelming**.

### **What Roles Do Disaster Responders Serve?**

[FEMA's National Preparedness Goal](#), which defines what it means for communities to plan for all types of disasters and emergencies, describes response actions as whatever is "necessary to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs after an incident has occurred." Its [National Response Framework for disasters \(PDF, 977 KB\)](#) breaks down a community's needs and the assignments required by responders, whether or not they are volunteers.

#### **Administration**

- **Planning:** The leader and management team are responsible for the whole response effort.
- **Operational coordination:** These experts understand and facilitate initial action, request for additional support and identify and integrate resources and capabilities.
- **Public information and warning:** The communications team keeps emergency personnel, media and the public informed.

**Operational communications:** This team maintains communication with the emergency response teams and affected populations.

Transportation

- **Critical transportation:** These coordinators determine status of transportation routes and infrastructure and identify temporary alternative transportation solutions.
- **Infrastructure systems:** These experts reestablish critical infrastructure to support emergency response operations and provide for clearance, removal and disposal of debris.
- **Logistics and supply chain management:** These planners ensure the delivery of needed supplies, equipment and services to affected communities and survivors and coordinate efforts between government and private resources and services.
- **Mass search and rescue operations:** These experts, often from the group of first responders who show up immediately and remain on site, contribute to search-and-rescue operations and implement all levels of personnel, animals and equipment.
- **Environmental response:** These experts identify, mitigate and assess worker health and safety hazards and support responders and citizens by providing safety guidance and resources.
- **Fire management and suppression:** Firefighters, who are part of the traditional first response, coordinate response of fire management or fire suppression resources after the disaster.
- **On-scene security, protection and law enforcement:** Safety officers are on the scene to ensure a safe and secure environment in the affected area, as well as among the responders and survivors.

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### [Health and Recovery](#)

- **Fatality management services:** These teams recover remains from any fatalities, identifying and returning them to family; they also offer counseling to bereaved.
- **Mass care services:** These volunteer-heavy teams distribute emergency supplies and provide food, water, shelter, temporary housing, evacuee support and reunification.
- **Situational assessment:** These experts facilitate recovery activities and address the affected population's needs regarding information that involves decision-making and life-saving activities.
- **Public health, health care and emergency medical services:** These professionals provide medical care to affected community members and responders, assess potential for any resulting illnesses among the survivors and offer mental health counseling.

### [What to Consider Before Volunteering](#)

For those interested in volunteering, understanding their response role and where they fit as they arrive on the scene is critical. While the term *first responders* — comprising the police, firefighters and EMTs — is the one most people are familiar with when discussing emergencies, secondary responders, including nurses, mental health counselors, and social workers, are necessary in a community's recovery.

We have an array of opportunities for Red Cross volunteers. If you're a cook and you want to provide folks with food, you can do that. You can be a driver, the logistics person or be the photographer in a disaster response. You can work in a shelter or in a warehouse.

It's important for every volunteer to ask themselves what they like to do and what they have an expertise in when considering how they would like to volunteer.

Disaster volunteers should also be prepared for emotionally and physically draining work in highly stressful situations. Because you're unaware of what the situation will be, just prepare yourself mentally to be able to operate on adrenaline. If you have a higher faith (i.e. Knights of Columbus) and you believe in a higher being, be able to pray, to gather yourself, and to be calm in order to meet the needs of other people."

### [Where to Look for Volunteer Opportunities](#)

Multiple groups recruit people to help after a disaster. In addition, community organizations and churches often organize their own donation efforts for victims. Volunteer groups for natural disaster response include the following, listed on the right of this page:

Bottom Line: There is a spot for you and Red Cross and most of the other organizations will gladly train you if you don't presently have the skills for whatever position you would like to do. That is true for either solo or with a group.

Thanks for considering this charitable gift to those who can really use the help!

Pat Beckham (Disaster Preparation Chairman)

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[American Red Cross](#)

[Brethren Disaster Ministries](#)

[FEMA's Community Emergency Response Team \(CERT\)](#)

[Habitat for Humanity Hope Worldwide](#)

[Medical Reserve Corps](#)

[National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster](#)

[Samaritan's Purse](#)

[SBP \(originally called St. Bernard Project\)](#)

[Team Rubicon](#)

[The Salvation Army](#)

[World Vision](#)





### [Important IRS Tax Filing](#)

#### **2020 Tax Information for KofC Councils, Assemblies, & Chapters**

This notice is to remind Councils, Assemblies, and Chapters in the United States of their legal obligation to file an IRS Form 990 (informational tax return) for the 2020 tax year, and to provide detailed instructions on how to comply with this obligation.

The Knights of Columbus, including all subordinate Councils, Assemblies, and Chapters (collectively referred to as Councils), is a tax-exempt organization, recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a fraternal benefit society under Section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code. This tax-exempt status requires each Council to file an annual Form 990 with the IRS.

Councils reporting gross receipts of \$50,000 or less with less than \$200,000 in assets may comply with their obligation by filing the Form 990-N electronic postcard (also known as the e-Postcard). Councils gross receipts of more than \$50,000 but less than \$200,000 with total assets of less than \$500,000 reporting must file the Form 990-EZ. Councils with gross receipts of \$200,000 or more and total assets exceeding \$500,000, and reporting must file the Form 990.

#### **Deadline to file annual return (all forms)**

Each Council must file its own tax return; there is no group or consolidated Form 990 filing. The returns must be filed by the fifteenth day of the fifth month following the end of the Council's annual accounting period. For example, if a Council's accounting period ends December 31, it must file a tax return by May 15 of the following year; if a Council's accounting period ends June 30, it must file a tax return by November 15. Please note that the IRS assigns the accounting period to each Council based on its Employer Identification Number (EIN). The IRS **will not** notify the Council of the accounting period. To determine the accounting period assigned to your Council's EIN, sign into the IRS system with your user id and password. In our experience the assigned accounting period coincides with the calendar year.

#### **Need more time to file a Form 990?**

Although the IRS does not grant extensions for filing the Form 990-N (e-Postcard), the IRS will accept late filings if the tax return is received within three years of the due date. While the IRS will accept late filings of Form 990N (e-Postcard), please note that filing late, even within a three-year period, may still be considered a missed filing by the IRS and trigger a revocation. The IRS does grant extensions to organizations filing paper returns (Forms 990-EZ and 990). A Council needing more time to file the 990-EZ or 990 return must request an extension at least one month before the due date. For example, if the Council's accounting period ends December 31, it must request an extension no later than April 15; if the Council's accounting period ends June 30, it must request an extension no later than October 15. Federal law imposes a penalty, up to a maximum of \$10,000, or five percent of the Council's gross receipts, whichever is less, for incomplete or late filings. In order to request an extension, Councils must submit, Form 8868, which is available on the IRS website: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f8868.pdf>. For Councils reporting gross receipts of more than \$50,000, we recommend using a qualified tax professional to file Form 8868.

#### **Where to file**

*Form 990-N (e-Postcard)*

The Form 990-N (e-Postcard) must be filed online. In order to utilize the online filing system, **all new users** must complete a registration, even if the user was previously registered under the old system (pre-2016).

The User Guide for the IRS Form 990-N Electronic Filing System is available here: [USER GUIDE Form 990-N \(e-Postcard\)](#)

The Form 990 e-Postcard Electronic Filing System is available here: [CLICK HERE TO FILE Form 990-N \(e-Postcard\)](#)

If you use the above link to file the 990N e-Postcard there is not a filing fee as it connects directly to IRS.gov.

*Forms 990-EZ and 990*

The IRS website provides forms and instructions for filing paper returns, Forms 990-EZ and 990: <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/current-form-990-series-forms-and-instructions>

For Councils reporting gross receipts of more than \$50,000, we recommend using a qualified tax professional to prepare and file these returns.

You may find e-filing instructions here: <https://www.irs.gov/e-file-providers/e-file-for-charities-and-non-profits>

### **If the IRS website will not allow you to file a Form 990-N**

The electronic filing system for the Form 990-N (e-Postcard) may not accept a Council's return if: (1) the Council EIN has been revoked for failing to file for three consecutive years; (2) the Council's EIN has recently been reinstated; (3) it is a new Council; or (4) the Council is not on the Supreme Council's Group Exemption List (updated continually by the Knights of Columbus Legal Department). If you are unable to e-file, please contact the Legal Department by email at [tax.ein@kofc.org](mailto:tax.ein@kofc.org).

You can also contact the IRS customer service at **1-877-829-5500**.

### **Information Available on IRS Website**

We suggest you visit the IRS home page for tax-exempt organizations. It is an excellent resource for Council officers who have questions or need information regarding their federal tax obligations: <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits>

We also suggest you visit the IRS web page explaining the annual electronic filing requirement for small and exempt organizations:

<https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/annual-electronic-filing-requirement-for-small-exempt-organizations-form-990-n-e-postcard>

More information is available on the Knights of Columbus website. Sign in under "Officers" and click on the "Forms" tab. By clicking on the icon next to "Form 990 Information" you will find a detailed memorandum on tax compliance, along with attachments.

### **Compliance Guide for Tax Exempt Organizations**

In addition to the annual filing requirement, each Council is responsible for conducting its affairs in a manner that is consistent with what is expected of tax-exempt organizations. Failure to do so may result in a Council losing its tax-exempt status. In this regard, Councils may wish to consult an IRS publication entitled *Compliance Guide for Tax Exempt Organizations*, which provides helpful guidance:

<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p4221nc.pdf>

### **Conclusion**

If you have questions relating to your Council's tax reporting obligations, please contact the Knights of Columbus Legal Department by email at [tax.ein@kofc.org](mailto:tax.ein@kofc.org)

**Additional materials relating to United States federal tax compliance as well as many other topics affecting your Council or Assembly can be found on the Officer's Desk Reference (ODR). For a username and password to the ODR, please contact Customer Service at 1-800-380-9995.**



*Parade of Past State Deputies*

Jasper William Kennedy  
22<sup>nd</sup> State Deputy of Oregon 1950-1952



Jasper Kennedy

Jasper W. Kennedy was born on July 19, 1904 to George W. and Olivia Kennedy in Campbell, Missouri.

On June 18, 1930, Jasper married Lucille M. Hemmer in Hannibal, MO. They had two children: William E. and James R. Jasper worked as a pharmacist in Missouri until the family moved to Oregon during the 1940's.

Jasper was a member of the Eugene Council 1430 and was elected State Deputy in 1950 even though he never held any other state office. He was also a member of the Moose Lodge.

In 1953 Jasper and his family moved to Olympia, WA and in 1959 moved to Tacoma, WA. In 1953 Jasper became a Supreme Insurance Representative for western Washington.



Lucille Kennedy

Lucille was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, St. Patrick's Altar Society and The Catholic Daughters of America where she served as State Regent, and National Director.

Jasper W. Kennedy died on October 11, 1972 in Pierce, WA and is buried at Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Tumwater, WA. Lucille died in 2001 and is buried next to Jasper

*"There awaits us, as a State Council, as subordinate Councils, as individual members, a marvelous opportunity to serve our beloved Faith and our Order in all areas."*  
Jasper W. Kennedy, February 22, 1951





**District 02 Report For February**

The Winter meeting of State Officers and District Deputies in Coos Bay was incredibly informative and inspirational. The State Officers, to a man, have been working diligently to show with their leadership how we can thrive in this time of lockdown. They introduced the mechanics of holding a hybrid meeting both in person and virtual in order to keep our members that are homebound up-to-date as to our activities.

District 2 took the opportunity to launch our St. Michael Prayer card/medal Project. All of District 2's Councils are committed to supplying the product for distribution. They are meeting and assembling the Cards and packaging them in cartons to be shipped. We will have another push at our State Convention. Meanwhile we are looking to expand this effort across the Country. There is an evil force attempting to knock us down by deleting the ONE NATION UNDER GOD we so diligently made happen. The police officers, first responders and soldiers are under extreme stress to perform their sworn duty to protect us while not having the confidence that their elected leaders will have there back.

**District 2 Report for March**

The four Councils in District Two have been actively engaged in assembling Prayer cards and medals for the St. Michael the Archangel Project. We sincerely wish to thank all the Councils across Oregon who have joined with us in this effort. The gratitude from the officers that we have handed these cards out to, have only been matched by the satisfaction felt by the Knights that passed them on.

St. Theresa Council 7828 Portland along with East Multnomah Council 3179 Gresham are planning on doing an extension of the Powell Butte Men's Retreat at their own parishes. They have invited all men young and old to attend the Retreat and have solicited men from adjoining parishes and sister Councils in our District to join them. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. This is a great opportunity to solicit interest and perhaps new members.

Council 7828 spent the day preceding Ash Wednesday shoveling snow to make access for the distribution of the ashes. Council 3179 spent a couple days shoveling elderly and homebound parishioners out, along with offering to provide any foodstuffs if needed. They also took advantage of Joe Jordan's seminar on Retirement strategies on Saturday to meet their fraternal obligations.

St. Joseph the Worker Council 13700 Portland has been working to beautify the outdoor shrine of the Blessed Mother on the parish grounds. And both St Rose Council 17536 Portland and East County are preparing to exemplify several new Knights into the three degrees who joined through e-sign membership. I took the time to interview these new members and they each seemed enthused, and will be a boon to those Councils.

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**FAITH****COMMUNITY****FAMILY****LIFE**

### *Knights In Action*

#### *Knights Help Clear Storm Damage Knights of Columbus Hillsboro Council 1634*

Through the tireless effort of our Worthy Faith Director, Sir Knight Rich Paris, who spearheaded efforts to clear damage from the February ice storm to the property of Roberta Gorg, recent widow of past District Master Carroll Gorg. Over the course of several days, Brother Rich organized a work party to cut down damaged trees and limbs, chop them into smaller pieces and haul away FIVE trailer loads (5'x12" each) to restore Roberta's property to its pre-storm condition. Engaging in the aid were Sir Knights George Murphy, Bob Fielder, Chuck Stratton and Mike Pranger. Rich and his lovely wife Pat assisted Roberta with the effort, spread over five days.



February 15, 2021.

Michael Pranger, Grand Knight of Council 1634, Hillsboro, Oregon, presents a check for \$5,225 to Sister Agnes Clare Navarra (center) and Sister Anne Marie Warren, at their Our Lady of Peace Retreat House.

The Sisters were forced to cancel their Annual BBQ in August 2020, so Council 1634 set up a GiveSendGo donation site online, asking Knights and Friends of the Sisters to support the purchase of special video equipment that will permit the Sisters to conduct remote retreats during COVID gathering restrictions.

During every August for many years the Knights of Columbus around the Beaverton area have regularly supported the Sisters with their fundraiser BBQ, with set-up, cooking and teardown, but needed to find a different way to help for 2020.



### Social Media

Worthy Brother Knights,

How many Councils currently have a social media presence? If Councils don't currently have a social media presence, now is an excellent time to start. We have a little while longer before life gets to return to normal due to COVID-19 concerns, so social media is an excellent tool that can be used. It's a great recruiting tool.

When other Catholic men see the activities and events the Council is doing, it inspires them to want to join and be part of this organization. When they see Councils helping with the food box distributions, wildfire relief, recovery after ice storms, etc, they are inspired to be a part of that. We are men stepping into the breach. Also, men might be inspired to join just by seeing an invitation online.

Things to include in social media presence (post about):

- Fr. Theo videos/Into the Breach videos/Everyday Heroes videos
- Photos from Council/Assembly activities (wearing KofC gear)
- Photos from other Council/Assembly activities (with their permission)
- Promoting Insurance Benefit nights (counts towards promotion requirement)
- KofC online membership card (You are Born a Man, Become a Knight)
- Supreme website, Council website, etc.
- [kofc.org/joinus](https://kofc.org/joinus) link
- Council contact info
- other info about KofC and Council

**Please do NOT post anything non-Knights of Columbus related, especially anything political.**

Recommended social media platforms:

- Facebook
- Instagram
- Parler

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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](mailto: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 31<sup>st</sup>**

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

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

Vivat Jesus,

Ron Boyce

Oregon State Deputy  
Cell 503-730-1986

**One Member, Per Council, Per Month**





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](http://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 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 30<sup>th</sup> will receive \$50. Any District Deputy that received 100% Supreme approved Columbia Award Application from the councils in their district by June 30<sup>th</sup> 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.



### Event

## Subs for Special Olympics Oregon!

**WE ARE PARTNERING WITH**

SINCE 1956  
**Jersey Mike's**  
SUBS

ALL MONTH LONG FOR

**MONTH OF GIVING**

Special Olympics Oregon is joining forces with **Jersey Mike's Subs** across Oregon for the 11th Annual March **Month of Giving** campaign!

During the month of March, you can donate to Special Olympics Oregon at 18 participating Jersey Mike's Subs in restaurant, online or through the app.

[View Participating Stores](#)

And, join us on **Wednesday, March 31st** for Jersey Mike's **Day of Giving!** Local Jersey Mike's restaurants will **give 100% of the day's sales - not just profit - to Special Olympics Oregon!**

**Day of Giving** falls on "Jersey Wednesday" during our Celebration Week for Winter Virtual Games. Grab a sub, wear your favorite jersey, and post to social media with #jerseymikesgives.



Throughout March, you can make donations through the Jersey Mike's mobile app or in stores. On **Day of Giving**, Jersey Mike's will offer free delivery through the Jersey Mike's app.

**Thank you Jersey Mike's!**





Polar Plunge 2021

Submitted and story by: Joseph Schaecher, DD09

Yes, Special Olympics Polar Plunge in Medford was done of February 20, 2021. [www.plungeoregon.org](http://www.plungeoregon.org)

As the event wrapped up, we recognize [OCA Division Manager/Music Program Asst. Coordinator](#) at [Southern Oregon University and Southern Oregon Polar Plunge Event Manager](#) at [Special Olympics Oregon](#) Kim Andresen.

That's a wrap on the 2021 Virtual Polar Plunge! Sherpas, hoodies, shirts, and more on their way next week to top fundraisers! Thanks to the amazing efforts of Plunge community members across Oregon, we raised **\$289,073 to support Special Olympics athletes!**

This year's Polar Plunge saw some amazing highlights. Both the average raised per participant, AND the total raised by our Top 50 Fundraisers, doubled over the 2020 Polar Plunge.

We are truly grateful for all of the virtual Plunges shared, laughs, joy, and awareness you helped spread to support the mission of Special Olympics Oregon!

If you are still fundraising, you can continue to earn Plunge swag for donations in March and don't forget to eat at or order take out from Jersey Mike's (Medford and Grants Pass locations) on 3/31 where 100% of all proceeds go to Special Olympics Oregon. Keep up the great work

Congratulations Southern Oregon

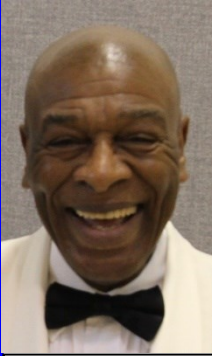
We reached our \$20K goal today for fundraising for the 2021 Polar Plunge benefiting Special Olympics Oregon!!! Thank you all!!! Let's keep going to hit \$25K with 1 week left to fundraise and donate!!

You can still donate and/ or plunge at home at [plungeoregon.org](http://plungeoregon.org)

Special thanks to all that volunteered too for our drive by shirt pick up/donation drive!

@Soor State Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Oregon, Knights participating: Danny Ashworth, Joe Schaecher, .





George Murphy  
Youth Director

Worthy Brother Knights:

It's a pleasure to write this monthly news letter. I am praying that everything will soon be back to normal.

Our youth activities are as busy as usual. The Coats For Kids Program was very successful this year; we gave away 220 boxes of Coats state wide. Many of them went to victims of wild fires.

We were unable to run our State Basketball Hoop Shoot Championship, because many facilities were closed. Our Essay and Poster programs were very successful. Our State Winners have been forwarded to Supreme and pray fully our State will have winners. Our State winners will receive checks for \$50.00 each. These checks will be given to our State District Deputies who will forward them to the winners after their names are given out at the State Convention.

As many Councils and Assemblies are returning to virtual or in place meetings, now would be a great time to start planning for summer and fall activities. Soccer will begin in September 2021. At that time our Poster and Essay programs will also start. As you can tell, it will be another busy year. If you have any additional questions please let me know.

Thanks for your participation in advance.

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**Pregnancy Center Needs Help**

Brothers, Obria Medial Clinics Oregon is a network of pregnancy alternatives centers doing God's work to support life and reduce the number of abortions in Oregon. This is an invitation to their Annual Spring Banquet on May 13<sup>th</sup> in Lebanon and May 20<sup>th</sup> in Oregon City.

Many Knights' Councils in the state support Obria. I know that the Lebanon Council recently donated an ultrasound machine.

I believe that the Obria in Lebanon is the closest clinic of its kind to our Council. Please consider supporting this event.

Vivat Jesus,

Edwin L. Diehl III  
Grand Knight  
St. Anthony Council 2439  
Sublimity, Oregon  
503.510.3415  
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**Be the One... for the One"  
Spring Banquet Registration**

Thursday, May 13, 2021, The River Center, Lebanon, OR      Thursday, May 20, 2021, The Abernethy Center, Oregon City

*Yes, I want to be part of this life-changing event!*

- I want to REGISTER to attend! Register at [fortheone.org/banquet](http://fortheone.org/banquet) or fill out form and return.
- I want to INVITE friends and HOST a table! Register your friends online or phone with their information. Each table holds 6. This will be a socially distancing event to ensure your safety and health.
- I want to SPONSOR a table financially! VIP recognition at event! \* I wish to remain anonymous \* \$2,500 \* \$1,000 \* \$500 \* \$250
- I cannot sponsor or host but I want to MAKE a DONATION!

Your name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsors only: Print the name/business/ministry or "in memory of" you want listed in program.

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- I will donate at the event      \* Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Charge my credit card for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \* Call me for credit card information

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_ Card #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ CCV Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you so much for partnering with us for "Be the one ...for the one"*  
Obria Medical Clinics - Oregon, Lebanon and Oregon City Clinics  
Register at [fortheone.org/banquet](http://fortheone.org/banquet) or call (541) 258-3500  
Mail registration/donation to Obria at 136 W. Vine, Lebanon, OR 97355





Coats for Kids - Unlimited

As part of the Coats for Kids program, Medford Council 1594 Grand Knight Michael Pitt, Treasurer Robert Christian, and District Deputy 09 Joe Schaecher delivered approximately 150 coats, which were donated to a local Medford organization named "Kids Unlimited". Additionally, a Knights of Columbus wheelchair was provided to the organization for general use of the facility participants.

When Kids Unlimited was opened in 1998 with a grassroots pilot program as a low-income elementary school it was to do one thing, and that was to empower kids to believe. The belief that all kids, despite their backgrounds and economic limitations deserved accessibility to opportunities. Driven by the belief that through education, children and their families could be empowered. Kids Unlimited has become a conduit to hope and today their mission has become a community norm.

Knights of Columbus Council 1594 is honored to team up with this community organization.



**RSVP/Pennies from Heaven**

**UPDATER**

Fraternal Year 2020--2021

Oregon State Vocations Director

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Brother Oregon Knights;

I hope this short message finds all of you safe and well. The last twelve months have been quite challenging to all of us in Oregon and across our order. We have withstood the virus, the isolation and the destruction of the wildfires. It is the hope of the State Officers and our Brothers in the Klamath Falls District to once again allow us to meet in Convention.

I would like to offer a brief explanation to all the District Deputies, Grand Knights and Council Vocation Directors for the creation of the waiting list for seminarian gifting. Due to the unquestionable difficult events of the past twelve months, the request from seminarians for assistance this fraternal year is down by 30%. Once the original requests were fulfilled early on, a waiting list had to be created for those of you who were still coming forward.

It has been suggested that the vocations office should go out and solicit or attempt to recruit seminarian participation. Allow me to explain that by federal law we are not permitted to do so as a non-profit organization. We are only allowed to make contact after a seminarian files a request sheet with the offices of either the Diocese or Mt. Angel. You may also honor a request if it comes directly from a seminarian provided that a Council or Assembly files a form 2863 with Supreme. You may also sponsor a seminarian of a "jurisdiction" outside of Oregon. That is a prerogative of the Council or Assembly. If any Officer in our jurisdiction, Oregon, has a question, please feel free to email or phone me at the above contacts.

If a Council or Assembly is in a position where you may at the time of the Convention have a surplus of funds, available for donation, please, consider the **Pennies from Heaven** fund. You would be helping sorely need resources to Oregon Knights sponsored charities and to the discretionary fund needed by Monsignor Betschart. Again, please consider this option. You may also send that donation to State Secretary Sid Thiel prior to the Convention if you do not plan to attend in person. My Brothers stay well, and I hope to see you in Klamath Falls on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

William "Bill" Geary

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**July 28 – 30, 2021**

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*



**Seminarian Benefit in Southern Oregon**

The Medford Rogue Valley Council 1594 Hall was the location to be on Sunday (3/07/2021) afternoon. This is where SK Matthew Sekreta fired up the grill for a simple dinner in support of Mt. Angel Seminarrians. It was hosted by District Deputy Joe Schaecher and Grand Knight Ed Dinius.

Fr. Fredy Bonita shared his experiences while attending the Mt. Angel Seminary. He invited two of his cousins who were visiting his home at Shepherd of the Valley Parish in Central Point.



We are thankful to Abbot Jeremy for the opportunity to hear about and view the Seminary.

If you wanted to help the Seminary Foundation but missed the opportunity, it is not too late.

Visit: <https://www.mountangelabbey.org/>

**District 21 Report For February**

This month in the life of District 21 (February 2021)

St Cyril Council #15640. Nothing to add this month.

Resurrection Council #13851 from Tualatin

The scheduled Valentine's Day drive through dinner was postponed due to weather and is now a St Patrick's day drive through dinner on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

St Peters Council #6602 from Newberg. Nothing to add this month.

St Francis Council #9137 in Sherwood

St. Francis Council is in the middle of their annual Lent food drive.

**Oregon Right To Life Member Receives Prestigious Award**

Feeling very privileged to have received the Oregon Right To Life Second Place Award for the 18\*Division ORTLEF State Short Film Contest.

You can view the video by selecting "191 Virtual March" in the "Oregon, That's Life" youtube channel, or by selecting the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jnlbVtA29o8>



LIFE



Patrick Parson



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**

**Bill Barlow, PGK**

**Tim Carl**

Council 1623 McMinnville

**Claire Dripps & Maryhelen Botcher**

Sisters of Brother Leo Fritz

Council 1698 The Dalles

**Tom Steiert**

Father of Greg Steiert PGK, PFN, FDD

**IN MEMORIAM**

**SK Carl B. Williquette**

Council 9529 Lincoln City and Assembly 0903

**Fredrick Fritz**

Brother of Leo Fritz

Council 1698 The Dalles

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

**H:541-801-1350**

**sjradel333@gmail.com**

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

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



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

**Stephen Radel**

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*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.*



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

**flooding, tornadoes and those whose lives have been lost and disrupted during the Corona Virus Pandemic.**

**This we ask through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen!**







Abbot  
Jeremy Driscoll



### *Greetings friends,*

I want you to know that we monks of Mount Angel are praying for all of you as we continue this holy season of Lent.

In one of his weekly videos, Abbott Jeremy Driscoll shared with us a beautiful story from chapter 4 of John's gospel.

It's often read on the Third Sunday of Lent, especially if there are catechumens in the Assembly.

The story tells us about an encounter between Jesus and a Samaritan woman. It begins as Jesus and his disciples stop at a well as they travel home, going from Jerusalem to Galilee. Jesus sits down to rest while the disciples go to the nearby town for food.

The hour is noon. People aren't usually at the well then because it's the heat of the day, but a Samaritan woman is there. Jesus asks her, "Give me a drink."

The woman is quite surprised, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?"

Jesus had broken all the rules of "well etiquette," and she is taken aback. In fact, he just was taking the initiative to engage her. So he replies, ***"If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."***

After further conversation the woman says, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus answers her, "... neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem... ***But the hour is coming and is now here when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth.***"

Eventually, the whole village comes out to meet Jesus and take him back to town. Finally, they say to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for ***we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world.***"

This wonderful story is part of the Lenten gospels because it's the story of encounters with Jesus that lead people to faith in him. I talk much more about it in the video, but dear friends, this encounter is our own story as we journey through Lent to Easter, when the Holy Spirit will lift us up to eternal life, to Christ within us. Jesus takes the initiative, and offers us living water.

God bless,

Abbot Jeremy Driscoll, O.S.B.



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