



## ON THE OCCASION OF HIS BEATIFICATION: REFLECTIONS ON FR. MICHAEL J. MC GIVNEY

by Father Jonathan D. Kalisch, OP

We are invited to reflect on the holy life of Father Michael J. McGivney at this moment in history.

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May Father McGivney continue to intercede for each of us, and may his life and virtue call us to renewal of our own lives as Catholics and Knights.

*(Father Jonathan D. Kalisch, OP is Knights of Columbus Director of Chaplains and Spiritual Development.)*

Message from the State Deputy

State Deputy  
Ronald Boyce

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My Brother Knights and Families,

The Knights of Columbus members in the State of Oregon have overcome so much adversity in 2020. I would like to thank all of you for living the mission and vision of Fr. Michael McGivney. I am in total awe of all the works that all of you have done for your neighbors. Taking on the Archdiocese of Portland Food Box Program and passing out food to those needing help because they lost their job, to helping those who lost everything from the Wild Fires all over Oregon. You have provided those essential items so they can move forward. You also helped your Parish Priest with Mass and are making sure those parishioners suffering from the COVID-19 and folks who are in quarantine are doing okay. Let us continue this work because the State of Oregon needs the Knights of Columbus and our selfless service to our Brother Knights, our Families, our Catholic Community and all Oregonians in need.

Brothers, you have all heard about the [Beatification of Fr. McGivney](#) and to honor him and help bring more of our Catholic Brothers to the Order the Supreme Council has a Special Online Promotion from now to December 31<sup>st</sup>. **Free One-Year Membership** when a Catholic gentleman signs up online and uses the Promo Code **MCGIVNEY2020** at [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus).

The following is the schedule for the Beatification of Fr. McGivney:

**Friday October 30<sup>th</sup>** at 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm there will be a Prayer Vigil at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, CT.

**Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>** at 8:00 am to 10:00 am Beatification Mass for Fr. Michael McGivney televised on EWTN- State Council will be showing the Beatification at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church (25181 E Broadway Ave, Veneta, OR 97487 with a Mass by State Chaplain Fr. Theo Lange to follow. After Mass we will hold a Charity, Unity, & Fraternity Exemplification in person and virtually on the GoTo Meeting platform. Please send your request to attend this special Exemplification to State Membership Director Ricardo Hernandez at [ricardo.kofc@gmail.com](mailto:ricardo.kofc@gmail.com) by Friday October 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** at 9:00 am at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, CT there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for the Beatification of Fr. Michael McGivney.

Please pass the word to all those Catholic Men to join the Knights of Columbus Order in Oregon and help us Save Lives and Change Lives.

State Warden Ken Anderson led a prayer for protection from natural disasters in Hillsboro on September 8<sup>th</sup>, a handful of people joined in at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Hillsboro while many more joined online. Thank you Worthy State Warden for facilitating this prayer service.

On October 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Edwards Catholic Church the Knights of Columbus helped Sponsor the Rosary Bowl NW and many thanks to Kevin Fredinburg, Ray Prom, Mike Welter, Vice Supreme Master Jesse Villareal, District Master Duane Morris, State Warden Ken Anderson, Rob and Dina Marie Hale, and the Keiser Council 10594 for their hard work in pulling off a very successful Rosary Bowl Event. Due to the "Pandemic" they could only do a live streamed and live broadcast on the radio. The Knights of Columbus Our Lady of Persecuted Christians Marian Icon was used and displayed at St. Edwards and Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Salem. The Knights of Columbus will continue to provide support for the Rosary Bowl NW and provide the use of our St. Michael the Archangel Marian Icons. Please mark your calendars for October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. Fr. Gary Zerr and the St. Edwards Parish Community has already extended an invitation for the Rosary Bowl NW to come back, and food booths could be made available in the parking lot. The theme for next year will be the Guardian Angels, as we will be celebrating on their feast day, October 2, 2021.

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Last month the Supreme Council sent out a film crew to the Sublimity Council 2439 Anthony Hall to film their efforts on Disaster Relief. In the November Issue of the Columbian Magazine they're going to have an article about what is happening in Oregon and for the December issue they're going to dedicate for all the disasters in the US with a more detailed article on all of the efforts from the Councils who are providing Disaster Relief to all our neighbors. Please check out the video on the link below.

Oregon Knights Deliver Wildfire Relief <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0fEcbHY918g&feature=youtu.be>

If you would like to donate to help the members and fellow Oregonians who were displaced and affected by these fires— **Please send your checks to Oregon State Knights of Columbus Council, c/o State Secretary Sid Thiel, 17180 SW Smith Ave #83, Sherwood, OR 97140.** Please note on the check that the contribution you are making is for the Oregon wildfire.

If you would like to help serve or donate supplies, please send these items to the following locations. Please contact everyone noted below prior to doing so to coordinate any help you want to provide.

**Jackson County - Medford K of C Hall, 772 Black Oak Dr., Medford, OR 97504**

**Contact – Joe Schaecher (District Deputy #9) - 541-282-4208**

**Marion County – Anthony Hall, 11758 Sublimity Rd. SE, Sublimity, OR 97385**

**Contact - Ed Diehl (Grand Knight Council #2439) - 503-510-3415**

Please sign up here: <http://scwrf.org> and select the appropriate tab.

**Lane County – St. Alice Catholic Church, 1520 E St. Springfield, OR 97477**

**Contact - Thomas Price (Financial Secretary Council #17442) – 541-554-2581**

**Clackamas County – Bentley Feed Store, 430 Hart Ave, Molalla, OR 97038**

**Contact – Kent Purdy (District Deputy #6) – 503-881-1244**



We can overcome these obstacles of COVID-19 and wildfires if we work together and continue to do the work that the Knights of Columbus in Oregon do. Wear the emblem of the Order proudly and let us help our communities and show the State of Oregon the Knights of Columbus will “Leave No Member or Neighbor Behind”.

One last item I would like to cover. I just want to remind you to vote. As Knights of Columbus and patriotic Americans, it is our duty to participate in the electoral process. This year, voting might be a little different—no matter if you are thinking about voting by mail, voting early, or even if you’re planning to vote in person on Election Day—the Knights want to help you with this. Visit [KofCVotes.org](http://KofCVotes.org) today and make sure you are registered to vote and have a plan for how to vote. You should also take a minute and take the pledge on this website asking you to vote, and to encourage your friends and family to do the same. My wife and I took the pledge today and I encourage you to consider it as well. No matter who you are voting for this year, visit [KofCVotes.org](http://KofCVotes.org) today and make sure you are all set to have your voice heard.

Let us pray for some rain or snow to help stop the spread of these wildfires, for all the firefighters and volunteers who are risking their lives, that we will have the vaccine for the COVID-19 virus and that we have a peaceful election. May God give us all extra strength and keep us all safe.

We are all Brothers. Be Not Afraid.

Vivat Jesus,

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### [New Online Format](#)

If you have not noticed it, we have a new format for the monthly edition of the Columbian Newsletter. It is more like a newspaper now!

Yes, it is called flipping pages edition of newspapers/newsletters. It will only be available for the current month’s edition and all previous editions will be normal PDF format.

The editorial staff hopes that you like this newer format as we progress forward to give you a chance to experience a new and different method of reading a Knights of Columbus newsletter.

Vivat, Jesus

Thomas E. Karl, Editor Columbian Newsletter



### [Appeal To All Oregon](#)

**(Editor's note:** While the following request was made by Sublimity Council 2439, its appeal should be widespread throughout the state to stress the importance of all of us helping our fellow citizen. I know that the Medford area has also been severely hampered by the loss of so much due to fires. Likewise, Lincoln City area has been impacted with loss of over 290+ homes in the adjacent Otis area.) And the list goes on....

Brother Knights, parish priests and administrators for the Santiam Canyon area, and Regis St. Mary school administrators,

We are trying to identify all the Knights, as well as other Catholics, who have been impacted in some way by the Santiam Canyon wildfires. In particular, those who have lost homes, lost jobs, lost loved ones, or have been evacuated.

I would appreciate it if you would share with me the names of parishioners who have been impacted.

We are working with the Knights of Columbus State Officers as well as Supreme, to get funding and supplies to these families.

I sincerely appreciate your help with this. If you have any questions please call or email!

Vivat Jesus!

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### [Donation Of Goods Welcomed](#)

As Oregon and other states in the Pacific Northwest have been experiencing devastating fires, many have needed to evacuate their homes. Others have lost their homes. During this time, many members of the Knights of Columbus have been calling one another to assess the situation in their specific areas. Many have provided us information about locations needing supplies, donations, etc. and where those donations could be dropped off.

Seeing this need for aid, many members of the Knights of Columbus stepped into the breach and sent supplies to many of these locations. In the Clackamas County area, several Knights of Columbus drove into the heart of evacuated territories to donate sleeping bags and socks. These supplies were requested by the local evacuation supply hub. Bentley's Feed Store in Molalla was one such hub collecting supplies such as sleeping bags, tents, air mattresses, socks, under-garments, etc.

If any other members of the Knights of Columbus wish to donate to this region, they can do so at this location:

Bentley's Feed Store  
110 N Molalla Ave, Molalla, OR 97038

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Sid Thiel  
State Secretary

## Knights of Columbus

Brothers,

We have gone through another month of the Covid Pandemic and devastating fires, but we are still here and working hard.

I have been fortunate lately to be able to visit Councils in person or by online meetings. It is extremely exciting to do this and to learn what you are doing out there, yet we can do more. I am working on 5 questions that I will be asking the Councils I visit. I will be reaching out to your Council during the next few months and will send these questions for all your members to answer. I am looking for candid answers so I can help you in the future.

The first weekend of Oct I was fortunate to be able to visit Klamath Falls and Medford in southern Oregon. There I had some very pleasant visits with the DD of District 9 (Joe Schaecher) and 11 (Ipo Ross). As you may have heard, the Council in Klamath Falls has developed a potters field for unclaimed remains and they are looking to expand it. It is a lovely location and represents their commitment to helping those who have been lost. They have also developed a nice tribute to our armed forces at the cemetery and it consists of symbols of each branch of our armed service on pedestals; on top of the pedestals are the flags of each branch. They have also included the new branch of Space Force. I would encourage everyone to visit this site.

While in Medford I was asked to help distribute food to the poor. Council 1594 had received a nice shipment of food from Supreme. It felt particularly good to be helping support the families who needed this food. I helped one lady who was very much in need of the food and in talking with her I found out her house was burned down during the fires and she was living out of her car. There are many displaced families in the area, and they continue to need our help.

I was able to tour the area of Talent and Phoenix where the fires did the most damaged in Southern Oregon. It was very eye opening to see the devastation that occurred. There were blocks of homes that were destroyed, but every now and then, you saw a building that had not been touched while all around it was gone. All these families need our help.

I was on the phone with our Supreme representative and we were talking about events the Councils have done to help their communities during this pandemic. Here are just a couple of things that Councils can do during the pandemic:

- ◆ hold a dinner meal drive through
- ◆ hold a breakfast drive through

On both of these events, Council sold tickets in advance and they were very well received by the parish community. You could hold garage sales with social distancing, clean the parish grounds, work with your pastor for projects that the parish needs—think outside of the box and look for new ways of doing events. These are also good ways to recruit new members by asking a potential member if he would like to help so he can see what we do. Set up a tent or table outside of your church entrance to recruit new members. Remember, for your Council to survive and grow, we need new members. How many of your friends know you are a Knight? Do not hide under a rock, bring it into the light of day. Let them know what the Knights do and stand for and there is a good chance you may soon have a new member.

Vivat Jesus

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*Citizenship Essay Contest*

Here is the Supreme Essay Runner up.

Congratulations to Council 6266

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Dear Kennedy

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus, it gives me great pleasure to announce that you are an International Runner-up in the Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. Today's Catholic youth will become the Catholic adults of tomorrow, and by their actions and decisions, they will play a major role in the future direction of the Church. It is apparent to me from the quality of all the essays submitted that the youth of today are on the right track toward this goal.

Your essay was chosen from hundreds of entries, and truly defines **The meaning of Virtue and how you live and embody the virtue of Charity**. As a reward for your efforts, you will be receiving a check in the mail in the coming days.

It is of paramount importance to strengthen the foundation of our faith in the hearts and minds of the youth. They are our future priests, sisters, teachers, and legislators, and with a strong base of Catholic beliefs they will excel in those roles.

Congratulations on this prestigious achievement, I wish you continued success throughout your scholastic experience and beyond.

Sincerely,



Supreme Knight

Cc: Grand Knight Council 6266  
State Deputy

by **Father Jonathan D. Kalisch, OP** | Director of Chaplains and Spiritual Development



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As we prepare to celebrate the beatification of Father McGivney, I encourage you to preach about these aspects of the life of our holy founder. The Vatican-approved miracle on behalf of Mikey Schachle, the son of a brother Knight and General Insurance Agent Dan Schachle, provides additional focus for spiritual and pastoral engagement. Where possible, I hope you will work with your Council to promote local and virtual events highlighting the life of Father McGivney, as well as lead a Novena before his beatification.

May Father McGivney continue to intercede for each of us, and may his life and virtue call us to renewal of our own priesthoods.

*Vivat Jesus!*

**Council In Action**

Submitted by: Sublimity Council 2439 FS Ronald Bernt

Yesterday, the Camp Taloali, Board of Directors held our monthly meeting. We decided to make the entire camp available to the disaster recovery effort, for as long as needed. We are opening the camp up to long-term and short-term housing needs. We are offering limited business office and storage space. We are offering RV and boat storage. We are also standing by to assist in any other way that we can.



Outdoor picnic area, perfect for family reunions, weddings and more!



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The camp with our cabins and dining facility may be a perfect solution for work crews and organizations that are coming into the area to house their people while they are helping with recovery effort. We could also act as a staging area for recovery work further up the canyon.

**District Deputy Corner****District 21 Report for September 2020****Sherwood Council 9137**

- ◆ It was a very busy month for Sherwood's Council.
- ◆ They had their annual garage sale in the middle of the smoke from the local wildfires; they continued their campus beautification program 'Weed and Wine'
- ◆ continued their Friday night Holy Hour program during Adoration at St Francis
- ◆ hosted an appreciation BBQ for the Sherwood Police Department and hosted two youth competitions—Punt Pass and Kick and the Knights Soccer Challenge.
- ◆ If that wasn't enough Father Amal requested that the Knights clean up the outdoor Stations of the Cross where three trees had fallen and blocked the path during the recent wind storm.

**Garage Sale:** The Council was able to finally complete their first, and only fund raiser for the year with their annual garage sale. If Covid-19 wasn't enough of a deterrent the air quality from the local fires put an additional damper on this event. But it wound up being a success as many of the left over items were sold online.

**Weed 'n Wine:** The Council sponsored Wednesday night weeding parties followed by an hour of fellowship in the St Francis parking lot. The event is now known as 'Weed 'n Wine'. The campus really needed an overhaul and looks very nice.

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**ST. FRANCIS**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL



District Deputy 02 October Monthly Report

District 2 is alive and active

East Multnomah Council 3179 in Gresham is conducting their first in person meeting since the start of the pandemic as the pastor previously restricted most on-campus activities. They have been busy serving their community by answering our Archbishop's call to feed the poor. Many charitable hours logged. Good work!

St. Joseph the Workers Council 13700 Portland will be installing a new slate of Officers. Joe Bonneville, a past Grand Knight, has taken on this responsibility even while he works to overcome cancer. Very impressive dedication. I'm looking forward to his leadership.

St. Rose of Lima Council 17536 (the State's current Baby Council) did their first Drive up Dinner Fund Raiser to put some charitable dollars in their treasury. Mike McDougal and Kevin Seed respectfully are their new GK and DGK. You will be hearing a lot about the men of this Council in the future.

St Therese Council 7828 Portland just finished up a pretty substantial construction project for their parish, removing cedar boards between the exposed aggregate concrete sections (8x8' squares) and then filling the voids with a special concrete slurry mix that would blend the whole thing together. This was a three day project and a majority of the skilled workers were provided by our Brother Steve of Schommer and Sons. Brother Brian Moran of Troutdale Sand and Gravel donated the concrete. These men have been extremely generous sharing their treasury with the Council in many projects over the years.

After visiting the St. Anthony's Council 2439 in Sublimity and seeing the wonderful work that they are doing to provide comfort to their neighbors, we took St. Rose's lead and we will be having a "Taste of Chicago" drive up meal event on Sunday the 18th of October featuring Italian Beef and Italian Sausage sandwiches or a combo of both. This is a "Coats for Kids" event, to provide winter wraps for the Fire Relief victims. You can email [st.t.kofc@gmail.com](mailto:st.t.kofc@gmail.com) and I will forward you any information.

Vivat Jesus,

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Proceeds go to the Santiam Canyon Wildfire Relief Efforts, "Coats for Kids" winter coats for Displaced School Children K-12 and "Blessing Bags" donated to victims of the Fire.

*District Deputy 09 October Monthly Minutes Extract*

- ◆ Leave No Neighbor Behind – This initiative continues.
- ◆ Are there members that you cannot contact?
- ◆ Please let your District Deputy know.
- ◆ As stated on the Supreme web site: We must deepen our commitment to the very principles which define us: Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

For more information and how to report your activity: <https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/leave-no-neighbor-behind/index.html>

Fr. Jeff Meeuwsen, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Medford, brought down a large shipment of gift cards, clothes and food.

On September 30th, the Catholic Daughters and a few Knights straightened up, sorted and organized all the supplies at the KNICO Hall. Then, it was noted that in the afternoon at 3:00pm, more gifts of food would arrive at the KNICO Hall from St Pius (Portland).

On October 1st, another large shipment (7 pallets) arrived at 3:00 pm at the KNICO Hall from Supreme (I think).

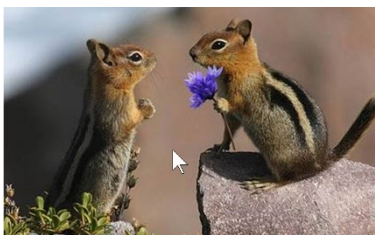
We are constantly saying "Thank You" in one breath and asking "Can you help?" in another.

If I forget to say so, please know how much your help is appreciated by me and each person we help.

Peace and Blessings,

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*Food For Thought!*



**Noah's Ark** : Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark in ten easy lessons.

**ONE**: Don't miss the boat.

**TWO**: Remember that we are all in the same boat!

**THREE**: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark .

**FOUR**: Stay fit. When you're 60+ years old, someone may ask you to do something really big. (Probably a Knight!)

**FIVE**: Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

**SIX**: Build your future on high ground.

**SEVEN**: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

**EIGHT**: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

**NINE**: When you're stressed, float awhile.

**TEN**: Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

And—Love Makes The World Go Round!

## *October is Catholic History Month*

When the idea was pitched for Catholic History Month, the question was asked; "Why October?" The response was "Because in October is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary which honors the battle of Lepanto". Next question asked; "What is the battle of Lepanto?"

The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary used to be called the feast of Our Lady of Victory which was set into the liturgical calendar by Pope Pius V to honor the Virgin Mary and the Rosary. Our Lady and the Rosary played a role in one of the greatest sea battles of all time, the Battle of Lepanto. It is one of the greatest when you look at both the magnitude of the battle and by what was at stake if the battle outcome had been different.



On October 7, 1571, the ships of the Holy League assembled off the coast of Greece near the port of Lepanto to confront a menace to the Mediterranean, the navy of the Ottoman Empire. The Ottomans at this time were the chief agent in the spreading of Islam. The ships of the Ottoman Sultans were actively terrorizing the Mediterranean with piracy, naval war, coastal raids and invasion. In the year prior to Lepanto there was a successful invasion of Cypress, a Venetian/Greek Orthodox island, and an unsuccessful attempt to invade Malta, which was successfully defended by the Knights of St. John. The attempt on Malta made it clear that the Ottomans desired to control the entire Mediterranean and further their conquests to carry the Q'oran westward. The Holy League was called for by Pope Pius V when he saw the threat to Western Europe. Through the Pope's diplomacy the military forces of The Holy Roman Empire, Spain, Portugal, Genoa, Venice and various knightly orders, combined to confront the Ottoman navy at Lepanto, their main port in the Adriatic.

The battle involved some 550 ships and some 75,000 men. The ships of the Holy League introduced technological advancements worth mentioning. The galleasses of the Catholic League were designed to raise the height of the deck to make it difficult for the Ottomans lower ships to board and easier for the Leagues marksmen to shoot down on the Turks galleys and corsairs. And for the first time cannons were added to the sides of the ship adding to the cannons commonly placed in the bows and sterns making it possible to fire on the enemy no matter the direction. There were some new spiritual achievements too, the soldiers and sailors were given and asked to pray the rosary. This connected the spiritual parts of the battle with the material parts.

Also, introduced from the Americas was a replica of the Image of Virgin of Guadalupe. This replica image had been touched to the original and was sent to Europe to promote the message of the Virgins appearance to Juan Diego. It was placed aboard The Real, the flag ship for the armada, in the hopes for the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The battle was fierce. The League sailed into battle with their ships in the formation of a Cross while the Turks formation was a crescent. Just before the two massive fleets met the wind changed in the favor of the Holy League and afterwards the Christian sailors and soldiers gave thanks to Mary for her intercession.

The battle lasted several hours and ended with the sinking or burning of 50 Turkish galleys and the capture of 117 more. More importantly the Ottoman Navy was decimated to the point that they were unable to threaten the Mediterranean again.

There is much more to the battle then can be written about here. There are more miracles, there are heroes and villains, and there is a famous author who was wounded during the battle. There is more political intrigue involving almost all the nations of Europe. One of the greatest English language epic poems written by G K Chesterton is about the Battle of Lepanto. This is a good place to start if you would like to learn more about the battle.

So why October? It's a good place to start when learning our history. We continue to develop a program slowly. The effort was intended to inspire you to support the development of a larger CHM (Catholic History Month) program that can be used as a platform for teaching, learning, defending, and evangelizing the Faith.

Small steps have been made. For the future we are hoping to inspire you, the Knights of this State, to do something in October to support, promote or encourage CHM. Learning Catholic history is probably new to most of you. Your Catholic education has probably been focused on anything from liturgy, Sacred Tradition, Scripture, spirituality, the saints, etc. Catholic history has not played a big role, if any role at all for most of us. We would like to change that. If only to give another way to connect to the faith.

Domino Gloria!

Thank you,

Duane Morris  
Oregon State General Program Director

### [Fire Relief Clinic - Councils North and South Team-Up](#)

Photo and story by DD09 Joe Schaecher

Members of St Cyril Council 15640 in Wilsonville teamed up with local volunteers and drove South to Medford to help out some of the fire victims. Grand Knight Robert Garcia and Past Grand Knight Frank Garcia who is also the Executive Director of Immigration Counseling Services (ICS) teamed-up with OHSC, Bambuza Hospitality Group, Center for Nonprofit Legal Services and others to help the Southern Oregon fire victims. Contact with District Deputy 09, Joe Schaecher to get local help was important for the one-day trip to run smoothly. Contact with the Medford Chamber of Commerce and other groups in the Medford area was already in the works. Those arriving early met Grand Knight Michael Pitts of Medford Council 1594 and Joe with tables and chairs.

In preparation for the day we were reminded that our efforts this day would go to the many people in need. And it sure did. Some services included helping to retrieve lost immigration documents that can cost up to \$400 per person. This was all done for free. There were mostly clothes and other important items such as diapers, blankets and even some toys for the kids.

These Knights In Action who team up with other community volunteers are a powerhouse of goodwill for those folks in need.



Knights in Vests and some other Volunteers help Shop for Fire Victims.



GK Knight Michael Pitts Setting up for the Day

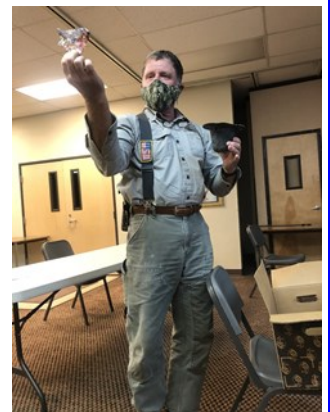
### [Member Recalls Loss of Fathers Chalice and Flag in Alameda Fire](#)

Photo and story by DD09 Joe Schaecher

As the Alameda Fire started in Ashland and then moved through the town of Talent and into the town of Phoenix, Matt Sekreta did all he could to save his own home and carpet business. Matt is a member of Council 11258 in Central Point, and just a few short weeks prior to the fire he laid to rest his Dad. Dr. Emanuel Joseph Sekreta died in June, just a couple weeks short of his 97th birthday. He had been a Knight for 67 years and a 4th Degree Knight for 62 years. As the COVID-19 took a grip on our nation it had (and has) taken a particularly harsh grip on our elderly community. Matt recognized this issue with his Dad and thought of an idea to cheer him up. He requested and received a flag for his Dad that had once flown over our Nation's Capital. The flag was presented to his Dad with his son Matt on the other side of a glass window. Although Matt was unable to hug his Dad, the smile he received was as big as life. Matt shared his story with Medford Assembly 905 during their Flag Day Ceremony.

The fire that ripped through these towns in Southern Oregon was particularly hot. As officials in the area gave permission, Matt was anxious to sift through the ashes in what remained of his Superior Carpet building. The precious 4th Degree Chalice presented on behalf of his Dad during his funeral was on his mind but never really expecting to find remnants at all since he had left both the Chalice and the Flag in his office on the 2nd floor office. He was shocked to find both. One surprise after another. The Flag had melted and was actually lying on top of the paten that came with the chalice.

Both the remnants of the Flag and Chalice will be buried with his Dad when family is able to gather once again. Matt said a replacement Chalice is important so that it can be presented to a newly ordained Priest this Spring at the Cathedral in Portland.



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**

October Report For District Deputy 07

Worthy Brothers and Knights all,

Covid-19 has had a devastating impact on my Councils and yet most of them continue to serve their parishes and their communities where they can. We all contribute to relief efforts for the fire victims and the homeless and the needy. We give what we can, where we can.

I was pleased that my Councils practice social distancing and wear masks when I installed their Officers. I was pleased that my Councils have "Zoom" meetings to keep members safe.

A lot of work has been placed on non-partisan efforts and discussions that promote pro-life, with its many aspects and applications as we near elections in November. I encourage all to read the Pope's encyclical letter from October 3rd, if they have the time, (it is a bit long) and reflect on how each of us can be aware of the reality of current events and also to "pay attention to the world around us, to what truly is." The Pope's *Fratelli tutti* encyclical letter may be difficult for some of us to read and process, but it is important that we try to build "a universal aspiration to fraternity."

All of this is what we can do—but—is it news-worthy? Knights from other Districts are doing fantastic work for fire victim relief and my Councils support them. Knights from my Councils continue to support their parishes and the needy through charity and works of mercy as they always have done in the past. While this is not news though, it is always admirable. We are Knights of Columbus and we cannot say no to those in need, we cannot say no to our church. This is who we are. Our families know it and our friends know it. It is not news to them.

With the love and peace of Christ,

Vivat Jesus,

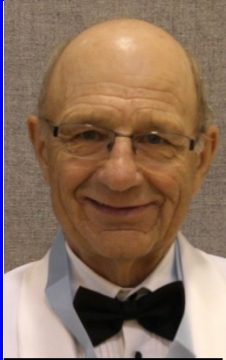
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### State Charities Plea For Support



Francis Mohr, IPSPD  
State Charities President

Dear ***“Brothers of Charity,”***

Nationally and Internationally the Knights of Columbus have the great reputation of being men of charity. ***“Father McGivney has inspired generations of Catholic men to roll up their sleeves and put their faith into action,”*** said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. I think we have all seen articles and short videos of Knights doing just that during such events as hurricanes, floods, earthquakes and close to us here in the west has been the event of wildfires. I’m aware of Oregon Knights gathering food and other supplies and hauling them to the folks who lost homes in the Santa Rosa area a couple years back and several Councils doing either collections or some fund raisers to help provide financial assistance to our Brothers who lost everything with the wildfire in Paradise, CA.

Throughout Oregon, Councils have responded not only with activities involving Food for Families, Habitat for Humanity, Helping Hands, and physical assistance for those in need, but also with financial assistance to various non-profit groups that serve those on the margins of society. I encourage you to not overlook the opportunity we all have to assist with charitable acts primarily by considering a financial contribution to our State Charity Fund.

Each of us can help make a difference by contributing to our State Charities Fund. You may choose one of the groups that we have assisted during the past few years such as Homes/Pregnancy Centers (Gresham, Medford, Bend & Baker City), Wheel Chair Program, KBVM Catholic Radio, Oregon Special Olympics, Military Chaplain Fund, Diocesan Youth Programs (Archdiocese and Baker), or to the General Fund which the State Charities Board uses to assist other charitable groups requesting financial assistance.

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

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

If you have questions, please call me at 541-519-6606 or email: [francis\\_mohr@msn.com](mailto:francis_mohr@msn.com)

Sincerely,

Francis Mohr, IPSPD & State Charities President

### Faith Program Director

#### ***There is a moral responsibility for the Catholic man to vote***



Ray Prom  
Faith Director

Brothers, I am not going to get openly political, so everyone can relax. A little. I am going to remind everyone reading this that we have a responsibility to vote this November. For the Catholic man, a moral responsibility. There are many more eloquent than I in making this point, so I want to share some words of wisdom from one of the most eloquent, the late Bishop Fulton Sheen. Here are a couple of his words of wisdom for this election. “Only those who live by faith really know what is happening in the world; the great mass without their faith are unconscious of the destructive processes going on, because they have lost the vision of the heights from which they have fallen.” What the good bishop is saying is that we need to rely on God and to listen to the Holy Spirit at this important time. Before you go to the polls, ask God for His guidance.

Another great quote from Bishop Sheen is this: “A religion that doesn’t interfere with the secular order will soon discover that the secular order will not refrain from interfering with it.” Brothers, don’t use the lame excuse, and don’t buy into it when others say: “I’m personally opposed to something, but I won’t use my religion to influence others”. Jesus said not to put your shining light under a bushel basket. Others are looking for guidance, especially your families. Please be that moral compass.

I will leave you with one final quote from the good Bishop. “There are three ways in which a man becomes a slave. He may be born into slavery or forced into it or he can deliberately accept his servitude. All three forms flourish in the modern world. Men are born and forced into slavery in Russia and her satellites states. Men in the free world invite slavery when they ask the government to provide complete security, when they surrender their freedom to the {Welfare State}.”

***Be a force for good in this world.***

Vivat Jesus

Ray Prom, Faith Director

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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 Chev Stand Golf Bag.

## District Deputy Promotions

### "Oregon Star Recruiter District"

Any District Deputy that has one new or reactivated member over their District's Supreme quota during the 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.

Report From Vice Supreme Master Report

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE - Patriotic Degree of the Order

"Moving Forward Brother Knights"

Mgr. Francis N. Blanchet Province



Jesse Villarreal  
Vice Supreme  
Master

THINK POSITIVE.....TEST NEGATIVE

Worthy Brothers Sir Knights all,

Seven months into this pandemic with no end in sight—BUT—we must and shall continue to find ways to Think Positive and Test Negative. Finding ways to increase and enforce our Faith and accept God's love in whatever way it comes. We can do this by working with each other to somehow turn disadvantages into advantages. The technical issues with "Zoom and virtual programs" are becoming less and less. In fact, even I am learning to use the "new way" to my advantage. The one very important ingredient is to keep the lines of communication open and to be in contact with each other as often as possible, by phone, by email or by a Zoom meeting or any of the other virtual means available. Please follow the state government rules and regulations to protect yourself and others by wearing a mask and keeping the social distancing when in a group situation.

In early August some of the State Officers and delegates for the 2020, 138th Supreme Convention met for a much needed and informative meeting. The annual event was scheduled to be held in Washington D.C. but due to the COVID-19 it was changed instead to Washington Square in the Tigard area. Normally the Fourth Degree annual meeting of the Supreme Assembly Convention follows that event but for the same reason and other issues it was rescheduled for September 22nd of this year.

I am happy to report that all Provinces, from the four divisions, were represented plus several Supreme officers including Supreme Knight Carl Anderson were included. Our Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard conducted a very solid and beneficial meeting for all Vice Supreme Masters. The strong message is that we are "One Uniform with One Drill Manual and our goal is to leave it better than we found it."

One of the main objectives is the need to:

- ◆ participate and be engaged in Patriotic programs within our communities.
- ◆ To Pledge across America in flag raising ceremonies and to actively participate with the Military Chaplains Sponsorship Programs and Veteran Support Programs.
- ◆ To have more Fourth Degree Exemplifications as membership growth is everybody's business. Korea was recognized as being on top in the number of ceremonies (fourth degree exemplifications) they are having.

Supreme Master Stoddard mentioned that virtual and live programs are growing globally. We need to take advantage of the different programs available to increase the number of exemplifications we have and to create ways to increase the number of Assemblies in all the Provinces as well. Recruitment is a top priority. Recruitment of younger members, especially as age is a big factor, within our current membership in the Fourth Degree.

I am asking all Sir Knights from all Assemblies in Oregon, State Officers, District Deputies, and Grand Knights of all Councils to look and think of their members of the Knights of Columbus who are still waiting on the sidelines of the Third Degree. Encourage those members to take advantage of the way the Fourth Degree Exemplifications are being done! It is easier than ever. You can do it virtually or in person! It costs less to attend the ceremony! You do not have to get all dressed up and you can do it from the comfort of your home! You do not have to travel (your option) and be present two hours ahead of time! And you still have the option to be Knighted at your own parish with family members as witness to your journey into complete Knighthood. You will receive your social baldric, lapel pin and certificate as a Patriot of church and country.

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Supreme Knight Carl Anderson mentioned that Patriotism is still needed more than ever! The Fourth Degree is necessary to show that we as Catholics defend our Church and Love our Country. That we have worthwhile respect for the rights of citizenship. We must redouble our efforts with programs that express faithful citizens with Charity, Unity, Fraternalism and to that we add Patriotism. We must show justice for immigrants, as well as for all Catholics. We must reflect on the timing and stop creating deep divisions like during the civil war when brothers were fighting against brothers. To reconstruct the country and use brotherhood as the principle of our Order of Knights of Columbus.

Supreme Knight Anderson asked us if we are using this opportunity to the fullest? Our nation is shifting into a culture of civil war within our communities that is growing into nearly an all out war. Our Mission is to grow together, to express the mission of Patriotism. We need to accomplish that mission! He was candid by asking that we escape the "old man" organization mentality and left us with one challenge: **BRING IN YOUNGER MEN** into the Fourth Degree. That is our future. Every degree must move forward. It is a sign of our growing by doing the hard work that only Knights of Columbus members do. It is vital that we express the importance of our programs.

There were some issues discussed regarding the uniform and I would ask that if anyone has any question(s) regarding the uniform to please contact District Master Duane Morris or myself at 503-267-4043 or email [jcv1936@canby.com](mailto:jcv1936@canby.com). Remember we are here to serve those in need. Stay safe and healthy. Think Positive and Test Negative. Blessings to all.

VIVAT JESUS

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### [District Deputy 12 October Report](#)

Thanks to the Archdiocese and especially Archbishop Sample to help us continue our charitable works.

St. Mary Our Lady of the Dunes Catholic Church is now a distribution site for the USDA free food box giveaway. Box pick up will be once a week through the remainder of October. The first distribution will be on Saturday, October 17, 2020, from 1-3 pm, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 85060 Hwy 101 S., Florence. Boxes have also been made available to the Mapleton Food Share for distribution for up-river residents (please contact the Mapleton Food Share for more information on distribution times).

Patrick Beckham  
DD12

A USDA food box is a combination of a variety of produce/fruits, dairy product, fluid milk, and precooked meat. St. Mary's will have approximately 100 boxes to give away in a first-come, first-serve basis. There is no cost, and there are no requirements, paperwork needed, or questions asked.

The Food Box program is made possible through the Archdiocese of Portland and the USDA. We would like to thank the Knights of Columbus Council 15773, Grocery Outlet of Florence, Helping Hands, and the Mapleton Food Share for partnering with us to make this distribution possible. Please contact the parish office if you have questions: 541-997-2312, Tuesday through Friday, 9 am to 3 pm.

A similar distribution plan by all the Councils in District 12 (Councils 1261 - Coos Bay & North Bend, 5511 - Brookings, and 17396 - Bandon) has been and will also continue or begin taking place as well for at least the remainder of October helping parishioners and their entire communities impacted by the effects of Covid 19 and the Oregon Wildfires.

Pat Beckham  
District Deputy 12  
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**Council In Action**

By: Sid Thiel, State Secretary

On Sept 19, Council 9137 held a BBQ in support of the local Police Department. We barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs, had macaroni and potato salad, chips, veggies, cookies, and beverages. We had 14 out of the 27 officers who were working who were able to attend. We worked closely with the Police Chief to put on this event.

There were approximately 15 Knights and wives in attendance helping support this function. Several good conversations were had with the police and they really appreciate our support. At one time we had 5 police cars in our lot. One of the policemen brought his police dog and he showed us one of the games he plays with it, showing it was very well trained.

One officer brought his wife and another brought his young daughter who about 5 years old. I had a nice conversation while talking with the officer who brought his daughter.

As we talked, he said this event meant a lot to him to know that there are community members supporting him as well as his fellow officers. The emotion I heard in his voice made this all worthwhile. This made him feel much better about doing his job. I handed him a box of food that we previously put together for those who could not make it to this meal and he was going to delivery it for us.

With all the negativity against the police, this is the kind of event we need to do so we can lift spirits.

Vivat Jesus

Sid Thiel  
Oregon State Secretary





Kenneth Anderson III  
State Warden



## State Warden's Report

Worthy Brother Knights,

I would like to express my deepest thoughts for each and every one of you during this time. September has been a rough month with COVID-19, devastating fires, and much more. I wish good health to each and every one of you and to remind you all that this brotherhood of Knights is here to support you all.

These fires have had long-lasting impacts on many people. Thank you to all of the members of the Knights who have helped with the fire relief. It is astounding to me to see how well our Order has stepped up to help those in need. Where there's a need, there's a Knight. This is exactly what makes me so proud to be part of this organization. Keep up the good work.

### Virtual/Hybrid Setup Ideas:

Many Councils are meeting entirely virtually while some are starting to meet in person again. As State Warden, I have a few suggestions on setup logistics. Many Councils around the Order are looking at the possibility of setting up long-term "hybrids" of a combination of virtual and in-person meetings long after we rid the land of this pandemic. It's entirely possible long-term to meet in person while setting up a conference call option for those who are unable to attend in person. I fully support this model. Please let me know and reach out to me if you would like some assistance in setting up this type of model.

### Marian Icon:

As State Warden, it is my responsibility to look after the physical property of the state. The three large Marian Icons are considered property of the state and thus are entrusted to my care. They are intended for Councils to use as they're available, but I will need to be aware of where they are at all times. I will periodically check in with DDs regarding their whereabouts. *PLEASE MAKE SURE TO LET ME KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.* We had 2 of the Icons at the Rosary Bowl in Keizer this month. One will be staying in Keizer and the other will be going to Canby. The third is still in Bend.

### Knights of Columbus Canopy/Tent:

The Knights of Columbus State has a very nice canopy/tent with the Knights of Columbus emblem on it. It's a great way to promote the visibility of the Knights of Columbus and an excellent recruitment tool. Any Council can use it any time that it's available. Let's take advantage of this resource. As State Warden, I will be in charge of tracking it. Please let me know if you would like to use it. Let us be the Knights of Columbus we need to be in this time of pandemic! Let us step into the breach!

### Forms:

As we have been encountering the emergency fire situations, I have put a hold on sending out forms correspondence. I felt that the last thing Councils needed right now was to be bothered about forms. I will start tracking the forms again, but I also realize that the fires have had long-term impacts on people even after the fires were done. Remember that their needs and well-being come first and I will completely understand if Councils in that position need to focus on that rather than forms.

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)

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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Oregon State Council  
State Warden

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



Duane Morris  
District Master



## Knights of Columbus

### 4th Degree Oregon District Archbishop Blanchet Province

My Brother Sir Knights,

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

Worthy Brothers in Christ. This month I would like to invite my Brothers who have not yet taken their final step in the Journey of Knighthood. On November 7th at Christ the King in Milwaukie, Oregon there will be an opportunity for you to take that final step and become a Worthy Sir Knight in our Honored Order. Everything is being readied and the Sir Knights of Most Rev. William H. Gross Assembly are looking forward to hosting this event, having you participate, and becoming a Sir Knight attaining the highest degree of the Order ... the Patriotic Degree. This event will be held In Person and Virtually.

#### [Seven Reasons Why Knights Should Join the Fourth Degree](#)

1. The Fourth Degree is a group of outstanding Knights dedicated to promoting patriotism enlightened by the Catholic faith.
2. The Fourth Degree is the highest degree in the Knights of Columbus, and provides for a greater knowledge and appreciation of our Catholic heritage.
3. We work for the application of Christian principles in all levels of democratic government.
4. We call upon our members to distinguish themselves with heroic deeds for God, Country and our Order.
5. We support such religious, civic and charitable causes that are consistent with our Order's high ideals.
6. We oppose the institution and development of forces adverse to good Christian government.
7. We educate our members and the world at large to be defenders of our democratic institutions.

#### [Qualifications](#)

You must be a Third Degree member in good standing as verified by your Council's Financial Secretary. An original Form 4 must be brought to the exemplification for registration. Make sure the Form 4's are filled out properly and accompanied with a \$50.00 check made payable to "Duane Morris, District Master". It should be forwarded to me by the due date of Nov 2nd or contact me about pending applicants so their names can be included in the program. Make sure your membership number and all (five) required signatures are included on the Form 4.

#### [Costs](#)

The exemplification fee is \$50.00. The fee covers a Fourth Degree pin, Social Baldrick, and the Exemplification fee. For those attending virtually, the Pin, Social Baldrick and Certificate will be mailed to the address on the Form 4 within a few days of the Exemplification.

#### [Dress](#)

The desired dress for a candidate is black or dark suit (blue or gray business suit) with black shoes, white dress shirt (plain front, no French cuffs, or button-down collars) and necktie. If the candidate is a member of the military, a full time police or firefighter, then a Class A or dress uniform may be worn. Fourth Degree members who are there to observe must be in dark business suits or tuxedo, or the new uniform. **PLEASE, no blue jeans or cowboy boots will be permitted.**

#### [Schedule](#)

- 1:00 P.M. - 1:30 P.M. - Registration of candidates – Parish Hall  
2:00 - 3:30 P.M. - Degree Exemplification – Parish Hall & Virtual Meeting

Thank you very much for considering this advancement to Sir Knight. I look forward to seeing you in person or online on November 7th.

Vivat Jesus,

Duane Morris  
Oregon District Master  
503-709-4858  
<http://oregondistrict4thdegree.org/>

### Coats For Kids

As we enter into October and the start of Fall, I would like to encourage Councils and Assemblies in Oregon to participate in the Coats for Kids Program. This Year Supreme is once again offering a 50/50 Match on cases of Coats; to participate the Councils and Assemblies need to order through the State Council. Worthy State Youth Director George Murphy, State Community Director Nick Guenther and myself are working hard to develop the distribution points in our State; Supreme only allows for 3 distribution points per Jurisdiction. We have until October 15th to submit our Proposal for the Coats for Kids and we need your help on how many Coats to order.

Here is a chart with the Size and Price information on the Cases of Coats. Coats can be ordered for Boys or Girls. There are no mixed cases, however, you can order a case for Boys and get the case for Girls for free. Just make sure to let us know how you want the order to be placed. Also you will be billed at a later point by the State Council, so if you can let us know about the order **as soon as possible so that we can have the proposal submitted by October 15th.**

We offer three different prepackaged size categories for purchase by your Council:

#### **Small Prepack (12 coats) – kindergarten through second grade**

Boys Child: Size 4 (3). Size 5 (3). Size 6 (3). Size 7 (3) - Price \$237.84

Girls Child: Size 4 (3). Size 5 (3). Size 6 (3). Size 6x (3)- Price \$237.84

#### **Standard Prepack (12 Coats) – second grade through eighth grade**

Boys Youth: Size 8 (3). Size 10/12 (3). Size 14 (3). Size 16/18 (3)- Price \$237.84

Girls Youth: Size 7/8 (3). Size 10/12 (3). Size 14 (3). Size 16 (3) Price \$237.84

#### **Teen Size Prepacks (12 Coats)**

Boys Teen: Size S (2). Size M (4). Size L (4) Size XL (2)- Price \$294.24

Girls Teen: Size S (2). Size M (4). Size L (4) Size XL (2)- Price \$294.24



#### **LIGHTWEIGHT COATS FOR WARM CLIMATES**

Lightweight coats are available for those areas with mild winters. Each case will contain 24 coats.

Lightweight Prepack (24 Coats) – second grade through eighth grade Price \$377.64

Boys	Girls
(4) 8	(8) 7/8
(8) 10-12	(12) 10/12
(8) 14/16	(4) 14/16
(4) 18	

My last point I would like to make is that we have had several wildfires in Oregon recently and several families have lost their homes and all their possessions. So even if you do not see a need locally, your Council or Assembly can purchase Coats and donate them to Councils in areas with greater needs.

Vivat Jesus,

Duane Morris

Oregon General Program Director

General Program Director Article



Duane Morris  
General Program  
Director

My Brother Knights,

Brothers, we are now in the third month of the new Fraternal Year and I am hoping that every Council has completed and submitted their Form 365, which was due on August 1st. This form is just as important as the Form 185 as it lets Supreme know who are the Council Program Directors. This information is used to notify the General, Family and Community Directors of their login information for completing the Safe Environment program. Our goal is to have every Council compliant with the Safe Environment Training by January 1st. Just like with Recruitment, your Council should be thinking about Programs all year round. Successful Programs bring life to your Councils and help to keep your Councils active and supporting your Parish. Now more than ever, our Parishes and Communities need our help. We need to be there to support them and make sure to leave no Brother behind.

As we enter further into October, we should also be thinking about Coats for Kids. The Supreme Council has a 50/50 Match program where Councils that purchase Coats through the State Council receive a free box for each one ordered. Beginning this month we will be looking for orders from the Councils for Coats for Kids and will place the order as a State so that we can participate in the 50/50 match. Look for more information coming soon from our State Youth Chairman George Murphy.

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

- State General Program Director**.....Duane Morris – 503-709-4858.....[dldmorri@gmail.com](mailto:dldmorri@gmail.com)
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- Family Programs Director**.....Bob Adams - 541-404-5905.....[radams7383@aol.com](mailto:radams7383@aol.com)
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Vivat Jesus,

Duane Morris

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FAITH



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LIFE

District Deputy 06 Report For October



Kent Purdy  
DD06

With great thanks and the assistance of the Supreme Council, we in Oregon were able to distribute ten pallets of goods (food and hygiene products) from Costco, as well as several truckloads of other materials needed by those who lost their homes.... tents, cots, sleeping bags, air mattresses, clothing, etc. Yes, these were much needed items and no longer just comfort items, but items to make living more comfortable.

Supreme also gave Oregon 24 individual \$100.00 Gift cards to distribute to those who were in the Molalla and Scotts Mills wildfire areas. Thanks to the efforts of the Molalla and Mt. Angel Councils, we were able to get those cards into the hands of those who had experienced significant losses.

Kent Purdy, District Deputy 06  
PH:503-881-1244 There  
[prudalator2@gmail.com](mailto:prudalator2@gmail.com)

“There but for the grace of God go I. Thank you God!”  
[Covid or not, we have so much to be thankful for](#)



COMMUNITY



George Murphy  
State Youth  
Director

State Youth Director Report

Brothers,

This is the time of our calendar year that is very busy. In this issue, I included photos of Coats for Kids. All of the Coats have hoods. They are all rated for extreme use, wind and water resistant except for the light weight ones.

This program is a two-for-one until October 15, 2020. **When you buy one box you get one for free.** All boxes of coats are in bright colors. All boxes contain 12 coats except the light weight jackets which are gray in color and they come 24 to a box because they are lightweight.

Please contact our General Program Director Duane Morris with your orders. (Please remember with all the fires our state had this past summer, people lost everything...coats will be in great demand). Place your orders now, then the state will bill you later.

I know many of our District Deputies are hosting District/Regional Soccer Kick programs. Please remember when you score the soccer kick, the original score sheet must go with the participant to the State Championship. The State Championship will be November 21, 2020 with a start time of 12 Noon. I will send out a special notice on the location.

Also remember we should be starting our Annual Poster Programs. We have until Christmas to complete these programs.

If you have additional questions please contact me.

Vivat Jesus,

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Program Director Addendum For Coats For Kids

The time has come for Coats for Kids and this year we have even a greater need with all of the recent events that have affected our communities. The Knights of Columbus is offering their 2 for 1 special for Coats for Kids. In order for a Council to participate they need to order through the State Council, so please let me know your requests on how many boxes and which sizes. Also include which ones would be the match and which ones are ones you are purchasing. The shipping cost has already been calculated into the price of the box of coats. Also this year all Coats except for the lightweight coats have a zero degree rating.

Attached is a Purchase Order form that you can use to submit your order for Coats for Kids. Please send completed forms to me at [dlmorri@gmail.com](mailto:dlmorri@gmail.com) and copy State Youth Director George Murphy at [gemurphy42@gmail.com](mailto:gemurphy42@gmail.com)

United States Costs:				
Style	Quantity of Coats per Case (Prepack)	Qualifications		Cost (Per Case) Includes Shipping
		1 Point	2Points	
Large Prepack	12	1 Case	6 Cases	\$347.84
Small Prepack	12	1 Case	6 Cases	\$237.84
Teen Prepack	12	1 Case	4 Cases	\$294.24
Light Weight Prepack	12	1 Case	4 Cases	\$377.64



**Oregon State Council  
Knights of Columbus**

Purchase Order for Coats for Kids Council \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Bill To \_\_\_\_\_ For \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Council \_\_\_\_\_ Coats for Kids 50/50 Match

Item Description	Quantity	Amount
Total Cost		

Above is the pricing information.

Duane Morris  
Oregon General Program Director



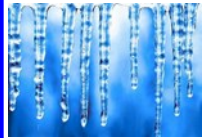
Make all checks payable to Oregon State Council  
If you have any questions concerning this purchase order, use the following contact information:  
Duane Morris, [dlmorri@gmail.com](mailto:dlmorri@gmail.com) 503-709-4858  
Thank you for your business!

**Supreme's Families of the Month for June 2020**

Luke Wildhaber  
Council 1623 McMinnville

**Note: As of 11/01/2019, the program has changed to have one (1) winner per participating jurisdiction.**  
Oregon Council participating in June was: Council 1623\* McMinnville.

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



**Polar Plunge 2021**

Submitted and story by: Joseph Schaecher, DD09



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

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

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







LIFE

## Life Program Report

Patrick and Teresita Parson

State Life Couple, Oregon Knights of Columbus



### Respect Life Month

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. Find information at: [www.respectlife.org](http://www.respectlife.org)

#### Five Rules for Catholic Politicians (from *Catholic Answers Daily*, 10/06/2020)

- 1) It is every politician's duty to make sure the law recognizes the right to life of all innocent human beings. As the Catechism says, "The inalienable right to life of every innocent human individual is a constitutive element of a civil society and its legislation." (2273)
- 2) This duty includes working for laws that protect an unborn child's right to life. Protecting unborn human beings from being killed by abortion does not impose Catholic morality; it upholds universal and fundamental human rights.
- 3) Politicians can never vote to increase or maintain legal access to abortion. For them, as for every Catholic, it is impossible to promote such laws or to vote for them.
- 4) Politicians can support laws that limit abortion even if those laws still allow some abortions to be legal, if the politician knows it's not politically possible to pass a total ban.
- 5) Catholic politicians who vote for laws or fund bills that promote abortion should not present themselves for Holy Communion because they have committed the grave sin of formally cooperating with a grave evil.

Consider all this when you vote in the upcoming November 3 election.

### Mes del Respeto a la Vida

Cada mes de octubre la iglesia celebra en Estados Unidos, el mes de "Respeto a la Vida", y el primer domingo de octubre es el Domingo de respeto a la vida. Como católicos estamos llamados a amar, proteger y defender a los más vulnerables, desde el principio de su vida hasta el final, y en cualquier punto intermedio. Durante el mes de octubre la iglesia nos pide reflexionar más profundamente en la dignidad de la vida humana. Puedes encontrar informes: [www.respectlife.org](http://www.respectlife.org)

#### 5 Reglas para Políticos Católicos (de respuestas *Catholic Answers Daily*, 10/06/2020)

- 1) Es el trabajo de cada político estar seguro que la ley reconoce el derecho a la vida de todas las personas humanas, Como el Catecismo dice; "el derecho inalienable da toda vida humana inocente es un elemento constitutivo de una sociedad civil, y sus legislaturas" (2273).
- 2) Estas tareas incluyen leyes efectivas que protejan al no-nacido y su derecho a la vida. protegiéndolos de ser asesinados por el aborto no impone moralidad católica; sino sostiene el derecho universal fundamental del ser humano.
- 3) Los políticos nunca deben de votar para incrementar o mantener el acceso legal del aborto. para ellos como para cada católico es imposible promover esas leyes o votar por ellas.
- 4) Los políticos pueden pasar leyes que limiten el aborto, aunque esas leyes apoyen que algunos abortos sean legales, si el político sabe que no es posible políticamente que pase una total prohibición.
- 5) Los políticos católicos que promuevan leyes, o voten por leyes, que promuevan el aborto, no deben presentarse para la sagrada comunión, porque han cometido un gran pecado formalmente cooperar en un gran mal.

Consideren esto cuando voten, en las próximas elecciones del 3 de Noviembre.

### **Sorrowful Mother Monument for the Unborn**

By: Alex Paul, Public Relations Chairman  
Council 1577 Albany

Parishioners at St. Mary's Catholic Church (Our Lady of Perpetual Help) and Albany community members at large now have a place of solitude to pray for the unborn around the clock, with the recent blessing of the Sorrowful Mother Monument for the Unborn on the north side of the church.



The project, which includes benches which invite parishioners to spend time in contemplation, was spearheaded by the Albany Knights of Columbus Council 1577, according to Patrick and Teresita Parson, the state K of C Life Culture of Life directors. "This project has been in development since 2017," Patrick Parson said. "That's when the church administrator first approved it. The project has undergone many changes from concept to completion."

Parson said the original idea was for the monument to be much smaller, but that changed as the Knights began looking at statues.

Parson said an early stage concept was "a sad angel, a weeping angel," but Father Edwin Sanchez said that angels don't have emotions.

Another concept was to have a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary weeping for the victims of abortion. But when the project leaders saw a statue of the Blessed Mother, her arms crossed and her head bowed as though in prayer, they knew it was the right one.

"Past Grand Knights Jon Kieffer and Bob Weiler were keys to this project," Parson said. "They made sure the ball didn't get dropped along the way."

The 70-inch statue came from New York. "When it arrived, the pandemic was underway, so it was stored in a garage for a few months," Parson said. The first of many steps was to pour a concrete slab and add a base for the statue. "The statue is made of a fiberglass resin material," Parson said. "This was something new for all of us. It took about a half-dozen Knights to install."

The statue was installed on May 4 and was the site of a Novena for Life on May 10.

In June, benches were added, as was a plaque commemorating the site. It reads: The Sorrowful Mother Monument for the Unborn. "Did He not create them in the womb like me? The same God forming us in the womb?" Job 31:15.

Flower planters and flowers added color and capped the project. "Other locations were considered, but the north side of the church provides a peaceful spot," Parson said. In September, during Archbishop Alexander Sample's visit to the church, the statue was blessed along with a new Parish Center.

The Oregon Knights of Columbus 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly assisted with the ceremony. "This project commemorating the unborn could not have happened without the support and enthusiasm of Albany Knights," Parson said. "I am proud to be part of the organization, and believe every Catholic man should consider becoming a Knight of Columbus."

Parson said the project cost about \$9,000 and was paid for by Council 1577, a grant from the state K of C and a donation from the Fourth Degree Assembly 906.

"We are very pleased, very happy that everyone will be able to see the Blessed Mother and have a welcoming place to pray for the end of abortion and to preserve the sanctity of all lives," Parson said.

*The Parsons publish a monthly online Knights of Columbus pro-life newsletter "Oregon, That's Life" in English and Spanish.*



## Safe Environment

Brother Knights,

Tom Radel  
State Advocate

Once you have turned in your Officers Chosen (185 Report) and Program Personnel (365 Report) to Supreme for the new Fraternal Year, the Grand Knight, Program, Family and Community Directors will receive an email to complete the Safe Environment Training. You will have about **30 days** to complete the Safe Environment Training. **Note:** leaving one or more of the Council Director roles vacant on the 365 report **Does Not** exempt a Council from Safe Environment requirements.

If the training is not completed within the 30 days, the Knight will not be recognized by Supreme in their Director's role and a new 365 will need to be submitted with either a new name or the same name.

The purpose of the training is for Brother Knights serving in key leadership roles to safeguard children and other vulnerable persons by recognizing the signs of possible abuse.

This is part of the Columbian Award so if not completed by all four positions of your Council your Columbian Award will not count, hence your Council will not gain Star.

The training is easy and not time consuming and good for three years.

Group Training can be done by Councils or Districts, **BUT** each member needs to have their own computer or laptop with each member. **NOTE: Each Member Must Sign On Under His Own Name To Get Credit.**

**Date For Councils To Be Compliant: 50% of Councils by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> and 75% of Councils by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>**

As of 8/3/20 the Armatus Report shows 2 Councils with 100% compliance – 5416 Silverton and 9137 Sherwood.

Let all work together to reach **100%** compliance of all Councils at the earliest date, so we can concentrate on membership and programs.

If you need any assistance or answer question, please contact me.

Thank you

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State Advocate  
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### *Parade of Past State Deputies*

Otto Leroy Smith  
18<sup>th</sup> State Deputy of Oregon 1942-1944



Otto Leroy Smith

Otto L. Smith was born on February 22, 1899 in Waynoka, OK to James and Elizabeth Trompeter Smith.

The family moved to Oregon in 1905.

Otto married Mildred May Dryden on November 16, 1921 in Clackamas, OR. They moved to Klamath Falls in the 1930's and had four children: Phyllis Louise, Luana May, Darlene and Patrick. Patrick was a Staff Sergeant in the 431 AAF Bomb SQ during WWII and was killed in an automobile accident in 1945.



## **SMITH - BATES PRINTING COMPANY**

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Otto became associated with the Smith-Printing Co. in 1934 and purchased the business from W.O. Smith in 1956 and operated it until his retirement in 1967.

Otto joined the Knights of Columbus as a charter member of the Klamath Falls Council in 1921. He was Grand Knight of the Council from 1934-1936 and Faithfull Navigator from 1944-1945. Otto was also District Deputy, District Master and vice

Supreme Master of the Junipero Serra Province.

Otto was invested as a Knight of St. Gregory on August 30, 1964, by decree of Pope Paul VI, thus becoming the fourth man in the history of Oregon to be so honored.

Otto was involved with the Boy Scouts, Red Cross, Klamath Falls Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce and the Elks Lodge.

Otto L. Smith died September 30, 1971 of a heart attack and is buried Mount Calvary Catholic Cemetery, Klamath Falls, OR. Mildred died in 1992 and is buried next to Otto.



MILDRED SMITH

*"During the past year I have traveled a total of 20,929 miles, doing my part in the furthering of Columbianism. Checking the marvelous results of the year's work, I do not regret of feel one trip has been unnecessary or time wasted. I have missed only one initiation - this being due to my son's only furlough from the air corps, so I felt I should not leave home at that time." Otto L. Smith - May 29, 1944, 36th State Convention, Portland, OR*

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

**SICK AND DISTRESSED**

**State Chaplain Fr. Theodore Lange**

Council 15595 Mt. Angel Seminary

**Patrick Beckham DD12**

Council 15773 Florence

**Fr. Stephen Fister**

**Ed Daniels**

**Jim LeRoy**

**Don Nadeau**

**John Plunkett**

**Gary Staats**

**Joel Tobias**

**Julie Wertepny**

**George Zentgraf**

Council 11258 Central Point

**State Treasurer Bro. Steve Steele**

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**Bill Holmes**

**Bro. Mike Wanner's Father**

**Mike and Valerie Mallette**

**Bro. David Kabassima and Family**

Council 1634 Hillsboro



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

**Stephen Radel**

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**IN MEMORIAM**

**Clement J Lulay**

Council 2439 Sublimity

Joseph A Zurfluh

**JoAnn Lumsden**

Wife of SK Jack Lumsden

Council 9529 & Assembly 0903

**Ryan Karl**

Great nephew of Editor Tom & Jo Karl

Council 9529 Lincoln City

As the Editor, last month, I entered a name in Memoriam when it should have been entered under the Sick and Distressed. I'm truly sorry if I caused any discomfort.

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

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



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



**We request you also pray for all Knights, their Families, friends and all of our Police, Firefighters, Servicemen and Servicewomen, our Veterans, Ambulance personnel, Chaplains, Nurses, Doctors, Care Givers and those who minister to the needs of others— please take time out to say: "Thank You So Very Much" for all that they do for all of us!**

**Also remember those who have lost so much in the wildfires, hurricanes, flooding, tornadoes and those whose lives have been lost and disrupted during the Corona Virus Pandemic.**

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





Abbot  
Jeremy Driscoll



Angels are on my mind today. On Tuesday we celebrated the feast of St. Michael and all the archangels – who are our patrons. Mount Angel is named after our motherhouse in Switzerland, Engelberg Abbey (literally "angel mountain" in German), which is celebrating 900 years of continuous existence this year. We monks participate in a deep tradition and relationship with the angels.

The monastic life has long been compared to the angelic life. If you know monks, this might make you smile. We certainly chuckle at the thought, too. But what it really means is that monks are dedicated primarily to the praise and contemplation of God, as are all the angels.

I know it can be difficult for contemporary people to take angels seriously. They can seem quaint, harmless, but surely no one believes in them any more, right? But look...

***If you want to take the Bible seriously, you really have to take angels seriously.*** Biblical stories are saturated with angels. As we read them, we can develop a sensitivity to the reality of the angelic world.

In my video message, <https://www.mountangelabbey.org/monastery/abbot-jeremy/abbot-jeremy-videos/?bblinkid=243612665&bbemailid=24674200&bbejrid=1666134032> I list the tales of a number of encounters between Old and New Testament figures and angels. Abraham, Moses, Gideon, and Isaiah – who heard the angels crying out before the throne of God, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts" – a sacred song we sing in the liturgy.

Through the whole of the New Testament, angels abound. In one compelling image, Jesus recalls the story of Jacob’s dream of a ladder, when he tells his disciples they will see the angels ascending and descending upon the Son of Man, his very self.

These are not decorative ideas, dear friends. But what do they have to do with us?

God has given us the angels as friends. They help us adore God. They protect us from our spiritual enemies. They are involved in God’s dealings with us. That’s what the saints are too.

***This is just God being God! It’s his abundance, his magnificent goodness overflowing in ways we cannot imagine. Angels are part of the Lord’s invisible creation.*** We are immersed in the abundance of God’s creation, given for us and for our redemption.

So dear friends, when you hear me greet you from Mount *Angel*, please pause to reflect about our swift and beautiful friends. I pray the angels may bless you, protect you, and help you to adore God.

Holy angels, pray for us,  
*Abbot Jeremy Driscoll, O.S.B.*

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