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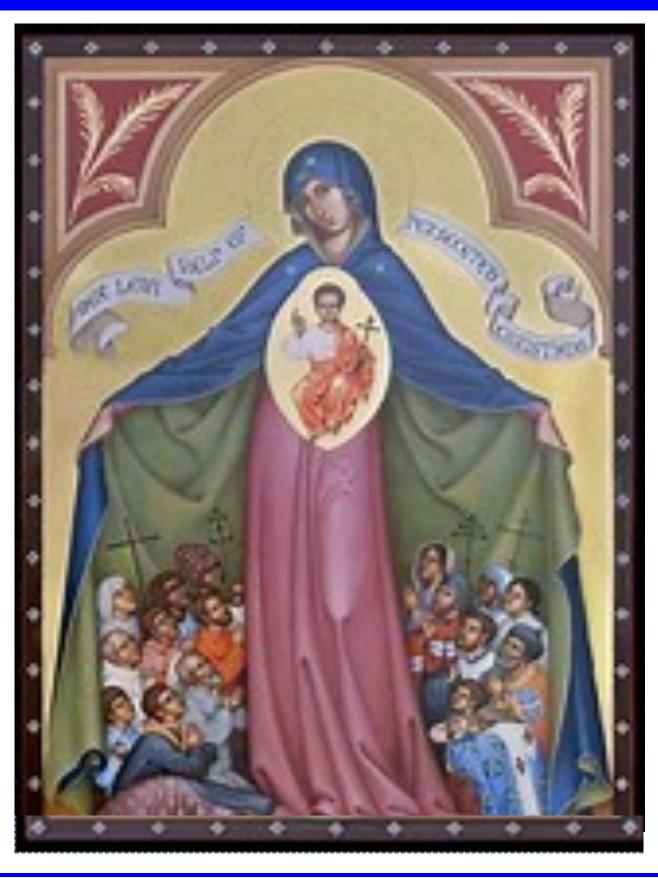
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#### Message from the State Deputy



#### Be Not Afraid!



My Brother Knights and Families,

First, we were all worried about COVID-19—then the wildfire hits. This has been a very tough month for our Brothers, Families, Catholic Communities and fellow Oregonians. With the current situation of the forest & grass fires destroying homes, businesses and with at least nine people reported to have died in these wildfires burning in *Detroit, Gates, Idanha, Lyons, Mehama, Mill City, Sublimity, Aumsville, Silverton, Mt. Angel, Salem, Diamond Lake, Illinois Valley, Ashland, Phoenix, Talent, Medford, Eagle Point, Glide, Oregon City, Molalla, Colton, Forest Grove, Henry Hagg Lake, Roy, McKenzie in Springfield/Eugene area, Mapleton, Lincoln City and Otis.* 

All Councils and members need to be prepared to help our communities in these cities. Please read any of the information coming in from the Executive Secretary Stephen Radel or calls from the State Officers during the next two to four months. I am currently working with the Supreme Office and Territorial Growth Director Bob Kish and they have been extremely helpful in assisting and by navigating me to obtain information on how to get help to those areas that are hit the hardest. Many thanks to the State Officers Francis Mohr, Sid Thiel, Steve Steele, Tom Radel, Ken Anderson, District Deputies and Grand Knights for their help in finding out how our Councils and Districts are doing and how many Brothers and their families are affected.

If you would like to donate to help the members and fellow Oregonians who were displaced and affected by these fires. Then, <u>please send your checks to Oregon State K of C Charities</u>, <u>c/o State Secretary Sid Thiel</u>, <u>17180 SW Smith Ave #83</u>, <u>Sherwood</u>, <u>OR 97140</u>. 100% of your charitable contribution will go directly to those affected areas of the wildfires and note that your donation is tax deductible. Please write a 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.

<u>Jackson County</u> - Medford K of C Hall, 772 Black Oak Dr., Medford, OR 97504 Contact – Joe Schaecher (District Deputy #9) - 541-282-4208

<u>Marion County</u> – Anthony Hall, 11758 Sublimity Rd. SE, Sublimity, OR 97385 Contact - Ed Diehl (Grand Knight Council #2439) - 503-510-3415

<u>Lane County</u> – United Way of Lane County, 3171 Gateway Loop, Springfield, OR 97477 Contact - Thomas Price (Financial Secretary Council #17442) – 541-554-2581

#### **Membership Number Search**

At the direction of the Membership Director, we are discontinuing this fruitless exercise. No one in the state for the past 2 months has noticed their number.

Clackamas County - will be announced very soon.

#### Lincoln County - will be announced very soon.

These locations need the following items: personal protection equipment (PPE), gloves, water, food, toiletries, blankets, clothing, sleeping bags, air mattresses or cots, socks, men's, women's clothing of any size, undershirts, underwear, feminine hygiene supplies, white tank tops (underwear type), coats and tents (2-man, 4-man or whatever size).

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 that the Knights of Columbus will never "Leave No Member or Neighbor Behind".

Let us pray for some rain or snow to help stop the spread of these wildfires and let us all pray for all the firefighters and the many volunteers who are risking their lives. May God give them extra strength and keep them safe.

We are all Brothers. Be Not Afraid.

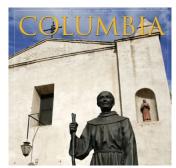
Vivat Jesus,

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#### **Are You Missing A Columbia Magazine?**

By copying the following link and pasting into your internet browser, you will see the current and previous editions of the Columbia Magazines offered:

https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/columbia/index.html





#### **Spam Emails**

To all Councils, please be aware that there are spam emails being sent to Knights of Columbus. Please don't respond to any emails that look suspicious or asking for money or donations. Some Knights emails have been hacked. If there is a concern or issue with an email sent to you, please forward to me.

Thank you

Tom Radel

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Carroll Gorg Past District Master

# <u>In Memoriam</u> Past Supreme District Master

Passed and went home to our Lord on August 16, 2020

Awarded the State Deputies' Dedicated Service Award Membership Director Presented to Carroll Gorg at the State 2009 Convention by PSD Dennis White.





State Deputies
Dedicated Service Award
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at 2009 State Convention

#### **4th Degree Knights In Action**

Assembly 905 Medford



Men in Black Masks

Photograph of the Fourth Degree Honor Guard in full regalia with face masks at the July 29th funeral Mass of Brother Sir Knight Joseph Sekreta. At center is the memorial chalice that was offered by the Assembly to the family of the deceased to be used by a newly ordained priest or a missionary. From left to right: Sir Knights Ron Buckingham, Thom Gilsdorf, Ed Dinius, Matt Sekreta, Ron DeAvilla, Larry Mullaly, Joe Schaecher.

### Knights of Columbus

17180 SW Smith Ave #83 Sherwood, Or 97140 OREGON STATE COUNCIL

The pandemic has been going on since March and I am sure a lot of us have become frustrated with not being able to conduct our lives as we use to. We need to band together as Brother Knights whether it is by video chat, phone calls, in person or whatever means we can work with. We will get through this together.

We are also seeing a lot of protests and riots, especially in the Portland area. Hopefully, this will end soon. We must look to God's teaching so we can better understand what is happening and work to create peace in our world. We need to look at our corner of the world and try to make it peaceful. By bringing peace to our corner we can hopefully let it spread throughout our country.

We have entered a new Fraternal Year with the pandemic imposing restrictions on us. We need to sit down and evaluate what is the most important to our Councils and work at these to move forward in the Fraternal Year. At times it will be challenging—but is not that what Knights are for, to accept challenges, and create a good outcome? The challenges of keeping our Councils growing and taking care of our parishes are just 2 of these challenges. We may not be able to do as we have in the past, but we will need to create new paths to success. Our Councils need to continue to be growing and we can only do this by bringing more Catholic men into our organization, the Knights of Columbus. How do we do this? One way is through our events and working within our parishes. Most men join the organization who believe in what they believe in. We have been lucky so far in just asking them to join, and they do, but we leave their desires at the door. We need to find out what their desires are and work at creating ways to keep them involved. Look back at some of the members you brought in and who disappeared after a few years—most of them will say you did not do anything to keep them interested. Let us rethink our programs and make things interesting for our members. When we get our programs working, we will create new opportunities for new members. The State is always here to help you.

I am conducting a survey of all the Councils and will try to meet in person with most of you over the next few months. For those holding online meetings, I would very much like to attend. I will email your Grand Knight and Financial Secretary the questions so you can look at what I am asking. For those Councils that are at a distance that I cannot get to, I will send the questions and you can email me back your answers. I am interested in hearing from all your Council members.

The future is now and what we do will lead us into tomorrow, whether it be success or defeat.

Vivat Jesus

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#### **New Front Page**

By now, I'm sure that you realize that the front page has been changed. We have used the original design for many years and it is time for a change—maybe for a short term and maybe for the future. As we Knights progress in our quest to better serve our members, it is always important to be open to changes.

If any member feels that they would like to see something different on the front page, please let me know and the editorial board will take it under consideration. Thank you for reading the Oregon Columbian Newsletter.

This page is dedicated to information and Council In Action who are/have helped with the current firestorm in Oregon.

#### Santiam Canyon Wildfire Relief Fund

It is with great optimism and hope that the Santiam SIT (Service Integration Team) of Santiam Hospital announces the establishment of **Santiam Canyon Wildfire Relief Fund** to aid in the immediate relief efforts of those living in the Santiam Canyon who are affected by the 2020 Santiam Fire.

Monetary donations can be mailed to the following address: Santiam Canyon Wildfire Relief Fund c/o Santiam SIT of Santiam Hospital 1401 North 10th Ave Stayton, OR 97383

Donations can be made online: www.SantiamHospital.org

In-Kind Donation Collection Sites (outside evacuation zone)

- SIT Mobile- 101 Center Street Suite A Sublimity OR 97385, Monday-Friday 10am to 4pm
- Immaculate Conception Church Office (Main Doors)- 1077 N 6th Ave, Stayton, OR 97383 . Monday-Friday 8am to 4pm
- Cascade School District- 10226 Marion Road SE Turner, OR 97392, Monday-Friday 7:30-3:30.

Santiam SIT serves as a safety net by facilitating resources and information for individuals and families in the Santiam Canyon region. The Santiam SIT program was established in 2017 to coordinate community providers and services to identify needs, find solutions, and avoid duplication of services. Santiam SIT continually seeks added partners to include local school districts, law enforcement, local and state governments, faith communities, businesses, non-profits, early childhood providers, community volunteers, and other interested parties. Together, we share resources and work efficiently and effectively to benefit those most in need in our community. This network of service providers and community programs is ideally suited to receive and distribute support for the Santiam Canyon residents affected by the Santiam Fire in an efficient and transparent manner.

All monetary donations made directly to the Santiam Canyon Wildfire Relief Fund are tax-deductible. The fund is established with 501-C(3) status and held in a local account at Columbia Bank. Further, 100% of moneys contributed to the Santiam Canyon Wildfire Relief Fund will be distributed specifically to meet the needs of Santiam Canyon residents until fund exhaustion. Distribution of funds will be overseen by a collaborative group of community members already vested in the SIT network. • Cindy Chauran, Gates Resident & Fund Initiator

Santiam SIT / Wildfire Relief meetings will be open to the community. Donated resources will be coordinated through the Facebook Page: Santiam Canyon Wildfire Relief Fund. These resources will be matched to individuals and families whose needs will be presented to SIT via the extensive network of local service providers already established in the region. Also, individuals in need of financial, material or service support can contact SIT directly:

Call or text 503-409-3652. Email sitmobile@santiamhospital.org

Here's a link with additional information: https://santiamhospital.org/santiam-canyon-wildfire-relief/

You can also find them on Facebook: https://m.facebook.com/SCWRfund/

Vivat Jesus.

Edwin L Diehl III Grand Knight St. Anthony Council 2439

#### **Brother Dave Bunde Council 2439** took action to help the person in need.

A family in Idanha who recently received a hospital bed (our Council helped with that delivery) has been relocated to Salem due to the fires. We have been asked by the Santiam Service Integration Team (SIT) if we can help deliver some items to their Salem hotel room. Vitals:

- 1. They need a wheelchair, and we have one in storage. I have a key and so does SIT.
- 2. Paper plates and bowls
- 3. A few microwavable meals
- 4. A pair of XL sweatpants
  Also pickup a care package from SIT at the SIT Mobile office in Sublimity.

They are staying at the Shilo Inn, Salem 97301. The Council will reimburse you for any plates/bowls/meals/pants you purchase.

Vivat Jesus, Edwin L. Diehl III, Grand Knight St. Anthony Council 2439 This page is dedicated to information and Council In Action who are/have helped with the current firestorm in Oregon.

Worthy Knights of Columbus and families,

I am sure you are deeply saddened like I am on the fires and on going suffering our fellow members and Oregonians are going through right now. This is a time for the Knights of Columbus in Oregon and for us to show leadership and help our members and communities. I have reached out to a number of you already and I will be calling each State Officer to help gather information that we will need so we can get assistance from Supreme. I will keep all of you in the loop and where we are in this process. I am going to be working with the Red Cross to find out what the Knights can do to help and what needs there are for the community.

The disaster process - We are currently in is the First Phase.

- 1. Need to assess the situation and the need of the community.
- 2. Plan our Action and where we need to start the distribution or set up and Act on the plan and help.

On a good note I spoke with Joyce Denton (Dave Denton SD 2014) and she is doing well and is currently in Cottage Grove. She is does not need anything right now and she is just waiting to find out if she still has a home or not.

I also spoke with Ruth Ann Irish (Pat Irish SD 97-99) and she is currently at her grand daughter's house in Toledo. She is just waiting to find out if she still has a home, but she is in good spirits and is doing fine.

Vivat Jesus,

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



#### **District Deputy 07**

From: DD07 Emmett Jones reporting for Robert Weller, Grand Knight of the Albany Council. I do not have data from other involved areas of the state.

Hello All,

I hope this message finds you all safe! I made this post to Facebook this morning and wanted to share to make you all aware as well.

**The Linn County Sheriff's Office would like to remind everyone** that if you or someone you know has been displaced by the wildfires that we have an evacuation and donation center at the Linn County Fairgrounds that is available to you.

If you are in need of food, clothing, water, hygiene products, or anything similar, the donation center at the fairgrounds may be able to help.

If you would like to donate items, we are accepting donations at the Linn County Fairgrounds in the Santiam Building. We please ask that you do not drop off items at the check-in tent as we do not have the room in that area.

Some of the many items we have been receiving have been food, water, hygiene products, toiletries, bedding, clothing, and also any supplies for pets and livestock.

Please do not hesitate to receive this aid, our community has shown up in a big way to help their neighbors!

Thank you all for supporting our community and stay safe and continue to be vigilant during this constantly changing event.

Stay safe, Michael Mattingly Community Service Coordinator Linn County Sheriff's Office 541-917-9182 This page is dedicated to information and Council In Action who are/have helped with the current firestorm in Oregon.

#### **KC Brothers & friends:**

Please keep the following Knights & families in your prayers:

Matt Sekreta and family- his business/shop was lost in the fire in Phoenix last night (Tuesday September 6th). They also nearly lost their home but were able to save it.

Ron DeAvilla- Lost his home in the fire in Phoenix last night (Tuesday September 6th).

Please also pray for all those who lost their homes and for our first responders so that they can get a handle on this situation safely and successfully.

Keep your eyes open for an email soon regarding where to donate for this cause.

Vivat Jesus,

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



Brother Knights,

I am sitting here in my office in Sherwood and I have a red hue to the light coming from outside. As I go outside the sky is red, gray and black from all the smoke in the air—it is a weird feeling.

Our state is on fire and we need to do what we can to help our Brothers and communities. I have only seen this kind of sky one other time in my lifetime and that was in Montana.

From South to North and East to West we have fires burning, towns are being lost, communities disrupted and very possibly lives will be lost.

Please get with your Brothers and see what you can do to help. Sublimity is very close to the fire, so reach out to that Council to see what they need. Reach out to the Councils near any of these fires and see what support you can lend.

The Knights were built for helping others. This is who we are!

#### Sid Thiel

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#### FORWARD INTO THE BREACH

#### Brothers,

I am asking for all of use to pray the Father Michael McGivney prayer for those affected by the fires and those who are fighting them in the following areas; *Detroit, Gates, Idanha, Lyons, Mehana, Mill City, Sublimity, Aumsville, Silverton, Mt. Angel, Salem, Diamond Lake, Illinois Valley, Ashland, Phoenix, Talent, Medford, Glide, Oregon City, Molalla, Colton, Henry Hagg Lake area, and McKenzie area in Springfield/ Eugene area.* I ask for the Grand Knights in the affected areas to reach out to me if help is needed. We need to all work together to help all of our Brothers and their family.

Vivat Jesus,

Ron Boyce Knights of Columbus Oregon State Deputy Blessing of the new Sorrowful Mother Memorial for the Unborn - St Mary's Albany

Worthy Sir Knights of the Oregon District,

On Saturday August 29th, after the 5:00pm Mass with Archbishop Sample at St. Mary's in Albany, the Archbishop blessed a new Sorrowful Mother Memorial for the Unborn along with a new Parish Office and Center. There were several Sir Knights present as an Honor Guard who escorted the Archbishop to the new Memorial and presented swords as he blessed the new Memorial. The Albany Council 1577 and Assembly 0906 worked hard to make sure that the Memorial came to a reality.

Vivat Jesus,

Duane Morris Oregon District Master Archbishop Blancet Province

























#### **TWO ITEMS**

#### First Is For GK & Second For DD's, GK's & FS's

1st— GO-TO-MEETING

Worthy Grand Knights,

I would like to have a Brain Storming session with you and your Grand Knights peers. Please bring your ideas and possibly hear some ideas from Councils who are bringing in new members during this COVID-19 CLOSURES. All Council Officers are welcome to joint the meeting.

I would like to have this GoTo Meeting on Thursday September 24th @ 7:00pm.

Let's come up with some great ideas to help the Councils bring in new members and keep the members they have engaged.

Brain Storming Meeting for Increasing Membership

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/386505693

You can also dial in using your phone.

United States: +1 (872) 240-3212

Access Code: 386-505-693

<u>New to GoToMeeting?</u> Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts: https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/386505693

2nd - 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 Councils 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.

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

Vivat Jesus,

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

One Member, Per Council, Per Month



# Oregon Catholic Men Join The Knights of Columbus for \$15

The Oregon Knights are looking for strong catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend our values.

To join the Knights of Columbus as an online member for \$15.

To join or get more information go kofc.org/joinus

Use Promo Code ORKOFC

For the fee to be waived

Any question, contact Ron Boyce at rboyce4539@aol.com



Dear "Brothers of Charity,"

September 3, 2020

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 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: <a href="mailto:francis.mohr@msn.com">francis.mohr@msn.com</a>

Sincerely,
Francis
Francis Mohr, IPSD & State Charities President

#### Message from Vice Postulator of the Cause

Dear Brothers, As we move toward the blessed day of Father McGivney's beatification, your duties of promoting the cause of our founder and building Guild membership are more important than ever.

Thank you for all you are doing. Your prayers and work are making a difference in this historic moment for the Knights of Columbus. Here are some points to keep in mind going forward:

- 1. As you know, Father McGivney will be beatified on Oct. 31, 2020, at Hartford's Cathedral of St. Joseph. Due to Connecticut's current COVID restrictions on indoor gatherings, very few from outside of Connecticut will be able to attend.
- 2. Although this situation is regrettable, the good news is that the Beatification Mass will be broadcast live on EWTN and other Catholic networks. So anyone who wishes to view the Mass will be able to do so.
- 3. As State Guild chairman, you are asked to make a special effort to spread the news about the beatification to your Councils, parishes and communities. Please work with your State Deputy and media outreach team to get the word out to local media as well.

Please conduct a special "Blessed Michael McGivney" membership drive for the Guild among your Councils. Membership is free, and Guild members receive a quarterly newsletter and have their intentions remembered at a weekly Mass! Send out this link for people to sign up: <a href="https://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/join-the-guild.html">https://www.fathermcgivney.org/en/join-the-guild.html</a>

- 1. Promote the next two YouTube/Facebook screenings of the new Father McGivney video, on Sept. 26 and Oct. 25, both at 8 pm Eastern. Use the link above for more information.
- 2. Encourage all Councils to pray the Prayer for the Canonization of Father McGivney. It is very important that all Knights pray this prayer and report any favors received to the Guild. We need one more miracle for our founder to reach canonization and sainthood, so you will play an even more important role in that process.

The Communications team at the Supreme Council headquarters will be contacting you about ways you can help promote the message of Father McGivney and his beatification in the days ahead. Please make sure you check your email regularly for this purpose.

Vivat Jesus,

Ron Boyce Knights of Columbus 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

#### **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 gusts 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 gusts of the State Deputy to the 2017 State Convention Awards Banquet

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

#### "Master Oregon District Deputy Award"

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

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

#### "District Deputy Columbia Award Challenge"

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

#### "District Deputy Insurance Promotions"

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



#### Jesse Villarreal Vice Supreme Master

#### 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



#### "NOTHING BUT GOOD NEWS"

Worthy Brother Sir Knights, where do all the "FREE TIMES" go when we're having so much fun? Really, the Coronavirus, COVID-19, or Pandemic, whatever title we want to acknowledge it with, faces and presents us all with trying times. However, it has brought some new opportunities for us to take a closer look at ourselves and how we can use them to our advantage.

One of the advantages we now have is that we can "Zoom" or we can use "Flock Note" or even use "Facebook" and all the other electronic methods with which to communicate. Even other Knights at my old ancient age should learn to use the new ways more often. We are warned that we should try not to gather in person or at least limit the times we do so we stay safe and healthy. This of course will never replace the feel of a strong hand shake or the warmth of a nice strong hug from one of our Brother Knights as we did at our monthly meetings and conventions, etc. Now we can reach across many new horizons and see each other face-to-face on the computer screen. I have met and made many new Brother Knight friends in the far corners of Idaho and Eastern Washington. (I didn't know so many men were growing beards, I can't even grow hair!)

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, we had a "Virtual" Fourth Degree Exemplification which brought in an additional forty one (41) new Sir Knights into the Patriotic Degree. To my delight, being the first Virtual Degree in Oregon and having that many candidates, was indeed very good news. Other jurisdictions and areas are having bigger numbers, but for us in Oregon, it was very good news. The candidates came from the three states in our Province - Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

District Master Duane Morris was so pleased that he is planning another Exemplification for November 7<sup>th</sup> this year. Even with the strict rules of distancing, he is planning on having a bigger event by combining both "in-person" and even "virtual" attendance. Maybe we can double the number of candidates. That would be great news to report in the November edition of the Columbian Newsletter!

We have had other events where the Fourth Degree Honor/Color Guard members have participated since the beginning of the pandemic. The parents of a young seminarian requested an Honor Guard for their son as he was being ordained. We find members of the Honor Guard are still able to participate at funerals for deceased members of the Knights of Columbus when requested. Due to the strict rules and civic regulations, the Honor Guard is not allowed to be inside the church for the last rites ceremonies with the families, but we are there to bid the last farewell to our beloved Brothers.

One of the last events for the Honor Guard in August was at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Albany where Archbishop Sample blessed the dedication of Our Blessed Mother for the "unborn". It was a most beautiful and well attended event. They had a good number of Sir Knights in uniform for this event.

I am very happy to see more and more Fourth Degree members getting the new uniform. I also understand more Assemblies in our Province are creating new ways to raise funds to sponsor obtaining uniforms for their members.

All this is nothing but good news!!!!!

**VIVAT JESUS** 

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Jesse Villarreal Vice Supreme Master

#### 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



#### How To Wear A Fourth Degree Beret—A Training Item

As the photos indicate, the Beret is the first item noticed by non members and even members who don't yet have the uniform but are critical of how it looks.

It's just that we don't know how to wear it. We are learning to wear it the way it should but some members are having a difficult time. Follow the instructions accordingly. (not making us look like pizza bakers or

doughboys) I have an advantage even though I did not serve during the Vietnam era with the Green Berets but I did hunt with David Crockett and Daniel Boone during my young Texas days.

The secret is to get the beret soaking wet, shape it the way it's describe on the photo and wear it for a couple of hours but not in public, wait until it dries.

The officially designated Fourth Degree regalia dress is set forth in the Laws of the Fourth Degree Article XI, Sections 38 and 40. Also the Color Corps Drill Manual #808. White gloves, the white shirt can not be the button down collar or French cuff links. Only the Official Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Lapel Pin in the buttonhole on the left lepel(#PG-113) is allowed. NO OTHER PIN(s). No other medals other than Papal Medals, may be worn, upon the Official Blazer.

A pocket name badge is not worn with regalia. Only the top button on the blazer is buttoned when in procession. After being seated in their designated pews during mass the beret is removed, folded and tucked under the belt, near the right hip over the right trouser pocket. The Beret will remain off until a command is given to replace cover.



**How To Wear A Beret** 

The beret should fit so the headband is straight across the forehead, one inch above the eyebrow and level on the left side.

The excess material shall drape over to the right ear, extending to at least the top of the ear and no lower than the middle of the ear.

**VIVAT JESUS** 

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#### State Warden's Report

Worthy Brother Knights,

I hope everyone is doing well. I recognize that there's a lot of uncertainty right now as things have been in a state of flux with COVID-19 related restrictions. But through all of this is one constant: God. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever!" Let us continue to press forward as Knights of Columbus and step **INTO THE BREACH!** 

Kenneth Anderson III State Warden

#### Virtual/Hybrid Setup Ideas:

Many Councils are meeting entirely virtually while some are starting to meet in person again. As your State Warden, I have a few suggestions on setup logistics. Many Councils around the Order are looking into the ing up long-term "hybrids" of a combination of virtual and in-person meetings—long after we rid the land of

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. To this end, I would recommend finding a place with WIFI to set up a laptop to then call in for a conference call. Depending on Council circumstances, it might be ideal to upgrade equipment like webcams, speakers and a microphone to get optimal quality for those online and those in person. Or if WIFI is not possible, it's possible to just set up audio only on a phone call.

#### **Marian Icon:**

As State Warden, it is my responsibility to look after the physical property of the state. The three large Marian Icons are considered property of the state and thus are entrusted to my care. They are intended for Councils to use as they're available, but I will need to be aware of where they are at all times. I will periodically check in with DDs regarding their whereabouts. *PLEASE MAKE SURE TO LET ME KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.* One is in District 10, one is in District 8, and one is in District 15. We will be having 2 of them at the Rosary Bowl in October.

#### **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 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.

#### Forms:

For this fraternal year, let's knock the form submissions out of the park! 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. We still have about 21 Form 185s left to submit, 47 Form 365s left to submit, and 48 Form 1295 audits left to submit. Let's continue to get these submitted. Thank you for all your hard work.

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

**Vivat Jesus** 

#### Kenneth J. Anderson

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

To Honor the Gravesites of our Unborn Brothers and Sisters

# National Day Saturday National Day Saturday Remembrance Sept. 12 NorAborted Children 2020

On Saturday, September 12, pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the more than 60 million unborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Solemn prayer services will be held simultaneously at gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried, as well as at many other memorial sites dedicated in their honor.

Join us for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children and ensure that our unborn brothers and sisters will not be forgotten.

# Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion

Date & Time Saturday, September 12, 9:30 am

Location
Saint Paul Catholic Cemetery
12988 Hobart Rd NE
Silverton, OR 97381

Special Details

9:30 IS A TIME CHANGE.

Our apologies. Please join us in the cool of the morning.

Bring your own chair if you would like, and an umbrella if rain is expected.

Local Contact
Cathy Peters
petersboringfamily@gmail.com
503-602-1968

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#### **Exemplifications On-Line**

The Supreme Council will be hosting a number of scheduled Exemplifications of Charity, Unity and Fraternity each month. We will host degrees on the first Saturday and first Sunday of each month (for September these will be on the second Saturday and second Sunday, September 12 & 13, due to the Labor Day weekend) and on certain Feast Days of the Church. These will be in addition to our On-Demand exemplifications, which continue to be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The schedule of virtual exemplifications is as follows, with registration through KofC links in the Columbia magazine:

- Tuesday....September 08 Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8PM in English
- Saturday...September 12 in lieu of first Saturday 3PM in English
- Sunday.....September 13 in lieu of first Sunday 4PM in Spanish
- Saturday...September 26 Feast of Canadian Martyrs 3PM in English
- Tuesday.....September 29 Feast of the Archangels (St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael) 8PM in English

We are confident that joining the Order on these special days on the Liturgical calendar will be meaningful for prospects and for online members looking to join a Council. I encourage you to publicize these virtual exemplifications among your Council's members and prospects, and among online members who have expressed interest in joining a Council. As you reach out to these men, be sure to direct their attention to *Columbia* magazine, encouraging them to learn more about the good works of the Order and the benefits of brotherhood. A <u>PDF</u> of the entire September issue as well as <u>links</u> to separate articles — is now online.

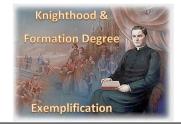
The Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity gives us a wonderful opportunity to help men join your Council virtually. Let's take advantage of that opportunity. Your Council needs new members to allow you to continue your work of service to your parish and community, and prospects need the Knights of Columbus to help them become better husbands and fathers...and more fully formed Catholics.

With the Beatification of our beloved founder only eight weeks away, now is the hour of the Knights of Columbus!

Vivat Jesus

Fraternally,

**Robert J. Ennis**Director of Membership Growth



#### **Assembly In Action**

By Joe Schaecher, Faithful Navigator, Fourth Degree Assembly 905

#### **Patriotic Letters**

Even with the Covid-19 virus and smoke-filled skies, those who have served our country in the military continue to need treatment. At the Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center & Clinics (SORCC) in White City, near Medford, there are many in-patient Veterans who could use a kind word of encouragement.

Fourth Degree Assembly 905 in Medford held a Patriotic Letter writing champaign to support these Veterans. Our Past Faithful Navigator Larry Mullaly wanted to ensure the letters were delivered to our Assembly Friar and head Chaplain at SORCC, Father Felix Vistal, in time for the distribution by September 11, Patriot Day.

Due to the many restrictions, we met Fr. Felix in the parking lot of Kaleidoscope Pizzeria & Pub to hand over the written letters. Fr. Felix had just come from a funeral and was heading to a meeting to determine the fate of the VA Chapel that is being remodeled.

Our veterans sometimes feel alone and don't always know that people in the community really do care about their well-being. We hope and pray that this gesture of sending a personal letter of appreciation will provide a glimmer of happiness for someone.

In salute to our Veterans, From the Knights of Columbus.



#### **New Council In Oregon**

Our State Deputy Ron Boyce reported that DD02 Tom Burns installed a new Council of St. Rose of Lima Council. St. Rose of Lima Church is located 54th Ave., Portland. The actual Council number is not known at the time of publication.

Hopefully, that will be ready by next edition.













Ray Prom Faith Director

#### **Faith Program Director**

#### Get on your knees

Brothers, everyone will agree 2020 has been one very challenging year. First the pandemic, then job losses, and now the devastating fires. It's a burden on even the bravest souls. Some have suffered much more than others, but the choice is the same for everyone. Whether you have been hit hard by all three, or have come through the year pretty much unscathed, there is something all of us can do and should be doing more of.

That something is prayer. Pray for God's blessings on those who are suffering. Pray for God's peace and strength if it is you and your family who are struggling. Not all of us can come to the rescue of those who have been hit hardest, but all of us all hour of our day to pray for this world and those in it. Make this month the time when you really focus on intercessory pray

can take a half hour of our day to pray for this world and those in it. Make this month the time when you really focus on intercessory prayer for all those who are suffering.

Next month, on Oct. 3, we can get together as a spiritual family and pray at the Rosary Bowl in Keizer, OR. This year it will be hosted at St. Edward parish in Keizer. They have 3 buildings available so we can continue our social distancing protocols, and yet gather as a family to pray together. The buildings will open at 8AM, Saturday Oct. 3, with the Archbishop celebrating Mass in the main church at 8:30. The Mass will be live streamed to the other buildings, and the entire event will be broadcast on Mater Dei radio to allow everyone in the state to tune in and participate. Please let your parishes and Councils know about this amazing prayer event. For those who are in the vicinity, the Council at St. Edward's could use some manpower to help make this possible. They have been doing all the heavy lifting for this event since it began many years ago. Please, if you have the opportunity, contact the GK at St. Ed's and see what kind of help they need.

There is another event coming up in which there is still time for your parish and Council to participate in. It's called **Rosary Coast to Coast**. It will be held Sunday, Oct. 11 at sites throughout the US. You can schedule a Rosary prayer service in your community to be prayed simultaneously with hundreds of other prayer services throughout the United States. For more information on either event, contact me or use your search engine for **Rosary Bowl NW 2020**, and **Rosary Coast to Coast 2020**. In times of trouble, the least we can do is pray. In times of trouble, the most we can do is pray. God Bless!!

#### Vivat Jesus

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#### **Emergency Aid to our Christian Brothers**

Brothers, as you already have heard, on August 4<sup>th</sup>, the city of Beirut, Lebanon was rocked by a devastating explosion caused by the ignition of ammonium nitrate stored in a warehouse. This explosion was the largest ever in the Middle East, and could be heard 150 miles away.

What you may not know is the consequences of that explosion. As of today, over 150 people have been killed, 5,000 injured and many hundreds still missing. As many as 300,000 have been left homeless, or in homes with windows shattered and with no utilities. Right next to the explosion site were wheat silos, where the imported wheat that helps to feed Lebanon was destroyed. The Port of Beirut has been left destroyed and completely unusable.

Lebanon is the only country in the Middle East whose leader is Christian, and the explosion devasted the area where so many of Lebanon's Christians live. At least 10 churches were destroyed. The main Christian religion for the region is Maronite Catholic. Our Christian brothers are now experiencing a disaster of unimaginable proportions, but we can help. I am asking that each Council, and indeed each member of the Knights of Columbus in Oregon, ask themselves what they can do to help.

I checked this morning on the Supreme website, and as of right now, I have not seen an official request for Aid to Lebanon, although I expect something will be forthcoming very soon. But for the hundreds of thousands of victims of this tragedy, many cannot wait even a day. Right now, there is a Catholic Aid agency getting donations into Lebanon. That agency is **Aid to the Church in Need.** Their website is <a href="www.churchinneed.org">www.churchinneed.org</a>. More information is available there for how to donate, and how to help our Christian brothers and sisters in this horrific time.

For more information I can be reached at (503) 440-2382 or promray58@gmail.com.

Ray Prom Oregon Faith Director

#### **Eight Important Facts to Remember as We Grow Older**

#8 Death is the number 1 killer in the world.





#6 Men have 2 motivations: hunger and hanky panky, and they can't tell them apart. If you see a gleam in his eyes, make him a sandwich.

#5 Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.

#4 Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.

#3 All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

#2 In the 60's, people took LSD to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.

#1 Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today may be a burning issue tomorrow.

# Brothers, We are to

George Murphy State Youth Director

#### **State Youth Director Report**

We are truly into our Knights new year after visits to St Therese and Albany 1577. Also spoke with Chris Roth, from Sherwood, about our Soccer Kick program and things are really moving very fast. Our Councils also need to be preparing for Essay Contests and Poster Programs. I spoke briefly with Chris Cummings from Council 17442 in Eugene—they are one of our newest Councils. They are eager to get started in the Coats For Kids Program.

Please remember as we are running our different programs: when we say 'leave no neighbor behind', this also includes our Brother Knights, please keep this in mind. I will send out an email to inform everyone as soon as we know the price of Coats For Kids. I will also update the location of the State Soccer Championship. I have enclosed some Soccer photos from last year.

Vivat Jesus,

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#### **Coats For Kids**

Helping children stay warm during those cold winter months all across North America. To learn more, visit <a href="mailto:kofc.org/coats">kofc.org/coats</a>



#### **Council Willing To Help**

Sometimes we come across a Council that is ready, willing and tries to help out the needy; however, it doesn't always work out that way!

Council 2439 in Sublimity was asked to assist an elderly gentleman who needed a hospital bed delivered to his residence. The hospital said that they could not deliver to his remote location, so the call went out to—you know who—the Knights. As expected, our Knights Brothers John King, Ron Etzel, Ron Bernt and Dan King showed up ready to take the bed and truck it out to the individual in need. However, fate always plays unkind tricks and no one could find the one remote control which was needed as the bed had to have different positioning and done remotely by the elderly gentleman. Since no one could find the remote, the men of Council 2439 were told that they could not take the bed that was available. Fortunately, Hospice came to his rescue and the elderly man finally got his bed and remote control.

Brothers, it is not just the actual work that is done that is commendable of Councils, but also the willingness to go the extra mile to see if something can be done to lessen the pains of others. While the Council could not delivery the bed, they got the attention needed to let others know that the Knights in Oregon are tireless workers who will do what is needed to assist those in need. Fortunately, this spurred others to complete the job started by the Knights.







# Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Oregon District Archbishop Blanchet Province

My Brother Sir Knights,

Duane Morris District Master

The 4th Degree in our State has been busy this past month. On August 12th, our District held the 1st Virtual 4th Degree Exemplification for our Province. We had Candidates from all 3 States of our Province; Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.

We brought in 41 new Sir Knights into the Patriotic Degree. We then had an Honor Guard at a Funeral for a Brother Knight Clay Teeter at St Matthew in Hillsboro and later that same afternoon traveled to Albany for the Blessing of a New Memorial for the Unborn. Then on another Saturday traveled again to Albany for a Memorial Service for Sir Knight Jon Keefer where a Chalice was presented to his wife by Vice Supreme Master Jesse Villarreal on behalf of the Assembly.

If you are interested in joining the 4th Degree, please contact me at <a href="mailto:dlmorri@gmail.com">dlmorri@gmail.com</a> or visit the Oregon District website at <a href="mailto:oregondistrict4thdegree.org">oregondistrict4thdegree.org</a>. The next Exemplification is planned for November 7th at Christ the King in Milwaukie and will also be hosted Online.

I also recently received word from our Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard that I have been reappointed as Oregon District Master for a 2 year Term starting September 1, 2020 until August 31, 2022.

I look forward to continuing to work with the Knights of Columbus here in Oregon, promoting the 4th Degree and hope to expand the work of the Knights of Columbus in our Communities.

Vivat Jesus,

Duane Morris
Oregon District Master
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http://oregondistrict4thdegree.org/

#### Brothers Knights,

I would like to thank you and our Worthy State Deputy, Ron Boyce, for giving me the opportunity to work with all of you. May God Bless you and your family in this challenging year 2020 and years to come. It's always been a great honor to do charitable works for our church and community with Knights of Columbus. I, myself, am a third generation Sir Knight in my family so Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism is in our blood. We learn through life experiences with both our family and our Brotherhood to strive to be the best neighbor to everyone. As most of you know I been recovering from surgery and I am so thankful for all the prayers. The surgery seems to be a success and I already see improvements. I thank you for all you do for your family, our church and our Order of the Knights of Columbus. I am here for each and one of you.

Vivat Jesus







Duane Morris General Program Director

#### **General Program Director Article**

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 September, 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 in October 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.

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Vivat Jesus,

**Duane Morris** 

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#### **Council In Action**

#### Dear Brother Nick

Hello, I am Mike Hahn, Grand Knight of the recently formed Most Holy Trinity Council 17396 in Bandon. One of our Brothers, Jeff Moore, noted that the area surrounding the post office was in need of some serious cleaning up. As you may know we are a resort town in a fairly laid back community and the post office is where folks meet to exchange a few pleasantries. The post mistress had been unable to receive sufficient bids to get a permanent clean up crew so Jeff Moore proposed to her that the Knights of Columbus (we are not very well known in the area) take on the task on a voluntary basis.

As the attached article shows, we received a few accolades from folks about town, the post office staff, mayor (<a href="http://www.bandon.tv/">http://www.bandon.tv/</a> AsiSeelt.html) and local news paper.

It was a family affair with two wives (Nancy Cowan and Deanna Moore) and one 13 year old Nathan son of Brother Greg Daigre helping us.

We also had the help of a local cranberry grower who volunteered to haul off the clippings to his place .

I thought the news paper article was best given that it is not always our name is given in a good light in news paper. Over three days we donated approximately 64 hours using our own materials for the clean up

Vivat Jesus

Mike Hahn, Grand Knight Council 17396 Bandon





#### **Life Program Report**

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



#### **The Election**

November 3, election day, arrives in less than two months. Some people would prefer to avoid even thinking about it, but we recognize patriotism as the fourth principle of the Knights of Columbus. As the Supreme website states, "We are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both." One way of doing that is to vote for life, and to talk to family, friends, and neighbors about the importance of electing officials who are willing to defend life, both born and unborn.

During the 2016 Supreme Convention, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson had some special words about abortion and voting: "Abortion is the killing of the innocent on a massive scale, and we need to end the political manipulation of Catholic voters by abortion advocates.

It is time to end the entanglement of Catholic people, the entanglement of Catholic people in abortion killing. It is time to stop creating excuses for voting for pro-abortion politicians. We will never succeed, we will never succeed in building a culture of life if we continue to vote for politicians who support a culture of death."

#### The National Day of Remembrance for Unborn Children

September 12 is the National Day of Remembrance for Unborn Children. At least two services have been planned in Oregon: one memorial prayer service will be at St. Paul Cemetery in Silverton at 9:30 a.m., and another is scheduled for 1:00 at the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church *Monument for the Unborn* in Albany.

#### Reporte del Programa de la Vida

Patrick y Teresita Parson, Pareja de la Vida, Caballeros de Colon de Oregon

#### La Eleccione

El 3 de noviembre, día de elecciones, viene en menos de 2 meses. Algunas personas preferirán hacer caso omiso de todo esto, pero nosotros reconocemos patriotismo como el 4º principio de los Caballeros de Colon. Como el Estado Supremo en su web dice: "Estamos orgullosos de la devoción a nuestro Dios y a nuestro país, y estamos para ambos". Una manera de hacerlo es votar por la vida, y hablar a familiares, amigos, vecinos, acerca de la importancia de elegir oficiales que están dispuestos a defender la vida, ambos, nacidos y no-nacidos.

Durante la convención Suprema del 2016, nuestro Caballero Supremo Carl Anderson tuvo unas palabras especiales acerca del aborto y el voto: "Aborto es el asesinato de un inocente en escala masiva, y necesitamos terminar con la manipulación política de los votos Católicos por abogados del aborto.

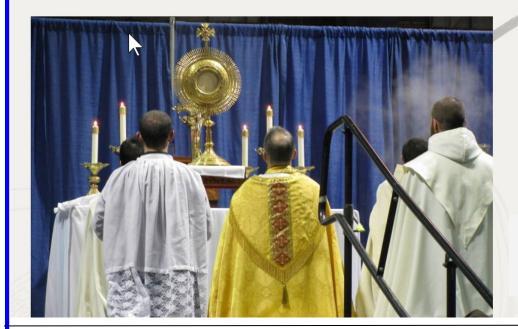
Es tiempo de terminar los enredos de las personas católicas, el enredo de personas católicas con el asesinato por medio dl aborto. Es tiempo de acabar con las excusas por votar para políticos pro-aborto. Nunca tendremos éxito en construir una cultura de la vida si continuamos votando por políticos que apoyan la cultura de la muerte".

#### El Día Nacional de Recuerdo para los Niños No-Nacidos

Septiembre 12 es el día Nacional de recuerdo para los niños No-nacidos. Por lo menos 2 servicios están planeados en Oregón; un memorial de servicio de oraciones que será en el cementerio en Silverton a las 9:30 a.m., y otro esta calendarizado a la 1:00 en la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro iglesia católica en el *Monumento de los No-Nacidos* en Albany.

Rosary Bowl NW—October 3rd

## Save the Date: 14th Annual Rosary Bowl!



The 14th Annual Rosary Bowl NW

Sat., October 3rd, 2020

New Location:

Saint Edward Catholic Church 5303 River Road N, Keizer, Oregon 97303



#### **Council In Action**

Completing a wheelchair ramp for one of our wheelchair bound members. A crew of the Council members completed the ramp under the guidance of our new member Gabrial Moens.

Donation of the plywood and other supplies for the project was received.

Our Knights Brotherhood in action.

John Pavik F.S.

Council 3509 Molalla, Oregon









<u>Council #1623 in McMinnville Oregon is leaving No Neighbor behind, by distributing</u> hundreds of food boxes every week to needy families in their community.

Every Friday since the end of May, the Knights of the McMinnville Council, at St. James Parish, have been distributing food boxes to needy families. Each Friday, anywhere from 550 to 610 large food boxes from the Farms to Family program have been handed out with no questions asked to anyone that shows up at the church parking lot. On a weekly basis, ten to fifteen Knights show up on Fridays and through the month of August, have distributed 6520 boxes totaling 169,520 pounds of food.

For the Knights that have attended the distribution, they have found the distribution very rewarding. The rewards are the words of gratitude, and smiling faces, of the individuals receiving the food, with heartwarming stories of how much the food means to their families, and how thankful they are for the assistance.

Council 1623 has pledged to continue assisting in the Farms to Family food box program until the program ends. This type of Knight action is a prime example of Knights leaving No Neighbor behind.

Sincerely,

Doug Young, Financial Secretary McMinnville Knights Of Columbus Council 1623 Phone (503) 472-4532 Cell (503) 560-8008









#### For Some Relaxing Old Reading!

This is just a beautifully written piece; and so true. Take a couple of minutes to read it. You'll be glad you did. This article is so befitting for all of us... take time to ponder... the last statement printed in red cannot be refuted:-

I FIRST STARTED READING THIS AND WAS READING FAST UNTIL I REACHED THE THIRD SENTENCE. I STOPPED THEN AND STARTED OVER, READING SLOWER, AND THINKING ABOUT EVERY WORD... IT MAKES YOU STOP AND THINK. So, please, READ SLOWLY!

#### AND THEN IT IS WINTER

You know time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems like yesterday that I was young, just married, and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all those years went.

I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But here it is ... the winter of my life, and it catches me by surprise. How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go? I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those "older people" were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But here it is ... my friends are retired and getting grey ... they move slower and I see an older person in myself now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me ... but, I see the great change. Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant ... but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore ... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will ... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so, now I enter this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!! But at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last ... this I know, that when it's over on this earth ... it's over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done ... things I should have done, but indeed, there are also many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet ... let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life, please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can TODAY, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not!

You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life ... so, LIVE FOR TODAY and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!!

"Life" is a GIFT to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.

Remember: "It is Health that is real Wealth and not pieces of gold and silver."

- "Your kids are becoming you ..... but your grandchildren are perfect!
- ~Going out is good ... coming home is even better!
- "You forget names ... but it's OK, because other people forgot they even knew you!!!
- ~You realize you're never going to be really good at anything.... especially golf.
- The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore.
- ~You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep."
- ~You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch.
- ~You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "what?" ... "when?"... ???
- ~Now that you can afford expensive jewelry, it's not safe to wear it anywhere.
- "You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless?!"
- ~What used to be freckles are now liver spots.
- ~Everybody whispers.
- "You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet .... 2 of which you will never wear.
- ~But "Old" is good in some things: Old Songs, Old Movies ... and best of all, our dear OLD FRIENDS

Stay well, "OLD FRIEND!"

The morning of Saturday, August 29th, seven Knights met to split the logs from an oak tree that had to be taken down this summer. Rich Paris, George Murphy, Bob Fielder, Steve Hunker, Jim Jackson, Mike Pranger and our Worthy State Warden Ken Anderson operated two separate wood splitters for three hours, filling Brother Hunker's trailer to the brim with seasoned oak. Some of the bigger pieces were particularly challenging as the old oak tree had two large trunks, making for some very knotty logs, but with Ken Anderson's newly purchased splitting maul and Steve Hunker's higher tonnage log splitter, the humans won the battle and knocked those logs down to size, putting \$300 into our coffers.

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"Be confident. Be bold.

We need you to step into the breach!"













# Seminary Benefit GATHERING























Dear Friends.



This message is coming to you because we all share a love for Mount Angel Seminary and the seminarians who are beginning a new school year on the Hilltop. Mount Angel Seminary forms these fine men into the priests we urgently need and they urgently need our help!

Please plan to join us for the Seminary Benefit Gathering on November 1, 4:30–6:30 pm, via the Mount Angel Abbey website or YouTube channel on your TV.

When I agreed to chair the Seminary Benefit event this year, none of us expected to have our plans canceled due to Covid-19. None of us expected to be quarantined or see family and friends struggle.

Of course, we are disappointed that we cannot gather with 1,200 Catholic friends this year at the Oregon Convention Center. However, our Seminary Benefit Gathering will go online - so we can share an experience of faith, joy and inspiration!

We simply must continue on because the dinner provides more than \$1 million toward the cost of educating and forming our seminarians - and the seminary's costs have only increased due to the pandemic.

I hope you will sponsor the Seminary Benefit Gathering today, to provide the funds needed for 2020-21.

You and your fellow Early Bird sponsors will be invited to a private Zoom reception with Abbot Jeremy Driscoll on August 30, 6-7 pm, where you will hear about his exciting vision for the seminary. Also, with your sponsorship, you and your guests will receive special wine gift boxes to enhance your celebration.

Click on this link to learn more about the online Seminary Benefit Gathering – and to make your contribution. Please make Mount Angel a priority in your charitable giving this year. The need has never been greater!

With gratitude and love in Christ,

Linda Keizer, Chair

2020 Seminary Benefit Gathering



#### **District 21 News**

Sherwood Council 9137:

Sherwood continued with it's Wednesday night 'Weed and Wine' event as they prepared the grounds of St Francis for the new school year. Knight Adolph Eppich and his wife Vida also contributed by creating a 'Peace garden' around the peace pole that was donated by the local Rotary chapter.

Regards In Christ,

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#### Disaster Assistance By Helping The Red Cross

On August 31st, September 1st & 2nd, Council 15773 Knights of Columbus working in conjunction with the Red Cross, set up a temporary evacuation points at Siuslaw Middle school and the Florence Event Center in Florence. This was done to help accommodate citizens from the Mapleton area after several fires caused homeowners to evacuate their homes.

While Red Cross has modified their sheltering procedures due to the Covid 19 necessary pandemic precautions, we still are able to assist the clients with non congregate lodging for those folks who will then be given a safe place to stay if needed by them.



Pat Beckham Disaster Preparation Chairman

#### *In Solidarity With Our Priests*

Submitted by: Jeff Lang District 24 Deputy

Eugene Council 1430 helped to purchase a much needed new stove for St. Mary's parish rectory. Shown here is Fr. Henry Guillen, a proclaimed gourmet cook, spec'd out the new stove/oven combination and newly appointed Grand Knight, Chris Hainley.





St Jude Council 17442 is hosting a "Virtual" Blood Drive open to all Knights of Columbus throughout the NW. LISTEN UP KNIGHTS!! Due to Covid 19 Bloodworks NW is unable to conduct an "off-site" blood drive. Consequently, Bloodwork's NW has issued the Knights of Columbus a code "KOC" or "Knights of Columbus" that you will use during your check in procedures at your local Bloodworks NW donation center. By using the "code", the Knights of Columbus will be recognized for the donation anywhere in the Pacific Northwest! I am asking all Knights of Columbus and their families to strongly consider making an appointment to donate today. The "code" is good from Sept 1st through Sept 30th. For details contact Grand Knight, Chris Cummings 503.737.4575 or cjcummings15@att.net.

#### Jeff Lang

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#### **Council In Action**

By: GK Phil Barr Council 3818

Knights from Council 3818 supported a religious in need by spreading bark dust in the yard of Sister Marilyn Barry. Sister served OLL for several years and is still a member of the parish.

The task was accomplished by keeping social distancing from each other.

Phil Barr **Grand Knight Council 3818** Our Lady Of the Lake



#### **Wheeling Around Grants Pass**

Thanks to the perseverance of Kent Purdy, Knights of Columbus wheelchairs can be found throughout the State of Oregon-Knights of Columbus Council 3157 in Grants Pass took some time after conducting a Blood Drive to assemble the five (5) wheelchairs they ordered. Fr Bill Holtzinger their pastor, was very pleased to hear that these high-quality wheelchairs will be used at St Anne's in Grants Pass and at Our Lady of the River in Rogue River to assist their parishioners.



Photo, left to right: Bill Brady, Raymond Rowley, Dave Shankland



#### **Council In Action**

Submitted by: Duane Kloser, Council 3484

St. Patrick's Church - 10<sup>th</sup> Street Landscape Project (Council 3484)

Members of Canby Knights of Columbus, along with members of the Parish, finished the last landscape project along the entrance and exit to St. Patrick's Church.

Duane Kloser organized the project to plant over 30 bushes and spread 4 yards of bark.

Everything was donated by parishioners.







#### Supreme's

#### **Families of the Month for June 2020**

## Skip West 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 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: <a href="https://www.plungeoregon.org">www.plungeoregon.org</a>





#### **Prayers Provide Comfort**

Sometimes life throws us a curve ball and we swing at it and miss. Then we just pick ourselves back up and go back to our

stance and attempt to do it right the next time. Prayer is a little like that, as we pray for some help and sometimes the Lord answers quickly and we say "Wow, that was easy". Sometimes we have to wait a little longer to see what His ways are all about.

Recently, our DD12, Patrick "Pat" Beckham was taken ill and he had to rely upon his faith to help him realize that God still has many things for him to accomplish.

Pat had been isolated in the Ronald McDonald hospice at the River Bend Campus undergoing treatment for two months. Those treatments now complete and Pat is doing well.

With the help of his wife Sue and his Council in Florence, all their prayers brought about a time of reflection and knowing that our Lord listens to our prayers.

Upon Pat's arrival back home. A small sign was added to his front driveway (where he had already installed a "Big Foot" wooden statue. Fortunately for Pat, it was not a self-portrait!

Pat has proven his resilience through the years and has been a driving force in his Council as well as his Assembly. He has spearheaded many projects and community driven activities. His faith is unquestionably a big part of his life and he imparts that to others whom he meets.





#### **KofC Ultrasound Initiative**

#### **A Higher Purpose**

Save lives by helping women choose life by giving them the opportunity to view their unborn children on ultrasound machines at pro-life pregnancy centers. This initiative is funded by Knights of Columbus state and local Councils with matching grants from the Supreme Council's Culture of Life Fund.

#### Overview

The Knights of Columbus works together as an organization to purchase ultrasound machines for qualifying pregnancy centers. After the state and/or local Council raises 50% of the cost, the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council will provide the other 50% to complete funding for purchase of an ultrasound. Or, if the Council raises 100% of the cost of a vehicle outfitted to serve as a mobile medical unit for a pregnancy center, the Supreme Council will provide 100% of the funds for an ultrasound machine to be used in that vehicle.



#### Safe Environment



Tom Radel

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

State Advocate 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. 1st and 75% of Councils by Dec. 1st

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

Thomas Anthony Windishar 17<sup>th</sup> State Deputy of Oregon 1940-1942



Thomas A. Windishar was born December 22, 1895 in Bagdad, PA to John and Mary Tusher Windishar. The family moved to Mt. Angel in 1898 where John Windishar opened a hardware store.

Thomas graduated from Mt. Angel College and in 1916 he went with his brother, R. H., to Sacramento, CA to engage in the tire business until 1918 when they returned to Oregon and bought the McMinnville laundry. In 1923

they then bought the Capital City Laundry in Salem, OR where they owned and ran the business until Thomas's death.

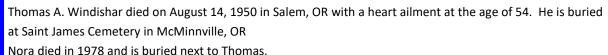


On November 5, 1924, Thomas married Nora Helen Barrett in Yamhill, OR. They had two children: daughter, JoAnn and son, Francis.

Thomas was a member of the Salem Council 1748.

Thomas was the president of the Salem Chamber of Commerce and members of the Kiwanis, Cherrians and Serra club. He was active in the Boy Scouts, Community chest and civil defense.

Thomas enjoyed fishing, hiking and playing Santa Clause every year at his Laundry Co. Christmas party for his 37 employees.





Thomas and Nora - 1924

"To all the leaders of the Knights of Columbus in Oregon I ask that we put our shoulder to the wheel and hold steadfast through these trying days in the true spirit of Knighthood and the up-holding of one another, joining hands in carrying on the spirit of the Knights of Columbus in Oregon." Thomas Windishar - May 24, 1942, 34th State Convention, Pendleton, OR





Thomas from a 1929 newspaper

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

Julie Wertepny

George Zentgraf

Council 11258 Central Point

Larry Pedersbeck
Council 1623 McMinnville



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#### **IN MEMORIAM**

#### **Carroll Gorg PDVM**

Council 3818 Assembly 1292 Lake Oswego

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



Hello, dear friends.

In our liturgy last week, we celebrated the memorial of St. Augustine. The great Bishop of Hippo lingers in my mind.

You know, 40 years ago I was sent to Rome to study Patristics – the early theologies of the Church. I lived there with an old monk named Fr. Basil Studer, a respected scholar in that field who befriended and mentored me. We used to walk through the city of Rome on Sunday afternoons and he would speak of Origen and Augustine. I remember him saying, "Augustine, he's my friend." As you will see in my video message, (Found on the internet by copying in the following link:

https://www.mountangelabbey.org/monastery/abbot-jeremy/abbot-jeremy-videos/? bblinkid=242085335&bbemailid=24071267&bbejrid=1631759773

he passed some of that love on to me.

Augustine's memoir, The Confessions, is perhaps the most accessible and famous of his works. However, the title can mislead us into thinking it's a "tell-all." For Augustine, the Latin word "confession" means stating my faith. In his Confessions, Augustine is stating his faith about his own

Here's the remarkable thing. He is not addressing his life story to an audience or a reader. The whole work is addressed to God. It is a prayer and he is letting us watch him pray.

As the book unfolds, his story converges with the story of the Bible, tracing the pattern of Creation/Fall into Sin/Redemption and New Life. Of course this is not just his story, he makes clear, but every Christian's story. If we were to pray our entire lives to God, we all would see this pattern in our stories, too.

Augustine offers us a model of such reflection in a strikingly beautiful passage from his Confessions. I read it aloud to you in the video and it is printed at right. "Late have I loved you, Beauty so ancient and so new," it begins. For all of us, he shows what it costs to turn away from God and he models the return of a soul that burns for God's peace.

What a way for us to pray, too, especially in these times of turmoil! God is calling to us every day, appealing to our five senses, inviting us to come back to ourselves, where he is.

St. Augustine, pray for us. Be well, dear friends, Abbot Jeremy Driscoll, O.S.B.



"Late have I loved you, Beauty so ancient and so new, late have I loved you! Lo, you were within, but I outside, seeking there for you, and upon the shapely things you have made I rushed headlong, I, misshapen. You were with me, but I was not with you. They held me back far from you, those things which would have no being were they not in you. You called, shouted, broke through my deafness; you flared, blazed, banished my blindness; you lavished your fragrance, I gasped, and now I pant for you; I tasted you, and I hunger and thirst; you touched me, and I burned for your peace."

From *The Confessions* by Bishop of Hippo Saint Augustine, translated by Maria Boulding

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