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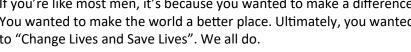
Brother Knights of Oregon,

Why did you become a Knight of Columbus?

Think about this for a minute. When you were asked, why did you feel compelled to join the Order?

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If you're like most men, it's because you wanted to make a difference. You wanted to make the world a better place. Ultimately, you wanted to "Change Lives and Save Lives". We all do.

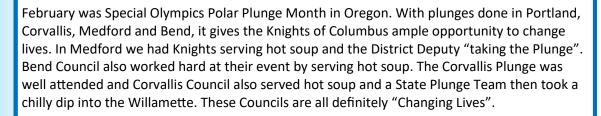


Since the last bi-monthly publication back in January, several Councils and many Brother Oregon Knights have done just that. I want to spot-

light a few of them in my letter this month.

State Deputy

Bob Kish



On February 22nd, history was made at St. Josephs Council 1784 in Salem when a Spanish speaking First Degree Team exemplified 23 new Spanish speaking members into the Order. (See more on page 27 of this issue) To make the evening even more special, over 40 Brothers from many nearby Councils came to show their support and witness this Exemplification. St. Joseph's Council will now begin helping "Change the Lives" of these new Brothers and they will begin "Changing Lives" of so many others. While on the subject of membership, once again Sherwood Council 9137 hosted another very well attended 2nd and 3rd degree on February 20. Just like last year, the room was packed and the State Degree Team did their usual and perfect Exemplification.

With all the work being done to "Change Lives" from the Councils mentioned above, Oregon also has a couple of Councils that have gone above and beyond to "Save Lives" too. Coos Bay Council 1261 and Lebanon Council 3184 both raised sufficient funds necessary to qualify for the Supreme Council's matching funds Ultrasound Initiative. Both Councils presented their Ultrasound machines to their local Pregnancy Resource Centers and both are now functioning well and "Saving Lives" every day. Lebanon Council wasn't satisfied with just one machine though. They are now raising funds for a Mobile Van Unit that can cover all of Linn County. I can't say enough about the huge effort it takes to accomplish this. I'm sure I speak for all the Oregon Knights when I say how proud we are of these two Councils.

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Thank You Brothers; I'm sure there are many other Councils changing lives and saving lives around the State every single day. I just don't hear about them. It's time we start showing the world who the Knights of Columbus are. Let's begin "tooting our own horns" in our communities and in our Parishes. It's really not bragging—it's letting the community know what we do and that we are here making a difference. Assign a Public Relations Chairman within your Council. Have him promote the events to the community and the church. Afterwards, have him report on the success too, and don't forget to thank those that helped you

Again...Why did you become a Knight of Columbus? Are you offering the same opportunity to every Man who joins the Order? If he feels he isn't making a contribution, or changing lives and saving lives, he might just decide to leave and join another men's club. Keep them busy, Brothers!

Thank You Brothers,

Keep Praying

Stay Positive

Be United

Be Faithful in all your works.

Then, with the grace of God, we can accomplish anything.

God Bless you all.

Fraternally,

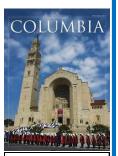
Bob Kish

Oregon State Deputy

Council In Action

Submitted by: Patrick Parson, Recorder Council 2939

Roseburg Council 2939, part of District 9, after many attempts, had their submission to the Columbia Magazine bearing fruit. Look at page 29 of your February 2016 Columbia on the Knights in Action section. The Roseburg Council article, entitled "Gear For Scouts" reads: "Roseburg (Ore.) Council 2939 donated approximately \$1,500 worth of camping equipment to Boy Scout Troop #1, chartered at Sacred Heart Church in Medford. Included in the camp gear were four canoes, two metal framed camp shelters, two snow sleds, camp stoves, cooking utensils, ropes and several ice saws."



Example Of the Columbia Magazine

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State Chaplain Fr. Theodore Lange

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Fr. Theo Lange is currently on assignment for a Papal activity and not available for this edition of the Columbian Newsletter. Therefore, on his behalf, I am introducing an area where he has spent his time, talent, and treasure. Please look at his series. This information is extracted from the Oregon State Council website at: KOFC-OR.ORG.

Faith Formation Video Series

Welcome to the new video series produced by Oregon State Chaplain Father Theo Lange. Read his introduction and watch the first episode of the new series. The plan is to have lots more to come!

NEW! There is now a way to download the videos. At the bottom of the page is more information to find out how to download his videos. There is also a YouTube channel that hosts the series.

You can find it at this address: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPSQzwoegR UPjjCOOnNugw

We are doing a once a month video for the Councils to watch which will slowly provide some spiritual support and guidance to the Knights. Father Theo will do the first 3 videos and then he will request the assistance of other priests, deacons, and possibly bishops to be a part of the on-going series. This will help the Councils that do not have a Chaplain available and also those that do have a Chaplain, as it will help to unite us around the state.

Episode 1: Introduction to series

Episode 2: Theological virtue of charity

Episode 3: The Knight's mission of charity

Episode 4: Building the Domestic Church

Episode 5: Archbishop Sample speaks about Global Unity

Episode 6 Archbishop Sample: Learning charity through Our Lady

Episode 7 Archbishop Sample: Being charitable towards your families

Episode 8 Deacon Harold: Holding each other accountable

We would like your feedback! Tell us what you think of the series, an episode, or whatever is on your

mind. Send an email to: statechaplain@kofc-or.org

Vivat Jesus! Fr. Theo Lange

Video Download Area

There have been many requests to download the videos so they can be shown without internet connection. I have downloaded the first two videos in 480p mp4 format. Video 3 & 4 are now also available in the 720p format. The links below will allow you to download them. The easiest way is to right click on the link and select "save link as". That will open a dialog window that will let you save the file directly to your PC. If you just do a normal left click, it should begin playing in your video player. Depending on the player you are using, you may be able to pause it, right click on the video, and a menu will pop up that allows you to save it. Please let me know how it works for you by sending me an email at webmaster@kofc-or.org

Video 1: Introduction to the series (MP4 format 28 MB)

Video 2: Theological virtue of charity (MP4 format 48 MB)

Video 3: Knight's mission of charity (MP4 format 37 MB)

Video 4 Building the Domestic Church (MP4 format 33 MB)

Video 5 Archbishop Sample: Global Unity (MP4 format 33 MB)

Video 6 Archbishop Sample: Learning Charity (MP4 format 50 MB)

Video 7 Archbisho Sample: Being charitable to families (MP4 format 55 MB)

Video 8 Deacon Harold: Holding accountable (MP4 format 75 MB)



Ray Prom Church Director

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Church Director Introductory Report

Start the New Year right

Brothers! I want to introduce myself. My name is Ray Prom, and I have been asked to be the Church Program Director for at least the remainder of this fraternal year. I am a past Grand Knight from Astoria Council, and have been our Council Church Director for about 10 years.

At the risk of drawing ire of other directors, my personal feelings are that as Catholic gentlemen, our church activities are as important, or more important than anything else we do as Knights. Each of us are practicing Catholics in our parish, and all the programs we support help our priests, our parish families, and ourselves to fulfill Christ's call to the faithful.

This year, Supreme Council wants to put emphasis on one particular program for our Councils to concentrate on. This featured programs is the RSVP program. You may have heard about this program and read the articles presented in the Columbian Newsletter by Dr. George Vennes, RSVP Program Director for Oregon, in years past.

Support Vocations Program, a program by which Councils and Assemblies can *adopt* and contribute money to their seminarians and then have a portion of the monies used to support these seminarians reimbursed to their Council by Supreme. For every \$500 spent on seminarian support, your group will be refunded \$100. If your Council meets the minimum requirements for the RSVP program, it will fulfill all 4 of the Church Activity requirements for the *Columbian Award*. Of course there are more details to this, but information to this fine program can be found on the Supreme website, or feel free to contact me.

Other Order-wide programs for your Councils to participate in are the "Building the Domestic Church", "Keep Christ in Christmas, and the "Marian Prayer" programs. Again, I can help with any needed information or answer any questions you may have.

Of course no conversation about programs would be complete without a word about reporting. Brothers, I am sure you are aware that no officer, director, or chairman receives monetary compensation for the work they do for the Knights of Columbus. The only reward we receive is our realization that all the efforts we put into the Knights of Columbus is paying a type of dividend—the dividend is that we gain respect for doing a job well done through the reports submitted by our Councils. Brothers, if you didn't start this New Year off on the right foot, then take 15 minutes this month, fill out and send me your Church activity report. My goal for the year is 100% reporting. There are some new incentives for reporting, and also you will be encouraging your Brother Knights who are working with you in the State Council.

Please let me know how I can help you.

My contact information is: Ray Prom promray58@gmail.com

or Phone: (503) 440-2382.

Polar Plunge 2016



On February 13, 2016, at the Crystal Lake Sports Park & Boat Ramp our intrepid State Deputy Bob Kish and State Advocate Ron Boyce, could

"bearly" wait to jump into the frigid waters!



Steeling up their nerves!



OK, now we're ready! Bring it on!





Lots of hot drinks!

Council 15263 Our Lady of LaVang Portland Presented With Supreme's 3 Star Award



Our Lady of LaVang Council with State Officers





An amazing evening and supper was enjoyed by everyone present.



Council 15263 Presented With Supreme's 3 Star Award by State Deputy Bob Kish



Council Deputy Grand Knight Financial Advisor Young Tran And Council Grand Knight



Council Grand Knight



State Deputy Bob Kish Presents individual awards





Grand Knight



Deputy Grand Knight

A NEW YEAR, A NEW CHANCE TO GROW



Dave Saunders DD3

Now is the time to evaluate what you have accomplished in the first six months of this fraternal year and then determine what you need to reach STAR COUNCIL. Determine what your total quota for membership and insurance are and make plans for membership drives and insurance nights. Did you know that if a Council obtains Star Council status that it will receive a financial award for each member currently on its roster?

Membership growth is the life blood of our organization. Many of the members who have been very active throughout the years are getting older and slowing down. What happens when the faithful Knights are no longer able to participate in Council activities and planning? We have

witnessed Councils that were once very active stagnate to the point they were doing nothing and weren't meeting the requirements set by Supreme. Why does this happen? They were not recruiting new members. If they were able to attract a new member, he did not feel welcome to the "old boys club."

The State and Supreme can assist your Council in planning recruitment drives, open houses and presentations from the pulpit. When you attend any parish function, carry a couple of Form 100's with you. Many of our candidates, when asked why they didn't join earlier, respond that no one asked them. If a potential candidate responds that they don't have time to discuss joining the Knights, be sure to get their name, phone number and email so you may contact them at a better time for them. Do not be discouraged.

As a District Deputy and State Trainer, I have noticed Councils not following Supreme procedures and rules. Most answers to procedures and laws can be found in handbooks that you should have received from the Supreme Office when they received your Councils 185 and 365 forms. If your Council doesn't submit these forms, how does Supreme know to whom to send the information? The next step is to read them when you receive them. These are particularly important for the Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and Treasurer. Also, the Financial Secretary absolutely must have and study the Financial Secretary's Handbook. If you do not have your material, ask your Financial Secretary to order you what you need. Don't forget the Constitution and Laws of the Order of the Knights of Columbus. Your Grand Knight should have a copy and be familiar with its contents.

Remember, you have a District Deputy to assist you and your Council with questions, problems and issues. We are not perfect and do not know every answer but we will find out and get back to you. Your DD is the first step to resolving questions.

David Saunders
District Deputy 3

The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time; Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it;
Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will;
That I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him Forever in the next.
Amen.

Jim Walton

The Value of Membership Referrals

As a professional insurance agent, one of the things I appreciate most is when one of my Brother Knight clients or his wife refers another member to me. This really is a great endorsement of the service I provided. It tells me that they were so pleased with what I helped them accomplish that they want me to help others achieve the same level of

financial safety and security. When I meet with you, please pass along the names of those who might be able to benefit from the analysis that I provide.

Similarly, there is no stronger membership recruiting tool than the referral. How many of us know an eligible Catholic male who is not a member of the Knights of Columbus? Do you have Catholic family or friends, local or not, who have yet to join? Most likely, they've never been asked and don't know enough about the Order to seek out membership on their own.

If you have names of potential members, please pass them along to me or your Grand Knight. Let us know if we can use your name when we contact the gentlemen in question. It is always much more effective to tell a candidate for membership that he was recommended by a current member, especially someone he knows. Don't worry if the candidate is outside the area I serve or beyond the district of the local Councils, we can make sure we put these future members in touch with the right people in their communities.

New members are the lifeblood of the Order. All the good deeds done by the Order are driven by the members. Over the past decade, Knights have given more than \$1.5 billion to charity and provided in excess of 670 million hours of service. And our membership has merely scratched the surface in North America. Imagine the potential.

Jim Walton
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jim.walton@kofc.org



INSURANCE

Council In Action

Acting Grand Knight, Patrick Rausch and Warden, Tim Jordan of Corvallis Council 1785 worked on a Benton County Habitat for Humanity Home Repair project on February 26th.

Tom Radel
District Deputy #7 / Habitat for Humanity Chairman



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Knights of Columbus College Scholarships

Brother Knights

This is a reminder to all our Oregon Knights about the many scholarships offered and administered by the Knights of Columbus. We have welcomed many new members into our Order who may not be aware of the scholarships available. Here in Oregon many Councils offer college scholarships to their members and their families. Let's all communicate this great membership benefit to our members today!

For the 2014-2015 academic year, the Knights of Columbus awarded scholarships totaling more than \$1.06 million to 519 students.

Most recipients are the children of Knights or Knights working toward bachelor's degrees at Catholic colleges and Catholic universities in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico and the Philippines.

These figures include \$266,275 in grants to 108 seminarians in the United States and Canada.

The Knights of Columbus has established a scholarship program to help fund the education of seminarians preparing to become Catholic chaplains in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The program will distribute \$1 million in scholarship money to the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, over a period of five years at a rate of \$200,000 per year. These funds, in turn, will help to produce a new generation of much-needed Catholic chaplains to minister to our U.S. military personnel and their families. Fundraising for the Order-wide project is led by the Fourth Degree, the Patriotic Degree of the Knights.

To get more information on KofC Scholarships

Phone: 203-752-4332

Write: Department of Scholarships

Knights of Columbus

PO Box 1670

New Haven, CT 06507-0901

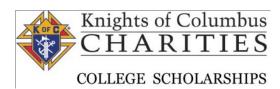
Scholarship Application Order Form: http://www.kofc.org/un/en/about/contact/scholarships.html

More info at http://www.kofc.org/un/en/scholarships/

Deadlines are approaching for the 2016/17 academic year. In Oregon, all OSAC Private Scholarships had a deadline of March 1, 2016. However, the deadline for Federal FAFSA assistance requires that the Online applications be submitted by midnight Central Time, <u>June 30, 2016</u>.

Vivat Jesus,

Mike Woody, GK Council 1577 Albany



Council 15773, Our Lady of the Dunes, in Florence





(Photos courtesy of Thomas Zahara)

Council 15773 has noted that they had a excellent turnout for the State Winter Meeting that the Council was privileged to host on January 9th. This was followed by a 2nd & 3rd Degree on January 16th at St Mary's Our Lady of the Dunes, where 20 Knights advanced to full knighthood.

On Friday, January 22nd, several members of Council 15773 and their wives, along with support from other churches in Florence, and in solidarity with the Knights "March for Life" in Washington DC, participated in a unified show of Pro Life, as can be seen in the photos.

There was a great deal of positive reinforcement from passers-by and a genuine feeling of support, echoing Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's sentiment that the portrayal of majority acceptance of Roe v. Wade is grossly overstated. Let's keep praying and marching!

Knight participants in the second photo from left to right are Ed Woods, Tom Zahara, Harry Davis, and Pat Beckham.

Vivat Jesus,

Pat Beckham (FS) Council 15773 Florence



Update on Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine project for Jan 2016

Any volunteers for any of the work parties for Our Lady of Guadalupe shrine, please email Doug Klein at doug.klein@level3.com so he can contact you as needed.

Due to rain, not a lot was completed in January. The stucco work was completed but a few areas needed to be patched because of the rain. Thank you, Victor, for coming back and fixing it. We finished sealing the bricks over each arch, cleaned up the area and removed all the tappers.

- 1) The current funds received to date as of 12/31/2015 is \$13,179.05, with a pledge of \$150 from 2 Latino gentlemen in Albany Oregon who wanted to help make this shrine happen.
- 2) Funds spent to date = \$8757.12

Bench for in front of the shrine = \$697.00

Security camera system = \$765.50

Misc. construction cost for the shrine as of Oct 2015 = \$1,220.75

Stucco supplies= \$897.25

Misc. construction cost for the shrine for Nov 2015 = \$73.02

Part of the cost for the wood roof and beams to build the roof = \$550.50

Roof labor and material = \$4,000

Asphalt sealer and supplies = \$101.47

Electrical and Asphalt = \$451.63

3) Other donation items to report. (Please pray for these companies that went above and beyond to make a difference in this world)

Westside Masonry Inc., - Brother Knights, Jeff Peterson & Scott Peterson (Council 6266 Fr Luke O'Donnell) donated all the concrete blocks to build the shrine and volunteered their labor.

<u>Troutdale Sand & Gravel - Brother Brain Moran</u> (St Therese Council 7828) donating all the concrete and delivery costs in support of building the shrine.

<u>Legacy Rock Engraving - Ron Schultz</u> (Grandfather was a Knight), donated most of the cost of the plaques for the shrine

NWRC North West Residential Commercial Construction—Willie Garcia, (all 6 brothers are Knights and he will soon be), helping with pouring the walkway and the needed concrete stamp.

<u>Stucco Experts Inc Victor</u> (for the love of Our Lady), donating labor to install all the Stucco work and \$905 of the material as well.

<u>CC&L Roofing</u>, donated part of the Spanish style roofing (labor we needed to pay for)

<u>Carpinteria Juanito's Juan Rivera Fonseca (contractor out of Mexico City helping Victor)</u>
Donating labor for the shrine at the Grotto of Our Lady.

- 4) The Shrine concrete part of the building is 100% done
- 5) The wood roof is 100% installed and all the electrical wiring has been run
- 6) The Stucco work is 100% completed
- 7) The Tile roof is 100% completed

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8) Projected cost of items still needed:

Bell for the bell tower is on order (cost will be around \$200)

Projected miscellaneous items for Dec \$450

Found someone to do the Mosaic. (Looking at using Hector Hernandez) The cost will be around \$12,000 if we go with this person

(1st Mosaic will be done by May, the 2nd around July and the last around Sept or Oct 2016)

Rock hill under Our Lady inside the shrine \$500 (should have this installed and done in April)

Lights over the 3 mosaics \$200 (should have this installed and done in March)

The concrete wall way \$ 100 (should have this installed and done in March)

Flowers for Our Lady of Guadalupe garden right in front of the shrine \$300 (should have this installed and done in May)

9) Projected funds still needed to complete the project: \$8,386.17

10) To donate, go to http://www.thegrotto.org/donate/special-projects/ or make a check out to "The Grotto — Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine Project" and mail it to P.O. Box 20008, Portland, OR 97294-0008.

The shrine planned building schedule: February - start installing the walk way including the mission church floor. I believe we have the total cost 95% donated. We just need to pay for the last 5% at most.

Looking at starting the Mosaic in March and completing by Nov 2016. I need to pay 1/3 down which is around \$3000 up front before they will start. (Working on it and should have something signed on Feb 7 to start the Mosaic portion)

<u>Looking at a Dec 12, 2016 dedication for the Knight's Shrine at The Grotto. Will have the date locked down by the Spring.</u> Please put this on your Council agenda and please try to have all state of Oregon Knights make it to this dedication.

Any questions please let me know

Vivat Jesus

Doug Klein, Grand Knight Council 3179

Any questions
Call 503-703-1622 or email me
Doug.klein@level3.com







Abbot Gregory Duerr, OSB

He shall be peace

Abbot Duerr,

All the State Officers, Directors, Chairmen and Councils within the State of Oregon want to wish you your most well earned retirement. It has been a great honor for so many of us to have experienced your words and actions. It is because of men like yourself, that others strive to become better Christians and better men and women who seek to achieve the wonderful feeling of contentment that you have imparted on so many of us.

While we know that most individuals who retire nearly always work as hard as they did while in active ministry, we hope that you take some time for yourself and enjoy the rewards of a slower pace of life.

We look forward to seeing you, as Abbot Emeritus, visiting us at Conventions and whenever and wherever Knights gather. You have earned a special place in our hearts and minds.

Again, our congratulations to a man of God who has made his mark on the Knights and people throughout the Northwestern United States and many places beyond as well.

"Thank you" hardly seems enough, but thank you for your service to us all.

Your Oregon Knights of Columbus

Corvallis Free Throw



This picture is from District #7 Free Throw Challenge held on Saturday, January 30, 2016 in Corvallis.

I would like to thank District #7 and District #18 (no name was sent to me) for submitting a picture of the Free Throw championship winners.



Back Row: Scott Frey (Lebanon Council), Brent Pawlowski (Corvallis Council), Tom Radel (District Deputy #7), Patrick Rausch (Corvallis Council)

Front Row Participants: Spencer Frey (9, Lebanon), Aiden Hanamoto (9, Corvallis), Carson Kurlak (10, Corvallis), Chase Reynolds (13, Albany), Connor Kuriak (13, Corvallis). There were a few participants not in picture.

A special thank you to Scott Frey of Lebanon Council, Brent Pawlowski of Corvallis Council and Bernie Covino of Albany Council for making this possible.

Thank you

Tom Radel
District Deputy #7

Oregon State IX of C Charities





"RAFFLE TICKETS ARE IN THE MAIL"



Only you can make this a successful year! Please help by promoting your tickets NOW!

Two books of 10 tickets were mailed to all members in Oregon.

The suggested donation is \$1.00 each or \$10.00 per book.

Only you can help provide contributions to the many charities asking for aid.

1ST PRIZE - \$2500.00

2[™] PRIZE - \$1500.00

3[™] PRIZE - \$1000.00

4™ PRIZE = \$ 500.00

Drawing April 30th at State Convention in Salem

Please send tickets and donations collected to:
Oregon State K of C Charities, Inc.
17180 SW Smith Ave., #83
Sherwood, OR 97140

If you haven't received your books or hopefully you need more tickets to promote!!

Please contact Charities President IP State Pat Rice

(503)-888-8304 or rice.ins.agency@gmail.com

"Announce at all Council & Assembly Meetings; Advertise in Council Newsletter or Parish Bulletin; Contact Parishioners/Friends"



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<u>Supreme's</u>

Family of the Month for November 2015



No Oregon Council was drawn to win; however, the following Councils submitted a report to Supreme: 1307 Astoria, 1577 Albany, 1623 McMinnvile and 1785 Corvallis

December 2015

Lance & Jodi Arritola Council 1767 Mt. Angel and Aaron & Mitchelle Unger Council 9263 Salem

Oregon Councils participating in <u>December</u> were: Council 1307 Astoria, Council 1577 Albany, Council 1623 McMinnville, Council 1767* Mt. Angel, Council 1785 Corvallis, Council 3484 Canby, Council 6266 Beaverton and Council 9263* Salem

Supreme's Family of the Month for January 2016

John & Kim Martinez
Council 1623 McMinnville
and
Steve & Lora Heli
Council 3484 Canby

Oregon Councils participating in <u>January</u> were:
Council 1307 Astoria, Council 1623* McMinnville,
Council 1667 Mt. Angel, Council 1785 Corvallis, Council 3484* Canby,
Council 6266 Beaverton

These families received one of the 100 Holy Family gifts that are given out by the Supreme office in a random drawing each month. Any Council, who uses the Family of the Month booklet (Form 1993) which is provided to each Council on the "Surge with Service" DVD, is automatically placed in the random drawing each month at Supreme.

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United In One Fraternity As Brother Knights

Knights of Columbus

OREGON STATE COUNCIL

EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE 2016

Note: Locations and dates shown below are scheduled with the State Degree Team. It is expected that all nearby Districts and Councils also attend the Exemplification when it is in their area.

It is also expected that the District Deputy of the area shown below select the actual location and promote the Degree around the state...well in advance of the actual Degree date.

Any additional Exemplifications must be approved by the State Deputy and Ceremonial Chairman.

It is highly recommended that each District have its own 2nd Degree Team but if one is not approved by the scheduled date shown below the State will have to perform the 2nd Degree Exemplification for the District.

2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplifications

2016

Saturday April 9, 2016 St. Alice Parish 1520 F Street, Springfield, Oregon 97478

May 14, District-#10
June 4, District-#18
June 25, District-#9





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THOUGHTS OF VOCATIONS

REFUND SUPPORT VOCATIONS PROGRAM



Dr. George Vennes

I just received the report from Supreme with our tally for 2014-2015 RSVP Program. We had 18 Councils supporting 44 Seminarians. The State received 13 reports for 33 Seminarians. It is a very simple process to send me a copy by email of your report to Supreme. All it takes is

a couple of clicks on your computer as the RSVP form can be filled out digitally. I appreciate those Council who fill it out manually, and still have time to send me a copy.

Remember, if your Seminarian is studying at Mt. Angel Seminary, please send your check, made payable to your Seminarian, to Tamara Swanson, at Mt. Angel, for distribution. This should accompany a letter telling him that your Council is providing financial and spiritual support for him. Invite him to a Council meeting or your next dinner. Tamara is working with Monsignor Joe Berschart to track Seminarians receiving financial support. Hopefully, you are doing this—I realize this is another step.

If you have an Archdiocese of Portland Seminarian studying at the North American College in Rome, send his check with your letter to Fr. Jeff Eirvin, Director of Vocations, at the Archdiocese office in Portland. He will forward them to your Seminarian.

I also found it useful to have your Seminarian's email address or if they have a Facebook account to befriend" them. Our younger generation communicates through media other than mail, or as my grandson says "snail-mail"

Remember, "NO ONE IS BORN A PRIEST"

Vivat Jesus

Dr. George Vennes

State Chairman for Vocation and Decency

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Council Director

Council Director Report

I would like to thank all the Councils who are sending in their reports. I look forward to each and every Council sending in the reports. Just as a reminder, it is through these reports that we can select the winning Council or Knight for Knight of the Year and Lady of the Year. So, please get all the required reports in as soon as possible.

Paul Crawford Council Director

Food for Families



http://www.feedingamerica.org/find-your-local-foodbank/?zip=&state=OR



https://oregonhunger.org/hunger-in-oregon



http://www.oregonfoodbank.org/understanding-hunger?c=131014186635181845

Pope Francis has declared 2016 a year of mercy. What better way to respond to his request for mercy than to have your Council assist in eradicating hunger in Oregon.

We're asking each Council to appoint a local chairman for Food for Families. It will be the responsibility of the chairman to educate himself as to the need of the hungry in Oregon.

The webpages above in addition to www.koc.org will give you an overview of the need for food for people in Oregon. This is a major problem. Your Council is encouraged to select a local remedy to provide food for the hungry within your community.

Please keep me informed as to the programs you adopt at the local level and the relative success you have in eradicating hunger.

Vivat Jesus,

Dick Akins, Chairman, Food for Families

State Warden Report

My Brothers all,

Steve Steele Warden

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends and are ready for Spring. As Spring arrives, so does the State Convention of the Knights of Columbus in Oregon.

By now, most of you have received your Convention packet. If not, it can be found on the state website. Please make sure to select your delegates and send in their Convention registration forms before April 8, 2016. As a reminder, every Council should send a representative to the State Convention so that he can pick up valuable information and voice any issues your Council may have.

Business casual is the dress code—so please honor that. I do not want to tell a delegate to change before he enters the Convention floor. Let's all maintain our professionalism.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Convention this year!

Vivat Jesus,

Steve Steele State Warden

Two Become One

Recently, two smaller parishes joined together to create "one shared" Council and thus was created a new Council as "Fr. Joseph Black Council #16236", incorporating St. Rose of Lima in Monroe and St. Helen's in Junction City.

Pictured at the Charter Presentation at the St. Rose church: (photo on right): State Deputy Bob Kish, Fr. Charles Holden, GK Kenneth Skinner & FS Don Cersovski.



Pictured at the Charter Presentation at St. Helen's church (photo on left): State Deputy Bob Kish, Fr. Charles Holden, DGK Larry Austin & FS Don Cersovski.



Habitat for Humanity



The Knights of Columbus and Supreme enthusiastically supports the mission of Habitat for Humanity as one of the eight featured programs, which not only helps people to become homeowners, but actively involves them in the houses' preparation. This teaches valuable skills, develops confidence and provides experience.

There are 28 areas that Habitat for Humanity covers in the State of Oregon and 27 Habitat Restores across the State. There is probably one in your Council's District.

- There are many ways your Council can help families in your community to secure quality housing:
- Work with Hope Builders, a foundation of Habitat for Humanity. Your Council could raise money and become a monthly donor, knowing that your donation will be put to good use right away.
- Council members with a trade background or even those that just like to be active can volunteer their time and talents. Contact your local Habitat for Humanity affiliate or visit www.habitat.org for information on volunteer opportunities in your community.
- Offering to feed the workers a hearty meal can be invaluable. Helping to build a house can certainly stir
 up an appetite!
- Volunteer at your locally Habitat for Humanity Restore. You do not have to work on a house to be a volunteer.

If your Council or District would like to know how to get involved with Habitat for Humanity or who to contact please let me know.

Vivat Jesus



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The January Membership Challenge winner has been crowned. East Portland Rose Council 3735 achieved the highest net membership percentage with 50% for the month of January. Congratulations Brothers!

The Executive Secretary, Tim Grady mailed the Grand Knight a certificate for two nights lodging at the Whaler Motel in Newport, Oregon on the beautiful central Oregon Coast. It was then up to the Council to determine which Knight and his spouse got to enjoy the weekend.

George Murphy

General Program Director Report

Brother Knights:

It has begun to feel like quite some time since I began as General Program Director, but it's only been 3 months; however at times it seems like 3 years. There are still many things to learn and people to meet. I am blessed to be able to work with the other directors. Some of them may

appear to be Rookies in their jobs, but all are definitely performing like veterans.

Bob Adams Family Director Bert Bungcayao Youth Director **Paul Crawford Council Director Ray Prom Church Director Kent Purdy Community Director** Mike Rossetti **Culture of Life Director**

We were fortunate to work with previous General Program Director Steve Steele, who has been a great help. We are able to post all the points from the participating Councils for January 2016 and also received the forms for one of our new programs: Lady of the month/year.

Next item is the Hoop Shoot Championship being held in Corvallis, Oregon on March 13th. Our Youth Director Bert Bungcayao said he will have the names of the International Soccer Kick Winners soon.

Vivat Jesus

George E Murphy General Program Director





Grand Knights David Riess of Council 5003 Burns sent the following: GK David Riess and FS Brendan Cain who are also Scoutmaster/Cubmaster and Assistant District Commissioner (respectively) along with Fr. Stan Strzyz presented Religious emblems to local Scouts from Pack/Troop 440 on Scout Sunday. Receiving their Light Of Christ Emblem was Zach Riess (not pictured) and Tyzon Schultz. Receiving Parvuli Dei was Daniel Riess. Matthew Riess received his Ad Altare Dei. Peter Cain, who had received his Ad Altare Dei several years prior, was home from college and attended the Scout Sunday Mass.

Pictured in Rear, (L-R) FS Brendan Cain (Asst. District Commissioner), Fr. Stan Strzyz, GK David Riess (Scoutmaster/Cubmaster)

Pictured in Front (L-R) Matt Riess, Daniel Riess, Tyzon Schultz, Timothy Riess, Peter Cain. (Picture courtesy of Ruthie's In His Image, Burns, Oregon)

During the Harney County Chamber Awards Banquet, GK David Riess was honored as the Man of the Year for his involvement with Boy Scouts first as the Asst. Scoutmaster, then moving up to Scoutmaster and also as Cubmaster, Captain and Training Officer for the Hines Volunteer Fire Department and Church Activities. This is in addition to being a father of 10 children ages 18 to 4.

James Obradovich, son of DGK Matt Obradovich, was honored as Student of the Year for Burns High School for his exemplary academic and athletic accomplishments. He is a finalist in the National Elks Foundation Scholarship, one of only 500 in the nation to make the final stage. He is looking at either Montana State University or Colorado State University for Mechanical Engineering.

(Picture courtesy of Ruthie's In His Image)



Council In Action

Council 1634, Forest Grove, worked during the month of January by sponsoring a Sock Drive at St. Matthew Parish. As part of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Knights collected new socks to be distributed to the city's homeless. So far, the drive collected enough socks to fill a 50 gallon drum. The socks were then turned over to St. Vincent DePaul in Hillsboro where they were repackaged into packs of two and handed out to many of the homeless. St. Matthew's School,

Religious Education and Youth Groups are continuing the drive throughout Lent and they hope to double the number of socks already collected. The Council is hoping to continue the drive even after Lent in other vicariate parishes. If you are a Knight who can coordinate with your parish to place drums and collect the socks, please contact Chris Callies at: clcallies@frontier.com.

Article by Bob Adams Coos Council 1261



Coos County Pregnancy Resource Center

December 22, 2015 · €



Christmas came early! Thank you to the Knights of Columbus! The local Council raised funds to purchase a new ultrasound machine for the Coos Pregnancy Resource Center! Steve Kettner and Bob Adams just delivered the checks. Our hearts are bursting with such gratitude and appreciation for all the love and support being shown to us. Again, our sincerest thanks to Knights of Columbus and all who donated to make this possible.

Coos Council 1261 successfully raised the funds necessary to qualify for the Supreme Council's matching funds initiative to provide their local Pregnancy Resource Center with a new state of the art 3D Ultrasound Unit. In proud partnership with pro-life supporters and parishioners, from Holy Redeemer Church in North Bend and St. Monica Church in Coos Bay, they raised \$16,750 toward the \$33,500 unit and an additional \$1,884 toward training and supplies.

Bob Adams made sure the requirements were adhered to and Steve Kettner and his wife, Terry, did a stellar job in coordinating the fund raising. It started with a fundraising dinner that the Kettner's cooked themselves (with ample help from numerous Brother Knights) and followed with a few donations that came in shortly thereafter. The Council had the required funds within 48 hours! With this donation the PRC will soon be able to take the 'show on the road', partnering with pro-life businesses willing to give them space, to provide the potential lifesaving ultrasounds to some of the southern Oregon coast's more rural towns.

<u>2016 CONVENTION HOTEL NOTICE—IMPORTANT</u>

Brother Knights of Oregon,

Regardless what the Red Lion Hotel front desk clerk is telling you when you call to make your Convention hotel reservations...they are not booked yet. Please don't make reservations elsewhere.

Please keep trying and be sure to inform them that "YOU ARE WITH THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOCK OF ROOMS". Do not attempt to go through the corporate reservations either...they don't have any idea what the Salem Hotel has blocked off. Use phone number 503-370-7888 as mentioned in the Convention registration packet.

Bob Kish Oregon State Deputy Knights of Columbus

"One Member, Per Council, Per Month" "One Star Council Per District"



District #7 Winter Meeting

The Winter Meeting was held on March 4, 2016 at St Mary's in Corvallis, Oregon.



In attendance were the State Deputy, Bob Kish, Field Agent, Rob Duncan; District Deputy #7, Tom Radel; the Albany, Corvallis, Lebanon and OSU Councils.

Tom Radel District Deputy #7 / Habitat for Humanity Chairman



Ron Boyce

It is my pleasure to inform you on the WINNER OF THE FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP CHALLEGE. The winner is St. Joseph Council 1748, Salem, for achieving 189% of their membership quota. Great Job guys! They win the two nights' stay in Sunriver, OR

The March contest is underway so please get those First Degrees scheduled and submit those form 100's to Supreme at membershiprecords@kofc.org

If you have any out-standing form 100's from February submit them and you could have a chance to win the March contest for two nights' stay in beautiful Hood River.

Vivat Jesus,

Ron Boyce

Knights of Columbus

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One Member, Per Council, Per Month







Worthy Grand Knights,

We are in grave need of Catholic Military Chaplains! The Knights of Columbus established a scholarship program to help fund the education of seminarians preparing to become Catholic chaplains in the U.S. armed forces.

The program was developed to distribute \$1.2 million in scholarship money to the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, over a period of five years at a rate of \$200,000 per year. These funds, in turn, will help produce a new generation of much-needed Catholic chaplains to minister to U.S. military personnel and their families.

It can be very difficult for Catholic members of the armed forces when they're on forward deployments. When this program started, the U.S. military archdiocese, which supplies Catholic chaplains, estimated that they needed 800 priests to fully serve all of the Catholic men and women in uniform today, but they were only able to supply 280 – barely a third of the number needed! Catholics in uniform face the hardship of having to go weeks – and sometimes months – without being able to attend Mass or receiving spiritual guidance from a priest.

We are in the final year of this fundraising campaign and we Oregon State Knights have fallen short......we are \$9,000 behind our allotment. Up to now, the Fourth Degree of Oregon has contributed most of the funds, and even then, its only been a handful of Assemblies. I am now asking the Oregon Councils to please help with this fundraising effort as well.

Please bring this plea to your Council membership for quick action. Just think, if we only donate \$1 per active member.....we would be well past our allotment! Aren't our Catholic men and women in uniform worth ONE DOLLAR? I believe they are worth much more than that!

All checks can be forwarded to the District Master, Michael Rooke of the Fourth Degree. We can attain our allotment goal with your support.

Please join me in sending a check now!

Vivat Jesus!

Robert J. Kish Jr. Oregon State Deputy



St. Joseph Council 1748 First Degree

On February 22nd, 2016, Salem St. Joseph Council #1748, had very good reasons to celebrate. It could easily be compared to a Fourth of July or Cinco de Mayo. Sparks were in the air and the power of UNITY and FRATERNALISM filled the room. Twenty-four Hispanic brothers were initiated into the Knights of Columbus in the First Degree, in Spanish. It was truly a historic event.



Included in the group was their local parish priest Father Edwin Sanchez from St. Joseph. He truly was an inspiration to the group. The new members came from several nearby Councils; Gervais, Silverton, Canby, Independence and Salem.

It was the team's first initiation and it was graded by the many supporters with high marks.

It was clear proof that Father Michael J. McGivney's dream can be accomplished. Our State of Oregon has a very large population of Catholic Hispanic families. It is our obligation, duty and responsibility to invite these men into the Order of





Worthy Brother Knights, let's all roll up our sleeves and ask every men at our parishes to join us and truly help make the difference.



Jesse C. Villarreal **Hispanic Outreach** Coordinator





Bert Bungcayao

Youth Director Report

I would like to thank all Councils that held a Free Throw contest in January. It seems as though all Councils that participated had a very successful contest. I also saw District level Free Throw championships being successful in February; thank you for all you do for our youth. The State Free Throw champs will be March 13th. The more that Councils participate in the event the better. GREAT JOB!

Poster and essay contest judging will be judged at a TBD location and time. I will have more information on the next Newsletter update.

I would like to thank all of the Councils that submitted Council youth reports for January. Out of all the Councils in Oregon, I would like to give extra recognition for 21 Councils who filled in and sent youth reports to me. Our ideal goal is to get all Councils to participate, but that will take all of our Councils to make an real effort. I think a realistic and achievable goal is to have 1-2 Councils who have stopped reporting or even first timers to begin submitting reports every month.

**Just remember—even if your Council did not have any points to report for the month, just submit the form and get the free 100 points. Hopefully we can get more Youth Reports submitted. Should any Council Youth Director not know how to use the forms online on our state website, please feel free to contact me by phone or email and ask me. Finally, do not use any old forms you may still have, to report Youth points, as there was an update recently for the correct spelling of my name, address, and phone number on the Youth Report Form. Make sure your REV is the same like this:

Youth Program Report Form Rev. 2/22/2016

Since I replaced George Murphy as Youth Director, he is not a contact for State Youth Director questions and answers. Knowing George, he will be glad to help, but he has bigger fish to fry. I have assumed all State Youth responsibilities and will be your contact. George will still be my mentor on questions that I might not have an answer for, but I will have you covered. Remember, I am just a phone call away. Please send pictures to me from your Council's Youth events as soon as possible after the event.

Fifteen Consecutive Years of Insurance Growth

The Knights of Columbus recorded its 15th consecutive year of insurance sales growth in 2015, issuing more than \$8.4 billion of individual life insurance. The record sales have led to an increase of \$50 billion in the last decade.

The 15th consecutive year was also a historic one for the Order. On Nov. 3, the Knights of Columbus surpassed \$100 billion of life insurance in force, cementing its position as one of the largest life insurers in North America.

"I firmly believe that our moral compass has helped guide us through a turbulent decade and an uncertain economy," said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "While other companies were making ethically questionable and unnecessarily risky decisions, we were not. While others were looking for novel ways to do business and to increase profits, we were not. Our ethical practices, in fact, received international recognition in 2014 and 2015, when the Ethisphere Institute had designated the Knights of Columbus as a World's Most Ethical Company®. ."

The Knights was one of only three companies to receive that designation in the life insurance category. In August, the Knights of Columbus earned its 40th consecutive highest possible rating for financial strength, A++ (Superior), by ratings agency A.M. Best.

Utilizing its professional field force of more than 1,500 agents across North America, the Knights of Columbus — which has one of the lowest lapse rates in the industry — offers a product line especially designed to meet the needs of Catholic families. The line provides life insurance, annuities, disability income and long-term care policies.

For Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries—E-Mailing to Supreme

In order to minimize errors and expedite all forms better, we are providing the following e-mail addresses so that you and/or your financial secretary may send to the appropriate departments. This list is not meant to be comprehensive, but only to highlight the most widely used forms. Deliveries to these addresses will minimize processing time and reduce forms being mishandled or lost:

Star Council Forms	<u>Description</u>	Scan or Send to:	
Form 100	Membership Document	membershiprecords@kofc.org or membership@kofc.org	
Form 1728	Fraternal Survey	fraternalservices@kofc.org	
Form 365	Report of Service Personnel	fraternalservices@kofc.org or on FS Member Management	
Form SP-7	Columbian Award Application	fraternalservices@kofc.org	

Other Council Forms	Description	Scan or Send to:
Form 185	Council Officers	addresschange@kofc.org
Form 1295	Council Audits	council.accounts@kofc.org *
Form 2629 and 2630	Report of Round Table Coordinator and RT Report	councilgrowth@kofc.org
All Program forms	RSVP, Special Olympics, Food for Families, etc.	fraternalservices@kofc.org

*Notice the period between the words on this address only!

District Deputy Forms	Description	Scan & Send to:
Form 133	Notice of Intent to form a New Council	councilgrowth@kofc.org
Form 136	Notice of Institution of a New Council w/ forms 100	councilgrowth@kofc.org
Form 450 & 450-C	Degree Exemplification Report**	ceremonials@kofc.org

^{**}Any requests for degree books and videos and certification forms and reports should also be sent to the above address

Lastly, remember to copy your district and state when sending these so as to keep them informed of your activity.

Council In Action

Lebanon Oregon Council 3184 and State Deputy Robert Kish are seen at the "Pregnancy Alternative Center" in Lebanon, Oregon on Wednesday February 17, 2016, during the dedication and blessing of the Ultra Sound Machine worth \$25,000.

Knights at the dedication and blessing of the Ultra Sound Machine are: Ben Duerr (Lebanon), Marty Suing (Lebanon and project leader), Matthew Duerr (Lebanon), Tom Radel (DD#7), Stephen Radel (DW#7), Arnie Kroll (Lebanon), Bob Kish (Oregon State Deputy), Father Peter O'Brien (Lebanon), Kathy (Head of the Pregnancy Alternative Center).



Article submitted by Thomas Radel, District Deputy 7

Council 1577 Albany

Prayer for the Sick

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.

Please direct your prayer requests to:
Andrew "Andy" Robinson Jr.
State Health/Welfare/Prayer Chairman

Email: robinsoa@peak.org
Phone:503-543-2338

May our prayers help to speed the recovery and help to alleviate the suffering of those sick or in distress. This we ask in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

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IN MEMORIAM

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

Sherry Jackson

Daughter of Knight's Widow Ines Carney of Hammond Council 1307 Astoria

SK Joseph Steiert

Father of SK Tom Steiert and SK Mike Steiert, Grandfather of SK Greg Steiert Council 3179 Gresham

SK Loren Walton

Father of KofC Insurance Agent Jim Walton Council 7246 Newport & Assembly 0903

Dalbert T Dalke

Council 2439 Sublimity

Diedra Pokorney

Daughter of Daniel Pokorney
Past DD13, GK and FS
Council 9442 LaGrande & Assembly 0902

Richard "Dick" D Heater

Council 2439 Sublimity

Joseph Borsch

Council 3591 Tigard

Ed Schiedler

Council 1767 Mt. Angel





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<u>Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord And</u> <u>Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them</u>



