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Worthy Brother Knights and Families,

Our annual State Convention is just around the corner!! I hope Councils have their Delegates Credentials and Convention Registrations sent in? If not, contact our State Secretary immediately to inform him that you will be attending. This is necessary to facilitate his planning and lessen chances of any slow-down during check-in. Also, immediately contact either the Corvallis Council 1785 Grand Knight Emmet Jones at emmetj42@gmail.com or Financial Secretary Edward Beaudry at e.beaudry@comcast.net to help facilitate their planning process and most of all---to avoid a late fee on your part!!

Spring has sprung!! Not only is it a time to observe nature's changing colors but also a time to observe how well your favorite flowers survived the winter? How well are they growing?

When all State Deputies were being installed with their jewel as a State Deputy last June, our Supreme Archbishop Lori followed with a very thought provoking homily and message: "You are Evangelizers of the Lord's Love and the visions of Fr. Michael McGivney." Certainly the words from his homily apply to all of us who made a commitment to be a Knight of Columbus.

How well have we grown the Order? Have we passed on the same message and questions to others as the Lord did to a few fishermen or Fr. McGivney did to a few men one night in the basement of St. Mary's Church? Have we reached out to others in our Parish and asked the same questions Fr. McGivney asked—"Will you help me? Will you help the widow and children of families left without a provider for the family? Will you help the poor of our Parish?" The Knights of Columbus was started on the message of Charity. How well have we spread the visions of Fr. Michael McGivney?

Have we experienced growth within our Council? Search your own heart and contemplate why you became a Knight of Columbus. I highly suspect it might have been because of your own personal desire to do good for others, to help others. Certainly there is a Fraternal bond among members of the Order. Look at the good things we do together within our parishes and in our communities. During the State Convention, you will have an opportunity to hear about some of those activities that have been performed throughout the State of Oregon. Certainly we are likely to hear about some challenges, too. These challenges are likely to indicate a need to do more. Can we meet these challenges? Probably, since we are a "can-do" organization, it is going to mean some expansion and a growth of our Councils and the Order.

Growth proves that the Knights of Columbus is vital to today's parishes and its families. This message is further emphasized with the Domestic Church Initiative in which Councils are asked to stress activities that relate to involvement of the family, the parish family and the poor of the community. Indirectly these activities also help evangelize the message of our Lord and the visions of Fr. McGivney.

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We have all heard the saying often that “actions speak louder than words”. The time is now to increase “the Knights of Columbus footprint.” Our activities are also what can attract more younger Catholic Men, other ethnic groups and grow the Order. A quote from Luke 11:33, “No one lights a lamp and puts it in a place where it will be hidden, or under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, so that those who come in may see the light”. We, the Knights in Oregon, are the light to follow.

My Brothers, the Order is growing in Oregon. But there is so much more that can be done. **Therefore, during the remainder of this Fraternal Year, I’m asking each Council, all 92 of you, to recruit and bring in at least two or more members.** Will you help the Order grow in Oregon? Will you reach out and bring in more “laborers to work in the Father’s vineyard?” I look forward to meeting you at the State Convention, April 27th through 29th in Lebanon, Oregon.

Vivat Jesus

Always: “In His Love”

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Council In Action

New Knights in the 3rd Degree after Formation and Knighthood Degree
Council 3509 St. James Parish Hall, Molalla on April 7, 2018

“Their candle is lighting the way for others to follow”



Council In Action

By: Patrick Beckham, FS

The Knights of Council 15773, Florence, had another successful 40 cans for Lent Project this Lenten season and collected over 1,000 pounds of food that was donated to the Florence Food Share after Easter.

St Mary’s, Our Lady of the Dunes parish, led by the Knights’ families, contributed tremendously in giving with charitable hearts both before and after weekend Masses, in addition to dropping food off when they attended the Stations of the Cross—that were also co-sponsored by the Knights .

Pat Beckham
Financial Secretary
Council 15773





LAST NOTICE
Knights of Columbus Oregon State
Council



110th Annual State Convention
"Knights United"
 April 27 – 29, 2018

LAST CHANCE !!!!! All Reservations MUST be
Received by April 15, 2018

For more information and registration forms please go to the
 Knights of Columbus State Website at www.orkofc.com Thank you.

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Supreme's
Families of the Month for
February 2018



Richard Medina Family
Council 1577 Albany

Robert Van Elverdinghe
Council 8129 Dallas

Oregon Councils participating in February were:

Council 1577* Albany, Council 1623 McMinnville, Council 1767 Mt. Angel,
 Council 3484 Canby and Council 8129* Dallas

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 (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.

Oregon State KofC Charities Annual Raffle

Brother Knights,

The **Annual Charity Raffle** will be run through our State Charities website again this year.

www.oregonstatekofccharities.org

There are three easy methods for purchasing raffle tickets.

"FIRST" (*Using a credit card*), go to the charities website, under the "RAFFLE SALES" tab, follow all the raffle instructions. Be sure to print your receipt.

"SECOND" (*No credit card*), from the website, under the "RAFFLE SALES" tab, print the "Mail-In Raffle Form". Complete and mail the form with payment.

"THIRD" (*No computer-No credit card*), ask someone else to print the "Mail-In Raffle Form" from the charities website for you. Complete and mail the form with payment.

Drawing is April 28, 2018 at the State Convention

Prizes for this Raffle are:

1st Prize - \$1,500.00

2nd Prize - \$750.00

3rd Prize - \$250.00



[Charity Raffle Helps Many Organizations In Oregon](#)

The Knights Annual Convention Raffle is what allows us to help all the charities state-wide. We used to be mailed the tickets for this but now, to save costs, it's electronically done.

If you have already purchased your 2018 Oregon State Charity Raffle tickets, Thank You! For those still on the fence, it's easy and there is still time to buy your winning ticket. Please buy your tickets and see if your friends and families will purchase some too.

Visit this link for all the details

http://myemail.constantcontact.com/Annual-Charity-Raffle-Tickets-for-Sale-NOW.html?soid=1121542450466&aid=w5_YmtowfMU

Or, visit the Oregon Charities website at

<http://www.oregonstatekofccharities.org>

All questions gladly answered.

Thanks and God Bless

Jon Keefer, GK
Albany Council 1577



Ray Prom
Church Director

[Into the Breach](#)

Brothers, Thank you for all that you are doing for Church programs—but it is **not** enough. For 3-4 years now we have been hearing from Supreme, from PSD Bob Kish, from PSD Sid Thiel, from SD Francis Mohr, about Building the Domestic Church. We have been hearing from Archbishop Sample, from Bishop Carey, from the author of “Into the Breach”, Bishop Olmsted of Phoenix, Arizona and from our dear Brother Knight, Fr. Theo, about the need for our Councils to get more involved in Prayer activities and Faith formation activities. My Brothers, the battle is on! The battle for the souls of our families and our parishes is on! All our priests and our bishops would like to think we are their allies in this battle. Are we? Are we allies in this battle, or are we spectators, or worse?

In the past 3-4 years, how many of our Councils started Rosary prayer programs? ...Eucharistic Adoration?... Bible Study?...men’s faith formation groups?

[WHY NOT?](#)

I’ll tell you why not. Because we are listening to Satan telling us we can’t do it. We are not strong enough, we are not bold enough, we are not convinced enough! **Do not** listen to this anymore! Through the sacraments, we can be made strong enough!

I don’t know if you have ever heard the story of Penn Jillette—the tall guy in the magician act of Penn and Teller and an avowed atheist. He is quoted as saying: “I **don’t** respect people who **don’t** proselytize*. I don’t respect that at all, if you believe there is a heaven and a hell, and people could be going to hell, or not getting eternal life or whatever, and you think it’s not really worth telling them this because it would be socially awkward. How much do you have to hate someone to believe everlasting life is possible and not tell them about it?”

Brothers, do you love your families? Do you love your parishes and your communities? Then why are you not giving them these church programs? Grand Knights and Deputy Grand Knights, there are men in your parishes you can call on to start these programs. And if you can’t find them, start the programs yourselves. You were elected to lead your Councils. Lead them into the Breach!

Vivat Jesus

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*(Editor’s note: proselytize—convert or attempt to convert (someone) from one religion, belief, or opinion to another.)

Council In Action

By: Bob Sheveland



Canby Council 3484 GK Dave Bernklau and four additional Knights presented a check for \$3,000 to Gretchen McCallum and Paulette Hefflinger of the St Vincent de Paul Food Bank on behalf of Council 3484. This food bank has operated out of St Patrick's Church in Canby for more than 20 years, with Council 3484 being a strong supporter of the St Patrick St Vincent de Paul Food Bank for most of those years. The Council has supported the food bank both financially and in man power.

This food bank is open every Wednesday from 3:30 pm to 8:00 pm and serves an average of 225 families each week, providing sufficient food for their needs for a week. So It takes a lot of effort and co-ordination by a lot of people to "make this happen".

Knights also help by picking up food from Fred Meyer, Safeway and Thriftway markets several days each week and then volunteers store the food donated by these markets in commercial sized coolers and freezers at the church until it can be distributed each Wednesday. It is estimated that each month those donations bring in an average of 4,000+ pounds of additional food.

Each Wednesday many Knights and their wives and children, plus volunteers from St Patrick Church, Mt Angel Seminary and the local LDS church, assemble and prepare to serve the needy families who rely on this food bank to meet their families nutritional needs for the coming week.

Council 3484 also sponsors the Knights of Columbus "40 Cans for Lent" at St Patrick Church. Each week our Knights and their families and all volunteers work hard and greet those coming to the food bank with a smile and a happy hello.

Bob Sheveland
Council 3484 Canby



Dear Brother Knight,

Your immediate action is necessary to protect medical professionals and all people of faith from being forced to participate in or pay for abortions.

Congress is currently considering legislation to fund the government, and it is critical that a provision called the Conscience Protection Act be included in this legislation.

The Conscience Protection Act would strengthen federal law to ensure that doctors and nurses are not forced to perform abortions. This critical legislation would also ensure that our churches and other religious organizations do not need to cover abortion in their insurance plans.

Our recent Knights of Columbus/Marist Poll found that a majority of Americans agree that no one should be forced to perform, or provide for, an abortion against their will.

I urge you to contact your Congressman and Senators today and express your support for including the Conscience Protection Act in their omnibus spending bill.

You can do this easily by visiting our [Action Alert Center](#) to email your elected representatives today.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for helping to protect conscience rights in the United States.

Fraternally,
Carl Anderson
Supreme Knight

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[Additional Words From Our State Deputy](#)

Brother Knights,

"Time to Take Action Today to Protect Conscience Rights" for our medical professionals and people of faith!!

Here is another opportunity to show our Unity and help our Nation get a moral arm around the Abortion issue.

It's important to help 'pinch-off' the funding and stop the problems being caused by Abortion at all levels.

And definitely don't let down your efforts to keep acquiring signatures here in Oregon, so the Stop State Funding of Abortions Initiative will be on the 2018 Ballot

Francis Mohr,
Oregon State Deputy

[Culture of Life](#)

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

● **Stop The Funding** - We currently have 105,000 petition signatures. 117,578 signatures must be turned in by May 25 to meet the early submission deadline imposed by the state elections office. If approved by voters, the petition will add the following to the Oregon Constitution: *"The state shall not spend public funds for any abortion, except when medically necessary or as may be required by federal law."* Find information and order petitions at www.stopthefunding.org

● **Speak Life!** Equipping the body of Christ to be a voice for the voiceless. All Knights and their wives are encouraged to attend these free programs. May 20 in Corvallis, May 21 in Bend, May 31 in The Dalles, and June 1 in Lake Oswego. Free tickets can be ordered at: <https://www.oregonlifeunited.org/speaklife>

● **40 Days for Life** - The Lenten campaign ended March 25. Peaceful prayer vigils at places of abortion saved 592 unborn lives during the world-wide effort. Oregon vigils were held in Portland, Salem, and Eugene. Praying in front of an abortion building does make a difference! See <https://40daysforlife.com> for details.

● **Planned Parenthood Protest Rally-**

April 28 is the date of the nationwide protest at Planned Parenthood facilities. In Oregon, rallies are planned for Eugene and Medford. If you are not attending the State Convention that weekend, try going to the Rally! For details, see: <http://protestpp.com/>

● **Salem Ultrasound Initiative** - Hope Pregnancy Clinic in Salem is looking for a Council(s) to help them with the Ultrasound Initiative. Clinic Executive Director Mike Reid has written: "If you can connect me with any of the Knights, I would love to meet with them or give them a mini-tour of Hope, or anything to get the ball rolling." Brothers, here is a need. This may be the time for your Council to step into action. This is a great opportunity to save unborn children!

[Cultura de la Vida](#)

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

● **Alto a los Fondos** - Tenemos ahora 105,000 firmas de la petición, y 117,578 firmas deben de enviarse para el 25 de Mayo, para llegar al número deseado y entre en las elecciones estatales. Si lo aprueban los votantes, la petición se añadirá a lo siguiente en la Constitución: "El Estado no gastara Fondos Públicos para ningún aborto, excepto cuando sea medicamente necesario, o requerido por leyes federales". Encuentren más informes y peticiones en: www.stopthefunding.org

● **Speak Life!** - Dotando al cuerpo de Cristo ser la voz de los que no tienen voz. Todos los Caballeros de Colon y sus esposas, han sido motivados para atender estos programas gratuitos. Mayo 20 en Corvallis, Mayo 21 en Bend, Mayo 31 en Dalles, y Junio 1 en Lake Oswego. Boletos gratis en: <https://www.oregonlifeunited.org/speaklife>

● **40 días por la Vida** - La Campana de cuaresma termino el 25 de Marzo. Las viglias de oración se realizaron pacíficamente en los abortorios, salvando 592 vidas de no-nacidos durante el esfuerzo mundial. Las viglias de Oregon se llevaron a cabo en Portland, Salem y Eugene. Orando enfrente de los edificios de los abortorios, ¡Se realizó el cambio!
Ver: <https://40daysforlife.com> para más detalles.

● **Rally Protesta Planned Parenthood** - El 28 de Abril, es la fecha mundial de protesta en las instalaciones de Planned Parenthood. En Oregon los rallies se planearon en Eugene y Medford. Si no fueron a las Convenciones Estatales este fin de semana, ¡traten de atender el Rally! Detalles: <http://protestpp.com/>

● **Iniciativa Para Ultrasonido en Salem** - Esperamos que las clínicas en Salem busquen un Consejo(s) para ayuda con sus iniciativas de ultrasonido. El Director ejecutivo de la clínica Mike Reid escribió: "Si pueden contactarme con algunos de los Caballeros de Colon, me encantaría verlos y darles un pequeño tour de esperanza, o algo para empezar. "Hermanos, aquí está un necesidad. Tal vez sea esta la hora para la "acción" .! Esta es una gran oportunidad de salvar niños no-nacidos!



State Culture of Life Couple during 40 Days for Life Campaign

Pareja de Cultura de la Vida del Estado durante 40 Dias de la Campaña por la Vida





Jesse Villarreal
District Master

Hispanic Outreach Coordinator **Master of the Fourth Degree**

This month, I would like to condense both sides of my story into one: My true expression of Gratitude is for all my Brother members who belong to the Knights of Columbus in Oregon. This past Lenten Season it brought out a lot reasons why I am so very adamant towards helping the Knights of Columbus, on both sides of the spectrum—as a Catholic gentleman and as a Knight of Columbus.

The final boost came when I was reading the latest issue of Knightline. It starts with the first line that reads, “In Service to One. In Service to All”, it doesn’t say “a service to a few selected ones”. It continues with “News for Knights of Columbus Leaders”. Maybe I received it a bit late because it has some very good ways to successfully Grow Your Parish and Council this Easter!

Our parish, St. Patrick’s in Canby, had been preparing for its Easter program long before Lent. The new RCIA candidates began several months before and I failed to introduce our Knights program to the many new catechumens. On Easter Sunday, our parish was packed with “CEO” folks. That’s means “Christmas and Easter Only”. I missed another opportunity to have tons of information introducing the Knights of Columbus to all our new visitors. I felt I could have done so much more in March, the anniversary of our founder, Father Michael J. McGivney.

Oh—back to the Knightline Newsletter!

“Knights in the Spotlight” page 2. It noted that there were 7 New Councils in 7 Years: How Recognizing Diversity Sparked Growth and Changed a Community. This makes me think we should all be calling Worthy District Deputy George Sonnen from the St. Paul, Minn. Council.

As the Hispanic Outreach Coordinator in Oregon, I want to call him and ask how he did it? It inspired me so because I’ve been trying to help open the door to our Oregon Councils.

Five Tips on Starting Hispanic Councils

1. Be persistent: “Keep trying on. The need is there.”
2. Focus on the similarities: “They are just like we are. They love their families. They love their faith.”
3. Utilize help from the Fraternal Mission Department: “We’ve had all the support we need, from earphones [used to translate a degree ceremony] to Spanish displays.”
4. Don’t worry about the language barrier: “I only speak about 10 percent Spanish, but there’s always a way to communicate.” (Quote by District Deputy George Sonnen).
5. Let them create their own plans: “They are learning leadership. They need to learn they have great ideas and we give them the opportunity to do this.”

Communications

As the Oregon District Master of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus and as a Patriot of this country, I can imagine what can be accomplished if we would all work and pray together? I say we can do it! We can make the difference!

Vivat Jesus

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Council In Action

OSU Knights Council 16145

At right is a picture of the OSU Knights Council 16145 from their meeting on Monday April 2nd. This Council was given some space and finally put their charter document in the Lower Social Hall at St. Mary's in Corvallis along with their Council banner. The Council finally has a home!



Round Table Chairman Assists During Easter Mass In Philippines

Round Table Chairman Duane Morris, while visiting in the Philippines, was invited to assist in bringing up the gifts during one of 15 Masses held on Easter at the Cathedral in Baquio City. He said it was quite an honor to do that and thanked his Brother Knights in the Philippines for allow him to participate.



Council In Action

On Saturday, March 31st, Eugene Council 1430 sponsored an Easter egg coloring gala for the children of the Eugene Council's parish.

Over 1,000 eggs were colored and it appears that everyone had a great time.

[District Deputy Request](#)

Request by: DD07 Kenneth Anderson

The College Councils of Oregon, University of Portland, OSU and UofO, are in need of help from all Knights and Councils in the state. In order for the Councils to thrive and be successful, they need consistency active members. As College Councils, membership is much more of a challenge than ordinary Parish Knights' Councils as each member is only there for 4 years (or less if they joined later). Constant membership intake is paramount.

We want to ask the rest of the state to help out with membership for the College Councils. We'd like all of the members in Oregon to connect young men with these College Councils. If any member has a son or knows another young man attending either University of Portland, OSU or UofO or any nearby community college, we ask that you help connect these men with the College Councils. If there's a young man attending one of these universities who's already a Knight, we ask that you help him transfer.

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[COUNCIL ELECTIONS](#)

Election of Council Officers is quickly approaching. Section 128 of the Laws of the Order indicates that Officers are to be elected by ballot at a regular business meeting held between the first day of May, up to and including the fifteenth day of June. Section 128 also states that College Councils may elect officers at a regular business meeting held between the first day of March, up to and including the first day of June.

Immediately after the election of Officers, the Financial Secretary should report the Officers-elect to the Supreme Council using the Member Management Application located in Officers Online on the Knights of Columbus web site or by using the Report of Officers Chosen for the Term (#185), which is available at kofc.org/forms.

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George Murphy
Youth Director

Youth Director Report

Worthy Brother Knights:

I just wanted to recognized Our Lady of the Lake Council 3818, Lake Oswego for their wonderful work for enabling the Coats For Kids to be so successful this year. On the next two pages, you will find a story about their efforts.

Our State Convention is just around the corner, April 26-28 Apr. Many thanks to an expanded Youth Activities Program and those District Deputies whose Councils participated in these State Programs and will be given Awards to present to those Councils at the Convention.

All of our programs were great; however, our Coats For Kids Program was the best by far. State wide we gave away over 600 Coats. My sincere thanks to everyone who helped make this a huge success.

Our State Basketball Hoop Shoot Championship was one of the best ever. There were winners in age groups 9 thru 14 in both genders. Thanks to Corvallis Council 1785 for hosting this event.

We will give out awards for our 1. Catholic Essay Contest, 2. Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest, 3. State winners in Alcohol Abuse Prevention, 4. Drug Awareness Programs. All of these programs were run very well because of the participation of so many Councils and District Deputies. Thanks to Holy Trinity Council 14802 Beaverton, for Hosting our State Soccer Kick Championship.

Thanks to all of our Brother Knights who stepped forward to help each time we were in their area. Thanks to everyone for making this a very successful year.

Editor's note: (Only one photo was provided and names of our Basketball Hoop Shoot Winners was not made available at press time. Hopefully that will be done by the May newsletter).

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Council In ACTION

COUNCIL 3818 DONATES COATS FOR KIDS

Story by: Richard Goodwin

Our Lady of the Lake Council 3818 of the Knights of Columbus, located in Lake Oswego, OR., donated 48 coats for teen-agers to the **Transitional Youth** organization of Portland, OR. In 2009, the Knights of Columbus launched the Coats for Kids initiative. Since the program's inception, the Knights of Columbus have given away nearly 400,000 coats in the United States and Canada.



No names were provided for those in the picture

Since 1991 **Transitional Youth** has provided homeless and at-risk youth the skills and opportunities to live independently. The mission of **Transitional Youth** is to provide support and housing to homeless and at-risk youth and to seek to transform both hearts and lives through compassion, guidance and the grace of God.

Transitional Youth achieves their mission through the following:

◆ **Outreach in downtown Portland:**

They serve more than 10,000 hot and nourishing meals annually to homeless and at-risk youth.

They provide clothing, personal hygiene items, sleeping bags and other basic care necessities for survival on the streets.

They expose youth to the community of faith and the Gospel message through practical service and prayer.

They provide haircuts, make-overs, and professional clothing for interviews and education opportunities, as well as assistance in job searches and placement.

They offer friendship and membership through consistent service and holding youth in unconditional high regard.

They offer a safe place of respite for young people facing an often hostile adult world.

◆ **Housing** at Ritz Family Ranch, Yacolt, WA.; Beaverton House, Beaverton, OR.; Junction House, Vancouver WA.; Vida's Ark, Vancouver, WA.

They provide safe and comfortable housing, complete with supervision and support, for up to six homeless men at each of the men's houses, Ritz Family Ranch, Beaverton House, and the Junction House. Vida's Ark is a young women's home that cares for homeless and at-risk youth and their children.

They provide job skills training and opportunities for growth.

They maintain and monitor a drug-free and alcohol-free home environment, where young men and women can shed addictions and gain health and strength.

They foster an environment in which each person is treated with respect and where each person's dignity is taken seriously.

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They expose the youth to the community of faith and the Gospel message and set positive examples. They offer friendship, role modeling and emotional and social support.

They help young men and women obtain full-time employment and move on to live independently.

◆ **Braking Cycles Coffee and Bicycle Shop** – 3354 SE Powell Blvd. Portland, OR

Braking Cycles celebrates and taps into the love of Portland's beautiful bike, coffee, and art cultures to raise awareness of the destructive cycles that keep young people trapped and hopeless.

Through this unique social entrepreneurial endeavor, Braking Cycles offers Portland's at-risk youth hope and tangible services that provide them an opportunity to dream, reach, and achieve through job skills and mentoring. This is where healthy self-sufficiency can become the new cycle.

Braking Cycles Youth Apprenticeship Program is a safe and structured place for youth to learn job skills through serving coffee in the coffee shop. It provides youth with real life moments where they can interact with customers in an excellent and mutually respectful atmosphere. Often times the youth don't believe they can rise to the occasion until they are actually given a real opportunity to do so.

By collecting donated bikes to resell and recycle, youth learn maintenance, repair, sales, and business skills. By working in the coffee shop the youth learn barista, customer service, and hospitality skills. Youth can use recycled bike parts to create jewelry, art and housewares.

The Knights of Columbus, is a Fraternal Benefit Society founded in 1882 in New Haven, CT., by Father Michael J. McGivney. It is the world's largest lay Catholic organization with more than 1.9 million members in the Americas, Europe, and Asia. The Knights was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works.

The Knights charitable activities encompass an almost infinite variety of local, national and international projects. From international charitable partnerships with Special Olympics, the Global Wheelchair Mission and Habitat for Humanity to our own Food for Families and Coats for Kids projects and other local charities, the opportunity to work together with fellow Knights and their families is virtually endless. In 2016, the Knights of Columbus set a new all-time record for the 18th consecutive year. Our charitable donations increased from \$175 million in 2015 to a new total of \$177,500,673 in 2016. In addition, we achieved our highest level of charitable service in 2016, volunteering more than 75 million hours of service.

For more information on **Transitional Youth/Braking Cycles** contact Rhona Mahl, Executive Director, 1500 NW 167th Place, Beaverton, OR 97006; 503-350-7215.

For more information on **Our Lady of the Lake Council 3818 of the Knights of Columbus** contact:

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Dr. George Vennes
Vocations
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THOUGHTS OF VOCATIONS

REFUND SUPPORT VOCATIONS PROGRAM (RSVP)

I would like to recognize those Councils who are involved with the RSVP program, supporting our seminarians. Council 3591, Tigard, is again our leading Council, supporting their eight Seminarians. Canby Council 3484 is supporting four Seminarians, as is Portland Council 12656. Pendleton 1673 and Salem 1798 are supporting two Seminarians. Albany 1577, Bend 1872, Eugene 10838, Mt Angel 1767, and Roseburg 2939 are supporting one each..

Aumsville 8270, Molalla 3509, Beaverton 14082, Dallas 8129, Grants Pass 3157, Milwaukie 9257, Sherwood 9137, Gervais 5842, Beaverton 6266, Lake Oswego 3818, Hillsboro 1634 have stated that they are supporting Seminarians; however, I have not received a copy of their RSVP application.

While these Councils have been supporters in the past, this year, I sent emails to their Financial Secretaries, as listed in the State Directory, with no reply. Those Councils are Astoria 1307, Gresham 3159, Independence 11109, Lakeview 2417, Medford 1594, Newberg 6602, Portland 5279, Prineville 3299, Silverton 5416, Sublimity 2439, and The Dalles 1598. If your Council is supporting a Seminarian, please let me know. (gvennes@yahoo.com)

Please remember this year's program closes the 30th of June. Also, the Seminary school year will end the middle of May. Checks sent out after that time will need to be sent to the Seminarians home address.

Please let me know who you are supporting before the check is written. I have Councils asking for the names of Seminarians, those who have requested support are given first and those who have no known support are assisted next. This year's Archdiocesan of Portland class still has two Seminarians with no reported support and three with double support. Please let me know if you are supporting a Seminarian and your Council is not reported above, at gvennes@yahoo.com.

As I have said in the past, vocation support should be high in your Council's list of charities supported. The next time you receive Holy Eucharist, remember, without a priest to consecrate the host, you would not be receiving Communion.

Remember, "NO ONE IS BORN A PRIEST"

Vivat Jesus

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Food for Families Feed the poor and hungry!

Often quoted is the phrase “The Past is Prologue”. The amount of food collected and distributed in Oregon is outstanding. Thanks to every Council and Assembly who fed the poor and hungry during this Fraternal Year.



Hunger is a perennial problem and your help is needed more now than in the past. Your generosity is most needed going forward.

- ◆ Personal Action Plan: Make a commitment to feed the poor!
- ◆ Contact your local parish food pantry, community food bank or soup kitchen to ensure they will be able to receive food donations and inquire if they have any specific needs.



- ◆ Obtain permission from the appropriate person (pastor, business owner(s), etc.) to set up the food drive at the church or store and to display posters.
- ◆ Invite other parish groups to participate.
- ◆ Read Supreme’s web site for further details, methods and guidelines.

- ◆ Make a personal donation to the Oregon state KofC Charities “Food for Families.”



- ◆ Supreme also has an international charity for receiving donations for Food for Families to help those who suffer in natural disasters.
- ◆ Be sure to include a written announcement in the parish bulletin.

One added benefit for your Council is the increase in awareness of who the Knights are and what the Knights do. New Knights are attracted to your Council.

For additional information on the Food for Families Program, please contact the Supreme Council at (203) 752-4402 or www.kofc.org under Community Programs select Food for Families.



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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

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Council 9137 Sherwood

PSD George Flake

Council 7223 Madras

DD01 David Saunders

Council 3591 Tigard and Assembly 1292

PSD Mike Adams

Council 2325 Oregon City

DD23 David McKee, Raul Grimes, PGK/TR

Council 9529 Lincoln City

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

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

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



Please always remember our Veterans and those members of the Armed Services who risk their lives in the service of our communities, states and throughout the world, as Firefighters, Police, Ambulance, Chaplains, Nurses, Doctors, Care Givers and those who minister to the needs of others— please take time out to say: "Thank You So Very Much" for all that they do for all of us!



SUPPLIES & PRINT ITEMS EASIER!

Beginning April 2, Officers Online will be adding a new portal – called “**Supplies Online**” – for ordering Knights of Columbus print items and supplies online. There will be a brief transition period, after which Councils and Assemblies will no longer be able to order materials via phone or fax. Also, please refrain from ordering using the Order Form #1.

All orders will need to be placed by Officers with access to Officers Online. If a Council Officer in your District does not yet have access to Officers Online, please have them contact the Supreme Council’s Customer Service Dept. at 1-800-380-9995 to obtain their invitation code to complete their registration for the site.

The new online self-service ordering tool is a simple and easy to use site that offers a full catalog of supply items. It allows the viewer to see samples of the materials being ordered and eliminates the use of manual order forms. The site also includes a keyword search feature to help in locating needed items. The new ordering process also includes online order tracking and shipping information as well as email confirmation once orders are placed.

Please visit kofc.org in the coming days for more information, including a link to Frequently Asked Questions.

For any questions regarding the new process for ordering print items, please call 1-833-591-7770 or email customersupport@webbmason.com.

Note: For promotional and gift items, please continue to visit and order through knightsgear.com.

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