



# The Columbian<sup>©</sup> Newsletter

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### **Brothers and Families!**

I recall hearing a homily about this time last year that the Season of Advent—this Season of Preparation is a time to reach out, renew and strengthen friendships.

I hope several also saw a recent state-wide e-mailing with a similar, very appropriate, related message from our Retention Chairman: “Use this Season of Thanks, of Giving, of Caring as an opportunity to reach-out to Brothers we haven’t seen for a while and invite them to our Christmas social.”

This past week we had the opportunity to have Jose Jimenez, Supreme Director for Hispanic Growth, be with us for meetings/sessions from Portland to Salem. One meeting was with the Archdiocese Hispanic Ministry Coordinator; another involved a dozen officers from Councils on the eastern sides of Portland Metro Area and one involved thirty-six Hispanic Knights of Columbus members from approximately a fifty mile radius of Salem. Another was with the Associate at Woodburn Parish, who went through a brief and easy to understand explanation of Ethnic Interaction.

We will be hearing more about this particular presentation of Ethnic Interaction. The overall theme from the meetings/sessions we experienced this past week emphasized the need for all ethnic groups to “reach-out.” We need to be open when someone is reaching out and use that opportunity to strengthen the relationship. The opportunity could be there and show support. You don’t have to speak the same language to show an act of “reaching-out.”

Make this Advent Season special. Do you have an Advent Wreath on your dining room table? Perhaps a different member of the family could light the candle each night? Reach out and attend the Lady of Guadalupe Celebration in your Parish. Enjoy the Fiesta Meal following the Mass. You don’t have to understand all that is said or sung, but laugh and enjoy the time together. As an Anglo, I’m sure you will come home experiencing an atmosphere of spirituality associated with this celebration and will have gained an acquaintance or two. Your attendance is a perfect example of Ethnic Interaction. It will also be your gain if you attend, even if you don’t realize it that evening.

As Pope Francis said “We are a Church of Different Families but we all share the same common belief.” The Knights of Columbus are no different. This international group is made up a variety of ethnic groups but we all share the same set of virtues. We are also recipients of the same message revealed that night in Bethlehem: “Peace on Earth, good will to all men.” As Knights we need to share that message.

Has everyone reached out, made a new friend this Advent Season? Have you strengthened existing friendships?

On behalf of my wife Tay, we wish everyone a Merry and Blessed Christmas. Vivat Jesus

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*“In His Love”*

*“Come Holy Spirit”*





Supreme Chaplain  
Archbishop William E. Lori

## *Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Message*

We rightly say of ourselves as Knights that we are the strong right arm of the Church. Never has the support of the Knights of Columbus been more important than it is today and I thank you for it.

I thank you for your leadership in the work of creating safe environments, in the work of protecting children, in the work of training, in the work of making our Order a model for what the whole Church ought to be doing to protect children and young people. I thank you for your prayers, your concern, your support, your friendship that you extend to bishops and priests; for all the ways you support the Church's mission come rain or come shine.

The Knights of Columbus is no fair weather friend when the going gets rough. I thank you. And may we bishops and priests never have the temerity to ask you to defend the indefensible. Rather, may we walk humbly with you on the path of discipleship wherever that may lead and whatever it might mean as the future unfolds. And walking with you, may we, your bishops and priests, absorb from you the wisdom you have attained in living your faith, in living the vocation of marriage and family, and in coping with the troubles of life.

St. John Paul II taught us that the way to defeat evil is with goodness. The way to defeat scandal created by clergy who violated sacred trust is by the witness of unblemished lives marked by love of God and neighbor. The way to defeat self-centered clericalism that dug this hole is by open-handed and open-hearted service rooted in faith directed to the poor and needy on the part of the lay faithful. And no one—no one—is better able to do this than the Knights of Columbus.

Faith in action is the most effective and most enduring way for you and for me, and the Knights of Columbus, to be the strong right arm of the Church. I ask you in the week ahead to dedicate some time each day in prayer, that we might be and become those men of holiness, integrity and humility, men who somehow, some way, resemble St. Jean Vianney and Father McGivney; men who are ready to do whatever is necessary to address this crisis in all of its dimensions for as long as it may take without counting the cost.

If so, we can have good and well-founded hope that the Church will emerge as it has for many other crises in the past: purified, stronger and focused on the essential mission that Jesus entrusted to her, the mission of putting our faith into action.



Ray Prom  
Faith Director

## *Prepare the Way!*

Sorry to break the news, but Christmas will be here soon and even sooner, as you already know, Advent. *Adventus*, the Latin word from which we get *Advent*, means arrival and as we Catholics know, it is a time of preparation for Jesus Christ, whose arrival we celebrate on Christmas Day.

But we don't have to wait until Christmas, and we don't have to prepare only in Advent. Our Knight's Faith program can bring Jesus Christ into the hearts and minds of our families and our parishioners throughout the year. **Now** is the time to begin one of the programs you've been considering. **Now** is the time to start your Holy Hour. **Now** is the time to start your family Rosary prayer. **Now** is the time to schedule a retreat for your council members. **Now** is the time to Prepare the Way!

Take steps in your Council meetings this month, to make this Advent your best Advent ever. God Bless!

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### Culture of Life

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



● **2019 March for Life** - Council participation in, or sponsorship of, a qualifying *March for Life* or *Walk for Life* event fulfills two of the four Life activities requirements on the Columbian Award application (SP-7). To qualify, councils must involve a minimum of 50 Knights/family members.

As one of the most visible regional and national events of the year for the Knights, *Marches for Life* are a wonderful way to help our Order grow. Invite fellow Catholic men who participate in the *March for Life* to join the Knights at [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus)

● **Washington, D.C.** - The annual *March for Life* in Washington, D.C. will be held on Friday, January 18, 2019. The event will be in observance of the 46th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's infamous *Roe v. Wade* abortion decision. Knights throughout the nation are encouraged to participate in the march along with their families, brother Knights and other parishioners. For *March for Life* information, call 202-234-3300 or visit [marchforlife.org](http://marchforlife.org).

For information about the Knights' involvement, please visit [kofc.org/marchforlife](http://kofc.org/marchforlife).  
For detailed program information, please visit [www.kofc.org/en/programs/life/marches-for-life.html](http://www.kofc.org/en/programs/life/marches-for-life.html)

● **West Coast** - Knights on the West Coast can join pro-life events in Los Angeles at *OneLife LA* ([onelifela.org](http://onelifela.org)) and the *Walk for Life San Diego* ([sandiegowalkforlife.org](http://sandiegowalkforlife.org)), both on Saturday, January 19th, and in San Francisco at the 15th annual *Walk for Life-West Coast* ([walkforlifewc.com](http://walkforlifewc.com)) on Saturday, January 26th.

● **Oregon** - Following is a message from Lois Anderson, Executive Director of Oregon Right to Life: *I wanted to send along this flyer for the Roe v. Wade Memorial and March in Portland. The date is Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. I would love to see lots of Knights there! Can you let me know of any groups that plan to attend? We are wanting to recognize groups from the podium this year.*

*Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help encourage attendance. Thank you. Because everyone deserves an advocate, Lois Anderson, Executive Director, Oregon Right to Life*

● The **2019 Roe v. Wade Memorial & March in Portland** will be Saturday January 19. Visit Oregon Right to Life <https://www.ortl.org/roe-v-wade-memorial-2019/>

Councils needing "Choose Life" signs (#9341, available in English, French or Spanish) for their contingent may order them through Supplies Online, the supply ordering portal available on Officers Online.

### Cultura de la Vida

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

**Marcha Por la Vida** - La participación del Consejo patrocinando la calificada *Marcha por la vida* o *caminata por la vida*, llega a cuatro de las actividades requeridas para el premio "Columbian" la aplicación (#SP-7), para calificar, los consejos deben de tener un mínimo también de 50 Caballeros de Colon/y miembros de familia.

Como uno de los más visibles y regionales y eventos Nacionales del año de los Caballeros de Colon, las *marchas por la vida* son un excelente manera de crecer. Invitando a sus conocidos Católicos que participen en la *marcha por la vida* y quieran pertenecer a los Caballeros de Colon en [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus)

● **Washington, D.C.** - La *marcha anual por la vida* en Washington, D.C. se llevará a cabo en Viernes, el 18 de Enero, del 2019. El evento se hará en observancia de la infame decisión de la Suprema Corte acerca del aborto de *Roe v. Wade*. Los Caballeros de Colon a través de toda la Nación, están motivados a participar en la marcha con sus familias. Hermano Caballero de Colon y otros parroquianos, llamen para mayores informes al 202-234-3300 o visiten [marchforlife.org](http://marchforlife.org)

Para informes acerca de participar, por favor visiten [kofc.org/marchforlife](http://kofc.org/marchforlife). Para una información detallada del programa visiten [www.kofc.org/en/programs/life/marches-for-life.html](http://www.kofc.org/en/programs/life/marches-for-life.html)

● **West Coast** - Los Caballeros de Colon en West Coast pueden acudir a los eventos pro-vida en los Angeles en *OneLifeLA* ([onelifela.org](http://onelifela.org)) y la *caminata para la vida San Diego* ([sandiegowalkforlife.org](http://sandiegowalkforlife.org)). Ambas en sábado 19 de enero y en San Francisco en la 15aba *Caminata por la vida-West Coast* ([walkforlifewc.com](http://walkforlifewc.com)) el sábado 26 de enero.

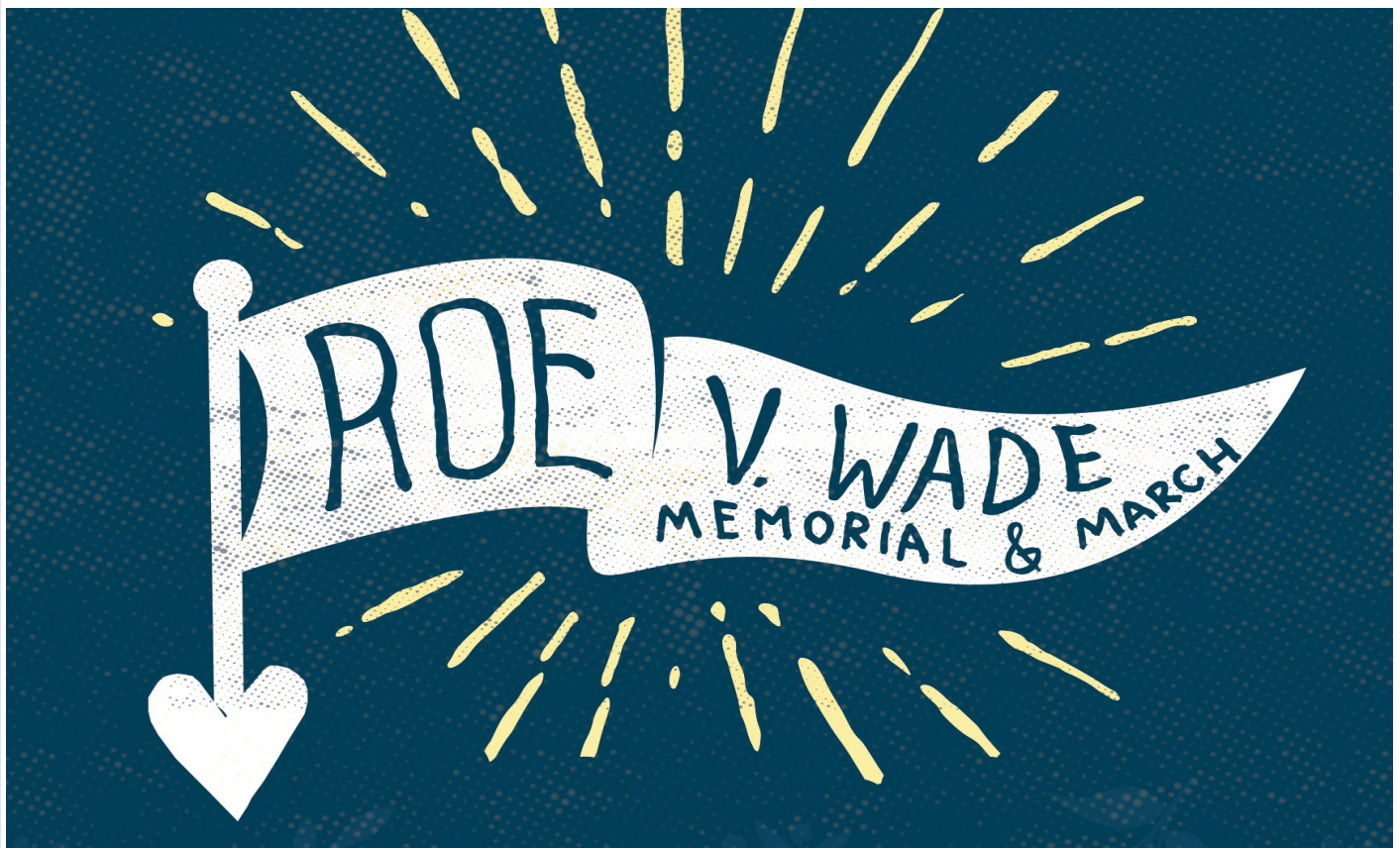
● **Oregon**- Seguidamente hay un mensaje de Louis Anderson, Ejecutivo director de Oregon Right to Life: *"Quiero enviar este volante para el memorial de Roe v. Wade en Portland. La fecha es el sábado 19 de enero. ¡Me gustara mucho ver a varios Caballeros de Colón aquí! ¿Me podrían informar si van a atender algunos grupos de los Caballeros de Colón? Queremos reconocer a los grupos desde el podio este año.*

*Por favor háganme saber si puedo hacer algo para motivar a estos grupos a venir a este. Gracias, porque todos merecen alguien que abogue por ellos.*

*Louis Anderson, Director ejecutivo de Oregon Right to Life.*

● **Memorial 2019 Roe v.Wade y la Marcha en Portland** será el sábado 19 de enero. Visiten Oregon Right-to Life <https://www.ortl.org/roe-v-wade-memorial-2019/>

Los consejos necesitan anuncios de "Choose Life" (#9341, disponibles en Inglés, Francés o Español) se pueden ordenar en línea, y están oficialmente n línea.



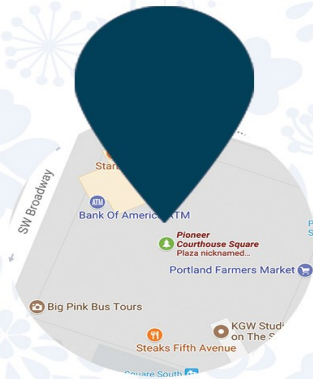
# MEMORIAL & MARCH

PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE  
IN PORTLAND, OREGON

**SATURDAY**

**JANUARY 19, 2019**

**2:30<sup>PM</sup>**



FOR MORE DETAILS, GO TO [WWW.ORTL.ORG](http://WWW.ORTL.ORG)





Michael Rooke  
State Advocate

## [End of Year Reminders](#)

### [It's Resolution Time Again!](#)

Well, Brother Knights – it's that time again. Time to formalize any resolutions that your Council would like to have considered at the State Convention coming up towards the end of April. Resolutions for consideration by the Resolution Committee **need to be submitted no later than ninety days** prior to the scheduled date of the State Council meeting (Convention). All resolutions need to be prepared in triplicate, with the original to be mailed to the State Advocate and copies to the State Deputy and State Secretary. Remember to emboss all resolutions with your council seal.

### [Email Address Privacy](#)

With the ever-increasing hijacking of email addresses on the internet and from personal/business computers, try to remember to use the BCC function when sending email to your Brother Knights. This will keep any email addresses that you are sending the email to from accidentally ending up in the wrong hands.

### [Safe Environment Training Continues](#)

We've all heard about the Safe Environment training that is required for certain Officers and Directors in our Councils, but did you know the Officers and Directors have only a certain timeframe (30 days from invitation from Amarus Praesidium) in which to finish their required training? And if even one class for said Officer and/or Director does not get completed in that timeframe, they become noncompliant with Praesidium and are removed from your Council's list of Officers and Directors at Supreme. Please take time to check out the latest Star Tracker report at the state website ( <http://kofc-or.org> ); you can find it in the Forms & Report Library. If you have submitted your Forms #185\#365, but don't see an entry for your Grand Knight, Program Director, Community Director, or Faith Director, you will need to resubmit the form(s) to Supreme so that the name can be added/reactivated at Praesidium. And once the name(s) is/are back on the Star Tracker, make sure your Grand Knight/Directors finish up the classes. The only way a Council can be considered for Star Council is make sure that your Grand Knight, Program Director, Community Director, and Faith Director have completed all of the Safe Environment classes that have been assigned to them. And many of you are well on your way to being eligible for Star Council. Get that training done!

Vivat Jesus!

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## [Grand Opening of the Hope](#)

### [Pregnancy Clinic in Salem](#)

On Wednesday, November 28 at 7:00 p.m., Council 1748 in Salem made a short presentation and a few brief comments with a photo taken by DGK Rick Keating to officially open the new pregnancy clinic in Salem.

Shown are members attending the grand opening of the new wing of Hope Pregnancy Center in Salem, in which the 2 Councils (St Joseph's 1748 and Our Lady of the Lakes 9337 Lake Oswego) joined together with the 4US Group, along with support from KofC Supreme Council's matching funds program which helped to sponsor the 2 newly installed Ultrasound Machines.

Vivat Jesus

SK John Schaefer GK 1748  
In God We Trust  
[www.customcrucifix.com](http://www.customcrucifix.com)



Left to Right:

Executive Director of Hope PC Mike Reid, Knights of Columbus Officers—Jon Brumbaugh, John Schaefer, Dan Boone, Rick Keating, Dick Goodwin, Kerry Wymetalek, and Tim Daley.

(Photograph provided to the Council by DGK Rick Keating photographer 503.508.5080.)

Dear Oregon Brother Knights,

I recently received a message from the California State Deputy, requesting the assistance of Brother Knights to help with the loss occurring with the wildfires in California. Please do what you can either individually or as a joint contribution from your local Council. There were two major wildfires both pushed by the famous Santa Ana Winds (East Winds as we call them here in Eastern Oregon).

The town of Paradise, California, near Chico and home to Knights of Columbus Council 7773 is nearly destroyed. The partially damaged St. Thomas More Catholic Church is still standing but the Parish Hall and Rectory are destroyed. At this time at least 22 of the members have lost their homes; possible fatalities not known at this time.

Evacuations Centers are overwhelmed by clothing/materialistic items and are not accepting any more. The best assistance is financial. Donations need to be sent to our State Secretary has established a dedicated fund for these checks. His address is: Ron Boyce P.O. Box 23093, Tigard, OR 97281.

Vivat Jesus

Fraternally,  
Francis Mohr  
Oregon State Deputy  
"Come Holy Spirit"



Tom Radel  
General Programs  
Director

Brother Knights,

As we approach an end of another calendar year and half way through the Fraternal Year, I would like to thank you and your Councils for your patience in the Faith in Action Programs as Supreme and the State are getting all the new information to you. I know at times it has been confusing for you to understand the new programs and trying to get the information out to your members.

It appears that most Councils understand the majority of the programs within Faith in Action and have been actively using the programs to plan events and services.

Remember your Council may be performing certain programs and not even know it because it has been named differently now. Please take advantage of the Supreme Webinars offered on line regarding Faith in Action, which can be viewed on demand. Also please go through the Faith in Action books and online information for more clarification. If your Council has not received the Faith in Action books or has any questions, then please contact me or one of the other four Program Directors.

I look forward to another active new year and second half of the Fraternal Year for the Knights and Faith in Action.

Wishing you and your families a very Blessed Holiday Season!!

Vivat Jesus!

Thank you

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Jesse Villarreal  
Hispanic Outreach

## **Hispanic Outreach – December**

By the time this article is published we will have already had the “All Hispanic Leaders Meeting” on December 5<sup>th</sup> in Salem, with our Supreme representative Jose Jimenez who came from New Haven, Connecticut to be with us.

It is with great joy that I share the results of almost two days of visiting different parishes in the area. The one highlight of the whole journey was the huge gathering of Hispanic leaders and members from six different local Councils from Salem, Albany, Independence, Woodburn, Canby, and Molalla. (I hope that I didn't miss anyone)!

The meeting was to establish an evaluation of the one Spanish Council we have in the state and to gather information regarding the potential we have in recruiting our Hispanic brothers into the existing Councils here in Oregon.

The journey started with a brief visit with Deacon Felix Garcia at the Archdiocese Office in Portland. Deacon Felix is in charge of all the Hispanic Ministries. I'm sure our own Diocese and Knights of Columbus Supreme Office at New Haven, Connecticut share information regarding the number of families at each of our parishes in Oregon.

We all know the Hispanic population in the area has been on the uphill climb for at least a dozen years or more.

The meeting with Deacon Felix was very informative and productive. The Hispanic or Latino population is increasing and so is the number of local parishes offering a service in Spanish.

Hispanics are bringing a wide variety of religious ministries to their churches that helps to attract almost all family members to attend almost every day (evenings) of the week. They have Bible and Scripture Study Groups for both adults and youth. They have Family and Marriage Groups. These extra hours allow them the opportunity to gather at the church besides going for their regular Sunday services. They seem to be eager to do that..... EXCEPT.....joining the Knights of Columbus.

Deacon Felix expressed some reasons why he believes Hispanics are not as eager to join the Knights of Columbus as we might want. Some of those reasons we are familiar with and others we can work with. Deacon Felix gave us a lot of hope with the possibility that he could help us promote the recruitment of Hispanics.

Our group consisted of Supreme Representative Jose Jimenez, State Deputy Francis Mohr, Ricardo Hernandez, Round Table Coordinator for Canby, St. Patrick's Council 3484, and myself.

Our visits were directed mostly with Administrative Personnel who administer church programs at different levels. We visited St. Pius X in Portland, St. Alexander in Cornelius, St. Matthew in Hillsboro, and St. Luke's in Woodburn. We were informed the churches are experiencing a multi culture attendance but the largest is Hispanic.

We were told there are approximately a half million Hispanics in the state with 50% more or less being Catholic. I also learned there are 299 Spanish Councils in the United States and some in Canada. I DON'T BELIEVE THIS IS WHAT WE WANT OR INTEND TO DO HERE IN OREGON!

Instead, with the approval of the State Officers, we are going to reactivate or resurrect the traditional Round Table program we have and turn it into a “Ethnic Round Table”. Canby Council 3484 has been working on this for a short time and already have 34 very active Hispanic members participating with the church and their community in various programs. Seven Hispanic members from Canby Council 3484 have reached the Fourth Degree level as of October this year. Albany Council 1577 has their own Spanish speaking First Degree Team. That's real progress!!!!

That's my contribution to end this calendar year as your Fourth Degree Oregon District Master!!!

**Jesse C. Villarreal**  
**Hispanic Outreach**

## Council In Action

Council 678 Portland  
Michael T. Campy, GK

This Council had two events to show that they are working hard in the Portland area.

The first event was about a Council member, Brother Felix Bessler, doing a very unique thing which was that of using his bagpipes. He played them to honor all veterans on and for Armistice Day. It's a pretty amazing event ...held worldwide all at the exact time ...with thousands of bagpipers around the world participating.



The second item was: "We are once again sponsoring the annual turkey project that will have us prominently displayed in press, radio and TV in the Portland metropolitan area. Last year we had over 800+ individual families who enjoyed a warm dinner for Christmas because of the event. The event is over a 5 to 7 days period. Little is missed in that time to ensure that we are taking care of people less fortunate. There are also opportunities for people to donate a little bit of time to help us deliver boxes in the Portland area. With so many families we can only do so much."



Darin Campbell

The following explains how Council 678 got involved with this project.

A couple of years ago Mike Campy, Grand Knight of Council 678 and Darin Campbell, President of the Radio Cab Foundation, got together and talked about common interests. It didn't take long to realize the Radio Cab Foundation did so much in the community by helping those in need during Christmas and that Council 678 could help. Last year Council 678 stepped up by giving a monetary donation to a much-needed charity, and were feet on the ground putting boxes together and were making deliveries alongside the dedicated drivers of Radio Cab through the foundation that they started 22 years ago.

Mr. Campbell said "our foundation was created because Radio Cab drivers saw a need in our community"; he went on to say "the families we help are those who fall through the cracks and don't get noticed during this time of year but are struggling so much that putting food on the table may not happen without our support".

The Radio Cab Foundation has a goal of feeding 500 families a year; that comes out to approximately 3200 people who get fed at Christmas time. Grand Knight Mike Campy from Council 678 says "this charity and our partnership is a no-brainer for us, making sure families have an opportunity to sit around the table from one another during Christmas and enjoying a Christmas meal, this strikes right at what Christmas should be about, remembering all the sacrifices of our faith and bringing the family together. It's not about the gifts—it's about togetherness"! Each family receives 1 food box that contains one 14 to 16 pound turkey and all of the fixin's, stuffing, green beans, corn, mashed potatoes, gravy and cranberries. Campbell said "Last year Council 678 gave a monetary donation that helped to feed 25 families and on top of that the effort and manpower given to us from Council 678 was amazing to see."

For 22 years the Radio Cab Foundation has been getting together every December collecting food and money and creating lasting memories for an average of 500 families every year. 100% of the money they raise goes into those food boxes. It costs about \$20 for the food box. Every single person that works for the Radio Cab Foundation does so on a volunteer basis, there is zero overhead for this 501c3 charity! This year once again Council 678 has dedicated more money to continue this great Community Partnership that strives to spread a message that Christmas is alive and bringing families together on Christmas Eve is the best way to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ!

After speaking with Mr. Campbell, he says, "there are substantial short falls in fundraising this year. This may be the first time we have done fewer than 500 food boxes since I've been President of the Foundation. In fact there's a great possibility we may have to cut all the way back to 300 to 350 families. Last year we did 641 families. Thanks to Mr Campy and the rest of Council 678 we have hope for a late fundraising push and get those numbers back over 500. We just need a few thousand more dollars."

If you or your Council would like to donate you may send a check or money order to; Radio Cab Foundation, 1613 Northwest Kearney Street, Portland Oregon 97209 or go to [RadioCabFoundation.org](http://RadioCabFoundation.org) and hit the donate button!



**Council In Action**

By: Scott Kessler, DD08

Mark Mootz, Recorder of Council 3154 in Cottage Grove, is shown presenting coats to the Principal of Dorena Elementary School and also the leaders of Family Relief Nursery of Cottage Grove on Thursday Nov 29th 2018.



**Council In Action**

As the Community Director of Council 15773, I recently submitted the monthly Community Report to our State Community Director Kent Purdy. Included in my report are some photos of the Veterans Day Parade in Florence.

Our Council had six vehicle magnetic door signs made and we entered three pickups. We decorated them and seated Council members in the back in chairs. Being a Marine Viet Nam Veteran I proudly wore attire from my service.

Vivat Jesus

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**District Deputy In Action**

Submitted by: Ken Anderson, DD01

The gentleman holding the charter is David (no last name given). He went through the initiation on December 4th. He has already started volunteering for Council events, which is great to see.

Also, I was happy to see so many Council 11682, Portland, members come to support him.

Vivat Jesus

Kenneth J. Anderson  
Knights of Columbus  
District Deputy 01  
Faithful Navigator 3219

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



A few pictures of the Holy Rosary Council 15605, Installation of Officers, at their all-hands meeting Saturday October 27th.

This meeting was intended to get more members to participate in their activities and be an info session for their family and friends.

Kenneth J. Anderson  
Knights of Columbus  
District Deputy #1  
Faithful Navigator 3219

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



**Council In Action**

For the past 25 years, McMinnville Council 1623 has participated in the Keep Christ In Christmas program by installing 4' X 8' signs, decorated with cedar greenery, at 6 locations around the McMinnville area.

The signs are put up on the Saturday following Thanksgiving and remain in place until the Saturday after Epiphany.

Before the installation and removal, the crew is treated to a warm breakfast paid for by the Council.

Each year the installation crew is encouraged to continue this tradition by the honks and thank yous from passing motorists.



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**Council In Action**



Mt Angel Council 1767 (in conjunction with St. Mary Parish) had a food drive at the Thanksgiving Day Mass and collected 1400 pounds of food. Knights and their families as well as parishioners brought the food and the Knights transported the food to Mission Benedict in Mt. Angel. This was the day before our "Coats for Kids" event.

On the following day, Friday November 23rd, the Mt. Angel Council 1767 held a "Coats for Kids" event and gave away over 90 brand new warm, winter coats for local needy kids.

It was this Council's 3rd annual event.



Kent Purdy, F.S.  
 Mt. Angel Council 1767

## **State Deputies Mid-Year Meeting**

Brothers,

I've just come back from the Mid-Year Meeting of State Deputies in Houston, Texas. We discussed a lot of great ideas and best practices that have the potential to make a big impact here in Oregon.

One that I'm really excited about is a new prospecting system that we can use for all kinds of things: church drives, men's conferences, pancake breakfasts, spaghetti dinners, fish fries – really any event where we have potential members.

We'll talk more about it with the DD's at the mid-year organizational meeting in Florence, but it's a really simple process.

**Supreme will build a *custom* Prospect Landing Page for your Council that you can use on a phone, a tablet or a computer.**

You can ask potential members if they're interested in learning more about the Knights and you can enter their information into the form in a matter of seconds. They'll immediately get a personalized email signed by you the Grand Knight encouraging them to join the Knights and reference your Council by name and number.

The form will also auto-generate an email to you, which will give you all of the information given for each person who signs up, and it will enroll them in an email marketing campaign that will help tell them more about the Knights and what we do over time (Don't worry, they can unsubscribe at any time).

It's a great system! ***This can be a real game changer in the way we prospect. I would encourage every council to get out in front of this and request your own page immediately.*** The attached document explains it in more detail. All you need to do is go to [info.kofc.org/pagerequest](http://info.kofc.org/pagerequest).

If you have any questions, be sure to reach out to Scott Kessler. He's our Online Membership Coordinator and he'll be happy to explain this to you in more depth. He can be reached at [sak3159@msn.com](mailto:sak3159@msn.com).

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Fraternally,

Francis Mohr  
Oregon State Deputy  
**"Come Holy Spirit"**  
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(541)523-6245 (Home)

### **Our Newest Council 16934 Salem, Oregon**

San Jose Council 16934 of St. Joseph's Parish, Salem Oregon, is the first Hispanic Council in the Oregon Jurisdiction. They received their Charter following Mass on Sunday, November 18, 2018. Following a blessing by Msgr. Richard Huneger. The Charter was presented by State Deputy Francis Mohr to Grand Knight Arturo Barrera and several members of the Council. Also attending the presentation was District Deputy Sean Fornelli.

For the past two years, the Council was a Round Table associated with St. Joseph's Council 1748. Over time the membership grew and the council was officially formed on February 13, 2018.

Vivat Jesus

Francis Mohr, State Deputy





**Knights of the Resurrection  
Council No. 13851  
Resurrection Catholic Parish  
21060 SW Stafford Road  
Tualatin, OR 97062**

This is the 11<sup>th</sup> year that Knights of the Resurrection Council No. 13851 has organized a collection of sleeping bags, socks, knitted hats and coats for the homeless individuals in the greater Portland, OR area.

Over the past 11 years Council 13851 has provided 3587 new sleeping bags to homeless shelters and program providers for the homeless. During 2018 we delivered 400 sleeping bags, 795 pairs of new socks and 150 new knitted hats.

This year's (2018) beneficiaries were (1) **Rose Haven**, serving battered women and their families; (2) **Nightstrike**, serving the needs of the homeless under the Burnside Bridge; (3) **St. André Bessette Catholic Church - Downtown Chapel**, serving the needs of the homeless on West Burnside; (4) **St. Francis Church**, serving the needs of the homeless on East Burnside; (5) **Human Solutions Family Center**, serving the needs of the homeless families on Portland's east side; (6) **New Avenues for Youth**, serving the needs of homeless youth; (7) **Volunteers of America**, serving the needs of addicted individuals; (8) **Impact North West**, serving the needs of Women in Crisis (YWCA); (9) **St. Anthony Church** in Tigard, OR and (10) **Father Hearts Pantry** in Oregon City.

Eleven years ago, the Knights of Columbus at Resurrection Catholic Parish initiated a new ministry of providing sleeping bags and clothing for the homeless in the greater downtown Portland, OR area. Every year since, our continued support has allowed us to increase our efforts for the homeless in Oregon. We encourage every Council and Assembly to also consider becoming Fellow Missionaries to the Homeless on behalf of the homeless.

Our Ministry to help the Homeless is now funded by various organizations and individuals concerned with the needs of the homeless. These fellow sponsoring groups include the West Linn Lions Club; Resurrection Catholic Parish; Assured Life Rose City Camp No. 77; Odd Fellow Lodges (Mt Scott/Star No. 188 and Samaritan No. 2, Woodlawn Lodge No. 171 and Rose City Rebecca Lodge No. 170; Resurrection Knights of Columbus Council No. 13851; and Omaha Woodmen Lodge No. 1946.

Last year we set our goal to deliver a minimum of 300 sleeping bags to the homeless of Portland, OR and provide knitted hats, clothing and for the purchase of undergarments. Because of everyone's support we exceeded our goal. We delivered 302 sleeping bags in addition to 500 knitted hats and numerous undergarments.

A sleeping bag will allow the homeless person to experience warm and safe sleep throughout this winter. All our efforts to provide sleeping bags for the homeless is greatly appreciated by those in need. It is estimated that for every two sleeping bags donated, one life is saved. This year, 2018, collectively we saved 200 lives. Since this program was started 11 years ago, we have delivered 3,587 sleeping bags to homeless agencies in the greater Portland, OR area and 1,793 lives have been saved.

A federal government report indicates that Oregon has one of the highest percentages of homeless in the nation. There are over 20,700 homeless in Oregon. We are not called to judge the homeless individual but to offer a help to relieve their stress. All each of us needs to do is to answer the challenge expressed in Matthew Chapter 25 is to, as Knights of Columbus, provide the homeless with sleeping bags, clothing, knitted hats and undergarments.

#### **Richard Akins**

Richard Akins, Co-Chairperson  
Knights of Columbus



#### **Charles Cloud**

Charles Cloud, Co-Chairperson  
Knights of Columbus



## **Patronage of the Holy Family**

Brothers,

This December we have an amazing opportunity to entrust thousands of families in Oregon to the patronage of the Holy Family. Our hope and goal is for as many families as possible to begin preparations this Advent for a consecration to the Holy Family to take place on December 30th, the Feast of the Holy Family.

As you may know, the 30th is a Sunday. Because it falls on a Sunday, we were hoping the consecration could take place at the end of each Mass. This way it would require minimal effort on the part of the Council and

parish to give many more families the opportunity to participate in the Consecration. Of course, this is at the discretion of the pastor, but it is really something we are hoping you will discuss with him and your Council.

Any consecration requires adequate spiritual preparation. I would like to direct you to the resources we have to help guide and prepare families at [www.kofc.org/consecration](http://www.kofc.org/consecration). In addition to these resources you could also direct them to the Keep Christ in Christmas prayer materials and Building the Domestic Church kiosk booklets, "A Scriptural Rosary for the Family" and/or the booklets on Mary and Joseph.

Again, we encourage you to advertise this to your Council families and fellow parishioners soon so they can prepare and dive more deeply into the season of Advent and the Incarnation. You will also want to order the prayer cards for the day of the consecration. These and other program materials can be ordered through Officers Online under Family Programs.

If you have any questions just email me at [woodygap@comcast.net](mailto:woodygap@comcast.net) or call me at 541-905-5009. Be assured of our prayers for you and your families.

Call to action:

1. Discuss as a Council and your pastor about coupling the Consecration to the Holy Family with Mass on December 30th.
2. Advertise this to the parish to provide adequate time to prepare for Consecration throughout Advent.
3. Order Prayer Cards now for the day of the consecration.

**A Higher Purpose**—Help strengthen families and revitalize our parishes. Knights of Columbus Councils will invite each family in their parish to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family and to devote themselves to the ideal model of familial love set by Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

A Council must conduct this required program in the Family category to be eligible to receive the Columbian Award.

**NOTE:** For the purposes of this program the Consecration may be offered at any time of the year as agreed upon by the parish priest and your Council.

Michael Woody

Marian Hour Chairman

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## **THE 37th ANNUAL CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT** **ST. RITA RETREAT CENTER GOLD HILL, OREGON** **JANUARY 25-27, 2019**

We have Deacon Chris Anderson as our guide with a very interesting challenge for us "Finding God in Our Flawed and Jumbled Lives". Chris Anderson is professor of English at Oregon State University and a Catholic deacon. He has written 14 books, including poetry and nonfiction. His web site is [www.deaconchrisanderson.com](http://www.deaconchrisanderson.com).

Chris lives with his wife Barb, the Pastoral Associate at St. Mary's, and their dog, Pip, on the edge of the university research forest north of Corvallis, Oregon. He and Barb have three grown children: John, a highway worker; Maggie, a filmmaker; and Tim, an elementary teacher. **EARLY REGISTRATION — \$120. REGISTRATION AFTER January 18th or at the door is \$130.** Make checks payable to St. Rita Retreat Center. Your registration includes two nights lodging and meals. Commutator fee is \$80 for retreat and meals, no lodging.

### **37th ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Special needs \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to help a brother to attend by donating \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable to St. Rita Retreat Center

Mail to Don Zimmerer, 251 Autumn Ridge, Talent OR, 97540

\$25 due by January 18, 2019 to hold your reservation.

For more information visit St. Rita's website: <http://www.StRitaRetreat.org>



## Food for Families

*It's not just about Thanksgiving!*



I realize that each Council and Assembly has its own unique experiences during Thanksgiving in providing food for the needy, homeless and financially challenged. Forgive me if I share the Thanksgiving experience of our Council in providing food to the needy.

One of our venerable Knights stated at a Council meeting that we (Knights of Columbus) are not alone in our desire to provide food for needy families. Asked to expand on his comment, he said, "We, Knights of Columbus, are not the only organization in the parish whose mission is to provide food for the needy.

In our parish's case, providing Thanksgiving food boxes is the goal of three different groups. Those three groups are the Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul and Peace and Justice.

Separately we had limited success in achieving our goal to feed the hungry. However, This year, 2018, we combined forces to achieve our mutual goal of feeding the hungry. Collectively we delivered 400 Thanksgiving Boxes of food including the Turkey. Christmas is around the corner. Whatever the plans are to feed the hungry, have the individual organizations join together and superior results will be achieved.

Vivat Jesus,



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## Organ Donors Save Lives

Submitted by: Alfred Agcaoili, Council 1623 McMinnville

Brother Knights, the below mentioned video about an organ donor is worth watching.

Our late younger brother Andrew elected to be an organ donor prior to being called Home on June 4, 2013. My siblings, parents and I were there at OHSU, Portland, Oregon on June 6, 2013 when he was taken away for surgery (the OSHU medical staff were AMAZING! After Andrew's funeral at St James Catholic Church-McMinnville/Fr Terry, our entire family gifted all of the doctors, nurses and medical staff with gifts from our home state of Hawaii; they were great professionals who showed our entire family love and support as they cared for Andrew)—the last time we would see him until his wake at Macy & Sons on Monday, June 17, then his Memorial Service at St. James on Tuesday, June 18 in McMinnville, Oregon, where he is laid to rest.

When I saw this video, it was similar to what me and my family experienced not knowing this is how organ donors are honored at this particular hospital. We learned later, from the letters Mom and Dad received from all the recipients of Andrew's donated organs, that he saved their lives. We knew Andrew was a hero to many, especially his baby girl Kelis Malia Agcaoili, whom is among our family he is survived by, that he was a big hero.

We are truly blessed that God blessed all of us to have a great human being—and hero—my baby brother Andrew and the time we had with him in our lives for 31 years. Here is the short video "Walk of Respect": <https://www.facebook.com/wjlatv/videos/294729504692467/>

Finally, thank you to the 9 recipients whose lives have been helped by Andrew and for staying in touch with our family for these past several years. We are happy you are all doing well, are healthy and have another chance to live your life to its fullest; we love you all.

Heroes and angels are all around us, more than we realize. Thanks for taking a brief moment to watch the short video clip.

God Bless and Aloha,  
 Alfred & Agcaoili Family  
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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**

**Tom Hayes**

Ceremonials Chairman Council 3591 Tigard

**William Osborne**

Council 9529 Lincoln City

**SK Tom Morgan, PDD**

Council 33789 and Assembly 2251

**Duane and Junalyn Morris**

Council 1634 Hillsboro & Assembly 1292

**SK Hank Hess**

Council 15605 & Assembly 1292

We request you pray for all Knights, families and friends and all of our Police, Firefighters, Servicemen and Servicewomen, as well as those who have lost so much in the recent hurricanes, floods, 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!

**IN MEMORIAM**

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

**Amir Morris**

Infant son of Duane Morris DD17

**Bill Celorie**

Milwaukie Council 9257 & Assembly 2251

**Jerome Arehart**

Vice Supreme Master  
Chuck Davlin's Uncle

**John R. Kolaso**

Council 11258 Central Point

**Please direct your prayer requests to:**  
**State Health/Welfare/Prayer Chairman**  
**Andrew "Andy" Robinson Jr.**  
Email: [robinsoa@peak.org](mailto:robinsoa@peak.org) Phone: 503-543-2338



**Supreme's Family of the Month for October 2018**



**Firmin Hoke, Council 1623**

**John Brockamp, Council 9527**

This month these families received one of the 100 Holy Family gifts that are given out by the Supreme office with 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 Councils, listed as participating, in October were:  
Council 1623\* McMinnville, Council 2325 Oregon City, Council 8129 Dallas,  
Council 9257\* Milwaukie, and Council 14802 Beaverton



Christmas is most truly Christmas when we celebrate it by giving the *Light of Love* to those who need it most.  
 Merry Christmas from the *Kennedy Agency*.



503.644.1952 [www.kofcor.org](http://www.kofcor.org)

Hola mi nombre es Eddie Herrera y soy un Agente de Seguros de Caballeros de Colon. Es un placer para mi poder ayudar a nuestras familias Catolicas a crear el habito del ahorro atravez de un plan de: Retiro, Inverciones, Incapacidad y Seguros de vida. Me complace el poder brindarles nuestros servicios completamente en espanol, poniendo a su disposicion nuestras dos oficinas hubicadas en el area de Canby y Beaverton, OR. Para cualquier pregunta o inquietud que tenga en referencia a su poliza de seguro no dude en cominucarse conmigo para mi sera un placer poder atender su llamada y guiarlo hacia una mayor proteccion financiera. Usted trabaja para ganar su dinero, nosotros lo guiamos para que su dinero trabaje para usted.



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