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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



### Message from the State Deputy



State Deputy  
Ronald Boyce

Worthy Brother Knights and Families,

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Advent and Christmas Season and I hope all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with your families and friends. We have had some incredible events and programs done by the Councils in this state. Here are some of the many programs the Councils in this state are doing.

Council 678 is sponsoring police training dogs for our police departments statewide. They are selling stuffed K-9's with a Knights of Columbus ear tag on each dog.

There were around 13 councils distributing Coats for Kids in the State of Oregon and at the Wind River Reservation in Ethete Wyoming.

We also have many councils participating in the Food for Families and providing food baskets for Christmas, helping our brother and sisters and their families in our communities who need our help.

Family Organization that wants to el want to thank all the councils for helping our parishes and communities this Advent and Christmas season.

We as a State are continuing to grow in membership, currently we are #23 in the whole order in recruiting and #3 in Division 4, but we need to pick it up to attain the State Goal of 455 new members. Here are the following Councils who achieved their Supreme Net Membership quota by the November 30<sup>th</sup> due date and are awarded the Fast Start Oregon Star Recruiter Council Award and a barbecue put on by the State Council for the Council and their families. I would like to congratulate the following councils:

District #4; San Jose Council 16934 - achieved 250%

District #6; St. Patrick's Council 3484 – achieved 111%, & St. Benedict Council 15595 - achieved 150%

District #7; *Sweet Home Council 8624 - achieved 150%*

District #8; *Fr. Daniel Patrick Curly Council 4087 - achieved 160%*

District #12; *Coos Council 1261 - achieved 100%*

District #2; East Multnomah Council 3179 @ 25% & **St. Theresa Council 7828 @ 250%**

District #4; Fr. George O'Keefe Council 5060 @ 29%

District #5; St. Patrick Council 11109 @ 67%

District #6; Mt. Angel Council 1767 @9% & Fr. Baur Council 5416 @ 17%

District #7; Albany Council 1577 @ 46%

District #9; St. Anne de Beupre Council 3157 @ 57% & St. Augustine Council 11258 @ 55%

District #10; Fr. Luke Sheehan Council 1872 @ 8% & Bishop McGrath Council 3299 @ 40%

District #11; Mt. McLaughlin Council 2255 @ 36%

District #13; Snake River Valley Council 1656 @ 10% & Grande Ronde Valley Council 9442 @ 20%

District #14; Dr. John McLaughlin Council 2325 @ 25%, Christ the King Council 9257 @ 57%

& Holy Family Council 16889 @ 50%

District #15; Our Lady of Angels Council 3999 @ 25%

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District #17; St. Juan Diego Council 15729

District #18; Fr. Luke O'Donnell Council 6266 @ 20%, St. Pius X 12656 @ 10% & Holy Trinity Council 14802 @ 57%

District #19; Mid-Columbia Council 7292 @ 33%

District #20; Columbia Council 3302 @ 25%, Our Lady of Lavang Council 15263 @ 8%  
& St. Mary's Cathedral Council 15295 @ 40%

District #21; Fr. Robert O'Hara Council 9137 @ 25% & Fr. Joseph Saal Council 15640 @ 40%

District #22; Sacred Heart Council 5842 @ 33%

District #24; Monroe & Junction City Council 16326 @ 50% & University of Oregon Council 16370 @ 25%

Great work Brothers. You brought in a new generation of Knights to know, love and serve God and to evangelize the Catholic faithful to practice their faith, to assist the sick, disabled and needy in our communities and to promote and conduct educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief.

I attended the State Deputy Mid-Year Meeting and witnessed the new 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> combination degree. This degree was presented by members of the Supreme office and it was also witnessed by the wives of the State Deputies. That's right brothers, our degree ceremony is no longer secret. The time has now passed for the Knights of Columbus to have the impression of being a secret organization. The new degree is to be done at a Council meeting or after mass, so the congregation and their families can all witness and the new member make this commitment to become a Knight.

Councils still have a chance to still achieve or already achieved the next State Incentive. Any Council that recruits one new or reactivated member over their council's Supreme quota during 2019-2020 Fraternal Year, per "Net" on the Supreme Membership Reports and achieve it by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 will receive a special commemorative "2019-2020 Oregon Star Recruiter Council" Award and receive an invitation for One Knight (at the council's choice) and his wife as guest of the State Deputy to the 2020 State Convention Awards Banquet in Newport Oregon, with recognition as the "2019-2020 Oregon Star Recruiter Council." The following councils are still in the running and those councils who have not recruited any new members still have time;

As of right now we are going to finish the next year and a half utilizing the current 2nd & 3rd degree's schedule until June 30, 2021. More information will be brought to all of you after the Oregon Mid-Year Winter Meeting with the Directors and District Deputies this coming January. The councils will also have an option to still use the current Admissions degree for their council.

As stated, the new Combination Degree will be presented to the District Deputies at the State Mid-Year Meeting and they will present it to their Councils at their District Meetings. It is very important that all Grand Knights and Council Officers attend their District Meetings. I ask that you hold off any questions until your District Meetings and the District Deputies will contact you on the date of the District Meeting.

Saint Pope John Paul II said, "**Let us remember the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm, and look forward to the future with confidence.**"

I believe this new degree will help all our Councils bring in new members, but also show the parishioner's in our parishes the Knights of Columbus are not a secret society but a Catholic to help evangelize the men of our parishes to be better Catholics, Husbands & Fathers.

We all still need to get those 1<sup>st</sup> degree members to the Formations (2<sup>nd</sup> Degree), and Knighting (3<sup>rd</sup> Degree) Degrees. Please send them to one of the following Formation & Knighting Degrees;

**January 18<sup>th</sup>** at St. Mary's Catholic Church at 501 NW 25<sup>th</sup>, Corvallis, District #7 – Facilitated by David Keeling's Degree Team.

**February 15<sup>th</sup>** at St. Francis Catholic Church at 15651 SW Oregon St, Sherwood, District #21 – Facilitated by Tom Hay's Degree Team.

**March 21<sup>st</sup>** at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church at 2450 NE 27<sup>th</sup>, Bend, District #10 – Facilitated by David Keeling's Degree Team.

Let's Not Be Afraid.

Vivat Jesus,

*Ronald Boyce*

Ronald Boyce, State Deputy

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Fr. Theodore Lange  
State Chaplain

### [State Chaplain December Message](#)

Dear Brother Knights,

Blessed Advent and Christmas! I know we are so proud of our "Keep Christ in Christmas" initiatives. These are very important billboards, banners, flyers, signs etc. I would encourage all of us to be lights that shine to the world, revealing what a life and family looks like who "Keep Christ in Christmas".

Charity, Fraternity and Unity are desires of the human heart that come alive in this time of year. Please invite a few men you know or meet to allow these desires to be pillars in their lives by becoming a Knight of Columbus! Charity, Unity and Fraternity is what we pray for the whole world to receive and we have the grace of knowing that keeping Christ in Christmas and in our lives is the best way to create a world of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity....but we will not get there unless we ourselves take to heart these spiritual pillars.

Blessed Christmas Brothers, may God be very near to you in your Christmas preparations this Advent season and may the Christ Child smile upon us who love Him with all our hearts.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Theodore Lange

### **Father Jonathan D. Kalisch, OP**

Director of Chaplains and  
Spiritual Development



### [Family Become What You Are](#)

BY FATHER JONATHAN D. KALISCH, O.P.  
DIRECTOR OF CHAPLAINS AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Many families struggle to reconcile the ideal of the Holy Family with the reality of their own lives, especially during the often-hectic pace and busyness of the Advent and Christmas seasons.

December often is spent, not in quiet contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation, but in activity that without intentional focus, can take away from the very meaning of the season. Complete My Joy — Phoenix Bishop Olmsted's apostolic exhortation to husbands, wives, mothers and fathers — is part two of the Knight's Into the Breach small group study series. In it, he writes: "St. John Paul II did not say 'Family, do what you are' or 'Family, strive to make yourselves a family.' Rather, he said 'Family, become what you are': Family allow your nature as communion of love to grow, develop, mature, and overflow into the world with a generosity of life and joy."

With this in mind, chaplains can remind their brother Knights to not only "Keep Christ in Christmas," but to keep the family and its spiritual well-being at the heart of all their preparations. One effective way to do this is to encourage your brother Knights and their families to consecrate themselves to the Holy Family.

Advent is an ideal time to prepare for this consecration, as the liturgical readings and Advent Stations reveal how God the Father prepared the people of Israel for his Son's dwelling among them.

Additionally, ask your Council to provide copies of Complete My Joy for every family in the parish, even perhaps as a Christmas gift. And if you have the custom of visiting parish families during the holidays and of blessing homes for Epiphany, Complete My Joy is a perfect gift to give after the blessing, as it helps serve as a reminder of the mission of every family.

May we encourage and support our brother Knights and their families in holiness. And may the encouragement we give be for us, too, a support as we lay down our lives for the sheep.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and happy New Year!

Vivat Jesus!



### Knights of Columbus

OREGON STATE COUNCIL November 4, 2019

***All Knights: REMINDER To Help Evangelize “the True Message”!!***

Promoting the True Message of Christmas starts at home, is further promoted with activities within the Parish Family, and is evangelized throughout the community and general public by Nativity Yard Signs, displays of the Bethlehem Manager Scene, 4’ x 8’ Nativity signs around Parish property and our State Highway Billboard Activity initiated over 40 years ago.

According to statistics provided by the billboard companies used last year, our billboards provided over three million “viewing impressions.” The billboard shows the nativity scene (Joseph, Mary, and Jesus) with the phrase “Keep Christ in Christmas,” along with a ten inch strip at the bottom identifying the **Oregon Knights of Columbus** as the sponsor. This billboard activity is another means to make our organization more visible and increase the Knights of Columbus “footprint.”

Please encourage your Council to help evangelize the Keep Christ in Christmas message via our Billboard Activity. Call me with any questions—541-523-6245. Please mail your **Commitment & check to KCIC Billboards, State Secretary** Michael Rooke, 15240 SW Oregon St., Sherwood, OR 97140.

Fraternally yours,  
Francis Mohr, Chairman, “Keep Christ in Christmas” Program

\*\*\*\*\* **COMMITMENT NOTICE** \*\*\*\*\*

Council Name: \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosed is:** \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** we pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Officer’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL TO: Michael Rooke, 15240 SW Oregon St., Sherwood, OR 97140**



Kent Purdy  
Community  
Director

Brother Knights,

I have some very good news to share with you all.

Our State Officers, at their recent meeting, have decided to kick in the rest of the funds needed to buy a container of wheelchairs to be distributed statewide!



This is probably VERY good news to those Councils that have contributed funds to reserve wheelchairs out of this container of 100 chairs. You have all been patiently waiting while we slowly accumulated the needed funds and I appreciate your patience! Your wait will soon be over.

I have been told that it takes approximately six weeks to get the container of wheelchairs shipped to us once we order it. So, not long after the New Year, the chairs should be coming your way!

Copy the link below to see some slides from the American Wheelchair Mission showing what a container of wheelchairs looks like. They will be arriving in a standard shipping container...40 feet x 8 feet.

<https://www.photoknight.net/Gwm/Philippine-Distributions-March/0302wed/i-fx5L7Jx>

**We will need a place to store the wheelchairs while they are being distributed. If any of you have available storage, please contact me ASAP at (phone or text) 503-881-1244 or [purdalator2@gmail.com](mailto:purdalator2@gmail.com). If anyone has access to trucks, delivery vans, etc. please contact me as well. Now is the time to get this set up so that we will be ready to roll when they get here!**

There will be wheelchairs available after the ones that have been spoken for have been distributed. So, it's not too late if your Council wants one or two for your parish or there is a recently identified need in your area. Contact me if you want to reserve a remaining wheelchair. They are \$150 each.

They come in five sizes, 12, 14, 16, 18, and 20 inch wide seat widths. If you have a need for a certain size of wheelchair, please let me know as well. All sizes are yellow in color.

Thank you, again, Brothers, for your patience with us as we worked to make this project happen.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your councils!

Vivat Jesus,

Kent Purdy, State Community Program Director

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Duane Morris  
General  
Program  
Director

General Program Director Report

If you have any questions on the Programs mentioned, here is the list of our Directors for each area in Faith in Action:

- State Program Director**.....Duane Morris – 503-709-4858.....[dlmorri@gmail.com](mailto:dlmorri@gmail.com)
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Oregon State Council  
Knights of Columbus

**Oregon Star Programs  
2019-2020**



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From the Desk of the State Deputy

July 1, 2019

Brothers,

**Knights in Action. Faith in Action.**

The Knights of Columbus offers men a place to lead their families and communities in faith and service and put their Faith into Action. Knights of Columbus members, parishes and families have the opportunity to make a meaningful difference through 32 Supreme Council-recommended programs.

Organized into Faith, Family, Community and Life categories, the Faith in Action program model empowers Knights to come together to share faith, celebrate fraternity with loved ones, and do what they do best — stand shoulder to shoulder in service to the community and to defend life at all stages and in every condition.

Grow in faith and build a strong parish and Church. Aid priests and religious in formation, honor Mary, mother of God, and engage in serious spiritual reflections and religious education activities.

Make a powerful difference in your community. Help those less fortunate with the basic human needs of clothing, shelter, mobility and compassion.

Strengthen families through faith and service. Socialize and pray with other faith-filled Catholic families through special events, religious services and volunteer opportunities.

Create a culture of life. Assist pregnant women in need, care for the elderly, aid the handicapped and empower those with special needs to realize their full potential.

All you need to do is gather your members together and be men of Faith and Men of Action, and help your council be successful and active in the community and at your parish.

Please feel free to reach out to either the State General Program Director Mike Woody or myself for any assistance we can offer towards your successful council program efforts and help the State of Oregon reach 1,000,000 Knight Hours and 1,000,000 in donations.

Vivat Jesus!

*Ron Boyce, State Deputy*

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### Individual Promotion

#### "Oregon Star Recruiter"

Recruit a new or reactivate a member and print your name and Member Number in the proposer information on the form 100 during the 2019-2020 Fraternal Year. Upon the Oregon State Council's receipt of the monthly membership notification from the Supreme office you will receive the following:

Recruit your first new member and you will receive a special commemorative "Oregon Star Recruiter" pin. Recruit 3 new members and in addition to the pin, you will receive a Knights of Columbus Charles River New Englander Rain Jacket or Water Repellent Lightweight Jacket

Recruit 5 or more members and in addition to the pin and recruiter gift, you will receive a Knights of Columbus Warm Winter Jacket or Puff Jacket.

#### Master "Oregon Star Recruiter"

For the recruiter with the most (must be at least 10) new or reactivated members as of March 31, 2020.

He and his wife will be invited as guests of the State Deputy to the 2020 Oregon State Convention which includes a 2-night Stay at the Best Western Agate Beach Inn Hotel in Newport, OR, registration fees, all meals, Ladies Luncheon, invitations for special winners' recognition at the Saturday Awards Banquet Dinner as the "2019-2020 Master Oregon Recruiter" award.

[www.kofc-or.org](http://www.kofc-or.org)

### Council Promotions

#### "Oregon Star Recruiter Council"

Any Council that recruits one new or reactivated member over their council's Supreme quota during 2019-2020 Fraternal Year, per the "Net" on the Supreme Membership Reports.

Achieve by November 30, 2019; receive a special commemorative "2019-2020 Fast Start Oregon Star Recruiter Council" award and a barbeque put on by the State Council for the Council members and their family at a time to be determined.

Achieve by March 31, 2020; receive a special commemorative "2019-2020 Oregon Star Recruiter Council" award and receive invitations for one Knight (at the council's choice) and his wife as guest of the State Deputy to the 2020 State Convention Awards Banquet, with recognition as "2019-2020 Oregon Star Recruiter Council."

Achieved by June 15, 2020; Receive a special commemorative "2019-2020 Oregon Star Recruiter Council" award.

#### "Council Insurance Promotions"

Any Council that refers 3 members to their Field Agent and becomes a valid policy will receive \$25 for the council. For every referral after that will receive \$5 per valid policy during 2019-2020 Fraternal Year.

### Field Agent Promotion

#### "Field Agent Star Council Award"

The Field Agent who has the most Star Councils will receive a "Oregon Field Agent Master Star Recruiter" award. Also receive a Skagen Steel Mesh Watch or Callaway Chev Stand Golf Bag.

### District Deputy Promotions

#### "Oregon Star Recruiter District"

Any District Deputy that has one new or reactivated member over their District's Supreme quota during the 2019-2020 Fraternal Year, per the "Net" on Supreme Membership Reports.

Achieve by November 30, 2019; Receive a special "2019-2020 Fast Start Oregon Star" award. Also receive a Gents' Two-Tone Sport Watch or Callaway Chev Stand Golf Bag along with a Special Invitations for him and his wife as guests of the State Deputy to the 2020 State Convention Awards Banquet.

Achieve by March 31, 2020; Receive a special "2019-2020 Start Oregon Star" award. Also receive a Special Invitations for him and his wife as guests of the State Deputy to the 2017 State Convention Awards Banquet.

Achieve by June 15, 2020; Receive a special "2019-2020 Start Oregon Star" award.

#### "Master Oregon District Deputy Award"

Any District that has all its councils at 100% of their Supreme Membership quota by April 30, 2020 will receive a special "Oregon Master Star Recruiter District" award. Also receive a Skagen Steel Mesh Watch or Callaway Chev Stand Golf Bag.

Any District that has 75% of its councils at 100% of their membership quota by April 30, 2020 will receive a special "Oregon Master Star Recruiter District" award.

#### "District Deputy Columbia Award Challenge"

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

#### "District Deputy Insurance Promotions"

Any District that has councils who refers 6 members to their Field Agent and becomes a valid policy will receive \$25 for the council. For every referral after that will receive \$5 per valid policy during 2019-2020 Fraternal Year.



### Council Program Promotions

#### Family Programs

##### Foods for Family

The council who brings in the most food by weight to their local St. Vincent DePaul or Local Food Banks; receive a special commemorative "2019-2020 Oregon Star Council Family Program" award and a barbeque put on by the State Council for the Council members and their family at a time to be determined.

##### Family of the Month

The council who has the Oregon State Family of the Year; receive a special commemorative "2019-2020 Oregon Star Council Family Program" award and a barbeque put on by the State Council for the Council members and their family at a time to be determined.

#### Faith Programs

##### RSVP & Pennies for Heaven

The council who raises the most money for RSVP and/or Pennies for Heaven; receive a special commemorative "2019-2020 Oregon Star Council Faith Program" award and a barbeque put on by the State Council for the Council members and their family at a time to be determined.

### Community Programs

#### Habitat for Humanity

The council who has the most Knight hours; receive a special commemorative "2019-2020 Oregon Star Council Community Program" award and a barbeque put on by the State Council for the Council members and their family at a time to be determined.

#### Father Taaffe Homes

The council who has the most Knight hours and raises the most money; receive a special commemorative "2019-2020 Oregon Star Council Community Program" award and a barbeque put on by the State Council for the Council members and their family at a time to be determined.

#### Life Programs

##### March for Life

The council who has the most Knights and Family members marching; receive a special commemorative "2019-2020 Oregon Star Council Life Program" award and a barbeque put on by the State Council for the Council members and their family at a time to be determined.

### District Deputy Program Promotions

#### Family Programs

##### Foods for Family

The District who brings in the most food by weight to their local St. Vincent DePaul or Local Food Banks; receive a special commemorative "2019-2020 Oregon Star District Family Program" award and a barbeque put on by the State Council for the District Council Officers and their family at a time to be determined.

### Community Programs

#### Habitat for Humanity

The District who has the most Knight hours; receive a special commemorative "2019-2020 Oregon Star District Community Program" award and a barbeque put on by the State Council for the District Council officers and their family at a time to be determined.

#### Faith Programs

##### RSVP & Pennies for Heaven

The District who raises the most money for RSVP and/or Pennies for Heaven; receive a special commemorative "2019-2020 Oregon Star District Faith Program" award and a barbeque put on by the State Council for the District Council Officers and their family at a time to be determined.

#### Family Programs

##### Foods for Family

The District who brings in the most food by weight to their local St. Vincent DePaul or Local Food Banks; receive a special commemorative "2019-2020 Oregon Star District Family Program" award and a barbeque put on by the State Council for the District Council Officers and their family at a time to be determined.

#### Life Programs

##### Polar Plunge District Team

The District who raises the most money for Special Olympics; receive a special commemorative "2019-2020 Oregon Star District Life Program" award and a barbeque put on by the State Council for the Council members and their family at a time to be determined.



State Warden  
Kenneth Anderson

### State Warden's Report

Worthy Brother Knights,

I hope each of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and were able to share it with family and friends. I hope a good time was had by all and that some delicious food was eaten. As Knights of Columbus, we have many things to be thankful for: our brotherhood, our spiritual resources, our family, our causes to support, our faith, and God.

#### Marian Icon:

As State Warden, it is my responsibility to look after the physical property of the state. The three large Marian Icons are considered property of the state and thus are entrusted to my care. They are intended for Councils to use as they become available, but I will need to be aware of where they are at all times. I will periodically check in with DDs regarding the whereabouts of each Icon and their rough plans of use for the next month.

As of now, I currently have one Icon in my possession that is available for use any time. It recently was present at an event at Holy Trinity last month for a Quo Vadis movie night. One is currently in District 9. Central Point Council 11258 recently had it (article featured in this newsletter) and it now heads to Grants Pass Council 3157. The third one is on the east side of the state in District 13.

***I would like to have ALL 3 Icons present at the State Mid-Year Meeting at the beginning of January to send them off to the next Council.***

#### Forms:

Form 944A is coming due from **District Deputies**. It is due **December 31st** (the end of this month). This form is an assessment of the Councils in each district: how are they doing for membership, insurance, how many degrees have they held, are the books up to date, how many visits have you made, etc. Please get this form submitted.

Form 1728 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity is coming due for Councils. It is due on **January 31st** (less than two months from now). This form is important for two reasons: it allows the Knights of Columbus Order-wide to keep their **tax-exempt status** and it is required to be considered for **Star Council**. Please start working on this form now to get it submitted by the end of January. Also remember, the form does NOT need to be 100% accurate. It's just a best guess estimate.

As of the beginning of December, there are still several Councils that still have yet to submit the Form 185 *List of Chosen Officers* and Form 365 *List of Program Personnel*. I would like to thank all of the Councils that have submitted these forms thus far. I would ask all Councils and District Deputies to continue to get these completed. Let's target a 100% submission of the Form 185 by the end of this calendar year. These forms can be filled out before/after a business meeting or over the phone with the District Deputy or myself.

Advent is here and Christmas time is coming. This is a great opportunity for us to be the spiritual leaders we're called to be. We have an opportunity to lead our families in devotions around the Advent wreath, Parish prayer services or gatherings, Consecration to the Holy Family, caroling in the community and many other fun and exciting possibilities during this time.

#### **Kenneth J. Anderson**

State Warden

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Tom Radel  
State Advocate

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following Councils that have completed the requirement and are 100%

|                    |                     |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| 849 Baker City     | 7292 Hood River     |
| 1261 Coos Bay      | 6602 Newberg        |
| 1634 Hillsboro     | 9137 Sherwood       |
| 1673 Pendleton     | 9257 Milwaukie      |
| 1767 Mt Angel      | 9529 Lincoln City   |
| 2325 Oregon City   | 11109 Independence  |
| 3154 Cottage Grove | 11258 Central Point |
| 3302 St Helens     | 12656 Portland      |
| 3484 Canby         | 13851 Tualatin      |
| 3509 Molalla       | 14802 Beaverton     |
| 5060 Salem         | 15605 Portland      |
| 5416 Silverton     | 15640 Wilsonville   |
| 16889 Portland     |                     |



**TOTAL - This is only 29% of Councils who are 100% in compliance. The goal of 100% of compliance is January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM MEMBER STATUS REPORT IN OFFICERS ONLINE

The Safe Environment Program Member Status Report is now posted in the report library in Officers Online on a weekly basis.

If you hold a role that enables you to have report access in Officers Online, then you will see the Safe Environment Member Status Report listed along with your other reports.

The viewing level will be based on your role, just as it is today. If you hold a state level role, you will be able to view the compliance of all required state leaders and that of all Council member appointments in your jurisdiction. If you hold a Council level position, you will be able to view the compliance of all member appointments within your Council.

Need help or have any question, please ask me.  
Thank you

Tom Radel  
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**Historian**

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### **Knights at Habitat Update**

As we approach the blessed Christmas Season, let us remember all the families the Knights have helped purchasing their first home. Think of the deep sigh of relief the parents had by knowing they will have a safer and healthier home to live in. Think about the kids who now can sleep peacefully in their rooms and wake up energized to go to school.



The Knights of Columbus have made and will continue to make a big difference in Oregon.

Let us resolve moving into next year that every Council supports Habitat by building homes for the less fortunate.

Have a great Christmas.

Mike Kondrat

## Culture of Life

Patrick and Teresita Parson † Oregon Life Couple + ppparson@yahoo.com



- **Caroling for Life** - Can your Council coordinate a caroling event in front of an abortion facility? Sing your favorite carols to remind abortion-bound mothers that the salvation of the world became possible through the tiny baby Jesus!

Your State Life Couple plans to sing Christmas carols at Planned Parenthood in Salem on December 22; when and where can YOU bring the spirit of life and Christmas to a place of death?

- **Ultrasound Program** - Councils in Oregon have supplied 22 ultrasounds to pregnancy care centers since 2009, an average of 2 per year. We should be proud, but now is no time to be resting on our laurels. Keep looking for pregnancy care centers in need of ultrasounds so they can save more lives of unborn children.
- **Keep Those Reports Rolling In!** - A big "Thank You!" to all Councils that are regularly turning in monthly Life reports. Yes, I know this is often seen as just another unnecessary task, and that most of us are involved in activities to live out our faith, not to blow our own horn. But please remember, if you don't tell us what you are doing, we don't know what you are doing. In addition to your Council possibly receiving some deserved recognition, other Councils may be inspired by what they see you doing.
- **Read and Watch the Latest Life News** - Are all members of your Council receiving copies of the State Council monthly newsletter "*Oregon, That's Life*" and "*Oregon, Asi es la Vida*"? They should be. Council Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries receive the monthly issues via email, and they in turn are asked to distribute the newsletters to not only the Council members, but also to your Parish associates and other individuals and ministries. If you are not receiving copies of the newsletter, ask your Council leadership about it. You can also find copies on the Oregon Knights of Columbus website.

Additionally your Life Couple also produces a weekly life video, which happens to be called "*Oregon, That's Life*" and "*Oregon, Asi es la Vida*". This is available both on the Oregon Knights of Columbus website and on Youtube. If you haven't seen the video yet, consider giving it a view.

## Cultura de la Vida

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- **Villancicos por la Vida** - ¿Podría tu Consejo coordinar un evento de villancicos aunque sea enfrente de una institución abortiva? Canta tus villancicos favoritos, para recordar a las Madres que quieren abortar, que la salvación del mundo fue posible por la venida del! pequeño niño Dios!

Su pareja estatal de la vida planea cantar villancicos navideños afuera de las instalaciones de Planned Parenthood en Salem en Diciembre 22 ; ¿cuándo y donde puedes tu compartir el espíritu de vida y navidad en un lugar de muerte?

- **Programa e Ultrasonido** - Los Consejos en Oregon han donado 22 ultrasonidos a centros de embarazo desde el 2009, en un promedio de 2 por año. Debemos de estar orgullosos, pero no es tiempo de descansar en nuestros laureles, sigan buscando centros de embarazo en necesidad de ultrasonidos para que se salven más vidas de niños no-nacidos.
- **Mantengan Esos Informes en Movimiento** - Un gran aplauso de "Gracias" a todos los Consejos que regularmente han estado enviando los reportes mensuales con referencia a la vida, Si, creo que a veces es algo no necesario, y muchos de nosotros estamos en actividades para encender la fe, no para apagarla. Pero por favor recuerden, si no nos dices que estás haciendo, no sabremos que estamos haciendo, y además tu Consejo puede recibir cierto reconocimiento, y otros Consejos podrán estar inspirados por lo que ellos ven que estás haciendo.
- **Lean y Observen las Ultimas Noticias** - ¿Están todos los miembros de tu Consejo recibiendo copias de la carta mensual "Oregon Asi es la vida" y "Oregon That's life"? ¡Tu deberías de recibirlas!, El Gran Consejo y los secretarios financieros reciben la carta mensual por email, y en regreso se les pide que distribuyan la carta y no solamente a los miembros del Consejo, sino también a la parroquia asociada, y a otros individuos y ministerios. ¿Si tu no estas recibiendo la carta, pregunta a tu líder del Consejo. También es posible encontrar copias en la Web de los Caballeros de Colon.

Adicionalmente su pareja de la vida produce semanalmente un video, que se llama "Oregon, That's life" y "Oregon asi es la vida". Los pueden encontrar en la Web de los Caballeros de Colon y también en youtube. Si todavía no han visto los videos, consideren echar una mirada a estos.



Duane Morris  
Oregon District  
Master



## Knights of Columbus

### 4th Degree Oregon District Archbishop Blanchet Province

Brother Knights and Families,

On behalf of the 4th Degree Oregon District I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. This past year has been one of many ups and downs in our honored Order. I was honored to become the new District Master taking over for Sir Knight Jesse Villarreal who was promoted to Vice Supreme Master for our Province. One of the issues we are facing is centered around communication and the sometimes lack of it. One of the tools I am hoping will help with communication is a new Oregon District website, which just launched on Black Friday. When you have a moment, I would like to ask you to visit <http://oregondistrict4thdegree.org/> On this new page you can find information about our District and find out about when the new Exemplification will be, how to join, and much more.

Another issue that I am seeing across our District is that some Assemblies, due to financial or other reasons, are struggling as they do not have any Members with the new uniform. One point I would like to reiterate is that the new uniform is not a requirement to have an active Assembly. It just means that there is no local Honor Guard. But there are several activities that an Assembly can partake in without an Honor Guard. Holding projects that help Veterans like Quilts for Valor or other similar projects, participating in parades, wearing a tuxedo and social baldric, hosting a Silver Rose event at your Parish and many others. Our District has a great opportunity this Summer with the Silver Rose. I have been asked to have some Assemblies host the Silver Rose as it passes through our State. I have had two Assemblies on the Coast so far volunteer to host the Silver Rose. It will enter Oregon at Portland on Saturday or Sunday June 13 or 14 and then make its way down the Coast and then inland to Medford or Klamath Falls and then to Ontario for the hand over to Idaho in July. If you are interested in hosting the Silver Rose contact me or Jesse Villarreal.

For those that would like to see about purchasing the new Uniform, the new supplier went Online as of December 1st. The website is <https://www.kofcuniform.com/>

The cost of the uniform is \$449 for the package. However I see that they are also selling the individual parts of the uniform now as well. This could help some members as they now can purchase one item at a time.



Orders can be placed online, by phone, fax, email, and through the mail. To order over the phone simply call 833-562-4327 to speak with one of our sales representatives. Our call center operates Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm CST. Orders may be faxed to 800-521-5027, or mailed to our sales department at the address listed below. Please include the item #, description, size and/or color as required for each product you wish to order.

Attn: Sales Department  
P.O. Box 7277  
Oxford, AL 36203  
[sales@kofcuniform.com](mailto:sales@kofcuniform.com)

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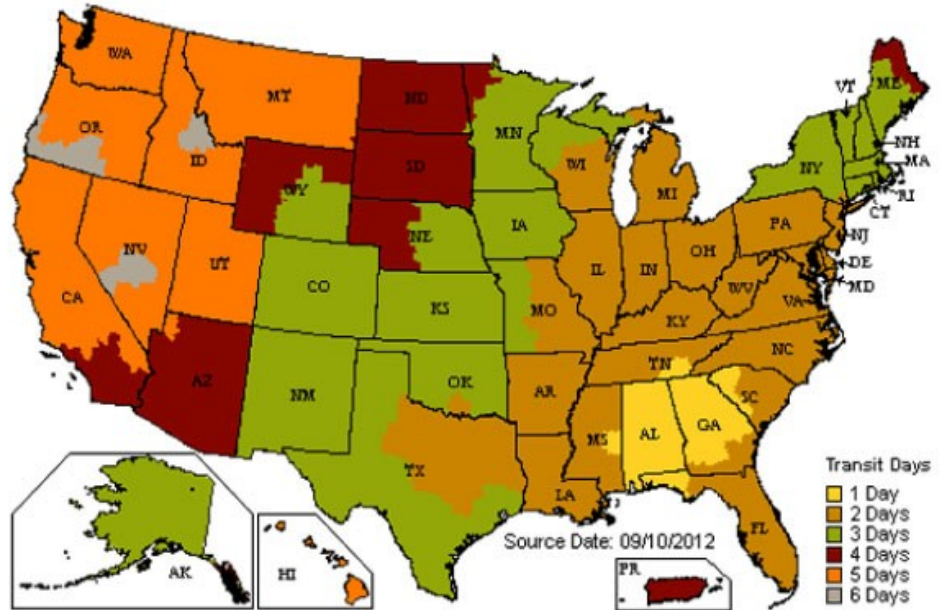
All shipping charges are non-refundable.

Vivat Jesus,

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**UPS Time-In-Transit Estimate**  
Outbound from Oxford, Alabama



**Council In Action**

Sublimity Council 2439

Regis St. Mary Catholic School completed their food drive and it was a great success.

All the food was gathered up by Brother Matt Etzel with the help of Regis High School students on November 26th. The Knights will sort all of the food, along with additional items provided by the Knights of Columbus St. Anthony Council, into baskets for delivery to local families in need on December 14th. Thanks again to the kids and parents of Regis St. Mary for supporting our community.



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*Pictured, from left to right are Chad Barr, 4th Grade Teacher, some of his great students who helped with the food drive, along with Ed Diehl, Grand Knight, and Randy Bentz, Three Year Trustee.*







**Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Drive**

This year the Oregon State Council of the Knights of Columbus through the generous donations from the State's Councils participated in the 2019 Supreme Council Coats for Kids 50/50 Program. Supreme Council's 50/50 Match program allows Councils to purchase the Coats for Kids at a 2 for 1 price as the Supreme Council matches each case of Coats that the Council purchase. With this program the Oregon State Knights of Columbus was able to provide over

100 cases of Coats for Kids to provide to the Oregon Communities this Winter.

- The Knights selected three locations in Oregon for the distributions. The Coats were distributed by the Councils for Black Friday 2019. The Distribution locations were Portland, Wilsonville and Mt. Angel.
- The following Councils participating in each distribution are as follows. The Portland location was from St. Mary's Cathedral Council 15295, St. Pius X Council 12656, Hillsboro Council 1634 and Pendleton Council 1673. Also, the Wilsonville location was from the following Councils – Wilsonville Council 15640, Newberg Council 6602, Tualatin Council 13851, and Sherwood Council 9137. The Mt. Angel location was from Mt. Angel Council 1767 and Silverton Council 5416.

Here are the demographics of the area that the distributions serves. They are low income areas, mixed demographics with notable black, Hispanic, and Asian populations. Example for the Portland Distribution for the Cathedral Council will be organized this time by Sister Connie Furseth at St. Mary's Cathedral. The destination organizations include: Portland Public Schools Teen Parent Program (Franklin High School Office), Catholic Charities and Northwest Catholic Counseling.

Through the generosity of the Supreme Council, **we still have some Coats for Kids that are available to Councils** at the same 50/50 match. If you are interested in purchasing one or two boxes of Coats for your Council to distribute, please contact me at [dlmorri@gmail.com](mailto:dlmorri@gmail.com) or 503-709-4858.

Vivat Jesus,

Here are some pictures from this year's distributions.

Duane Morris  
State General Program Director



Distribution of 66 Coats for Kids by Wilsonville Council #15640 took place on Friday November 15th at the Boys and Girls Aid Society luncheon at Charbonneau. (Other article on this is located in this edition under Council In Action-Wilsonville).



Distribution of 17 cases (204 coats) to Northwest Children's Outreach. They are a 100% volunteer organization that serve over 375 agencies which will get these coats to those most in need.



Distribution of 24 Coats by the State Council presented to Family Promise of Washington County by State Youth Director George Murphy.

**More Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids Drive**

Here are some pictures from this year's distributions.

Please note that the deadline to submit your refund application forms for the Food for Families and/or RSVP programs for the **2018-2019 Fraternal Year** is **December 31st**. Please be sure to have your forms in to the Supreme office by that date to ensure that your refund is processed.

**Participate in Helping Hands  
(Required Program)**

The holiday season is upon us and what a perfect time to conduct the Helping Hands Program.

This program is designed to help recognize the important work many Councils already do to care for those in need. Councils are

encouraged to take time to assess the many and varied needs of their immediate and surrounding community. You are free to develop a program that best meets these needs as a Helping Hands program.



Distribution of over 100 Coats by the Mt. Angel Council on Black Friday.

If you have any questions on the Programs mentioned, here is the list of our Directors for each area in Faith in Action

- State Program Director**.....Duane Morris.....503-709-4858.....[dlmorri@gmail.com](mailto:dlmorri@gmail.com)
- Faith Programs Director**.....Ray Prom.....503-440-2382.....[promray58@gmail.com](mailto:promray58@gmail.com)
- Family Programs Director**.....Bob Adams.....541-404-5905.....[bob.adams@bayareahospital.org](mailto:bob.adams@bayareahospital.org)
- Community Programs Director**...Kent Purdy.....503-881-1224.....[purdalator2@gmail.com](mailto:purdalator2@gmail.com)
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Vivat Jesus,

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FRANK J. LONERGAN

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

Frank John "Happy" Lonergan 6<sup>th</sup> State Deputy of Oregon 1917-1920

Frank Lonergan was born in Polo Ogle county Illinois on May 27, 1882 to John S. and Mary Lynch Lonergan. Frank graduated from Notre Dame in 1904 where he played on the varsity football team 1901-1903. In 1903, Lonergan scored three TD's in one game. Against DePauw, he scored four rushing TD's and kicked six extra points. After graduation, he came to Portland to teach history and economics and to coach football at Columbia University (which later became the University of Portland) until 1908.

He then was admitted to the Oregon bar and practiced his profession in Portland of the law firm of Griflith Leiter & Allen. In 1912, Frank was united in marriage to Jean James nee Davidson a native of Texas. Jean died in 1935 and they had no children.

He served six terms in the Oregon Legislature (1925-1933 and 1939-1941). He was acting Governor in 1933 while holding office as Speaker of the House (Republican). As Judge of the Circuit Court of Oregon, he was one of the first Judges to permit news photography during trials in his courtroom. Lonergan was a prominent and active member of the Knights of Columbus being a Past Grand Knight of Portland Council (1911-1912), Past State Deputy and at the Supreme Convention held at New York City was elected Supreme Director for a term of three years.



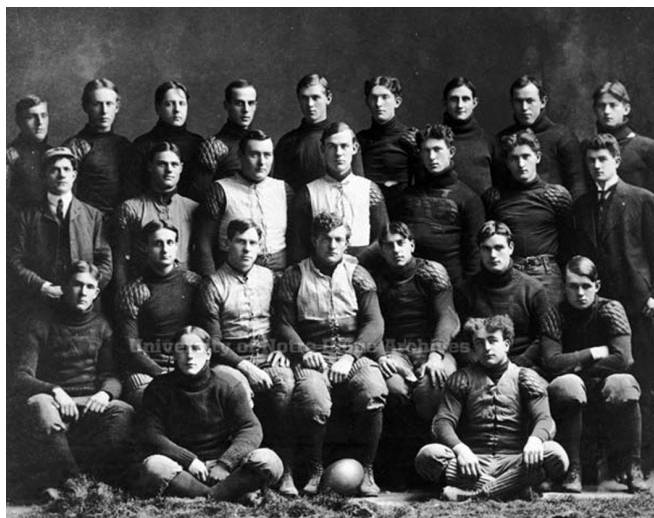
Frank became the Grand Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks 1943-1944.

Frank Lonergan died October 4, 1961 in Portland and is buried at the Mount Calvary Cemetery, Portland, OR. He has the largest grave marker of all the Oregon Past State Deputies.

*"We are in this work, we have accomplished much, and we shall stay in it until the very end, but as it increases, so too the attendant expenses of the services to which we have devoted ourselves."*

*Frank Lonergan - State Convention, May 27, 1918, Portland, OR*

Tom Radel  
State Historian



1903 Notre Dame Football Team - Frank (Happy) Lonergan  
(far left second row from bottom)



PSD Judge Frank John (Happy) Lonergan's  
grave Mount Calvary Cemetery, Portland, OR





Francis Mohr  
Charities President

**CHARITABLE "GREEN SHEET"**  
**FRATERNAL YEAR 2019-2020**



Dear Brother Knights,

I ask you to remember the Knights of Columbus Compass that you saw during your First Degree Initiation. Recall that the needle always points to "charity" -- the first and basic principle of our Order.

At the bottom of this page is the 2019-20 Oregon State KofC Charities "Green Sheet" which provides you an opportunity to support one of Oregon State KofC Charities we supported last year or you can indicate "general fund."

There are three options to donate:

- 1.) Fill out the Green Sheet and return it with a check made out to "Oregon State KofC Charities" to your FS.
- 2.) Send the check directly to the Oregon State KofC Charities: Secretary Michael Rooke, 15240 SW Oregon St., Sherwood, OR 97140.
- 3.) Go on line [www.oregonstatekofccharities.org](http://www.oregonstatekofccharities.org) and click the donate button, using your credit card.

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

Sincerely,

Francis Mohr  
Oregon State K of C Charities President

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Council Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Oregon Homes for Unwed Mothers** Help for the unwed mothers homes in Salem, Baker City, Bend, Medford, and Gresham, Oregon.

**KBVM Mater Dei Radio** Support to help bring Catholic Christian evangelization to the air waves

**General Fund** This item is for additional charities we don't have listed and are not receiving support from the State Charities program at this time.

**Special Olympics** Helps provide support for Special Olympics state and regional games.

**Ultrasound Initiatives** This allows us to help fund ultrasounds machines in pregnancy centers.

**Global Wheelchair Mission** Currently the State is 50% financed to purchase a container of 100 wheelchairs for use within Oregon. CERTAINLY there are individuals in your community that could use a wheel chair?

**Military Chaplain's Scholarship** This item helps support priests desiring to also serve as Chaplains in the armed forces.

**Diocesan Youth Programs** KC support for Baker and Portland Diocese Youth Programs

**TOTAL GREEN SHEET CONTRIBUTIONS**





Ray Prom  
Faith Director

### **Faith Program Director** **Maranatha**

Translated it means “Come O Lord”. The perfect word to remember this Advent, as we prepare our hearts and our homes for the coming of Jesus.



One of my “side jobs” is RCIA director at my parish, and while preparing for this last week’s lesson, I came across an interesting Advent custom that made me think of one of the Knights of Columbus *Faith in Action* programs, especially but not exclusively the **Faith** programs themselves.

The Advent custom that caught my attention involved displaying a small crib or manger in your home, along with a small pile of straw. Each time one of children of the home did a good deed, or was especially kind to someone, they could take a piece of straw and place it in the crib, with the idea they were preparing a welcoming area for the baby Jesus. My thoughts went to how **Faith in Action** programs did the same thing in our parishes and in our communities. Because of that, our actions were preparing a place for Jesus to dwell. We, as Knights, were helping to transform the world in a way that God had intended. We are indeed “**Our Brother’s Keeper**”, and we reflect God’s love in brightening the lives of the poor, the needy, the widows and the orphans. I can’t think of a better way to celebrate Advent than to schedule a *Faith in Action* activity this season. It’s not too late.

Another popular tradition for a lot of us in the Advent season, is to give gifts anonymously. Think about secret Santas or giving trees or adopt-a-family. We can do it through our places of work or through our churches and in our communities. How about kicking it up a notch? How about having your Council “Adopt-a-Parish” in Iraq? This really new Supreme initiative is encouraging Councils to directly support the persecuted Christians in war-torn Iraq. Your Council or your district, commits to supporting a Christian parish in Iraq for 2 years. This is done through your contribution of \$2500.00 per year and most importantly, your prayers. Supreme has gotten the ball rolling, already contributing millions of dollars to date for Christians in Iraq and the Icon prayer program, **Our Lady, Help of Persecuted Christians**. Now it’s our turn. If you would like more information on this amazing program, please contact me.

Let’s make this the most meaningful Advent ever! Maranatha!!

God Bless the Knights of Columbus

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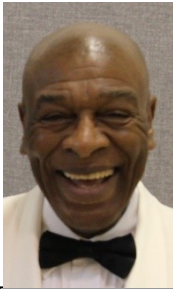
George Murphy  
Youth Director

Brother Knights All,

Can you believe it, this is December 2019 and our State's Knight Year is coming to a close. We did well in the Youth Program areas. We had great participation in our Basketball Hoop Shoot. We just completed our State Championship Soccer Program. Our State received and distributed our Coats for Kids by Black Friday, 29 Nov 2019. It exceeded and surpassed our greatest expectations. Many thanks to DD Manny Buzo and SD Kent Purdy for acting as depots for their areas. Also many thanks and patience to DD Dave Judy and GPD Duane Morris for helping me deliver many of those coats. Thanks to all of those councils that participated. It was a blessing. All DD's please remember we are still accepting Essays and Keep Christ in Christmas Posters, Alcohol Abuse and Drug Awareness Posters. These are due by Christmas. Also, all DD's I will be handing out District Deputy Medals for our Basketball Hoop Shoot at the Winter Meeting in Newport, OR, in January 2020. Our State Councils should start running their local Hoop Shoots in January 2020. District Deputies should run Districts in February 2020. The State Championship will be held on March 21, 2020...location: TBA.

May everyone have a delightful Christmas and a joyous New Year!

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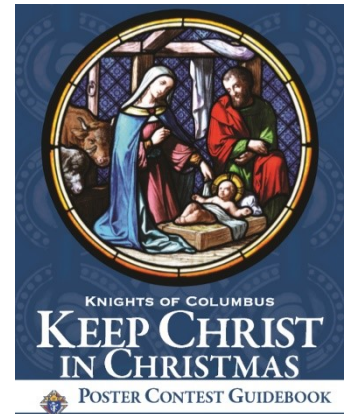
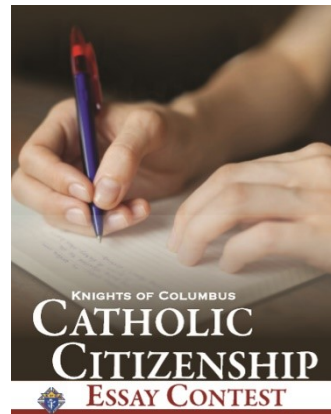
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### [Youth Director Report](#)



### [Council in Action](#)

#### **Albany Council 1577 Makes Donation to Linn County Special Olympics**

By: Jon Keefer Council 1577 Albany

On July 27, 2019, Albany Council 1577 of the Knights of Columbus held a golf tournament in support of Special Olympics at Springhill Golf Club, 155 NW Country Club lane, Albany, OR 97321.

On December 4th, Athletes and Linn County representatives arrived at Our Lady of Perpetual Help (St Mary's Albany) to receive the \$1,262.00 check from the tournament coordinator Sir Knight Gary Haworth. The Council is planning to run the Golf Tournament again next year with hopes of getting it bigger and better.



Linn county Sports Manager Ian Copple, Local Program Coordinator Melissa Holcomb, and athletes Chelsea Holcomb and Paul Copple represented the Linn County Special Olympics.

There is always a need for volunteers to help with the programs. If you can help, please contact the Linn County Special Olympics at [soor.linn.lpc@gmail.com](mailto:soor.linn.lpc@gmail.com) or call 541-971-5740.

For more information on the Fundraiser contact SK Gary Haworth, 541-223-8160.



Jesse Villarreal  
Vice Supreme  
Master

### [Report From Vice Supreme Master Report](#)

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE - Patriotic Degree of the Order



My Dear Brother Knights All,

Our calendar year 2019 is fast coming to be part of history. I would like to express my complete and most sincere appreciation to all of you with this last article of 2019 for our monthly newsletter.

My wife Patti and I are very grateful for all the Knights of Columbus events that took place during this year. I would like to express my gratitude from the beginning of my move to this wonderful community of Canby at the end of 2007 until now. Shortly after moving here, I was "reactivated" into the Knights of Columbus and it has been a multi colorful wheel of fortune since then. I never held a position of any level as a member of the Knights of Columbus after my initiation back in the 1970's or after going through my second and third degrees, until I moved to Canby.

My first assignment in Canby with Council 3484 was to be a "Chancellor". After getting involved with a few projects, and getting to know our church and the community, I became a Grand Knight. I then got talked into buying a tuxedo and also joining the Fourth Degree. This became a very exciting time and I had some great teachers and serious mentors located at our own local Council and Assembly. The late pillars like Matt Wagner, Ralph Duda and David Merrill to name a few, opened many doors of opportunities for me. They were great motivators and organizers and men like Mike Schmader and recruiters like Paul Crawford and the late Jerry Hunt also set some very high standards for me to follow.

I attended my very first State Convention in Astoria and met some great leaders like Dennis White and Wayne Clemmer. I made some life long career friends like Tom Morgan and Sid Thiel plus a train load more. Then I took a giant leap forward and became a District Deputy and was a member of Father Robert O'Hara Assembly 6.

I will forever regard this assignment as the most valuable piece of volunteer work and learning that any member of this great men's fraternal organization can have! In my book, I regard this as the "pivotal" point of Father Michael J. McGivney's dream. The State Deputies are the coaches who establish and draw the plans and the District Deputy is the quarterback who drives the game.

UNITY by all team players will give us the strength to grow. Living and obeying the first commandment of our FAITH is our endurance to reach the goal line.

PATROTISM in the Knights of Columbus is the fourth pillar of this great Catholic men's organization. It has become very near and dear to me during the last few years. I learned from a very early age to be proud of my country. I was taught to respect, to obey, to also protect and to defend the country in which I was born. My beloved parents taught me to Love God with all my heart. The Knights of Columbus through UNITY, CHARITY, FRATERNITY and PATROTISM has taught me to Love God and Country.

With this, my brother Sir Knights, we wish you and your families the best Blessed Christmas Season ever and the most Prosperous New Year.

VIVAT JESUS!!!!

*Jesse C. Villarreal*  
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### [A Remembering Mass](#)

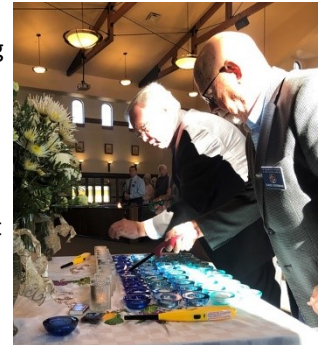
By: Larry Mullaly Council 11258 Central Point

On Wednesday, November 20th, St. Augustine Council Knights of Shepherd of the Valley Parish located in Central Point remembered Knights and ladies who have gone before us.

The annual Remembrance Mass has taken place every year in November since the founding of the Council in 1996, in which written invitations are extended to all surviving family members to take part. A high point of the Mass is the reading of names of the deceased and the lighting of a votive candle for each of our departed brothers and sisters as part of the Offertory intercessions.

“As their names are read aloud,” Grand Knight Thom Gilsdorf explained, “we recognize that our remembrance today pales in significance against the lasting and steadfast love of Christ for these our dear ones.”

In all 62 names were read.



### [Council In Action](#)

By: Chris Erno, Council 11258 Central Point

The Great Turkey Shoot

On Sunday, November 24th at 6:30 PM, in the Shepherd of the Valley Parish Center, the Knights of Columbus held its 26th Annual Parish Turkey Shoot.

The Turkey Shoot consisted of a Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings followed by a raffle: and participants purchased a numbered paddle, a carnival dial was spun and a turkey awarded to those who had the winning number. Dinner and Turkey-Shoot Advance tickets were sold after Masses on the two weekends prior to the event and at the door. Cost was: \$12 Adults; \$7 Age 12 & Under; \$35 Family.



### [Knight, Family and Council In Action](#)

Council 2439, Sublimity—Hennemann Family Update – A Brother Knight and his family doing God’s work in Costa Rica

At our November Council 2439 meeting, Brother Knight and Council member Nick Hennemann gave us his most recent mission update. Additionally, on December 1st the family spoke to the parishioners after all the Masses at Immaculate Conception in Sublimity.



The Hennemann family, from our community, is serving as foreign missionaries with Family Missions Company (FMC) spreading the Gospel and serving the poor. FMC works under the blessings of the Diocese of Lafayette’s bishop in the Diocese of Lafayette, Louisiana and at the invitation of the local bishops where they serve. We helped the Hennemanns launch into their mission work serving immigrants and refugees from Nicaragua in northern Costa Rica. Please pray for their family and the people they serve. We ask God to bless you and fill you with grace for every sacrifice you make to support the Hennemanns as they continue answering the call to be foreign missionaries. You can learn more on their website: <https://www.familymissionscompany.com/project/nmhennemann/>



**Knights in Action**

Wilsonville Council 15640 assisted in the distribution of 66 Coats for Kids on Friday November 15th. This event took place at the Boys and Girls Aid Society luncheon at Charbonneau, OR.

Pictured below:

Megan Bos Assistant Director of Development/SK George LeDoux Council 15640/ Margie Wiesenthal, of Cypress Branch Co-President/ Diann Harland, Cypress Branch Co-President/ Robert Garcia/Suzan Huntignton, President and C.E.O. Boys and Girls Aid Society.

**Assembly 3656 and Council 15773 in Action**

By: Patrick Beckham Council 15773 Florence

Florence Assembly 3656 & Council 15773 participated in the Veterans Day Parade in Florence on November 11th, with 12 members reciting the rosary and then passing out candy to the children lining Bay Street along the Siuslaw river.



Florence Knights also distributed their annual Coats for Kids on November 9th to the Siuslaw Middle School to some kids that really needed and appreciated them.

Council In Action

By: Patrick Beckham, Council 15773 Florence

We finally managed to process the transfer of our proceeds from our Tootsie Roll drive through the Knights of Columbus Charities and deliver the check to the Special Olympics Eugene Chapter.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the citizens of our town of Florence for their truly overwhelming support for our Tootsie Roll Drive which took place the weekend of September 21 - 22 at Fred Meyers, where 100% of all the proceeds went to benefit our regional Special Olympics Chapter.

Due to your generosity, the Knights of Columbus were able to donate \$2270.17 to this wonderful cause, enabling some of our most valiant members of our community to fulfill their dreams of participating in the Special Olympics - Thank you Florence!!

In the picture below shows one of the remarkable athletes, Casey Kawahara, with Kristi Barker, who is one of the Co-chairpersons for the Eugene Special Olympics, standing between Tom Zahara and Pat Beckham, two of the more than 40 members of Florence's Chapter of the Knights of Columbus.



In addition the Florence Council also delivered their annual \$500 donation to the local Food Backpack for Kids that supplies some of the less privileged children with food for the weekends.



Council In Action

Rogue Squires Support St Vincent dePaul Society

November Breakfast at Sacred Heart Parish - Medford Council 1594 dedicated the proceeds to benefit the Medford St Vincent dePaul Society in support of their Holiday Food Basket Program. Current Director of the Medford St Vincent dePaul, Kathleen Begley, was on hand to receive the proceeds from the Chief Squire. With assistance from the Rogue Squire Circle 5780, led by Chief Squire Arthur Gifford and Chief Counselor Mark Kantor the breakfast was a success.

The Squires in Medford are between the ages of 10 to 18. The Squires program is designed to develop young men as leaders who understand their Catholic religion, who have a strong commitment to the Church and who are ready, willing and capable of patterning their lives after the Youth Christ.

Story and photos by  
Joe Schaecher, DD09





## Council Action

### Council 678 once again supports Portland Hungry Families

By: Mike Campy, GK, Council 678 Portland

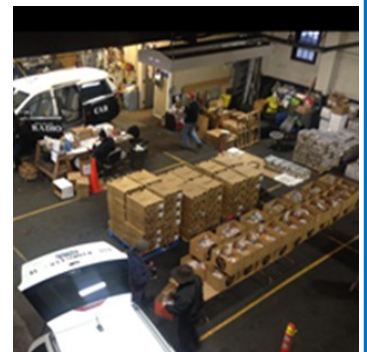
There are exciting things happening with Council 678 in Portland. We sponsor the annual Radio Cab Foundation's "Turkey Project" which feeds families in need all around the Portland Metro area. Once again radio and TV will cover this and in doing so high light Council 678 for a lot of media exposure showing Knights doing great things in the community. There were 778 boxes delivered last year which is an increase from the 641 the previous year. With a steady rise in the number of families being fed, combined with our increasing efforts each year, there is a direct correlation—Council 678 is making a difference in the lives of families who are down on their luck. "We get to give a helping hand during the time of year our Lord and Savior shines so bright in the hearts of all those who volunteer. Carrying a message of faith and hope in every food box, made possible by our great Portland Knights of 678 is so very important to us" said GK Michael Campy. This year the hope is to beat the 800 mark of individual families who enjoy a warm dinner for Christmas because of this event. For the week leading up to Christmas, little is missed in that time to ensure that we are taking



care of people less fortunate. A couple of years ago Mike Campy, Grand Knight of Council 678 and the 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. The last couple of years Council 678 has made a difference stepping up, giving monetary donation to this much needed charity, as well as providing helpers putting boxes together and make deliveries alongside the dedicated drivers of Radio Cab. "The foundation started 23 years ago", said Wade Rogerson, Event Coordinator for the Foundation; "our foundation was created because Radio Cab drivers saw a need in our community"; he went on to say "the

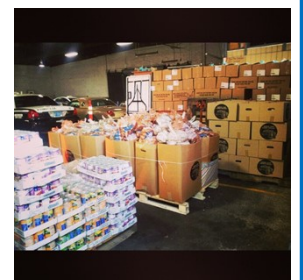
families we help are those who fall through the cracks and are struggling so much that putting food on the table may not happen without our support. It must be difficult to be in a position of having to choose between a few gifts for their children or having a Christmas meal, we hope to take that difficulty away." The goal every year is to feed 500 families; that comes out to approximately 3200 people who get fed at Christmas time.

Thanks to Council 678 the number of families fed has grown well beyond that goal the last couple years. "This charity and our partnership are a no-brainer for us, making sure families have an opportunity to sit around the table from one another during Christmas and enjoy a hot meal. This strikes right at what Christmas should be about, as we all remember all the sacrifices of our faith and bringing the family together" Campy said on Friday. "It's not about the gifts—it's all about togetherness and family!" This Foundation has some great partners too. Fred Meyer gives amazing prices for turkeys; Dave's Killer Bread is donating 1,700 loaves of bread and for the first time a Portland Trail Blazer is helping. Hassan Whiteside, the Blazers 7-foot-tall center is spreading the message via PSA's on KEX, home of the Blazers radio and is spending some time to deliver food boxes and bring some attention to the foundation using his superstar NBA persona. He saw what this foundation was all about and didn't hesitate to join the team. Whiteside is new to Portland traded from the Miami Heat this summer.



Each family receives a food box which contains a large turkey and all the fixin's; stuffing, green beans, corn, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberries as well as a few loaves of bread. 100% of the money they raise goes into those food boxes. It costs about \$20.00 per box. Every person who 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 to all a message that Christmas is alive and bringing families together on Christmas Eve and is the best way to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ! After speaking with Mr. Rogerson, he says, "We are better off financially this year than last but our need is still there, we can't let off our goals for one second because if we don't make it we may not be able to feed every family on the list. Last year we did 778 families. We just need a few thousand more dollars to get us to comfortable place to feed all those families and have a small reserve to take care of those who weren't on our radar, which happens every year.

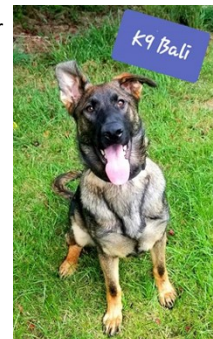
Because of the Knights of Columbus no one gets left behind, We have been able to feed every family who have put in a request the last couple of years." If you or your Council would like to donate you may send a check or money order to; Radio Cab Foundation, 1613 Northwest Kearney Street, Portland Oregon 97209 or go to [RadioCabFoundation.org](http://RadioCabFoundation.org) or [RadioCabCares.org](http://RadioCabCares.org) and then hit the donate button!



## Council 678 makes big impact for Police K9 Scholarship!

By Mike Campy, GK, Council 678 Portland

"This is such a great opportunity for us" said Grand Knight Mike Campy of Council 678 when asked about supporting the fundraising efforts to bring Police K9s to small or medium police agencies in the state. The Scholarship from Working Dogs Oregon was awarded to the Pendleton Police Dept and Central Point Police Dept in August. "The great thing about this scholarship is the focus on public relations, community and fundraising at the grass roots level" said Darin Campbell. The litter of puppies were born December 27<sup>th</sup> and they undergo a yearlong training once old enough, which starts at about 6 months of age. The future four legged police officers will be dual purpose dogs proficient in drug detection, track and capture as well as bite work. Chosen to head to Pendleton is K9 Bali, a pure-bred German Shepherd dog stemming from incredible European bloodlines. Bali's Dad is a Military Police Dog currently at Langley AFB in Texas and his Mom was the 2018 World Champion for scent detection. "We are so lucky to have these dogs available to us and can give them to agencies who otherwise would not have this opportunity" Campbell said other Agencies applied for the scholarship in a competitive process assisted through the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police, and 13 Oregon police agencies applied. The departments were then selected based on applicants showing a need where a K9 could immediately make an impact, community support for future fundraising and the desire to be consistent in training and K9 public involvement.



Pendleton Chief of Police Stuart Roberts was quoted in a press release from Working Dogs Oregon saying; ***"Recently, the Pendleton Police Department seized a rare opportunity to compete for a scholarship made available through the generosity of Working Dogs Oregon and Howling Creek Kennels. More specifically, the department was able to pursue the donation of a trained K-9 saving the taxpayers in the city of Pendleton in excess of \$60,000. In the spirit of providing the competent and comprehensive services possible, the department established its K-9 program in 2000. Since the year 2000, the department has been home to four K-9(s) the latest of which, "Lucy" is retiring due to age and health issues. Consequently, without the consideration of Working Dogs Oregon and Howling Creek Kennels it is highly likely the departments long standing K-9 program would have to be suspended for an unknown period due to funding logistics."***

Pendleton was important for us to get a dog to as there are no drug detection dogs in the NE Corner of the state now that K9 Lucy retired and marijuana has become legal in most cases. The Office of Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) in Washington DC has designated Pendleton a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area. The need for a drug detection dog in North Eastern Oregon is of dire need and this K9 will make an impact from the first day on the job assisting drug interdiction teams.

Likewise, Central Point Police are getting Bali's brother K9 Gus. Both dogs are named after police or military working dogs who died in the line of duty as an honor to those who came before them. Central Point Police currently is deciding on the officer who will be K9 Gus' handler.

Council 678 asked what they could do to help. As part of a year-round effort to support the ongoing operations of the Pendleton K9 unit council 678 sponsored the purchase of plush mini Bali dogs to be sold to the public. Each dog costs \$8.50 and sells for \$20. The mini stuffed K9 has Bali's name on his chest, the Pendleton Police Patch on his back and a collar that reads K9 hero! Also, the Mini Bali sports an Ear tag which reads "Sponsored By the Knights of Columbus Council 678" as well as the KofC logo. Working Dogs Oregon is selling these to help support the scholarship and continued expenses the K9 units incur.



An initial investment for a Police Agency to fund a new K9 unit is easily in excess of six figures. An expense a small department cannot absorb. This scholarship is meant to add to a department's resource not replace them. By giving outside funding options such as the one sponsored by Council 678 it ensures the Chief of Police will not need to choose between K9 and another unit because of funding issues.

Officer Cass Clark has been selected as K9 Bali's handler and has had an opportunity to take his future dog around the Pendleton community twice now. K9 Bali visits during training breaks about every 60 days. "I get asked at least twice a day if I have gotten Bali yet" says officer Clark, "He is very popular in the Pendleton community."

This Scholarship has the need for a statewide effort. Just a K9 vehicle can cost over \$60,000 and that doesn't count the emergency door pop, temperature alert systems and built in kennel. "It would be our highest dream a group may come forward with a vehicle we could put in service with Bali" Said Campbell. The donation from Council 678 will go a long way in the continuation of training these dogs. The kennel where training is performed is donating the dogs, training and some minor gear. "Howling Creek Kennels from SW Washington has been such a great partner in this first of its kind scholarship" Campbell adds. "Our hope is that we can bring a dog in from Europe specially selected by Howling Creek and place it in an Oregon department in need. "We so value all that the Knights of Columbus Council 678 have provided to us. Checks can be sent to Working Dogs Oregon, 3570 SW 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Portland OR 97225. Working Dogs Oregon in addition to this scholarship have a Therapy Dog team that goes to hospitals, hospice homes, schools and special events. They have a presentation on Service dogs for businesses to understand the Americans With Disabilities Act. Finally, they advocate and educate on all things dogs do for Oregonians to the Oregon State Legislature. They do all these things on a volunteer basis.





**Council in Action**

By Chris Erno, Council 11258 Central Point

The Central Point Council 11082 Knights of Columbus will be selling fresh-cut Christmas Trees with its location at St. Vincent de Paul in Medford.

All volunteers raising money and all Christmas Tree Sales will have the proceeds going to local charities starting Friday, November 29th from 3-7pm,

Noble Fir @ \$8 / ft.

5' - 6' \$40

6' - 7' \$48

7' - 8' \$56

8' - 9' \$64

9' -10' \$72



Douglas Fir @ \$5.50 / ft.

5' - 6' \$28

6' - 7' \$33

7' - 8' \$38

8' - 9' \$44

9' -10' \$50



Weekends (Sat-Sun) 9am-7pm, with the Weekdays from 3pm-7pm.

**Council in Action**

By Duane Kloser Canby Council 3484



**10th Street Improvement Project**

On Saturday November 23rd, Steve Heli and Duane Kloser planted 5 Japanese Maple trees in amongst the Kinnikinnick ground cover plants along 10<sup>th</sup> street at St. Patrick Catholic Church.

A big thanks to Steve & Lora Heli for donating the trees.



**Supreme's  
Families of the Month for October 2019**

**Michael Nolan Council 8129**



**Note: As of 11/01/2019, the program has changed to have one (1) winner per participating jurisdiction.**

Oregon Councils participating in October were:

Council 8129\* Dallas and Council 9527 Milwaukie

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

**Safe Environment January 1<sup>st</sup> Goal is Almost Here**

Brother Knights,

As stated in my speech at the 2019 State Convention and throughout this Fraternal Year, the State's and my goal was to reach **100%** compliance of all Councils in Safe Environment by January 1<sup>st</sup>. Now—that time is almost upon us.

If you are in one of the roles as Grand Knight, Program, Community, and Family Director and have not completed the training, *please do so by January 1<sup>st</sup>*. Check your emails and JUNK emails for correspondence regarding your training from either Supreme or Praesidium Armatus.

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

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Disaster  
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**Disaster Preparation-Be Prepared**

Hello Brother Knights,

With winter coming up, now is a good time to check your heating system as well as your smoke alarms.

If your smoke alarms are beyond 7 years old, think about taking advantage of the following option.

October was Fire Prevention Month and we're excited to announce our partnership with the Office of the Oregon State Fire Marshal and **Fox 12 Oregon news anchor Nora Hart** to bring awareness to the Red Cross Home Fire Campaign! <https://redcrossblog.org/2019/10/01/fire-prevention-month-tv/>

Did you know, the Red Cross provides and installs **FREE** smoke alarms in your home? It's as simple as visiting the site [soundthealarm.org/cascades](http://soundthealarm.org/cascades) to sign up.

Want to volunteer? We need those too! Visit [soundthealarm.org/cascades](http://soundthealarm.org/cascades) to learn how you can help save lives. This community service program is right up the alley for the Knights of Columbus.

**Together, we can Sound the Alarm. Save a Life.**

Pat Beckham

Disaster Preparation Chairman

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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**

**PSD George Flake**  
Council 7223 Madras

**PSD Dominic Worsowicz**  
Council 1430 Eugene

**PDGK Robert Carlos**  
**Jerry Bibo**  
Council 9529 Lincoln City

**DW23 Jerry Raveling**  
Council 7246 Newport

**Brent Dattke**  
Council 1872 Bend

**Older Brother of Alfred T Aqcaoil**  
Council 1623 McMinnville

**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 hurricanes, 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**  
Michael Rooke  
H: 503-888-5939  
[michael@rooke.com](mailto:michael@rooke.com)

**IN MEMORIAM**

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

No passing of Knights or members of their families was made known to your editor this month, therefore we have no entries.

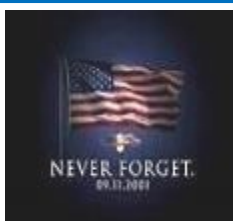
As a reminder—it behooves all DD's, GK's and FS's to send in the names of members or family members to State Secretary Michael Rooke as is stated in the lower left part of this page:

**Please direct your prayer requests to:**  
**State Health/Welfare/Prayer Chairman**  
Michael Rooke  
H: 503-888-5939  
[michael@rooke.com](mailto:michael@rooke.com)

No member nor their family members should ever be forgotten. Let's start the New Year's resolution of letting your Health Welfare and Prayer Chairman know of anyone who is sick or is distress or has passed on to their reward in Heaven.



*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!



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