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The Bi-Monthly Newsletter of the Oregon State Council of the Knights of Columbus

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State Deputy
Bob Kish

Brother Knights of Oregon,

Back in November, 19th -22nd, Sue and I attended the “Mid-Year Meeting of State Deputies” in San Antonio, Texas.

Before dinner was served Friday night, Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson gave what he said “would be one of the most important speeches of his term as Supreme Knight”. He wasn’t kidding. When he finished his speech, outlining his new initiative, he received a standing ovation of support from all 73 of the Jurisdictions’ State Deputies.

The Supreme Knight’s new initiative “*Building the Domestic Church, While Strengthening Our Parish*” builds upon what we have done and where we have been. At the same time though, it requires that we do things differently as we move forward.

Back in December, I emailed this new initiative around the State. It has been published in the December issues of the Columbia Magazine and Knightline. This new initiative was also the focus at the Mid-Year Meeting of Oregon District Deputies in Florence last week.

On Dec. 29th, I met with Archbishop Sample to discuss how this initiative would impact our Councils and Parishes. The Archbishop also received a personal letter from the Supreme Knight explaining his new initiative. Archbishop Sample and I both agree with the Supreme Knight that changes need to be made. Modifying how we do business and the outcome of these changes will be very beneficial to our Order, our Parishes and our Priests.

Brothers, by now I hope you get the feeling that this initiative is very important and life changing for us Knights? This really is a big deal. I pray that each of our Knights of Columbus in Oregon will feel as our Archbishop and I do and support this new initiative. We all hear that “change is never easy”, but this change comes from the Supreme Knight himself and it has the backing of your State Deputy, the State Officers and our Archbishop. I hope as we move forward with this New Initiative that every Brother Knight in Oregon sees the big picture in all this and supports his Supreme and State Officers.

"We are truly positioned today
to move to a new level of service
as the strong right arm of our parish churches"
(Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson)

Rather than me writing out and quoting the Supreme Knight’s speech, dated November 20th, please go to Supreme’s web site and read it for yourself. About 2/3rds of the way into the speech, the new KofC Initiative is outlined. By now, your District Deputy will be educated and brought up to speed with how the Knights of Columbus Councils need to become and move towards “More Parish-Based Councils”.

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Also, your District Deputy can further explain the changes pertaining to “Home Associations”, Council sponsorships of Cub Scout Packs and Troops and the integration of the Columbia Squires towards the Parish Youth activities. Your District Deputy was instructed to inform Councils to give priority to the Family Activity category of our Service Programs and activities related to our “Building the Domestic Church” program. I am excited about this Initiative and look forward to seeing good things come from it as we move forward in Oregon.

This New 2016 Year brings a new Service Programs Reporting year. Please read the report on New Directors and the “New Programs Reporting Incentive Plan” the State Officers came up with elsewhere in this newsletter.

Brothers, 6 months remain for this Fraternal Year and this means I have 6 months remaining as your State Deputy. The end of June will be here before you know it. Please make these last 6 months the most successful for your Council and the State. It’s the start of a New Year; it’s the perfect time to make that resolution to ask a Catholic man to join our Order.

Thank You Brothers,

Keep Praying

Stay Positive

Be United

Be Faithful in all your works.

Then, with the grace of God, we will succeed.

God Bless you all,

VIVAT JESUS

Fraternally,

Bob Kish

Oregon State Deputy

[Another New Council—16370](#)

Great News...Oregon has just been assigned its second new council number of the Fraternal Year!!! (Exciting news for those Brother Duck fans out there:)

This is the "University of Oregon Council #16370".

I will keep you all informed of the upcoming events for this council as well.

Fraternally,

Bob Kish

Oregon State Deputy

As Fr. Theodore Lange was very busy with the mid-winter meeting, we are placing some other news pertaining to Fr. Theo’s selection for a special ministry.



Knights of Columbus

OREGON STATE COUNCIL

Robert J. Kish Jr. State Deputy

Brother Knights,

In this Year of Mercy, Archbishop Rino Fisichella, President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting the Evangelization, initiated the “Missionaries of Mercy.”



State Chaplain,
Fr. Theodore Lange

The “Missionaries of Mercy”, as Pope Francis intends to use them, are priests from various parts of the world, recommended by their bishops as “living signs of the Father’s readiness to welcome those in search of His pardon” (Misericordiae vultus).

Here in Oregon, our Knights of Columbus State Chaplain, Fr. Theodore Lange, has been asked to serve that role. What an honor!! This core of missionaries numbers 800 of which 100 are priests from the United States. At the invitation of local bishops, these missionaries will be sent to dioceses to preach, lead spiritual retreats, and hear confessions.

At the Vatican on Ash Wednesday, February 10, 2016, these priests will receive the mandate from the Holy Father to be preachers of mercy and confessors full of mercy. They will receive from the Holy Father the authority to pardon “even those sins reserved to the Holy See” (Bull of Indiction, n. 18).

What an honor for Fr.Theo!!

AND NOW BROTHER KNIGHTS, “In solidarity and support of our Priests”, can we all help finance the expenses?? In concurrence with my State Officers, I am asking you to consider some assistance for our State Chaplain. An untold amount will be provided by the Archdiocese, but a fair amount needs to come from parishes and friends to cover Father’s travel costs. If you or your Council can assist, please send via your Financial Secretary to our State Secretary, Sid Thiel at 17180 SW Smith Ave; #83, Sherwood, OR 97140. (This will be a designated account for this purpose only.)

VIVAT JESUS

Robert J. Kish Jr.
Oregon State Deputy
Knights of Columbus

Happy 2016 New Reporting Year!!!!

Yes Brothers, 2016 marks the beginning of the new “Service Programs Reporting” year. As you may remember, we changed the Service Reporting from Fraternal Year to the Calendar Year. All the online “State Service Program Reporting Forms” have been updated, **so please use these new forms.**

The 2016 updates include changes to the “Service Programs Reporting Handbook” ...also found on the State Website. I suggest you all read this handbook again and **pay particular attention to** the new Service Programs Reporting **Incentives that the State Officers have added for 2016.**

The State has also made some personnel changes regarding our State Service Directors for the various programs.

Before listing the new Directors, the State Council would like to publicly thank the former Directors who worked so hard and long to make Oregon the truly successful jurisdiction it is now. “Thank You” to the following Brothers who have served us so well: Brother Steve Steele (still our State Warden), Brother Marc Langley, Brother Buck Fitzgerald, Brother Steve Purves, Brother Chris Johnson, Brother Ed Betts and Brother George Murphy (who holds a new state level position) for all your dedication to the Order.

The list below is of the 2016 Directors who will be working just as hard throughout the 2016 reporting year and who have agreed to continue to do so even when a new State Deputy takes over in July at the beginning of Fraternal Year 2016-2017.

General Program Director: George Murphy *(was our very successful Youth Director the last several years and answered the call to take on a larger role in the state).*

Church Director: Ray Prom *(is our Squires Chairman as well).*

Community Director: Kent Purdy *(FS Mt. Angel Council #1767).*

Council Director: Paul Crawford *(former DD #6).*

Culture of Life Director: Mike Rossetti *(Sherwood Council #9137).*

Family Director: Bob Adams *(Coos Bay Council #1261)*

Youth Director: Bert Bungcayao *(Portland St. Pius X Council #12656).*

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Oregon Service Program Reporting Incentives (Thousand Point Club)**What could you win?**

For each Service Program Category, every Council reporting 1,000 points or more has the opportunity for their Delegate and his guest to win a free Friday night dinner at the next State Convention. The winning Delegate will also receive a “Thousand Point Club” plaque to take back to his Council.

How does this work?

At the end of each reporting year (Dec. 31), for every one thousand points reported by a Council in each Service Program, the Program Director will place one (1) “Thousand Point Club” incentive raffle ticket into a hat. A maximum of 20 tickets may be accumulated, per Council, per Service Program. All division groupings will be accumulated together for this incentive raffle.

Example:

Council #85588 reported totals for each Service Program at the end of the year:

15,300 in Church (15 entry tickets)

5,600 in Youth (5 entry tickets)

10,900 in Community (10 entry tickets)

1,500 in Pro-life (1 entry ticket)

5,100 in Council (5 entry tickets)

38,750 in Family (20 entry tickets)

The drawing will take place at the Friday night dinner, at the next State Convection after the last reporting year. Each Program Director will draw a ticket and the winning Council Delegate for that Service Program will be announced at that moment.

Council Delegate #1 or Delegate #2 must be present to win. Prizes will not be awarded to anyone but the Council Delegates or Acting Alternates.

Only one (1) winning Council (*from all combined division groupings*) will be drawn from each Service Program for a total of 6 winning Councils.

A Council can only win ONCE for each reporting year. If the same Council number is drawn a second time in another Service Program, that ticket must be discarded and another ticket drawn until a qualifying council is awarded.

The State Council will issue a “Thousand Point Club” incentive check to the winning Councils Financial Secretary covering the cost of 2 Friday night meals. The check will be mailed along with the Council per-diem check after the convention. The FS and the Delegate must work out the details of the reimbursement.

"The family as the Domestic Church is central to both the work of the new evangelization and to the future sustainability of our parishes, as well as the future sustainability of the Order".
Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson

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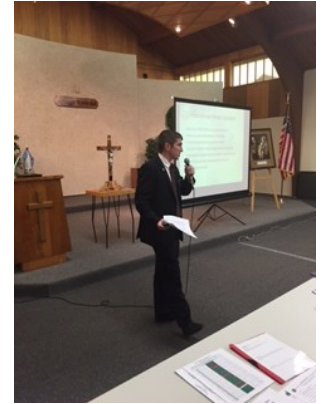
Mid-Winter meeting in Florence, Oregon on January 9/10, 2016



Fr. Theo
State Chaplain



Peter Harrison Supreme Representative
Fraternal Marketing Consultant



DDs being given instructions



Break out groups

Sharing individual ideas so as to collectively gain the maximum knowledge for the group.

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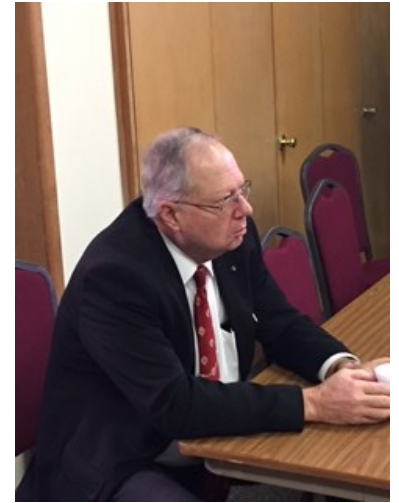
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State Deputy Bob Kish



Insurance Representative



Hispanic Outreach Coordinator
Jesse Villarreal



Elvis was in the building



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"Today, the Knights of Columbus is providentially positioned to play a key roll in the new alliance between the Church and the family called for by Pope Francis. But to do this, we must adopt new methods".

Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson

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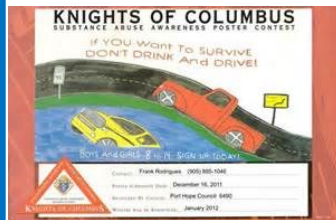


Bert Bungcayao

New State Youth Director Assigned

Fellow Brothers! As you all might not have known, I, Bert Bungcayao, have taken over the position as the State Youth Director (SYD) position starting January 2016. My home Council is St. Pius X #12656. I am currently my Council's Youth Director (CYD) and I have held this position since 2012. I hope to keep my current position at my Council and take on SYD at the same time. I look forward to working with all of your fellow State Officers and CYD this year to support our youth mission—to teach, through our youth activities, valuable life lessons in compassion, responsibility, leadership, and morality.

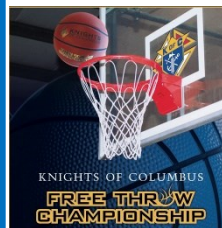
My goal, as State Youth Director for the next 6 months, is to learn as much as I can from the previous SYD, George Murphy, by applying, hopefully, the teaching I have learned. I feel that I have an open mind to ideas and constructive feedback. Any way is fine. I improve myself from great feedback from the people I work with.



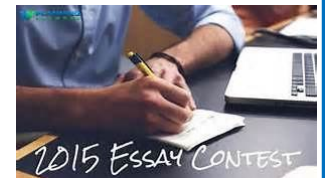
September 2015 was a great start of our Essay; Drug and Alcohol Poster and Soccer Shoot events. The 2016 Basketball Free Throw Championship will start this month (January 2016). What is the status of our youth events to date? The Essay Contest is



at state level for judging and the Drug and Alcohol Poster Contest status is at the state level judging. The State Soccer Champions are in the international level of competition. I will keep you all posted when winners of the Essay, Soccer, and Poster events are announced.



For the Basketball Free Throw Competition, I will advise all Councils to start their championship in January 2016. District or Regional Free throw should be held in February 2016. The State Free Throw competition is set for March 13th, 2016 at Corvallis High School, 1400 NW Buchanan Ave, Corvallis, OR 97330 at Noon.



Please send all Council Youth Reports to me at: bungcay@comcast.net. I may have to change email to separate K of C business. I will notify you all when a new email account is made. My Cell# is 503-703-7246. All Councils submitting reports to me will automatically get an extra 100 points for filling out a report and sending to me. Thank you all!

I look forward to a great year with all of you Brother Youth Directors and State Officers who help keep the mission of the Knights of Columbus alive. I am open to suggestions, ideas, and any questions or feedback on anything mentioned above. God bless my Brother Knights for our efforts to make our mission a success.

Bert Bungcayao
Oregon State Youth Director
bungcay@comcast.net

"What is necessary now, is greater involvement in the renewal of parish and family life"
Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson



[New State General Program Director Assigned](#)

Brother Knights:

I writing this article to close one chapter in my Knight's career and open another. I am finishing my time as State Youth Director and joining a team affectionately know as The Rookies. Ray Prom is Church Director; Kent Purdy is Community Director; Paul Crawford is Council; Mike Rossetti is Culture of Life; Bob Adams is Family Director; Bert Bungcayao is my replacement as Youth Director; and I, George Murphy am the General Program Director...We are Rookies because we all started our jobs at the State Level on 1 Jan 2016. We ask your blessing and assistance as we start out running with the Rookies. We promise to do the best job possible all the time. We hope to work closely with the District Deputies and State Officers.

Thanks in advance,
George Murphy
State General Programs Director
(503)703-7671
murphy1969@frontier.com

[2016 Convention Host Report](#)

My Brother Knights,

Since we have begun the final half of the 2015-2016 Fraternal Year, one of the things that comes along with it is the Oregon State Convention.

Please make sure your Calendars are marked for **April 29th, 30th, and May 1st** as those are the Convention dates.

This year the Convention is being held at the Red Lion Hotel located off Market St in our State Capital City of Salem. The GPS address is 3301 Market St NE, Salem, OR 97301

Our committee will have registration packets and Ladies activities information coming out to you with in the next few weeks.

Vivat Jesus,
Nickolas Guenther
[503-890-3457](tel:503-890-3457)
2016 Convention Host





INSURANCE CORNER

Plan for this Tax Day and into the Future

April 15 (tax day) is right around the corner. It's become popular this time of year to encourage the opening of an IRA or similar retirement annuity, or the depositing of additional funds into an existing account, as a tax savings vehicle. Or perhaps someone has tried to convince you to open an account, touting the rate of interest that money in one of these accounts can earn. Let me join the chorus of folks encouraging you to open or add funds to an annuity, but for a different reason. Certainly, contributing money to a Knights of Columbus annuity will allow you to save some money on your income tax return. And, our annuities do pay a very competitive interest rate, consistent with our primary goal of absolute safety of principal. Opening or adding to an annuity for these reasons, however, strikes me as taking a short-term view of a product that is designed to provide long-term security. How much security? How does retirement income that you cannot outlive — guaranteed — sound to you? Here at the Knights of Columbus, you can open a retirement annuity for as little as \$300. Consistent and disciplined savings placed into that annuity over time can guarantee you an income at retirement that you cannot outlive. That guarantee — along with the fact that no one has ever lost money left in a Knights of Columbus annuity (remember — absolute safety of principal) — really will provide you with peace of mind.

I am happy to meet with you — at your convenience and in your home — to explain in detail the benefits of opening a Knights of Columbus annuity, along with the benefits of our top rated life insurance, disability income and long-term care insurance plans.

James Walton
Field Agent
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Church Director Report

START YOUR NEW YEAR OFF RIGHT



Ray Prom
Church Director

The Knights of Columbus, in many parishes, sponsors a 1st Friday Eucharistic Adoration, on the first Friday of every month. For example, in Astoria, this year, January 1 is the first Friday of the year. So, starting at 8:00 p.m. and lasting through the night until 8:00 a.m. on January 2, there were Knights in the church in Adoration of our Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament. You are invited to join with us during any month. In Astoria, contact Ray Prom at home phone 503-440-2382 for more information, or to schedule an hour, or just drop into the church during this time period. What better way to kick off 2016? If your Council has not started this type of program, then please consider doing it.

Ray Prom,
Oregon State Church Director

[Northwest Catholic Men's Conference](#)

Worthy Grand Knight and my Brother Knights, The Knights of Columbus Council 1673 in Pendleton Oregon would like to draw your attention to the upcoming 8th Annual Northwest Catholic Men's Conference.

This year the Conference will be held February 26 & 27, 2016 at the Convention Center in Pendleton Oregon. The doors will open for check-in on Friday at 4:00PM and the opening Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. The conference will finish on Saturday at 5:00PM. We will have inspiring talks and some teachings by Most Rev. Peter Christensen (Bishop of Boise), Most Rev. Liam Cary (Bishop of Baker), Fr. Theodore Lange our (Oregon State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus), Fr. Kumar Udagandla (St. Mary's Parish in Pendleton) and Mark Shea (author and speaker).

There will be Masses on Friday and Saturday, confessions (throughout the Conference), Stations of the Cross, Adoration, and small group breakout discussions. Meals will be provided for Friday's dinner and breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

This is a great time of learning how to be true men of Faith, growing in love for Jesus and the Catholic Tradition. Many men have commented in the past on the heartwarming fellowship experienced in the presence of strong men of Catholic Faith.

We ask that you share this information with your Council and consider forming a group to make the journey to Pendleton, Oregon this February.

To find out more information about the Conference and to register, go to the website: www.nwcmg.com

If you have any questions, please feel to contact St. Mary's Parish at 541-276-3615 or Terry Case, Grand Knight at 541-457-2925 or patter@helixtel.com.

Thank you very much for your time.

Fraternally,

Terry Case Grand Knight Council 1673

Northwest Catholic Men's Conference



Most Rev. Peter Christensen
Bishop of Boise



Most Rev. Liam Cary
Bishop of Baker



Fr. Kumar Udagandla
Pastor, St. Mary's, Pendleton



Fr. Theodore Lange
Oregon State Chaplain of
Knights of Columbus



Mark Shea
Author

Conference Speakers:

Conference begins Friday at 4 p.m. with registrations and ends Saturday at 5 p.m. with a final blessing.

Cost is \$40
includes 3 meals

Fathers and sons, ages 15 and up, are welcome

Registration forms and additional information available at www.nwcmg.com or call St. Mary's Parish (541) 276-3615

Pendleton Convention Center
Pendleton, Oregon

"We have to focus more on programs that support Catholic Families in their mission as a domestic Church".
Supreme Knight, Carl A. Anderson

[Coos Bay Council In Action](#)



Congratulations to Coos Bay Council 1261 for receiving matching funds from the Supreme Council to assist them in purchasing a new ultrasound machine for the Coos County Pregnancy Resource Center.

This is huge accomplishment. A lot of time and effort goes into this program. More lives can now be saved here in Oregon and specifically, the Coos Bay area. Council 1261 made the effort and succeeded at it. My hat goes off to you all for a job well done!

Fraternally,
Bob Kish
Oregon State Deputy
Knights of Columbus

(The following are additional comments for Council 1261 from Bob Adams, DD12)

High praise to Council 1261's current Grand Knight, Steve Kettner, who spearheaded all the fundraising efforts. With one of his, and his every faithful wife Terry's 'now famous' dinners, we were able to raise the matching funds. With the help of some additional donations from many parishioners who could not attend the dinner, the Council exceeded the matching funds and provided additional training to some more staff.

This becomes especially exciting in our more rural area of Oregon as this will allow the Parents Representative Council (PRC) to now do outreach. Several of our Christian based businesses in our smaller remote towns have offered parking space and basic accommodations for a mobile unit to periodically be parked at their business to allow the valuable service that the PRC provides to now be brought directly to towns like Bandon, Coquille, Powers and Gold Beach. It may not seem like much of a distance, but it just may prove to be the difference in the life of a little one.

Blessings to all,

Bob Adams
District Deputy, District 12.

January Membership Challenge



Win Two Nights In Newport

The Council with the highest intake percent in membership for the month of January will win a two-night stay on the beautiful Oregon coast at The Whaler Motel in Newport, OR. The council will choose one Knight and their spouse. To be eligible the Council will need to reach at least 11% of their annual intake membership goal. The contest will end on January 31st.

Lebanon Council In Action

The Lebanon Council has finalized their Ultrasound Machine Project. Please see message below from the Grand Knight Nathan Adelman of the Lebanon Council. A very special congratulations goes out to Marty Suing, past GK and current DGK of the Lebanon Council for heading up the project and seeing it through. Without his dedication this amazing accomplishment could not have been done. This is a big deal.

Marty Suing will be setting up an open house very soon at the Pregnancy Alternative Center on a Saturday to see the hard work the Lebanon Council provided. I will send out an email of the specifics soon.

I am proud to be a part of District #7 and the men who are dedicated to do God's work. This goes to show what a small Council can do.

Thank you and a big "Thank you" to Marty Suing

Tom Radel
District Deputy #7 / Habitat for Humanity Chairman



OUR NEW ULTRASOUND!

TODAY we received our brand new state-of-the-art ultrasound machine! We are **SO EXCITED!** And we are so grateful for the Knights of Columbus, (pictured above with me) who worked tirelessly over the past year to fundraise for this **MUCH** need beautiful new machine! **GOD IS GOOD** and we are praising Him!

The Medical Staff is in HEAVEN!

Thank you God for your **FAITHFULNESS!**

Debbie

Pictured above, from the Lebanon Council, is Grand Knight, Nathan Adelman; DGK Marty Suing; Recorder and Pro Life Chairman, Joseph Holt; FS, Stephen Suing.



Council Director Report

We'll be starting a New Year very soon. As we begin this year let's begin by getting your reports in timely fashion. This will show other Councils as well as the State what projects you are working on. When your members complete a project successfully, they deserve the recognition. Your work as a Council will help inspire each of us in what we can do in our own Councils. (We can call this project *Toot Your Horn*)

Send me your reports each month by the 15th. This will enable me to compile your work points quickly. Your points will grow and your own members will appreciate the recognition.

Important: Be sure to select a Knight of Month and Lady of Month every month.

I wish you many blessings in the coming year.

Paul Crawford
Oregon State Council Director



Steve Steele
State Warden

My Brothers All,
I hope all of you had a joyous Christmas and New Years and are ready for an exciting year for the Oregon Knights of Columbus.

First off I would like you all to welcome Brother George Murphy as the new State General Program Director (GPD). The State Officers thought that since all our programs reporting is based on the calendar year, it would be a good time to change some Directors since the upcoming State Deputy has new plans for his administration. As you know George was our former Youth Director and did an outstanding job promoting the programs for youth. I will still be collecting tallies for December and tabulating the scores. Just a reminder, the due date to get your program point totals to the directors is January 15, 2016 for December. Please join me in welcoming George on board as our GPD.

The 2016 State Convention is fast approaching. It will be in Salem this year at the Red Lion Inn April 29,30, and May 1. Registration packets should be in the mail within the next month or so. Now's the time to start thinking about who your delegates will be for the Convention. It is very important that all Councils in the state have representation at the Convention. This year we will be holding elections for a new warden. If any of you are interested in becoming a State Officer, please get your resolution in to State Advocate Ron Boyce soon. There is information given out at the Convention that is vital for all Councils. Let shoot for 100% for each Council's attendance this year.

I want to thank all of you for your patience this past year as we rolled out a new program reporting system. It was touch and go for the first couple of months but you all came through and the state programs are better now for it. Please continue to give your feedback on ways to make our programs better. There is no bad idea when it comes to helping others.

Vivat Jesus,

Steve Steele
State Warden/Past State Program Director
Oregon Marshal

Food for Families



Economic inequality has real life consequences

The Epistle of St. James Chapter 2 reminds us that having faith without good works is not acceptable in fulfilling the second greatest commandment: “Love thy neighbor as thyself”. We demonstrate our love for our neighbor by providing food for those who hunger. There are many ways that your Council and/or your Assembly can provide food to the hungry adults and children in Oregon.

- ◆ Collect 40 Cans of Food for Lent from parishioners and donate the food to an organization that feeds the hungry in your community.
- ◆ Backpack Program (Provides food for the weekend to children who receive food assistance at school).
- ◆ Volunteer to assist a food bank or soup kitchen in your area.
- ◆ In the spring, plant a community garden to provide vegetables to those who hunger.
- ◆ Donate \$1.00 per day to feed the hungry.

Someone once asked me whether I would buy a cup of coffee for a person who is starving. I was reminded that a large cup of coffee at McDonald’s cost \$1.00. If I were to donate that \$1.00 to the local food bank each day, the food bank could purchase anywhere from \$7-\$10 of food for each \$1.00 donated.

We have close to 9,000 Knights of Columbus in Oregon. If only 10% of our Brother Knights (900) donated \$1.00 a day, our collective annual donation would be \$328,500. The Oregon Food Bank could purchase between \$2,299,500 and \$3,285,000 of food for the year. It cost \$1.75 to feed a hungry person a warm meal. Let us feed the hungry.

Submitted by: Dick Akins,



Brother Knight of Knights of the Resurrection Council 13851

Sir Knight of Archbishop Fulton J Sheen Assembly 3248

Oregon State Chairman – Food for Families

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dickakins@comcast.net



Special Olympics Oregon

Partnership Profile Report #4538 is due January 31, 2016!

Polar Plunge 2016



How you can help:
PLUNGE | DONATE | VOLUNTEER

Corvallis & Eugene:	February 13th
Bend & Medford:	February 20th
Portland:	February 27th

Summer State Games



Coming to Newberg in July

Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities



Tootsie Roll Fundraiser:

This local Council or District-wide fundraiser can be held anytime during the year.



Contact: Stan Nored, Committee Chairman | stan@123playground.com | 541-231-1944

Oregon State K of C Charities



"RAFFLE TICKETS ARE IN THE MAIL"

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

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

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

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

1ST PRIZE = \$2500.00

2ND PRIZE = \$1500.00

3RD PRIZE = \$1000.00

4TH PRIZE = \$ 500.00

Drawing April 30th at State Convention in Salem

Please send tickets and donations collected to:

Oregon State K of C Charities, Inc.

17180 SW Smith Ave., #83

Sherwood, OR 97140

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Parishioners/Friends"**

Canby Council In Action

Submitted by Bob Sheveland Canby Council 3484 and State Council Director Paul Crawford

Cantelena performance at St Patrick's in Canby for the Knights and their Families of Council 3484

For each of the past 10 years, Canby Council 3484 has invited a premier singing group from Canby High School called The Cantelenas to provide a wonderful evening of inspirational music for the friends and families of Canby Council .

The Canby Knights support this popular singing group financially and also hosts the popular singing group for a delicious dinner. Following a turkey and ham dinner with all the wonderful trimmings, the singers performed a selection of Holiday music and also included the Knights and their families in a sing-along. What a wonderful evening and wonderful way to continue the Advent Season!



Albany Council In Action



The Great 1577

Knights of Columbus are making a difference in Albany.



WE ARE HIS HANDS

Friday December 11, 2015 marked the second year the Knights of Columbus in Albany, Oregon have participated in the Knights of Columbus "Coats for Kids" program. Since the program was launched in 2009, more than 300,000 new coats have been distributed to children by Knights of Columbus in the USA and Canada.

Albany Council 1577 distributed 72 warm winter coats to children most in need at St Mary's Catholic Church and through the F.A.C.T. program of Albany Public Schools. Donations from members and parishioners of St Mary's were used to purchase the new coats, all given away at no charge. F.A.C.T. is a team of specialists who link schools, students and families together with available community services in the Albany area. F.A.C.T. works in partnership with local schools to help students be successful in school and to make resources available to them at both home and school.

Also on Dec 11, the Albany Council continued the day in service to others by hosting a successful Red Cross Blood Drive at St Mary's Catholic Church. Hopefully our actions and efforts today authentically reflect God's mercy.

McMinnville Council In Action

On December 11th, McMinnville Knights, Jim Mann, Doug Young, Mario Gomez-Martinez, Joe Licht, and Skip West, delivered 19 coats to St. James School, and 17 coats to Henderson House.



The donations were greatly appreciated, and will be well used.

Doug Young
Financial Secretary
McMinnville Knights Of Columbus Council #1623

I am taking the PLUNGE for Special Olympics Oregon!

Brother Knights,

On February 13, 2016 Some of the Oregon State Officers (including the State Deputy) will join hundreds of zany souls who will take the plunge into the freezing Willamette River, and I am doing it to raise money for the athletes of Special Olympics Oregon. Please consider making a donation to help me reach my goal because they need our help!

You can join our team as well and plunge with us!!!

Every dollar counts, and the money goes all to Special Olympics Oregon, who never turns away an individual who wants to participate in their programs. Your donation will help support year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Through sport, the athletes of Special Olympics Oregon develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community.

Learn how Katie receives Training for Life: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ywoSX2i_u1k
Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for more updates about Special Olympics Oregon and Polar Plunge! www.facebook.com/plungeoregon www.twitter.com/plungeoregon

Thank you for considering making a donation.

To visit my personal web page and help me in my efforts to support Special Olympics Oregon:

Copy and paste the following into your browser: <http://corvallisplunge.kintera.org/faf/r.asp?t=4&i=1140883&u=1140883-431599716&e=8650194201>

Robert Kish
State Deputy





Ron Boyce
Membership

[Why Join the Knights of Columbus?](#) [Why you should become a Knight](#)

If you're interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you.

Becoming a Knight of Columbus can transform your life. As a Knight, you have the opportunity to support your parish, give back to your community, grow in your faith and gain exclusive access to our top-rated insurance program to protect your family. These are just some of the reasons to become a Knight. We are a band of brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbor.

[What we provide](#)

[SERVICE](#)

Charity is the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. Knights are men who get things done. We volunteer our time to serve our parishes and our communities. And by working together, we were able to donate more than \$1.4 billion and 664 million volunteer hours to worthy causes in the past decade.

[SUPPORT](#)

Unity and Fraternity are the second and third principles of the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus was founded so that men could work together to serve their parishes and communities, protect the well being of their Catholic families, and support each other in faith and in many other ways along life's journey. The Knights of Columbus offers its members the opportunity to grow in their faith through living the example of a charity that evangelizes and personifying what it means to be a Catholic gentleman through the practicing of good works.

[STABILITY](#)

As a Knight, you and your family have exclusive access to our top quality insurance products. In fact, no insurer in North America is more highly rated than the Knights of Columbus. As an organization founded to protect the well being of Catholic families, we have continued to take that mission seriously for more than 130 years. Generations of Catholics have counted on the Knights of Columbus, and in an ever increasingly turbulent world, you can trust the Knights of Columbus to affordably and securely protect the future of your loved ones and to be there when you need us most.

The Knights of Columbus is not just a fraternity in name. It is a brotherhood of Catholic men who each play a part in improving the world around them, one community at a time. They stand together in faith, dedicated to uphold the principles they cherish while lending their support and strength to parish, home and fellow Knight.

Make a stand among them, and you can discover how easy it is to make a difference in your life and that of others.

Ron Boyce,
Membership Director

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State Soccer Challenge



Above are pictures taken at the State Soccer Challenge hosted by the Corvallis Council 1785 on November 15, 2015. Group picture includes the State Deputy, Bob Kish; DD#7, Tom Radel; DD#17, Duane Morris; State Youth Director, George Murphy; Corvallis Council Youth Chairman, Brent Pawlowski; OSU Council Grand Knight, Kenneth Anderson; members of the Corvallis Council and some of the participants.

Other pictures are of some of the winners receiving their trophy from the State Deputy, Bob Kish and DD#7 Tom Radel.

Submitted by,

Tom Radel

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State Deputy
Bob Kish

IMPORTANT STATE NOTIFICATION

Brother Knights of Columbus of Oregon,

I have received several email from Councils concerned about the Supreme Knight's latest Initiative. Specifically transferring Scouting charters from the Council to the Parish.

The Supreme Knight's Initiative was made public and published a couple of weeks ago in "Knightline" and again this week in the "Columbia Magazine". I attached the Supreme Knight's speech, outlining the new initiative just in case you missed it.

It appears now that the "National Catholic Committee on Scouting" (NCCS) acted faster with notification to its chartered members than the KofC State Councils could do to the Councils. State Deputies were informed to present this information to District Deputies at our Mid-year meetings. I received a video of the Supreme Knight's speech, which is to be shown at our meeting as well. This will still happen, but for now I need this information to get in the hands of each of our Oregon Councils. Everyone needs to be clear and understand the reasons behind this initiative by the Supreme Knight before jumping to any negative conclusions.

To sum it all up in the shortest summary possible....The Supreme Knight wants the Knights of Columbus to go back to our roots of being a "Parish Based Organization", helping families and youth groups in our own churches and not duplicate programs. Building the Domestic Church now takes on a greater meaning for us than ever before. "We are going to change how we do business". This new initiative now asks Councils to focus our efforts more with our Priests and Religious Education Directors and strive to become that "Strong Right Arm" for our priests, rather than another organization in the parish twisting his arm off. Maybe then, we can gain more support from Priests who will see the Knights of Columbus as a functioning part of parish life? It needs to start with us Brothers.

A meeting was scheduled with Archbishop Sample December 29th to work on the details of this initiative and how both the Oregon Knights of Columbus and Dioceses can work together to continue promoting and building this Domestic Church here in Oregon. I purposely didn't broadcast any of this information until the State Officers, Archbishop Sample and Bishop Cary come up with a real game plan for Oregon.

Please note that Councils can still work with, donate too, be leaders in, and promote scouting all they want. Nothing has changed with that. Supreme just wants the charters to be held by someone other than the Knights of Columbus or any of their Home Corporations...preferably the Churches and to make Scouts then a part of the Youth ministries of the church. Hence, the reason I need to meet with Archbishop Sample.

Some might now think, "This would be great opportunity to Start a Squires Circle". Well...Squires is also being phased out. No new Circles should be formed. The two existing Circles in Oregon, with the Priests' approval, may be integrated into the parish's existing youth ministries with the Council taking a supporting role. Again, the Supreme Knight wants us to work with the Youth Groups in our Parishes. Maybe now, here in Oregon, more Brother Knights and Families will volunteer to serve the "Father Bernard Youth Center" and several other great Youth Groups/Camps around the State and in our Parishes. These groups need our help and resources Brothers.

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IMPORTANT STATE NOTIFICATION CONTINUED

The State Deputies were told these changes should be instituted as soon as possible this next year. Looks like the NCCS is putting a bigger rush on this by the end of 2015. That's only a few weeks away and with Christmas in there, realistically, we know this won't happen. Again, the State Council will soon draft a plan and a timeline that works best for everyone.

God Bless you all and have a Safe and Merry Christmas with your Family,

Bob Kish
Oregon State Deputy
Knights of Columbus

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

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Supreme's
Family of the Month for
October 2015



James & Catherine Harrington
Council 1785 Corvallis

This 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, who uses the Family of the Month booklet (Form 1993) which is provided to each Council in the "Surge with Service" DVD, is automatically placed in the random drawing each month at Supreme.

Oregon Councils participating in October were:
Council 1623 McMinnville, Council 1634 Hillsboro,
Council 1785* Corvallis,
Council 3484 Canby and Council 9932 La Pine

"I would rather see a Council be the strong right arm of the Parish Priest than another group in the parish twisting his arm off".

Oregon State Deputy, Bob Kish

United In One Fraternity As Brother Knights**Knights of Columbus****OREGON STATE COUNCIL****EXEMPLIFICATION SCHEDULE 2016**

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

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

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

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

2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplifications**2016**

January 16, District-#12 (*Florence*)

February 20, District-#21 (*Sherwood*)

March 12, District-#13/15

April 9, District-#8

May 14, District-#10

June 4, District-#18

June 25, District-#9





Dr. George
Vennes

THOUGHTS OF VOCATIONS

REFUND SUPPORT VOCATIONS PROGRAM (RSVP)

I finally received a completed RSVP Form!

I have faith that many of our Seminarians were given financial support for Christmas and that I have not received a copy of the Council's report.

There have been a few changes in the Standard Operating Procedures of the RSVP program that I would like to elucidate with this issue of the Columbian Newsletter.



If your Seminarian is studying at Mt. Angel Seminary, a check in the amount of \$500.00, made payable to your Seminarian is sent to Tamara Swanson, at Mt. Angel, for distribution. This should accompany a letter telling him that your Council is the one who is providing financial and spiritual support for him. Invite him to a Council meeting or your next dinner. Tamara is working with Monsignor Joe Berschart to track the Seminarians who are receiving financial support.

If you have an Archdiocese of Portland Seminarian studying at the North American College in Rome, please send his check with your letter to Fr. Jeff Eirvin, Director of Vocations, at the Archdiocese office in Portland. He will then forward them to your Seminarian. I have also found it useful to have your Seminarian's email address to send any communications directly to him.



Remember, "NO ONE IS BORN A PRIEST"

Vivat Jesus

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Oregon Star Recruiter Reminder

2015–2016 Oregon Star Recruiter Entry Form

Please complete this card and mail it to the Oregon State Council Knights of Columbus.

Recruiter's Contact Information:

Name:
Address:
Phone:
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Council #:

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**Oregon State Council
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Council #:
Date & Location of First Degree:




**Oregon State Council
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2015-2016**




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**Oregon State Council
Knights of Columbus**

From the Desk of the State Deputy
July 1, 2015
Brothers,

It is our moral obligation for us to ask every Catholic man, over 18 years old, to become a member of the Knights of Columbus! The Oregon State Council's theme for the 2015-2016 fraternal year is "We ARE His Hands." Inspired by the story of a crucifix in Germany - the hands gone in the bombings of war. They were not replaced, but a sign nearby reads, "I have no hands but yours". This theme exemplifies the first principle of our Order: Charity. We need to grow the Order in Oregon so we are strong and stand up for Catholic causes, the Culture of Life, support our Bishops and Priests, and help bring stability to our families and community.

Sometimes, the hardest thing about recruiting is taking the first step. Recruiting a new member can be as easy as asking him to join. Amazingly, many individuals haven't joined the Knights simply because they have never been asked to join. When the opportunity arrives, take the initiative and start a conversation with a potential prospect. It's the first step for recruiting on a one-on-one basis and can yield very positive results.

Every member of the Knights of Columbus in Oregon is eligible to participate in the "2015-2016 Oregon Star Recruiter" incentive program. All you need to do is recruit a new member, be a friend and guide them through their application process, escort them to their 1st Degree exemplification, and help start them on their way as a successful brother Knight in our Order.

Please feel free to reach out to either the State Membership Director Ron Boyce or myself for any assistance we can offer towards your successful recruitment efforts.

Vivat Jesus!

Robert Kish

State Deputy

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Sick and Distressed

Please pray for those who are sick or in distress
or recovering from illness/surgery.

Mary Ann Robinson

Wife of Andrew Robinson, Prayer Chairman
Council 3302 & Assembly 1292 Scappoose

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Brother of Tom Karl
&

Calafia Grimes

Granddaughter of Raul Grimes
Council 9529 Lincoln City

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Wife of Ed Mosey
&

Lisa Carpenter

Sister of Church Director Ray Prom
Council 1307 Astoria

Please direct your prayer requests to:

Andrew "Andy" Robinson Jr.

State Health/Welfare/Prayer Chairman

Email: robinsoa@peak.org

Phone:503-543-2338

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

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IN MEMORIAM

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

Sir Knight John Ortega

Council 684 The Dalles

Arbie C Lawrence

Council 3302 Scappoose

Elsie Bennetts

Wife of SK Bernard Bennetts
Council 1634 and Assembly 1292 Hillsboro

**Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord And
Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them**

