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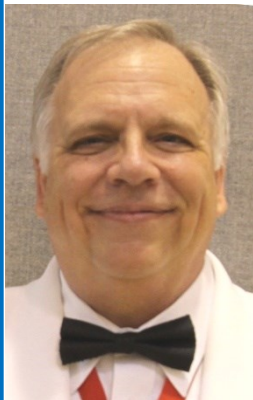
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Brother Knights,

We are halfway through this Fraternal year 2016-2017 and we have really accomplished a lot—but still have a way to go.

Ron Boyce our State Trainer has finished with his Council Officers' training and it was a success. The Councils that came to his sessions learned what each officer's duties were and it helped them become more organized. He spent weekends away from home and long hours on the road to bring this training to you. We owe him a big debt of gratitude, so when you see him, please give him a special thank you. After all his efforts he finds he needs to re-energize so he has stepped down as trainer, but he will continue in his present position as State Treasurer. I know he will be there for you if you call.

We have a new State Pro-life Couple, they are Steve and Yvonne Holthouse of Council 9137. They will be an excellent addition to the State Team. Our former Pro-life Couple Mike and Dodi Rossetti resigned due to health considerations. Both Mike and Dodi will be missed. Mike was able during his time to start 4 new ultrasound initiatives in the state—this is a great achievement. He was and remains passionate about Pro-life. Please keep them in your prayers.

We are about 10% below where we projected our membership to be currently, but the future looks really promising. Insurance still seems to be a challenge, but we succeeded in this endeavor last year and I know we can do it again. We have 3 Councils who have already achieved **Star Status** this year, they are St. James Council 3509—Molalla, Our Lady of the Valley Council 3591—Tigard, and St. Joseph the Worker Council 13700—Portland (**They have achieved Double Star Status**). We have another 17 Councils who have a potential to be **Star Council** for this Fraternal Year, based on their status. This is exciting for these Councils and the State.

Over the last 3 years we have been in the top of our class with Circle of Honor and last year by reaching the top with Pinnacle by IPSD Robert Kish. We can do this again this year with your help. The State Officers are here to help you achieve your goals so don't hesitate to call any one of us.

On January 7th and 8th the State Officers and DDs met in Astoria to hear a message from Supreme and looked over our plans for the next six months. When your DD plans his District meeting please plan to attend so you can get the most updated information to move your Council forward. We have State incentives for recruiting and Supreme has incentives also, so find out about these and help recruit. The one I like is the weekend at a special hotel or venue within the state for the highest recruiting Council. Some Brother Knight gets a nice weekend!

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One of the special upcoming events in January is the Pro-life March on the 15th, which is being held at the Convention Center in Portland, so please plan to attend. Please wear your Knights' gear to show your presence. These marches have the potential to save lives and remove unnatural death from the world by abortion and euthanasia. See you there.

Don't forget to fill out your Form 1728 (Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity-Star requirement) and send it in by January 31. This helps us keep our tax-exempt status beside helping with Star Council.

As a former Program Director use to say, "GO KNIGHTS".

I hope that you all have had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

VIVAT JESUS

Sid Thiel

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Just a reminder:

<u>Form that is due</u>	<u>Form Number</u>	<u>Date Due</u>
Annual Survey for Fraternal Activity	1728	January 31st
Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Participation	5023	January 15th
Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics	4584	January 31st
Semiannual Council Audit (Due February)	1295-2	February 15th
Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest Participation	4001	January 31st

Prayer to Mary, the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of the United States

Most Holy Trinity: Our Father in Heaven, who chose Mary as the fairest of your daughters; Holy Spirit, who chose Mary as your Spouse; God the Son, who chose Mary as your Mother, in union with Mary we adore your majesty and acknowledge your supreme, eternal dominion and authority.

Most Holy Trinity, we put the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate in order that she may present the country to you. Through her we wish to thank you for the great resources of this land and for the freedom which has been its heritage.

Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America. Grant us peace. Have mercy on our president and on all the officers of our government. Grant us a fruitful economy, born of justice and charity. Have mercy on capital and industry and labor. Protect the family life of the nation. Guard the precious gift of religious vocations. Through the intercession of our Mother, have mercy on the sick, the tempted, sinners – on all who are in need.

Mary, Immaculate Virgin, our Mother, Patroness of our land, we praise you and honor you and give ourselves to you. Protect us from every harm. Pray for us, that acting always according to your will and the will of your divine Son, we may live and die pleasing to God. Amen.



Council In Action

OSU Knights Council 16145

Submitted by:
Ken Anderson DW07

This photo is of some of the OSU Knights taken on the evening of January 8th.

It was the first student Mass of the term, so we all dressed formally and took a picture next to the Holy Family—a good image for Building the Domestic Church.



Other Awards Recently Presented





David Saunders
DD01

COUNCIL ROSTERS, A USEFUL TOOL

This information may be helpful to all District Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Council Membership Directors and those working with membership. These are my own ideas and if they are helpful to you, great. You probably know most of this.

The **MEMBERSHIP ROSTER** which is available to the District Deputies, Financial Secretaries, etc., should be reviewed regularly. One of the first things you should check for is the column labeled "street address". If there is an asterisk in a member's box, that indicates that his mail is being returned to Supreme. If you need to correct an address, notify Supreme either by Form 100 or Member Management. If you don't have a current address for them, check with others who may know their whereabouts, your pastor or, if unsuccessful, contact Nick Guenther, DD04, who is the Retention Director, at guenther51@gmail.com. He has access to software that can locate many members. If the member is an Insurance member, your Field Agent should be helpful, if they are an Associate Member. Life members can get lost in the system.

Another thing you can do is to look at **INACTIVE MEMBERS**. "Inactive member" doesn't mean those who don't go to meetings or Council activities. An Inactive member is one who as a member in good standing purchases Knights insurance and later drops his membership but continues to pay his insurance premiums. Work with your Field Agent and make contact with the member. Ask him why he dropped his membership and find out if he might rejoin.

Same with the non-participating inactive members who pay dues or are Life Members but you never see them at meetings or events. Make contact and see how they are doing and invite them to a meeting and offer to pick them up for the meeting. Maybe they are having a rough time and could use some help or just want to talk to a friendly face. We are losing too many members whom we should be retaining with just a little effort. Keeping our members strong keeps the Knights strong.

Vivat Jesus

David Saunders, District Director, District 01



George Murphy
General Program
Director

General Program Director Input

First I would like to thank all of our State Officers and State Directors for all of their hard work and assistance last year. It was a very challenging year because all of our State Directors were in new positions. As Father Theo said, it was truly a year of "Mercy". We also had revised tally sheets to introduce. At times it was fun and predicable, tallying and reporting of the tally sheets. Also a Special Thank You to DD17 Duane Morris for all his technical advice.

We made it thru 2016 with more overall Councils reporting than the year before. We will have many awards to present at State Convention 2017 in Bend, OR. This year, 2017 will see more coordinated efforts between State Directors and Councils sharing ideas for buying wheelchairs and ultrasound machines and coats for kids. Please keep your eyes on this corner. If you have any questions please contact me or any of the other State Directors. Thanks in advance.

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Karl Hadley
Vice Supreme
Master

Vice Supreme Master Input



You may be asking yourselves, “What should we, as new Sir Knights, be doing to promote the Patriotic Degree?”

One way would be to contribute to the Military Chaplain Scholarship Fund. We need 800 priests in the military, but only have about 220.

The shortage of priests is affecting our service members now! For example, the Navy is now down to just 45 active Catholic Priests!

I recently heard from Supreme Master Dennis Stoddard that he and Chuck Gallina (Assistant for Military and Veterans Affairs/Liaison to the Archdiocese of the Military Services) journeyed to Hawaii with the hope of growing the Order and the Fourth Degree.

When they arrived at Pearl Harbor Naval Station, they were told that the Navy was closing down the chapel there because it needs to deploy its priest to a fleet position. All Catholics stationed there will have to go to another base.

Five years ago the Supreme Knight asked the Fourth Degree to lead the effort to raise \$1.0 million for the Fund. We did that in four years, so he asked for another \$200,000. When we met that goal, he raised it to \$1.4 million.

As of the close of business on December 30, 2016, Supreme has recorded a total of \$1,307,333.00 in our Military Chaplains Scholarship Fund.

This leaves us a balance of \$92,667.00 to raise by June 30, 2017 (although our goal is to wrap this campaign up as soon as possible).

So I ask that each Council and Assembly support the Military Chaplain Scholarship Fund with a final donation of at least \$25.00.

Our brave young service members and their families need your support and they need and deserve to have a priest.

Fraternally,

Karl A. Hadley, Vice Supreme Master
Blanchet Province



So proud of our State Councils

Star Councils Awarded

Nearly 2,300 councils earned the Star Council Award, the highest distinction available to a local K of C council, for the 2015-16 fraternal year.

These councils, led by the grand knights listed here, conducted the required charitable and fraternal programs in the "Surge ... with Service" areas and also achieved their membership and insurance quotas. Each council will receive an engraved plaque from the Supreme Council in recognition of its accomplishment.

Of these councils, 350 earned the Double Star Council Award for meeting 100 percent of their insurance quota and 200 percent of their membership quota and 265 earned the Triple Star Council Award or higher.

- Numbers in red indicate councils that achieved the Double Star Council Award.

- Numbers in blue indicate councils that achieved the Triple Star Council Award or higher.

Finally, 5,515 councils earned the Columbian Award for excellence in programming; 3,612 attained the Father McGivney Award for meeting their membership quota; and 2,897 earned the Founders' Award for meeting their insurance quota.

OREGON

1577	Michael S. Woody
1673	Terry S. Case
1748	John A. Schaefer
1785	Patrick Robert Rausch
1872	Richard A. Van Deusen
3484	Duane J. Kloser
3509	Roy P. Salvetti Jr.
3636	James E. Manley
5511	Joe E. Espinoza Jr.
6266	Kim L. Moser
6602	Thomas Mark Vondrachek
9263	Douglas J. Galvin
12656	Patrick F. Schreck
13700	Lorenzo Nicholson
13851	David P. Telasha
15263	Dinh V. Mai
15526	Shon V. Vu
15605	Anton J. Gill
15640	Adrian J. Downes
15773	James L. Parrish
16145	Kenneth J. Anderson

Council In Action

Submitted by: Duane Kloser GK Canby Council 3484

Canby Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade

Greg Perez, a member of the Canby Knights of Columbus Council 3484 and MC for the Canby Christmas Tree Lighting and Parade, requested help from the Canby Knights to serve hot chocolate at the Canby Christmas Lighting ceremony at Wait Park on Friday, December 2nd. Bob Sheveland, Paul and Gail Crawford and Duane Kloser served 18 gallons of hot chocolate to those waiting for the parade to start. Approximately 2,500 people attended the lighting ceremony.





Jesse Villarreal
Hispanic
Outreach

Hispanic Outreach Chairman Input

Thinking about the New Year

Yes, we should all be Thankful for 2016. We should all be Grateful to God that we ran a good race and made it to the finish line of 2016. We should all be Appreciative for all the many opportunities we had to help make it a better year. We should all acknowledge that it is an Honor to be part of the Knights of Columbus and to raise our flags high for the world to see. A very challenging year to say the least, but thank God for the four pillars of support that keeps us together, CHARITY, UNITY, FRATERNITY and PATRIOTISM.

Not too much difference from previous years, just other types of tunes for us to dance to. I often wonder what our own parents thought of us when these instances of difficult times confronted their ability to apply their old style method of discipline?

2016 was full of some very exciting events for me. I still have my lovely Patti for my wife and companion. I was very lucky to celebrate my 50th birthday for the thirtieth time! We were ever so very lucky and honored to attend the 134th International Supreme Convention in Toronto, Ontario, Canada in August. That is really an unforgettable lifetime experience. I was selected to participate with the Portland Diocese Pastoral Assembly and at our own local parish of St. Patrick's in Canby. To top all this giant mountain of JOY, I attended the Catholic Men's Conference in St. Joseph in Salem in mid-December. What a wonderful year!

I am sure the HOLY SPIRIT was able to witness the biggest amount of flames erupting off our heads as we came home after hearing some of the very strong messages we got from those most powerful speakers at the National Convention. The phrase, MAN-UP, was used to motivate us to get into ACTION. We were asked to reach for our weapon, our ROSARY and to pray, to encourage each other. Also, to fight like a sheepdog that protects his flock.

So Worthy Brother Knights, stand together to fight and pray our daily rosary and prepare for our next God given and this Blessed Year 2017.

VIVA JESUS.

Jesse C. Villarreal
Hispanic Outreach
2016/2017



Dick Akins
Chairman
Food For Families

Food for Families

You can make a difference in eradicating hunger. You can accomplish this in one of four ways.

- ◆ Donate \$1.00 per day to the Knights of Columbus 501(c)3 Charity. For instructions, open the link at <https://www.kofc.org/un/en/secure/charities/food-families.html> . You may also contribute to a local food bank or soup kitchen.
- ◆ Donate you time and talent to a local food bank or soup kitchen.
- ◆ Take a leadership position in your Council or Assembly and conduct a food donation program. Lent is around the corner. Nationally Knights of Columbus Supreme promotes a program called “40 Cans of Food for Lent”. All parishioners are asked to donate one can of food each day during the 40 days of Lent.
- ◆ Pray daily for the needs of those who are hungry.

For more information open: <http://www.kofc.org/en/members/programs/community-activities/food-for-families.html#/>

Let us all help assure that all have a Happy New Year.

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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Shrine at the Grotto

Update on Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine project for Dec 8, 2016.

The last Mosaic has been completed and installed. We now have all 3 Mosaics installed at the Grotto in Our Lady of Guadalupe shrine.

If you have not made it up to the Oregon Knights shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe at THE GROTTTO, please do.

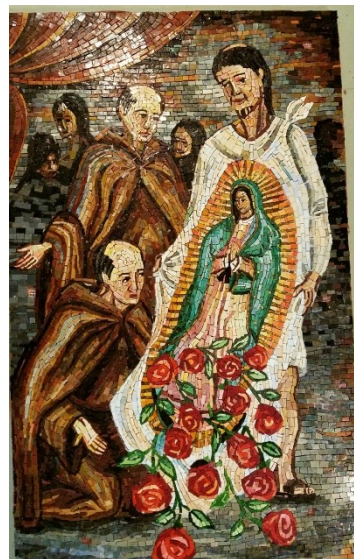
Below are photos of all 3 Mosaics that are on display in our shrine.

A belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all my Brother Knights.

My prayers are with you and your family during this very special season

Vivat Jesus
Doug Klein
3179 Grand Knight

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





Oregon Charities
President
and
Immediate Past
State Deputy



Brother Knights of Oregon,

As of December 1st and as promised, our NEW "Oregon State KofC Charities, Inc." web site is now up and running. Go check it out! You can go directly to www.oregonstatekofccharities.org You can also get there through our Knights of Columbus State web site www.kofc-or.org. Once there click on the NEW "Oregon State KofC Charities" logo (the beautiful trees, mountain and cross) that is linked to the NEW Charities site.

This NEW Charities web site will continue to grow as I get more items to install onto it. I will be highlighting many of our charitable programs here. I want to begin featuring your charitable events as well...before and after they take place.

The main purpose of this new site is to promote and increase our Charitable outreach. It will also give so many organizations and visitors to the site an opportunity to donate...increasing our charitable giving as well.

Our State Annual Charities Raffle will be run through the Oregon State KofC Charities web site as well this year. This portion will be activated as soon as I receive our Raffle Gaming License from the State of Oregon Department of Justice. I am hopeful that ticket sales can begin as soon as January 1st. I will inform you all when this happens.

For now, please go check out our new site. I am excited for the future possibilities this site will create for us.

A BIG Thank You needs to go out to Dan Ramirez as well for helping me assemble this site. We make a great team!

Fraternally,

Bob Kish
Oregon Knights of Columbus
Immediate Past State Deputy
Oregon State KofC Charities President
New Council Development Chairman



Oregon Charities
President
and
Immediate Past
State Deputy



OREGON STATE KofC CHARITIES

Brother Knights of Oregon,

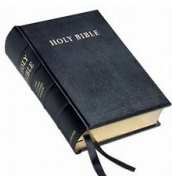
I hope you had a chance to check out the new Oregon State KofC Charities website? There is so much more that can be added to the site and as time goes on, it will grow.

One area that remains to be expanded is for our charitable Chairman who can now have a dedicated tab on the Charity site. I need information from each of our Chairman to do this though. This would include; Habitat for Humanity, Global Wheelchair Mission, Pennies for Heaven, Special Olympics, Food for Families, Coats for Kids, Ultrasounds, Military Chaplain Scholarships and Blood Drives. Each Chairman can have their own dedicated page of this website to promote and ask for volunteers and donations for each of their related programs.

Our State Charity Raffle has had a few delays due to the Oregon Department of Justice. The gaming license procedures has turned out to be a major lesson in patience for me. By now, I hope I have fulfilled all their requirements and we could go live with our on-line raffle sales in a couple weeks. Please watch your email and our State website for the kickoff!

Fraternally,

Bob Kish
Oregon Knights of Columbus
Immediate Past State Deputy
Oregon State KofC Charities President
New Council Development Chairman



There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.





Brother Knights of Oregon,

On February 18, 2017, I will join hundreds of zany souls in taking the PLUNGE into the freezing Willamette River in Corvallis for Special Olympics Oregon. I want YOU to take the plunge with me!

The best way to plunge is with a team! By joining the Knights of Columbus team, "**The Chilly Knights**", you will help a great cause. Your efforts will raise money and awareness for the athletes of Special Olympics Oregon. Special Olympics Oregon provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

Join me. You won't want to miss out. This is a very fun day and a very good cause. I want you to be a part of this team and bring more athletes into Special Olympics Oregon's year-round programs! Please help spread the word so that we have a much bigger Plunge Team this year. Our team will be mixed with various Councils, Directors and State Officers...this will be great!!!

A link to our team page is below. Its lengthy but you can copy it and paste it into your web browsers address bar. It will take you to our team's plunge page where you can join the team and learn more about this great event. If you can't join the team, then I would hope you donate to our "**Chilly Knights**" team.

http://soor.convio.net/site/TR/Plunge/General?pg=team&fr_id=1070&team_id=1182



Bob Kish
Your Brother Knight,
Oregon Charities
President,
and Polar Plunger!
IPSD Oregon



Polar Plunge 2016



Jim Walton

INSURANCE CORNER

Effective December 31, 2016, I retired as an Oregon Field Agent for the Knights of Columbus.

Since March 2001, I have had the honor and privilege of meeting, guiding and assisting many members and their families in Western and Southern Oregon, protect themselves and their families.

With their decisions of acquiring Life Insurance, Long Term Care Insurance, Disability Income Insurance or Annuities through the Knights of Columbus, their families are better protected upon their passing, one of Father Michael J. McGivney's main visions or goals as Founder of the Knights of Columbus.

My only regret is not having a replacement Agent for my clients. We have worked tirelessly, looking for that person to carry on where I am leaving off, but have not been able to find him.

So, to my clients, friends and members, if you need or want any assistance regarding your existing or future insurance, please contact:

General Agent for Oregon and SW Washington

Gabe Kennedy

503-644-1952

E-mail: gabe.kennedy@kofc.org

Gabe will make sure that he or one of the staff in the Kennedy Agency will be available to you.

I want to thank everyone in the Oregon Knights of Columbus for allowing me to serve as one of your Field Agents. It truly has been an honor.

Vivat Jesus

Jim Walton

Field Agent

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Pennies For Heaven

Peace to you all,

By now your 2016-2017 Council Fraternal Year has reached the halfway mark and I hope you are having a good one in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ and in service of all. I am writing this short letter to encourage each of you to make a good faith effort towards your support of the Pennies for Heaven (PFH) fund raising this Council year. PFH enhances the training of current seminary students in formation at Mount Angel Seminary and through the Christopher Fund we are building assurance that Mount Angel Seminary will have funds to support generations of priests through formation in the future. Thank you for the efforts of your Council and Assembly towards PFH.

With each new Council year comes new Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators who may not be familiar with the PFH program. Here are the nuts and bolts that may be helpful talking points when planning with your members:

- ◆ PFH was established as an Oregon State KofC Charities fund to assist Mount Angel Seminary.

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- ◆ Supreme Council of the KofC established a trust fund called the Christopher Fund so that State Charity organizations such as ours can pool their donations for future use by their designated seminary i.e. Mount Angel Seminary. The Oregon account has grown to exceed \$250,000.
- ◆ Councils and Assemblies present donation checks to the PFH Chairman during the State Convention.
- ◆ Once the funds are deposited to the Oregon State KofC Charities account, then approximately 50% is sent for deposit to our Oregon Christopher Fund account. Another check for the remaining portion is written to Mount Angel Seminary's dedicated account and presented by the PFH Chairman to the current President-Rector Rev. Msgr. Joseph Betschart.



Fortunately through the work of the Holy Spirit, forward-thinking Knights of Columbus got PFH started and have been helping President-Rectors' such as Msgr. Betschart for years. In a recent letter from Rev. Msgr. Betschart he notes "as the oldest and largest seminary in the West, we are proud of our one hundred and twenty-eight year tradition of forming priests with the mind and heart of Jesus Christ for service to His people and proud to have... the Knights as our partner in that mission. Your prayers, support and generosity enable us to accomplish this good work together..."

As an aid to all of you I contacted several Councils and Assemblies that made donations last year to offer you the following list of ideas that could help you to plan your own fund raising activities for this Council year:

- ◆ Special collection at weekend Masses in consultation with the Pastor
- ◆ Take up collections at Council meetings, dinner meetings, KC breakfasts etc.
- ◆ Seek out individuals within the community who would like to help with training of priests
- ◆ Dedicate profits from one ongoing KC fund raising event such as a pancake breakfast to PFH
- ◆ Make an annual budget item for Pennies from Heaven.
- ◆ A monthly 50/50 at business meetings
- ◆ Host an annual garage sale
- ◆ One Council has organized collection on the last weekend of the month, the Knights of Columbus stand at all the church exits with a red bucket in hand. We have an announcement from the pulpit explaining the purpose.
- ◆ Donate the RSVP refund from Supreme
- ◆ Use Tip Jar from October Fest Booth or other community festival event
- ◆ Donate portion of Star Council refund money from Supreme
- ◆ Use general fund or charity fund account monies to roundup the collected funds

These were all very good suggestions from your fellow Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators and I am very grateful to those of you who responded to my request for support earlier this fall. I am always happy to answer any questions you may have about PFH so please don't hesitate to ask. Although we dipped below our \$40,000 goal last year, I have confidence we can get that number back up and over the \$40k goal. I would especially like to encourage those who did not participate last year for whatever reason(s) to consider making a minimum \$100 donation to PFH as a show of solidarity and a non-binding pledge to start growing your efforts next year. Let's be dynamic in our efforts to form the priests that will carry the Church forward in Oregon for decades to come. Thank you for all you do.

Vivat Jesus,
Patrick Rausch, PFH Chairman



Tom Twidell
DD07

Habitat for Humanity

The Knights of Columbus and Supreme Council enthusiastically support the mission of Habitat for Humanity as one of eight featured programs, which not only helps many people to become a homeowner, but actively involves them in the house's preparation. This teaches them some very valuable skills, develops their confidence and provides them with life experiences.

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

There are many ways your Council can help families in your community to secure quality housing:

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

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

Vivat Jesus

Tom Radel

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Ray Prom
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Church Director Input

New Year's Resolution

Renew, reinvigorate, re-invent, resolve. The start of a New Year is always a great time to take a look at how you are doing things in your life, in your Council in your parish, and see what you can do better or do over. As Catholic men, one thing that should come to mind in this new year is how can I enrich my spiritual life. And with that, increase the spirituality of my family, and of my Council. Let me give you some examples that you may want to try.

Renew your spiritual life.

Start off the new year by promising yourself to pray the rosary each day. Brothers, there are so very many things we need to pray for. Pray for your family, pray for your priests, pray for your church. Resolve to pray the rosary each day and see the difference it will make in your life. By establishing a daily prayer routine in your home, you are actually taking the first steps in the *Building the Domestic Church* program. Establish your own prayer routine, then work to invite your family into a family prayer pattern. And report that to your Church or Program Director to include that on your monthly church report in Part III.

Reinvigorate your Council.

One of the most amazing church activities a Council can get involved in is Eucharistic Adoration. So many Councils and parishes already do this and should be reporting it. Many more can get started very quickly and easily. Contact your parish priest and/or contact me for ways in which you can begin this starting now or next month. Easy to get started, but make sure you do it correctly. Then when you get rolling, ensure that you report this in Part II, lines 1 and 2 of your church report.

Re-invent the way your parish views the Knights of Columbus!

Work this year on getting as many Brother Knights and their families involved in church ministries. Let the parish see the Knights of Columbus serving as ushers, lectors, choir members, altar servers and ministers of Holy Communion. We are a Catholic organization and our Faith should be noticeable to all. Get involved and report this in Part II, line 7 of your church report.

Resolve to make a difference this year, in your family, in your Council and in your parish. We are Catholic men and we are called to make a difference in this world.

Let me close by sharing this final word with you.

What Are We?

The Masterpiece: You are special. Created by the hands of God himself! Awakened by His breath. Filled with His spirit. Redeemed by His blood. Live by His love! For none of this earth could be measured equal to you! So live as you're supposed to be. The masterpiece of God!

Andreas Yonatan

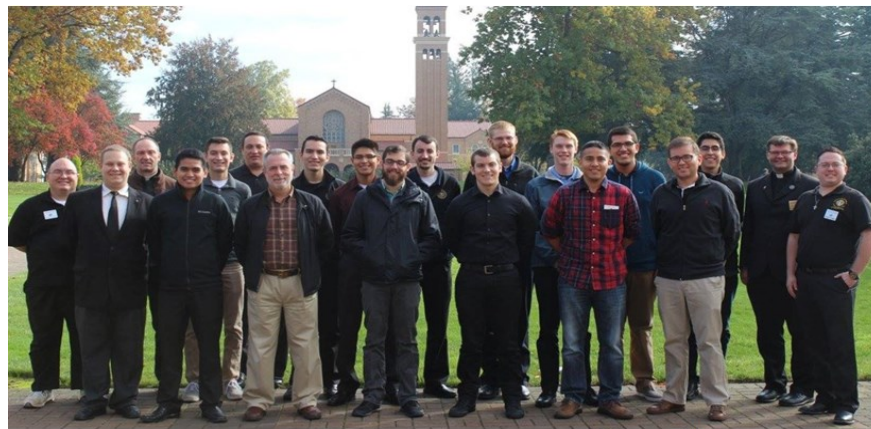
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Councils In Action



COUNCIL 15595 GRAND KNIGHT ANTHONY SHUMWAY SPEAKING WITH KNIGHTS FROM OREGON COUNCIL.



SEMINARIANS OF MOUNT ANGEL SEMINARY THAT BECAME 2ND AND 3RD DEGREE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ACCOMPANIED BY FR. THEODORE LANGE, OREGON STATE CHAPLAIN OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.



GROUP OF MEN THAT BECAME 2ND AND 3RD DEGREE MEMBERS AT THE CEREMONY HELD BY COUNCIL 15595 IN SAINT BENEDICT, OR.

Council In Action

Pro Life KofC Council 15263 activities

(Submitted by: Young Tran)





Kent Purdy
Community Director

Hello Brother Knights,

Its hard to believe, but another reporting year (Calendar year) for our State Service Programs came to a close as of December 31st. On January 1st, the points will start all over again. Every Council will have a "clean slate".

During this last reporting year, there were usually anywhere from 19 to 25 Councils who reported all their Community Service Programs on a given month.

There were 58 Councils that did not submit a single report all year. That is TWO-THIRDS of our State Councils that did not report at all! I hope that is not because these Councils are NOT DOING any good things in their communities, but I have a feeling they actually are. But that is sad, Brothers, because it really takes so little time to report what your Council is doing each month.

Some say that they don't care about getting credit for their activities. However, I bet if you put it to a vote, your Council would vote to send in a report and get credit...and maybe even win an award! Why not?

What can I, as your State **Community** Program **Director**, do to help you start the new reporting year by making a "New Year's resolution" to begin reporting your Council's activities, and making a habit of doing it EVERY month? Whatever it is, I am willing to do it. So, please call me at 503-881-1244, or you can email me at purdalator2@gmail.com. I want to help you get your Council the credit it deserves!

The State Council has divided up Councils into four groups for reporting purposes, based on the number of Council members. Awards are given at the State Convention for the most points in each of the six Service Program categories...Church, Community, Family, Youth, Culture of Life, and Council...for each group. So, there are 24 awards given each year.

Think about what your Council is doing, and in what category you are most active. Make sure that you at LEAST give your Council a chance in that category. But, once you begin submitting reports in that category, you will see how easy it is. It is especially easy if you "spread the wealth". Ideally, each Council's Service Program Director should submit his corresponding program report, but Councils do it different ways. I am the FS in my Council, and I submit all six. But, I wouldn't recommend that! Spread it out....at least get several members involved if you can.

Even if you don't have computer access or computer skills, you can still send in reports. Some Councils simply get printed copies of the report (I'd be happy to mail you some), record the points with this thing called a PEN, and mail it in an envelope, with a STAMP. It's very nostalgic!

Each month's report is due to me by the 15th of the FOLLOWING month. So, January's report will be due on February 15th.

The activities for which you get State points may also work for activities for the COLUMBIAN AWARD which is also one of the requirements for STAR COUNCIL.

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The two FEATURED PROGRAMS for STAR COUNCIL in the COMMUNITY category are:

1) Habitat for Humanity, and 2) World Wheelchair Mission

These programs can suffice for ALL FOUR Community activities, if the Council meets the minimum requirements, which are:

- ◆ **Habitat:** \$1000 AND 200 man hours must be donated.
- ◆ **Wheelchairs:** commit to purchasing a container of 100 chairs.
...then the Council gets credit for all four community activity requirements.

Of course, you can make a smaller commitment to either of these programs and use that as ONE of the four required Community Activities for Star Council.

I would be happy to come to any Council meeting and talk about the State Community report, the Columbian Award requirements for Community Service Programs, either of the featured Community programs, or to give you other community activity ideas.

If you are interested in working with Habitat for Humanity, we can also get a Habitat Director to come to one of your meetings for a presentation. This is a great activity that can bring your Council members together and build bonds of friendship that can last a lifetime!

If you are interested in the Wheelchair program, I can come and bring brochures and I also have a child's wheelchair for demonstration/display. The \$15,000 to buy a container of 100 chairs turns a lot of Councils off, but we can figure out a way to make this happen in your Council or district! All it takes is just a little time and marketing, and the program can sell itself. Really! Like the brochure says..."It's easier than a Pancake Breakfast". It really requires fewer man hours, that's for sure.

One idea that was brought up recently is supplying a pair of wheelchairs for use in each parish in the state...for parishioners, visitors, etc. Washington State recently did this. One or several Councils could run this project, but since many parishes benefit, there would be a larger base of support. This is something to consider.

I hope that this information will help you, so that your Council might become more active in the community, and so that you can report your activities to get the credit you deserve!

Once again, I am here to help, so please feel free to contact me with any questions or problems you may have.

Vivat Jesus,
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Dr. George Vennes
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THOUGHTS OF VOCATIONS **REFUND SUPPORT VOCATIONS PROGRAM**



My Brother Knights and families,

GREAT NEWS **ALL** of the Archdiocese of Portland Seminarians are now being supported by the RSVP Program. However, only a few of the remaining Seminarians who are studying at Mt. Angel are in the program. Regardless of where they are from or where they will be assigned, they all need our spiritual and financial support. Many are far away from home and relatively isolated. Let us give them the support they truly deserve.

There has been a major change in the procedure for obtaining the name of a Seminarian for support. So, I have included the new procedure in this article. Supreme, the Archdiocesan Office and Mt Angel have all approved this new procedure. The main change is that the Vocation Chairman (myself) has been tasked with providing the name of a Seminarian to support. However, this change applies only those Councils requesting a new Seminarian.

New RSVP PROCEDURE

1) Your Council decides that they will support a Seminarian or Postulate. Also, the Council decides whether it is going to support a Seminarian for the Archdiocese of Portland or a Seminarian from another Archdiocese. This support not only includes financial, but spiritual support as well.

2) Please email me, George Vennes, State Vocation Chairman, gvennes@yahoo.com, to request names for sponsorship. Please submit your request at least 3 weeks in advance.

3) The Council Vocation Chairman obtains and completes Form 2863, RSVP Refund and Plaque Application, on line ([http://www.koc.org/un/en/officers forms\Council.html](http://www.koc.org/un/en/officers%20forms\Council.html)) with the Seminarian or Novice's name and address.

4) A check in the amount of \$500.00, made payable to your Seminarian, is sent to Sarah Krese, Archdiocesan Office or Tamara Swanson, Mt. Angel Seminary, for distribution. This should accompany a letter informing him/her that your Council is providing financial and spiritual support. Don't forget to include a return address and the name of a contact.

5) Invite him or her to a Council meeting or a dinner. Summer visits are preferable. Other times are difficult, given their schedule and demands of seminary formation. Most Seminarians have a Facebook page. This is an easy way to keep in touch. Please do not make requests of the Seminarians outside of the expectations of the RSVP program.

6) When the check is cashed, fill out the form and mail it to Supreme Council, Department of Fraternal Services, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510 along with a copy of the check, front and back. Email a copy of the front sheet to me (gvennes@yahoo.com).

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7) You will receive \$100 from Supreme for each Seminarian or Novice you support.

Remember, "NO ONE IS BORN A PRIEST"

Vivat Jesus

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Council In Action

On the night of December 6, 2016, State Deputy Sid Thiel presented the Star Council Award to Canby Council 3484 Grand Knight - Patrick David during their Christmas party at the St. Patrick Church hall. To help cap off the evening the Newberg High School provided an ensemble choral group to perform for the party. On hand were several members of the City Council and the Mayor of Canby.



State Mid-Winter Meeting

The State Mid-Year Meeting was held in Astoria on the weekend of January 7/8th. Many breakout panels were formed for individual training and consultation. Many of the ideas fostered during those meetings will benefit Council throughout Oregon. Look for many of these items to be brought out at the Annual State Convention in Bend, Oregon May 5/6/7th.

The next page has photos of the men during the meeting.



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Youth Director
Bert Bungcayao

[Youth Director Input](#)

Happy New Year, my Brother Knights! 2016 has come and gone. 2017 is here and most of us are experiencing the cold, icy and snowy weather this month. I would like to say that we had a great 2016 with our youth events, Coats for Kids drive and support of our youth in each of the communities where Councils participated. The only youth event that is not completed is the 2016-2017 Free Throw Basketball Championship. I hope all our Councils have planned for the Basketball Free Throw Championships this month. I am planning for the State Basketball Championship for March. I will keep you all posted of the state championship as I get a final date set for this event.

All Councils—just a reminder—the essay's and poster contest winners were due to me the end of December. So far, I have two Councils that submitted essays and posters winners. If you still have any to be sent in, please send them to me ASAP. Thank you for the two Councils that sent essay and poster contest winners. Last year, we averaged 20-23 Councils that reported youth reports. Let's make the average reporting goal of 30-40 Councils this year out of 90 Councils we have in this state. I know we can do this. Just a reminder that blank forms submitted without any youth activities gets automatic 100 points for just the Council sending their youth report. Again, thank you to those Councils that reported a youth form.

As for the Coats for Kids program, 8 Councils have participated in purchasing coats. Mt. Angel Council 1767 purchased 10+ cases from money provided from them asking their parishioners for help. I would like to thank all Councils that participated in this program. Let's work on planning a Council goal to purchase coats for kids this year. I know we can increase this number to at least 15 Councils out of 90 Councils in Oregon.

Just a recap—please submit all poster and essay contest winners ASAP. The form was due to me ending 2016. Please send original entry forms and winners posters and essays to me. The last youth event for 2016-2017 year is the basketball free throw championship. Just remember Councils are to hold basketball free throw contest in January, districts free throw in February and states free throw in March. So many Councils did such a wonderful job during a great 2016 year for our youth programs. I like to thank all Councils for reporting youth reports. Let's make a goal to increase Council youth reporting to 30-40 Councils if we can, rising above our average of 20-23, increase Council participation on Coats for Kids program to at least 20 Councils or more from our 8 Councils last year. Lastly, I pray that everyone is safe this winter month and pray that we have a prosperous 2017 New Year.

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Coats for Kids Oregon City Council 2325

Council In Action

The Mt. Angel Council 1767 had a really good Thanksgiving Day weekend.

At Thanksgiving Day Mass, the Council combined with St. Mary’s Parish to collect just short of a TON of food for the St. Joseph's Shelter, also located in Mt. Angel. Then, on Black Friday, the Council distributed 8 boxes of coats (96 coats) to local needy children. The Council appealed to the parishioners to help financially meet the dollar amount that was needed to buy the 8 cases of coats (\$1760). The response was so great (about \$2200, including a single \$1000 donation!), that we were able to buy more coats— especially for toddlers (The coats from Supreme don't go that small. As a result we distributed the equivalent of TEN cases of coats!). Assisting the Knights were members of the local departments of police and firefighters who were a really big help.



Children’s faces blocked as no photo release form was available.

L to R....Antonio Vasquez, Randy Wavra, Mt. Angel Policeman C. Hall, Leonard Schmidt, Jerry Berning, Fireman Lanny, Gene Anderson, Kent Purdy, Robby Stoneking and son (future Knight!) Noah....and front and center...our first customers"....a local man and his two cute daughters with their new coats!

Vivat Jesus,
Kent Purdy, FS for Dick Bielenberg GK
Mt. Angel Council 1767



Sick and Distressed

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

PSD Dave Denton

Council 4087 Springfield

Jim Newton**John Brockamp**

Council 9257 Milwaukie

Larry Beary**Bob Martin****Randy Lloyd****Emily Chaput****John O'Brien****Jack Gall****Harry Yonemura****Ron Hendricks****Dick Hubert**

Council 1577 Albany

Patty Rickman

Wife of John Rickman

Council 12656 Cedar Mill Portland

**All Men and Women Serving in our Armed
Forces, Police, Fire and Rescue.**

Father,

Your love is as wide as the oceans
As deep as the sea
And as tall as the heavens.
May your spirit rise like a mighty wave and
come and restore those who are ill.

You are the water of life,
You are a fresh spring,
You are healing rain
To all those who are in need.
Come Lord!

Prayer for the Sick

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen.

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

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

IN MEMORIAM

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

Dee Ames

Wife of Robert Ames

Council 9529 Lincoln City

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Council 2439 Stayton and Assembly 900

Anna Silvia

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Joe Spenner

Council 2439 Stayton



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



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