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Brothers and Families!

February – the month Hallmark Card Company loves!! According to some statistics, Valentine’s Day is the highest sales day of the year for Hallmark Cards! I also heard that February is traditionally known as the month to do “Random Acts of Kindness!” Well, certainly with the cards, bakery goods, specialties at the chocolate store, February also carries an atmosphere of love. For us Knights, here in Oregon, our theme of the past Fraternal Year echoed that same atmosphere for the Fraternal Year: ***“In His Love.”***

At our State Deputy’s Meeting, at least once we heard the Supreme Knight use the term “Knights of Charity.” When we were installed as State Deputies, Supreme Archbishop Lori reminded us that Fr. McGivney started the Knights of Columbus Order based on Charity. The Archbishop’s homily that day reiterated the virtue of love, “You are Evangelizers of His love.” The opportunities to do “random acts of kindness” are all around us. Maybe right next door, or the next time you go the grocery store. How do you say no to performing charity?

At Supreme’s last State Deputies’ Session, we received a copy of the Supreme Knight’s recently published book “A Civilization of Love --- What Every Catholic Can do to Transform the World.” I’m sure that it is available through the Knights Supply Office, although my wife just noticed it was advertised on Amazon for \$8.99. Go for it!! I encourage you to obtain a copy. At the end of each chapter, are 6-8 Suggestions for Contemplation and Action. Besides good suggestions to use for one’s own spiritual development, consider using one or two of these suggestions at your monthly meeting as a means for brief discussion or for members to put into action during the next week. Example: Make a commitment to yourself that every day for the next week, you will consciously perform some loving act of kindness. Consider yourself as a representative of Christ in the world today.

Brothers, search your heart and contemplate why you became a Knight of Columbus. I highly suspect it is because you felt your Faith is important, you were interested in helping others and you desired to be involved with doing good works for the parish, i.e. the basic virtues of the Order. “Growth of the Order shows that Catholic men still believe in Father McGivney’s vision to share with others” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. Growth proves that the Knights of Columbus is vital to today’s parishes and our families. The time is **now** to start sponsoring and promoting “the Knights of Columbus footprint.”

Shortly you will be hearing about a new, very easy to do, recruiting activity called the “Delta Church Drive.” It was just announced this past week. There are a couple things your Council **can do right now** to be prepared to implement this activity later this month and/or early March:

Create your Council **“Prospect Landing Page.”** This Prospect Landing Page was explained at our recent Mid-Year Meeting and a brief two page Announcement given to your District Deputies. If you haven’t seen it in a recent mailing I suggest you contact your District Deputy.

Order the Holy Card of Fr. McGivney from the Supreme Supply Center. (If the Holy Card is currently out of stock, order one of the others that are available, i.e. Lady of Guadalupe, Holy Family, Lady of Persecuted Christians, etc.). They are all free excepting that you may possibly have to pay for postage.

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Obtain permission from the Pastor to do a brief two minute announcement following the Masses when you schedule to do this Delta Church Drive.

Please do not hesitate! The amount of effort/time necessary from a Council Officer or member is minimal! It involves very little need to reach-out, so even members who are shy can do it!

Brothers, strive to be those Knights of Charity. These virtues are worth evangelizing and demonstrating in action. Be aware of opportunities to extend random acts of kindness. Will it increase the Knights of Columbus 'footprint'? Likely it will. Will it recruit another member? Maybe or maybe they will decided a little later.

P.S. A thank you to all those extended a birthday wish a couple days ago! I intended to send each of you a brief personal note, but the number kept getting longer, so realistically I need to resort to a more generalized approach with this one message to everyone. Thank you, thank you for your thoughtful birthday wishes! And the best wishes to everyone in the year ahead.

Vivat Jesus

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*"In His Love"
"Come Holy Spirit"*



Fr. Todd Unger
Assistant
State Chaplain

State Chaplain's Report

Dear Brother Knights,

We are more than a month into the New Year. Life seems to go in cycles or seasons, at least the life of a priest does. Advent and Christmas, some ordinary time, then Lent and Easter, more ordinary time till Advent comes around again.

Each of us has our own cycle of events, it might be work or family or church. In all of this, one constant that we want to maintain is the faith, devotion and worship of our life. It has no season. It does have its high points and low points, its dessert and its fruitful times, but it is an always in our life. I think that is what keeps everything else in perspective.

If our faith is underlying everything else we are doing, we see a meaning to all else that is happening in our life. Our service to faith, in the parish community, our Knights' brotherhood, our community can give great meaning to what we do and how we do it.

We can get stalled in all the challenges of the world or we can see past that which is passing and focus on that which is lasting. Let us always support those who up lift us and be uplifting to those things that try to stall us in one place.

If we are not growing then we know we need to make a change to bring that growth back into our daily lives.

God's blessing,

Fr. Todd Unger

Assistant State Chaplain

Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge



Supreme Chaplain
Archbishop William E. Lori

What is the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge?

1. Archbishop Lori chooses a line or two from scripture (in the upcoming month) from one of the readings at Sunday Mass.
2. There is a brief reflection on the reading from the Archbishop
3. The Archbishop gives them a challenge or 2 to live for the upcoming month
4. The next month, the Council reconvenes and shares what it was like living the challenge
5. Delivery vehicles:
 - a. Monthly email blast to Grand Knight and Chaplain
 - b. Social Media
 - c. KNIGHTLINE
 - d. Columbia
 - e. Chaplain's Report
 - f. BDC webpage
6. Monthly reflection during Council meeting (options):
 - a. During Chaplain's Message (preferred)
 - b. During Grand Knight Report

**Father Jonathan
D. Kalisch, OP**

Director of Chaplains and
Spiritual Development



Supreme Director of Chaplain's Report

Unity Through Charity in Action

“A love which unites,” Pope Francis said in the Opening Ceremony of the 34th World Youth Day in Panama, “is the quiet love of a hand outstretched to serve, a commitment that draws no attention to itself. It is a love that does not put on airs, a humble love that gives itself to others with an outstretched hand. This is the love that unites us today.”

I wish to share with you the beautiful charitable efforts exhibited by our brother Knights and their families on behalf of pilgrims to World Youth Day in Panama. While the K of C has existed in Panama for more than 100 years, membership was not growing. Then a priest in Panama, Father Vincente Amable, dreamed that Father McGivney asked him not to let the Knights disappear in Panama. Father Amable then revived the men in Panama Balboa Council 1371 in Panama City. Later, three new Councils would eventually spin off from that Council.

Knights from these Councils served as the volunteers at the FIAT Festival (co-sponsored by the Knights and FOCUS) held during this year's World Youth Day. Local K of C and their families staffed the FIAT Festival, serving as the primary logistical partners for the event which drew over 8,000 international pilgrims. These same men provided logistical support for a three-day catechesis offered for Spanish-speaking pilgrims. Many local K of C also supported their local pastors in receiving pilgrims and hosted international pilgrims in their homes.

These brother Knights exhibited the “quiet love” highlighted by Pope Francis, and this charity in action had a deep impact. Many of the 50 or so men from various backgrounds and parishes had not known each other before working together during WYD. Their individual ‘yeses’ to join a Council — and become more involved in their parish through the K of C — led them not only to help lead an international gathering of thousands of young adults, but also to a deeper encounter with other men who sought to build up the Church in Panama.

This is the impact our evangelizing charity can have: the renewal of men and their family to deeper faith. May we as K of C chaplains follow the pattern of Father Amable and reanimate Councils, re-engaging our brother Knights in the “quiet love” of faith-filled charitable service. The impact may be greater than you realize.

Vivat Jesus!

Fr. Johnathon Kalisch

SWING INTO SPRING

Recruit 5 or more members between February 1 and March 31, and you'll receive a Knights of Columbus Louisville Slugger miniature bat!

Insurance territories only



For Recruiters: To be eligible, the recruiter's name and member number must be legibly entered on each form 100. Recruiting and a new member joins online? Recruiters can enter their member number on the online application (share your number with prospective members). Good luck recruiting!

We need to provide a positive view of our Councils and a spiritual connection. Please take the time do some recruiting on your own. Set the example for the Brothers of your Councils.

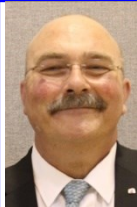
As a Marine our slogan is " The Few The Proud, The Marines"

We need to change that up for our Councils!

We want those PROUD to be Catholic NOT JUST THE FEW.

All Catholic men 18 and older who meet the requirement of being a practical Catholic are the men we are looking for ~ from Worthy DD18 David Judy to his Councils





Mike Woody
Membership
Director

Question: Who is on Distribution to Get State Emails?

Answer: Your question about email communication is a good one. Our state database (email) of communication only includes the Council GK and FS. Getting information to the individual Council membership is extremely important.

Please continue to forward appropriate communications with your Council membership.

Our State Newsletter, the Columbian, is one that should always be shared every month.

I hope this helps answer your questions.

Fraternally,

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Supreme Recruitment Incentives

Monthly Leaderboard Update (July 1 - January 31)

NEW Swing Into Spring Recruiter Incentive (February 1 - March 31) Any member that recruits a total of 5 or more members in the months of February and March will receive a Knights of Columbus Personalized Louisville Slugger Miniature bat.

Insurance Territories Only

Recruiters

July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 The top 10 Recruiters and their spouses of the Insurance Territories will receive a complimentary trip to the Supreme Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota and will sit at the Supreme Knight's Reserved Tables during the State Dinner. The top recruiter will receive the Top Recruiter Plaque during the Awards Session.

Councils and Districts

The #1 Grand Knight Incentive Trip

The top Grand Knight and his spouse in the Insurance Territories (based on their Membership Quota) is awarded a complimentary trip to the International Supreme Convention in Minnesota.

The #1 District Deputy Incentive Trip

The top District Deputy and his spouse in the Insurance Territories (based on their Membership Quota) is awarded a complimentary trip to the International Supreme Convention in Minnesota.



Current Oregon Top Recruiter

State	Council	Name	Recruited
OR	15263	YOUNG T. TRAN	18

From Ceremonials Chairman**Future****2nd and 3rd degree schedules****Sherwood** February 16th (team to be there around noon)**Klamath Falls** March 2nd**Molalla** April 13th**Cottage Grove** May 10th (tentative)**Holy Family, Portland** October 12th**Mt. Angel (Abbey)** October 26th**Next 2nd and 3rd Degree****St. Francis- Sherwood Parish Center**15651 SW Oregon Street, **Sherwood, OR****February 16, 2019**

Registration: 12:30 pm

2nd Degree 1:30 3rd Degree 3:00

Mass 5:30

Knighting 6:30

Dinner 7:00

Contact Sidney Thiel
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Oregon Degree Dress Guidelines

GUIDELINES FOR APPROPRIATE DEGREE DRESS FOR ALL EXEMPLIFICATION ATTENDEES.

The solemnity and appearance of each exemplification plays an important role in the overall exemplification and it should be shown that respect. Accordingly, an appropriate dress code is put in place to be reflective of the importance to the candidate and those members in attendance as well as to degree team members. The leadership throughout the state and including sponsors of candidates, as well as every individual member, should be an example in which they approach and dignify degree exemplifications to the candidates. Respect is shown to our active duty military personnel who may wear their dress uniform.

These rules pertain to each 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees, both combined and stand-alone exemplifications

a. Each Council member in attendance, including observers, team members and candidates should be dressed in clean pants/slacks, buttoned down or polo shirt and shoes.

b. All present **should avoid the wearing of jeans, tank tops, tee shirts, flip flops, sandals or running shoes.**

Exceptions can be made as it pertains to a candidate, member or team member's work schedule, weather considerations or a medical condition that may require the wearing of certain types of clothing or footwear.

c. Members, team members and candidates should be neatly groomed.

It is important that the appropriate respect be given to the importance of our degrees. Remember we are not just reciting words and performing actions just to present a degree.



Ray Prom
Church Director

[We need a Protector-Who Is It?](#)

Brothers, the impetus for this article comes from a great Mid-Winter District Deputy meeting that was held just last month. As I sat in the conference room, listening to all the good speakers with the great ideas about how to get our Faith in Action programs going, how to increase membership, and how to work better with our parish priests, it occurred to me ... what must we do first in order to be successful in all of this?

You see, great ideas often lead to great plans, which don't always lead to successful projects. Something seems to frequently get in the way. Is it lack of motivation, poor cooperation, ill timing, or sometime just bad dumb luck? But I think—here's the culprit. You see, if we launch and are successful with some of our Faith in Action programs in our parishes, people are going to grow in Holiness. *The devil is going to oppose this.* If we grow our membership in the Knights of Columbus in Oregon, lots of Catholic men are going to become better

Catholic men and bring along their wives and their children. *The devil is going to oppose this.* If we work to support our parish priests, to take some of the burdens off them along with their worries, then they can concentrate on the sacraments. This in turn will make our fellow parishioners holier, and *the devil will oppose this.* Every step and every move we make to grow in Holiness, as we get closer to God, *the devil will oppose this,* and try to defeat our plans. That's why I am suggesting to you today, as you sit down to plan your projects or discuss them with your Brother Knights, first take a minute to call on your protector. Recite your "Prayer to St. Michael".

We don't have the power to defeat Satan straight up, but we have a powerful protector in St. Michael. Let's try that first, and then see how well our projects do.

Vivat Jesus

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[Novena For Life](#)

Brother Knights,

Some discussion has arisen over what fulfills requirements for the *Novena for Life*, a Life program required for a Council to be eligible for the Columbian Award. Be sure to look at the Faith In Action Guidebook for suggestions. Councils are free to design their own program as simple or complex as they wish. Supreme would prefer a formal action bringing together not just parishioners but also other individuals or groups sharing a concern for strengthening the culture of life.

A Novena could be nine days in a row, but it could also be one day each week for nine weeks, one day each month for nine months, or whatever other combination works best for the local Council. The Council is also free to select what prayer to use. The Novena for Life offered by USCCB on their website could be used at any time. You could also distribute the Prayer for Life card (4665-06) and use it for your Novena, or you could use some other type of prayer. Your Novena could be a combination of both prayer and activity, such as a church service or a pro-life event such as 40 Days for Life. Again, the Council has a lot of flexibility.

The following is some information supplied by Supreme: The official definition of a Novena is defined as "nine days of private or public devotion in the Catholic Church to obtain special graces." Many interpret this as successive days. But successive simply means "following one another or following others". So this could be nine successive Sundays, nine successive business meetings, and so on. But successive also means "unbroken" so once a novena is endeavored upon, a Council should continue until conclusion. (Interesting point of note: While the number eight in the Judeo-Christian tradition was always thought of as a festive number of new beginnings, the number nine seemed to be often linked with suffering. Therefore, just as there are times in the liturgical year that we are called to suffer (i.e. Lent). A novena is also meant to be a disciple of prayer.)

After your Council has led the Novena, don't forget to turn in reporting forms to Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission. The main information of them is number of participants, hours, and money donated. The Columbia Award application is **due by June 30**. So be sure your Council conducts a *Novena for Life*, not only for Columbian Award eligibility but also to build up a culture of life in our parishes, homes, and wider community.

Working together to build up life

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Jesse Villarreal
Hispanic Outreach

Hispanic Outreach

“If we Pray together, we can Stay and Grow together.”

The Oregon Hispanic Outreach Program is doing Fantastic! Our own Canby Round Table has grown to 36 members and it continues to grow on a monthly basis, thanks to our own members who are helping to open the door by informing their friends and relatives of the benefits the Knights of Columbus provides.

The Latino or Hispanic cultures are already pretty closely family oriented. We find church activities usually involves the whole family. At least in our parish, St. Patrick’s in Canby, their bible study groups are being attended by the whole family. The numbers of Hispanic children in the confirmation and first communion classes are outgrowing to the room capacity. They bring the whole family to church on Sundays. Our churches are filling up with Hispanic families all across the diocese. Especially the most recent families who are migrating to this country and are struggling with the language issues.

Some of our larger parishes are having to increase the number of services in Spanish and are now starting to do bi-lingual Masses as well. One of the larger parishes in the Portland metro area, with a capacity of over 600 occupants have seven Masses on the weekends. Six are in Spanish, which are mostly packed, and one in English with an average of about 100 to 150 people. With numbers like this, the Knights of Columbus Councils should take the opportunity to start taking the recruitment of Hispanic brothers seriously.

Our neighbors in Washington state are having the same experiences. The Councils in Washington state are having recruitment drives and bringing more Hispanic members now than in past years.

Let’s pray and grow together!

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EXAMINATION OF THE FOURTH DEGREE: PATRIOTISM

The Fourth Degree was based on patriotism. Patriots to God and Country. The concentration of its idea was based not only on Catholic citizenship but also on being a Roman Catholic American citizen and the needing to pursue their individual specialized activities.

The Fourth Degree, with its Sir Knights, is the most visible part of the Knights of Columbus. It was meant to have a definite distinction between the previous degrees. I have heard or read somewhere that a member of the Knights of Columbus had to wait THREE years before he became eligible to become a Fourth Degree Sir Knight. Thankfully, that is no longer the case.

The more Fourth Degree ceremonies I attend and/or participate in the more proud I am of being a member of the Fourth Degree. I wish to invite all Sir Knights to come to the exemplifications to hear, to learn and to practice the promises made during your initiation into the order of Sir Knights.

I will continue to say: “To be a member of the Fourth Degree is an HONOR, to be a member of the Color Guard is a PRIVILEGE, not an OBLIGATION. “ Be a proud American Catholic and tell the world. Don’t disguise it with a cape or a chapeau or a tuxedo. Come to the next exemplification and renew your promise to love God and the rejoice the freedom this country allows all of us to enjoy.

VIVAT JESUS.

Jesse C. Villarreal
District Master





Food for Families

One of our "Senior" Brother Knights was upset that his current physical condition prevented him from being active in our Council's Fraternal Programs.



I challenged him to choose to be active in the **Food for Families Program**. How, he asked? I reminded him that every Fraternal Benefit Program sponsored by the Knights of Columbus needs Brother Knights to pray for the success of the Program. Even though physically a Brother Knight may have limitations, every Brother Knight has an unlimited ability to serve a Council by offering prayers on a daily basis for the success of the Council' Fraternal Benefit Programs.



Food for Families is such a Fraternal Benefit Program. Not only will your Council provide needed food to a hungry child but also your Council will provide food for hungry families.

Under **Family Activities** category a successful Food for Families Program as defined by Supreme will satisfy the Family Activities annual requirement.

As stated in the KofC manual:

To qualify for achievement of the Family Activities: Councils are required to collect a minimum of \$500 or 1,000 pounds of food for a parish or community food pantry. In addition, Councils must contribute a minimum of 100 total man-hours in preparation/distribution/service of meals.

Report activity using the Food for Families Refund and Plaque Application (#10057).

Vivat Jesus!



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Did You Know?

The Knights of Columbus offers the Catechism of the Catholic Church in an interactive digital format to help everyone more easily learn about the teachings of the Church. Access it at kofc.org/catechism.

FEBRUARY

Mark the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (Feast Day Feb 11), with prayers for our military personnel attending the 2019 Warriors to Lourdes Pilgrimage, May 14-21, 2019 during the 61st International Military Pilgrimage (PMI) in Lourdes, France. To donate and learn more about the pilgrimage, visit www.warriorstolourdes.com

On February 22nd, on the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, Knights will pray and lead parishioners in prayer for Pope Francis, the successor of Peter.

Register for the Knights of Columbus Lenten Men's retreat on April 5-7 to be led by our State Chaplain. During the retreat, which is for every member of your Council, we will have the opportunity for prayer, reflection, faith, sharing and confession. www.kofc-or.org.



[Marian Prayer - Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians](#)

A Higher Purpose Spread devotion to Our Lady and pray for our brothers and sisters of faith who are at risk around the world through the Marian Prayer Program. As the new Marian image is brought on pilgrimage through the jurisdiction, Councils will host the Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians icon for a prayer service at their parish.

[Overview](#)

The 2018-2019 Marian Prayer Program presents the 18th Marian image sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, this time of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. Each Knights of Columbus jurisdiction receives several Marian images, which serve as the centerpieces for prayer services conducted in churches and Council meeting places throughout the Order for the duration of the initiative. Since its inception in 1979, the Knights of Columbus' Marian Prayer Program has held more than 166,900 local Council and parish prayer services with some 20 million participants. This year, the prayer service is intended to raise awareness of the plight of Christians persecuted for their faith and to stand in prayerful solidarity with them.

[INTERESTING COINCIDENCE?](#)

The three Councils mentioned in our icon travels are 3 of the oldest Oregon Councils.

Baker City Council 849 is our 2nd oldest

Coos Council 1261 is the 3rd oldest Council in Oregon

Astoria Council 1307 is the 4th oldest

NOTE: [First Chartered KofC Council in Oregon.](#) **Portland Council 678**

[Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians](#)

After our last update, our three beautiful icon images of our Lady are continuing their pilgrimages around Oregon. At every Oregon visit, these Icons deepen our Marian Faith and help raise awareness for Persecuted Christians in the Middle East and Around the World.

Our **South Coast Icon** has traveled from Florence to St. Monica 's in Coos Bay. Coos Council 1261.

North Coast Icon: Has had a warm reception at St Francis de Sales Mission in Hammond (Warrenton) and St Mary's Star of the Sea in Astoria. Thank you William J. Leahy (Astoria) Council 1307 and DD 16 Ray Prom. This icon will take a turn inland to visit the parishes and missions of the Tualatin Valley Vicariate (around the Hillsboro area).

Baker Diocese Icon: Reported from our Worthy State Deputy, currently at St. Francis de-Sales Cathedral, with tentative plans to also be displayed at least before, during, and after the Weekend Mass at the two Mission Parishes Halfway and North Powder.

Again, if your Council would be interested in hosting one of our icons please let us know. *Remind Me :-)*

Fraternally,

Mike Woody

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Council In Action

St. Anthony Council 2439 (Sublimity) participates in Come Follow Me Men's Retreat

Nine members of our Knights of Columbus St. Anthony Council 2439 participated in the Come, Follow Me Men's Retreat during January. This spiritual retreat was a great way to build fellowship and to strengthen the relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. 47 men participated in the retreat, along with our Spiritual Director, Fr. Peter O'Brien of St. Edward Parish in Lebanon. The talks, testimonies, and many activities were amazing and changed men's lives. And the music, provided by the 'Once a Month' band and including many of our fellow Knights, was phenomenal. It was inspiring and moving to spend a weekend with these men in harmony with the Holy Spirit.



From left to right: Miles Dodge, Ed Diehl, George Gerspacher, Chuck Zamora, Randy Bentz, John King, Ron Etzel, Clint Bentz, Dennis Lulay

Council In Action Continued

St. Anthony Council 2439 participates in serving breakfast

Another successful KofC Breakfast at Immaculate Conception

St. Anthony Council 2439 in Sublimity served breakfast to over 120 hungry souls at Immaculate Conception parish hall on Sunday January 13th. Thanks to all the Knights who helped and everyone who ate a hearty breakfast to support a great cause.

The net proceeds of over \$470.00 went to StandUpGirl.com. providing pregnancy support for young teens. Well done Knights! Praise Jesus!



Brother Knights and Councils,

I will be putting together a video, like last year, encompassing the year starting with the 2018 State Convention to the 2019 State Convention. The video will highlight Knights, clergy, spouses, groups, Councils and events throughout the past year. **BUT**, I need pictures. If you have any pictures you would like considered for the video, please email them to twilldel@comcast.net as an attachment. Pictures should be of good quality. Pictures should be a profile of an individual, a group picture, or picture of Knights at an event or working a program.

There is a limited number of pictures that can be used for the video so the best one will be chosen.

A BIG Thank You for all those and Councils who have sent me pictures so far.

The State Council will be hosting the 2019 State Convention at the Boulder Falls Inn and Conference Center in Lebanon, OR. A Convention Information Book will be distributed to all Delegates attending the 2019 State Convention, just like last year. The information book will include maps of the area and a bit of history of the area. Also included will be a list of restaurants, some attractions and shopping, in both Linn and Benton Counties, and other valuable information for attendees. The book will not only be informational in nature and to get Councils familiar with each other, it will also help the State, who is hosting, to generate some funds to help pay for the cost of the Convention and especially allow Knights who do have a business a chance to advertise to the entire state. We are asking Districts, Councils and businesses if they would like to help sponsor an ad in the Convention Information Book. Any Council, person, business or organization may submit a picture or advertisement for publication in the 2019 KofC Convention Information Book (*excluding competing Insurance Companies & Financial Institutions*). The sponsor form is below. **A BIG Thank you to the Lebanon Council for being the first and only Council so far to sponsor an ad.**

Thank you
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Knights of Columbus 2019 State Convention

**OREGON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
111th ANNUAL CONVENTION
Sponsor Form**

Convention book

Full Page (8-1/2"x11") = \$100____ Half Page (8-1/2"x5-1/2") = \$50____ Quarter Page (4-1/4"x5-1/2") = \$25____
1/8 Page (Business Card) = \$15____

Any business may submit a photograph or business advertisement for publication in the Convention Yearbook (*excluding competing Insurance Companies & Financial Institutions*). Pictures/Ads should be in print ready format (color preferred)

Please provide MS WORD, PDF, JPEG, TIFF or Camera Ready Artwork. Maintain at least a half-inch (1/2") perimeter margins on all sides. **Refer all questions to Tom Radel – (541)-974-5716**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS March 1, 2018

Ads can be emailed to:

Thomas Radel twilldel@comcast.net

*******(Please PRINT Legibly)*******

Business Ad in convention book_____

Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone:() _____ E-Mail: _____

Make Checks Payable to: Knights of Columbus and Mail Payment and form to:

Thomas Radel State Warden / Convention Committee

1737 NW Laura Vista Dr. Albany, OR 97321

Oregon State Charities



Worthy Knight of Columbus:

Over the last several years we have had a raffle to support our charitable giving, but we will no longer be doing this. The rules to conduct a raffle instituted by the State of Oregon has made it difficult to administer a raffle, thus we have changed over to what we call the "Green Sheet". This has a great potential to increase our support of various charities and not incur added costs as we had with the raffle.

Below is the 2018-2019 Oregon State KofC charities "Green Sheet" which provides you an opportunity to support the Oregon State Charities. This can be returned to your Financial Secretary, at the same time as your dues, but has to be in a separate check.

Checks for these funds should be made out to Oregon State KofC Charities. Return Green Sheet payments before March 15, 2019 to your Council so they can be included with your Council's Charity report at the State Convention.

If you have any questions, please contact your Financial Secretary.

Sincerely,
Sidney Thiel

Charities President Ph: 503-610-1595 Cell: 503-860-5968

Fax: 503-610-1595 kcbooster@comcast.net

FRATERNAL YEAR 2018-2019 CHARITABLE GREEN SHEET

_____ Oregon Homes for Unwed Mothers: Help for the unwed mothers homes in Salem Oregon.

_____ KBVM Mater Dei Radio: Support of this will help bring evangelization to the air waves

_____ General Fund: This is to provide for the charities we don't have listed and support of the Charities program

_____ Special Olympics: Helps provide support for the needs of Special Olympics Summer games and Regional games

_____ Ultrasound Initiatives: This allows us to help fund ultrasound machines in pregnancy centers.

_____ Global Wheelchair Mission: Many places within our state need wheel chairs. This fund helps us purchase wheel chairs.

_____ Military Chaplains Scholarship: We need more Priests to become Chaplains in our armed forces, and this fund will help them train to be chaplains

_____ Diocesan Youth Programs Baker and Portland Diocese Youth Programs

_____ **TOTAL GREEN SHEET CONTRIBUTIONS**

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY
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Above is the 2018 Oregon State KofC charities/Green Sheet which provides you an opportunity to support Oregon State Charities. This can be returned at the same time as your dues, but separate checks.

Please complete the enclosed Green Sheet and send it to your Council Financial Secretary.

Checks for these funds should be made out to "pay to the order of Oregon State KofC Charities"

Return Green Sheet payments before March 15, 2019 to your Council so they can be included with your Council's Charity report at the State Convention.

If you have any questions, please contact your Financial Secretary.

You can go to the Charity's website and donate there also. <http://www.oregonstatekofccharities.org/>

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Food Allergies: _____

Financial Secretary/GK Notice!

Brothers, Just a reminder to be sure this transition is seamless.

Beginning March 1, 2019, orders for printed materials from the Supreme Council **can only be made online** (Supplies Online button on Member Management).

Orders placed using *Requisition Forms* (#1) or the *Supply Catalog* (#1264), or placed via phone, mail or fax, will **no longer be accepted.**

Need help ordering online? A customer service team can walk users through the ordering process. Call toll free 1-833-591-7770 or email customersupport@webbmason.com.

If you are in need of help for Officers Online, Member Management or Member Billing, you can call them as their support line at 203-752-4210 and then select Option 1 or you can email ExpertFS@KofC.org.

Also, you can now submit your Survey of Fraternal Activity online. A digital version of Form #1728 is now available at Officers Online. In addition, the form has been updated to reflect the new Faith in Action program model, allowing officers to better track their meetings, donations and volunteer hours. Access is today at Officers Online. If you haven't yet submitted your Form 1728, do that today. Thanks.

Fraternally and Respectfully,

Mike Woody
Oregon Executive Secretary Phone 541-905-5009

Community Director Update

WHEELCHAIR PROJECT UPDATE



Worthy Grand Knights,

I recently sent a CallingPost message to all of you to PLEASE... add to your AGENDA for this month's COUNCIL MEETING...to request ...a donation to help us reach the goal of \$15,000 so that we can order a container of 100 wheelchairs. Please consider a donation of \$70-100 so that we can reach this goal.

If every Council donates this amount, we will have enough.

The State Deputy, Francis Mohr, has asked that we do this wheelchair project, together as a State Council, because it has not been done in Oregon before, and it is a highly visible activity that will be good PR for our order!

If we can raise the needed funds, we can order the chairs and have them delivered before the State Convention in late April.

They can be distributed then to the delegates from the Councils that have requested them. The rest can be available when a need comes up, statewide, for wheelchairs.

EACH wheelchair donation is a PR opportunity for the OREGON Knights of Columbus!

If 70 to 100 dollars is not in your Council's budget... think outside the box! Pass the hat at the meeting. Seek outside help, from friends, family, neighbors. Have a second collection at one or all Masses at a particular weekend. \$70-100 should be doable by every Council. Maybe some can help more. If you can...

The STATE DEPUTY will be EXTREMELY grateful!

Checks should be made out to: **Oregon KofC Charities**

Checks should be mailed to:

Ron Boyce, State Secretary

PO Box 23093

Tigard, OR 97281

Remember, donations to Oregon KofC Charities are tax-deductible!

Thank you, Brothers.

Vivat Jesus!

Kent Purdy

State Community Program Director

PH: 503-881-1224

purdalator2@gmail.com



Council In Action

Holy Rosary Council 15605 Portland held an Admissions Degree on Monday January 14th.

They welcomed 3 new Brothers: Paul, Antonio, and Kim. State Secretary Ron Boyce was present to witness the Degree (and was taking the picture).

The Council had not performed their own degree in a while and they did an exceptional job. Also many thanks and acknowledgement to Madeleine Council 11682 Portland for loaning the necessary equipment for the ceremony.



Assemblies In Action



Thursday December 20th, 2018

OSU Women's Basketball vs Duke.

Assembly 906 and Assembly 3219 joined forces to present the flag ceremony at the National Anthem. Then District Deputy 01 Ken Anderson joined the band, with other alumni, to cover the students who were away for winter break.



Have you done your Audit?

Your Council's audit is due by February 15th. Have you, Grand Knight and Auditors, completed your form and sent it in? Unlike the IRS, you do not need to file and extension if you missed the deadline; however, you still need to complete this vital piece of paperwork for your Council to continue with its works of the Order.

IRS Form 990

Now here is a form that the IRS will become upset about not receiving. Yes, Brothers, it is up to each Grand Knight to ensure that his Financial Secretary files an IRS Form 990-N if the Council produces more than \$50,000 in one year or Form 990 EZ online filing. Most Council use the Fraternal Year to do their filing. They have until the 15th day of the 5th month after the close of your [tax year](#) to get their report to the IRS. DD's, it is up to you to ensure that GK's are completing this important task. Here is the extract from the IRS website worth heeding:

What happens if a political organization fails to file Form 990?

A political organization that fails to file a required [Form 990](#) or fails to include required information on those returns is subject to a penalty of \$20 per day for every day such failure continues. The maximum penalty imposed regarding any one return is the lesser of \$10,000 or 5 percent of the gross receipts of the organization for the year. In the case of an organization having gross receipts exceeding \$1,000,000 for any year, the penalty is increased to \$100 per day with a maximum penalty of \$50,000.

Pennies For Heaven (PFH)

Peace to you all,

By now your 2018-2019 Council Year has passed the halfway mark and I hope you are having a good one in service of our Lord Jesus Christ and in service of all. I am writing this 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 our 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 come 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. Our 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 \$275,000. Individual members use the online donation process available through our State Councils' tax deductible charity at <https://www.oregonstatekofccharities.org/support-us.html>

Councils and Assemblies present their donation checks to the PFH Chairman during the State Convention. Once the funds are deposited to the Oregon State KofC Charities account, 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. (at right, during January 2018, PFH Check Presentation, Msgr. Joseph Betschart, PFH Chairman Patrick Rausch and wife Vicky Rausch



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

Have a special collection at weekend Masses in consultation with the Pastor. One Council has an 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. They also have made an announcement from the pulpit explaining the purpose. Council/Assemblies can take up collections at their meetings, dinner meetings, KC breakfasts etc. Try to seek out individuals within the community who would like to help with training of priests and ask for a donation to the State Charity or through your Council or Assembly. 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. Have a monthly 50/50 at business meetings. Host an annual garage sale. Donate the RSVP refund from Supreme. Use Tip Jar from October Fest Booth or other community festival event. Donate a portion of the Star Council refund money from Supreme. Use general fund or charity fund account monies to roundup the collected funds. Accept Happy Bucks at meetings, allowing members to share good news for a buck to PFH.

These were all very good suggestions from your fellow Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators. I am always happy to answer any questions you may have about PFH so please don't hesitate to ask. Let's be dynamic in our efforts to form the priests that will carry the Church forward in Oregon for decades to come. If you haven't participated in the past, please consider joining this year with \$50 donation. Thank you for all you do.

Vivat Jesus,

Patrick Rausch, PFH Chairman prauschkofc@gmail.com

Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians

As you know, three beautiful icon images of our Lady are now on pilgrimage around Oregon.

Our Lady of the Dunes Council 15773 in Florence has hosted one icon for two weeks and many parishioners stopped in to pray while it was on display in the church. Brother Pat Beckham shared this,...

"Our Chaplain, Fr John Congdon, led the prayer service after the Saturday vigil weekend mass and probably over half the congregation stayed for a very spiritual, devout service that was very well received.

Thank you for giving us this great opportunity to share our devotion to the Blessed Mother.

God Bless,

Pat Beckham"

This icon will now travel south to be received by Coos Council 1261 in North Bend. May our devotion to our Lady continue to raise awareness of the plight of Christians persecuted for their faith.

As part of the Oregon pilgrimage, one icon has been received by William J. Leahy Council 1307 in Astoria and one icon has been received by Baker City Council 849 and is visiting St Francis DeSales, Cathedral of the Baker Diocese

If your Council would be interested in hosting one of our icons please let us know.

Fraternally,
Mike Woody
woodygap@comcast.net
[541-905-5009](tel:541-905-5009)



PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

O God of all the nations,
the One God who is and was and always will be,
in your providence you willed that your Church
be united to the suffering of your Son.
Look with mercy on your servants
who are persecuted for their faith in you.
Grant them perseverance and courage
to be worthy imitators of Christ.
Bring your wisdom upon leaders of nations
to work for peace among all peoples.
May your Spirit open conversion
for those who contradict your will,
that we may live in harmony.
Give us the grace to be united in truth and freedom,
and to always seek your will in our lives.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians, pray for us.

KNIGHTS OF  COLUMBUS

Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori, Supreme Chaplain

Council Game Changer!!!!

Supreme will build a custom Prospect Landing Page for your Council! It's a really simple process, and you can use it on a phone, tablet, or computer. Use it at your church drives, men's conferences, pancake breakfasts, spaghetti dinners, fish fries — really any event where you have potential members.

How does it work?

1. Ask a potential member if he is interested in learning more about the Knights.
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Request your Council's custom Prospect Landing page today (takes 1 minute) All you need to do is go to info.kofc.org/pagerequest

Contact the Oregon Online Membership Team

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The Prospect Landing Page is FREE to every Oregon Council

Fraternally,
Mike Woody

Faith In Action

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Fraternally,

Mike Woody
Oregon Membership



Supreme's Family of the Month for December 2018



Alfred Vandecoevering
Council 1767 Mt. Angel

This month these families received one of the 100 Holy Family gifts that are given out by the Supreme office with a random drawing each month. Any Council who uses the Family of the Month (Form 1993), available online at KofC.ORG under Council Forms and sub-category Program forms, is automatically placed in the random drawing each month at Supreme.

Oregon Councils, listed as participating, in December were:
Council 1623 McMinnville, Council 1767* Mt. Angel and Council 8129 Dallas,

Youth Director Report



George Murphy
Youth Director

Worthy Brother Knights:

I pray each one of you had an excellent 2018.

Thanks to one and all for your help during 2018.

The Youth Activities area was very busy as usual. We were blessed to have a Supreme Winner in our state Soccer Kick program. Also, we had a Supreme Winner in our State Basketball Hoop Shoot Program: 13 Year old Carly Hicks from Holy Trinity Council 14802.

Councils and District hoop shoots that are coming up: Eugene Council 1430, Sherwood Council 9137, Holy Trinity Council 14802, Corvallis Council 1785, St. Pius X Council 12656 and Mt. Angel Council 1767 reporting (318) participants. That's over the top—congratulations! These are just a few of our Councils that are participating.

Then our State Championship Hoop Shoot will start 12 Noon on 16Mar 2019 at:
Linus Pauling School
1111 NW Cleveland Av
Corvallis, Or. 97330

Next Month I will have an update on our Poster winners and our Essay Winner(s).

Our State sends a huge thank you to each Council that participated in our Coats For Kids Program. Because so many Knights helped, many kids are walking around in nice warm coats in this frigid weather.

Again thanks in advance.

If you have any questions please contact me.

George E. Murphy
Chairman Youth Activities
1969 SE Gail Ct
Hillsboro, Or 97123
gemurphy42@gmail.com



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Quianna Richardson

(203) 800-4940

youthleader@kofc.org

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Michael Woody
Membership Director
Executive Secretary
Oregon Council - Knights of Columbus
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Albany, OR 97321
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Manny Buzo
District Deputy 21
28650 SW Sandalwood Dr.
Wilsonville, OR 97070
503-656-4138
mdbuzo@msn.com

Upcoming Fraternal Training Growth and Engagement Webinars

- **Thursday – February 28 – Linking Council Action to our Founder**
- **Thursday – March 28 – Finding “New Members” Where They Are**
- **Thursday – April 25 – Your Council “Charity Story” is Attractive**
- **Wednesday – May 29 – Council Officer KEY Change over Strategies**
- **Wednesday – June 26 – Preparing for Quick Start Wins**
- **Wednesday – July 24 – Officers Duties and Responsibilities**

Praying Before A Meal

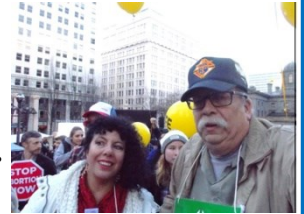
Thank you Brother Knights and one spouse for reminding us that Knights and families pray before their meals.



Culture of Life

Patrick and Teresita Parson
Life Couple - Oregon Knights of Columbus

Novena for Life - The Novena for Life is required of every Council in order to be eligible for the Columbian Award. Councils are free to design their own program as simple or complex as they wish. Supreme would prefer a formal action bringing together not just parishioners but other individuals or groups sharing a concern for strengthening the culture of life.



According to Supreme, the official definition of a Novena is "nine days of private or public devotion in the Catholic Church to obtain special graces." Many interpret this as successive days. But successive simply means "following one another or following others". So this could be nine successive Sundays, nine successive business meetings, and so on. But successive also means "unbroken" so once a novena is endeavored upon, a Council should continue until conclusion. While the number eight in the Judeo-Christian tradition was always thought of as a festive number of new beginnings, the number nine seemed to be often linked with suffering. Therefore, just as there are times in the liturgical year that we are called to suffer (i.e. Lent), a novena is also meant to be a discipline of prayer.

So be sure your Council conducts a *Novena for Life*, not only for Columbian Award eligibility but also to build up a culture of life in our parishes, homes, and wider community.

Oregon Death Bills (information supplied by Oregon Right to Life) - Another bill was introduced in the Oregon Legislature to expand assisted suicide. These bills create dangerous loopholes which will put vulnerable people at risk, and allow these Oregonians to be manipulated and coerced into ending their lives. These bills show a concerted effort to push Oregon closer to euthanasia in our state. Take immediate action and tell your legislators to oppose these bills.

- Loophole 1 - Expands how deadly prescriptions can be administered. Creates a path to end a vulnerable person's life and make it look like assisted suicide. (HB 2217, HB 2232, HB 2903)
- Loophole 2 - Creates a "fast-track" request scheme for those believed to be at the very end of life, placing the most vulnerable people at risk of being coerced to end their lives. (SB 579)
- Loophole 3 - Allows people who are not terminally ill to end their lives by broadening the definition of terminal illness. (HB 2232, HB 2903)

We urge you to ask your legislators to protect vulnerable Oregonians. Oppose House & Senate (Bills HB 2217, HB 2232, HB 2903 AND SB 579!) Take action now! Go to <https://www.ortl.org/noeuthanasia/>

Cultura de la Vida

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

Novena por la Vida - La Novena por la Vida es requerida por cada Consejo para el premio Columbia. Los Consejos son libres de diseñar su programa simple o complejo, como ellos deseen.

El caballero supremo prefiere una acción formal uniendo no solo a los parroquianos, pero también a los individuos o grupos que traten de fortalecer la cultura de la vida.

De acuerdo con el Caballero supremo, la definición de novena es: "nueve días de devoción pública o privada en la iglesia católica para obtener gracias especiales. Muchos interpretan esto como una sucesión de días, pero sucesión significa "seguir uno a otro, o seguir a otros". Así que esto puede ser 9 domingos sucesivos, o 9 días seguidos, y así. Pero sucesivos también significa no romperlos, así que una vez que el Consejo comience la novena, deberá de terminarla. El número 8 en la tradición judeo-cristiana siempre ha sido un número festivo o de nuevos comienzos. Y el número 9 parece ser siempre vinculado al sufrimiento. Así como también hay días marcados en nuestra liturgia, anual, en las que estamos llamados a un sufrimiento, (cuaresma), la novena es una disciplina de oración.

Asegúrense que su Consejo lleve a cabo una Novena, y no solo por el premio Columbia, sino para construir una cultura de la vida en nuestros Consejos, en nuestras parroquias, casas, y comunidades.

Oregon Legalizaciones de Muerte (información proporcionada por Oregon Right-to-life) Otra legalización ha sido introducida en la legislatura de Oregon para expandir el suicidio asistido. Estas legalizaciones crean peligrosas lagunas que ponen a personas vulnerables en riesgo, y dejan a los Oregonianos ser manipulados y querer terminar con sus vidas. Estas legalizaciones de cuenta muestran un esfuerzo por empujar a Oregon a la eutanasia en nuestro estado. Tomen inmediata acción, y díganle a sus legisladores que se opongan a ellas.

- Laguna 1 - expande la azada de las prescripciones para muerte que puedan ser administradas. Crea un camino para que las personas vulnerables terminen con su vida y esto se vea como suicidio asistido. (HB 2217, HB 2232, HB 2903)
- Laguna 2 - Crea una vía rápida de "esquema de solicitud" para aquellos que están al final de su vida, colocando a las personas más vulnerables a dar fin a sus vidas. (SB 579)
- Laguna 3 - Deja a las personas que no son enfermos terminales terminar con sus vidas al ensanchar la definición de enfermedad terminal (HB 2233, HB 2903)

Urge que le preguntes a tus legisladores que protejan a los Oregonianos más vulnerables oponiéndose ante la casa de representantes y el senado. ¡Cuentas HB 2217, HB 2232, HB 2903 y SB 579! ¡Para actuar ahora! ve a <https://www.ortl.org/nocuthanasia/>

SICK AND DISTRESSED

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.

Daughter

of SK Jorge Lopez-Gonzalez
Council 1577 Albany

SK Ralph (Jerry) Whitney**SK Gary Staats**

Council 1594 & Assembly 905
Earnest (Ernie) Gallo Council 1594 Central Point

George Flake, PSD

Council 7223 Madras

Tay Mohr

Wife of SD Francis Mohr
Council 849 Baker City

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

IN MEMORIAM

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

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their soul and the souls of all the faith-
ful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.

Amen

**Bud Weisner**

Council 9137 Sherwood

Brother

of Lorenzo Nicholson, DD-2

Joe Lavallee, PDD**SK Joseph (Joe) Occhipinti**

Council 3157 & Assembly 2437 Grants Pass

Ted Hicel

Council 10684 Portland

Francis Roos

Council 9137 Sherwood

SK Bob Thomas Sr.

Council 10594 Keizer and Assembly 900 Keizer

Duane Bradley

Council 2439 Canby

Roger Ethier

Council 11682 Portland

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

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Mike Woody
Oregon Membership

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