



Epiphany

The wise men followed the star,
And found Christ who is light from light.
May you too find the Lord
when your pilgrimage is ended. (Amen)



Epiphany also called **Feast of the Epiphany**, **Theophany** or **Three Kings' Day**, (from Greek *epiphaneia*, which means "manifestation"), Christian holiday commemorating the first manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, represented by the Magi, and the manifestation of his divinity, as it occurred at his baptism in the Jordan River and at his first miracle, at Cana in Galilee. Epiphany is one of the three principal and oldest festival days of the Christian church (the other two are Easter and Christmas). Roman Catholics, Lutherans, Anglicans, and other Western churches observe the feast on January 6, while some Eastern Orthodox churches celebrate Epiphany on January 19, since their Christmas Eve falls on January 6.

The festival originated in the Eastern church, where it at first included a commemoration of Christ's birth. In Rome, by the year 354, Christ's birth was being celebrated on December 25 (Christmas), and later in the 4th century the church in Rome began celebrating Epiphany on January 6. In the Western church the festival primarily commemorates the visit by the Magi to the infant Jesus, which is seen as evidence that Christ, the Jewish Messiah, came also for the salvation of Gentiles. In the East it primarily commemorates the baptism of Jesus and celebrates the revelation that the incarnate Christ was both fully God and fully man.

In the West the evening preceding Epiphany is called Twelfth Night. The time between December 25 and January 6 is known as the Twelve Days of Christmas. Epiphany is celebrated with special pastries in many countries, and children often receive small gifts in their shoes in honor of the Magi's gifts to the infant Jesus. The holiday also has a number of traditions involving water as a reflection of Jesus' baptism, including the blessing of houses with holy water.

Ethiopian Orthodox Christians celebrate Epiphany, or *Timket*, with a major festival that begins the night before, on *Ketera* (January 18). In honor of Christ's baptism, celebrants escort a replica of the Ark of the Covenant, a *tabot*, to a local body of water with great ceremony. The night is spent in prayer and hymn services. The following morning the congregation is blessed with holy water, and the *tabot* is brought back to its church in a colorful procession.

Message from the State Deputy

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**Knights of the Eucharist!**

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LegacyTo all Council Officers, especially Grand Knights,

Brothers all:

We have 6 months left in this Fraternal Year. For myself and for some Grand Knights, this will be our last 6 months in a leadership role for Oregon. These last 6 months are what people are going to remember us by.

What memories would you like to leave them? Maybe, just maybe, some of us have been going through the motions. Maybe, some of us have been coasting. We see the finish line and we are just going to coast downhill. But is that the memory—is that the legacy you want to leave to your Council and to its members?

Would you like them to remember you as Joe Blow, the fill-in Grand Knight or the mediocre Grand Knight? Or would you like to go out with a bang? Would you like the memories to be, man, that Joe was a great Grand Knight. He really raised the bar on what a Grand Knight should be. He really made his Council great. Wow, the leadership he taught, the things he set in motion, the men he helped bring in will make this Council better for a generation. Think about that. Would you like to know that you helped inspire your Council for a generation?

You have that ability. The other Officers in your Council look up to you. You're the one with the experience. You're the one with the knowledge. You're the one they placed their trust in.

The right message to Council leaders right now, this month, can form and motivate new leaders that will help your Council for a generation. It's not too late. It's really not too late. Every goal you had at the beginning of the year is still within reach. You still have the opportunity to inspire and motivate your Council. You still have time to leave a legacy.

But you'll have to start right now! Don't wait until next month. Start planning your Council meeting, and think about how you want to motivate the Brother Knights who look to you for inspiration and guidance. Remind them that this is their time also, to leave a legacy.

For you Grand Knights, most of you only have 2 or maybe three years in that role. Do you have your Star Council plaque on the wall? There is still time.

For some Councils, if we do not find a way to inspire and motivate this year, there won't be a next year. I know that's not the legacy you want to leave. You do not want to be the Grand Knight who closed your Council. So what can you do? Talk to your District Deputy and your State Officers. They want you to succeed. They want you to be "The Legend". Ask them for some help.

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We are always ready to help with your membership drives or some needed training. Inspiring more men to join your Council is a sure fix for many of the problems that plague Councils in Oregon. More new members means more energy, more help with activities and more men to call on for leadership roles.

Maybe there are Councils where no one wants to step up for Council leadership after the Grand Knight's term expires. That is a recipe for disaster, because we know that a Council will not survive long without a Grand Knight.

Brothers, this is not the legacy you want to have your name attached to and 6 months is still a lot of time. It's enough time to take action that will allow your Council to make an impact for a generation.

Throw out the old game plan that was just the same old - same old. Rethink your strategy, and ask your mentors for help if needed. You have six months left to shape your legacy! You can leave a positive impression on your Council for all future generations!

Vivat Jesus!

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.....—Because—.....
If not us, then who?

4th Degree Exemplification

A 4th Degree Exemplification was held at Holy Trinity in Bandon on October 22nd with 8 new Sir Knights. (No photo)

Editor note: While Christmas has receded in our memories, I thought I would be nice to read a nice message from our State Deputy Ray Prom and his wife Tina's wishes during the Christmas Season

Merry Christmas

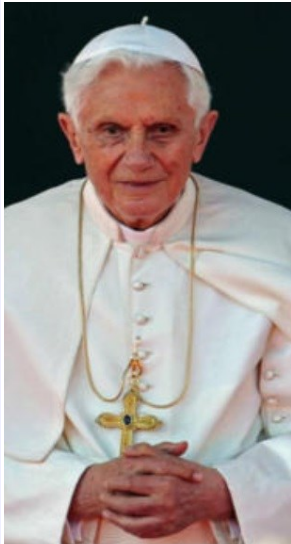
For Unto Us a Child Is Born, to Us a Son Is Given

Brothers: As we count down the last hours until Christmas morning, I hope you all feel the peace of Christmas in your hearts, your lives, and your families. In the Catholic church, the month prior to Christmas, is a time of preparation, to prepare for the Christ child in our lives. But I truly feel that for the Knights of Columbus, the entire year is a time of preparation.

All year long we have worked as Christ instructed, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked. In Oregon, we have fed tens of thousands of people, with hundreds of thousands of pounds of food. We have provided thousands of warm coats to needy children, and sleeping bags, socks, and gloves to those without shelter. We have prepared for children to be born into this world through our ultrasound machine programs, and a diaper drives and bottles drives.

*We have lived the spirit of Advent for the entire year. We have made the world around us a much better place. We have lit many, many candles to fight away the darkness. We have made Christmas brighter for a multitude. Enjoy the holidays, let the Peace of Christ sink deep into our souls, and give thanks that God has chosen you to bring Joy to the World!
Vivat Jesus and Merry Christmas*

Ray and Tina Prom



[Pope Benedict XVI 265th pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church Passes Rest in peace oh faithful servant of the Lord!](#)

(The following are excerpts and paraphrasing from a story provided by Matteo Bruni's Director of the Holy See press office and readily available on the internet.)

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's (previous know as Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger prior to becoming pope) funeral is scheduled for Thursday at 9:30 a.m. local time on January 5th in St. Peter's Square on the parvis of St. Peter's Basilica and will be presided over by Pope Francis.

Benedict reiterated the Church's traditional conservative positions on important doctrinal issues like abortion, contraception, homosexuality, euthanasia and the priesthood.

A prolific writer throughout his life, he penned speeches, encyclicals, exhortations and a three-book biography, "Jesus of Nazareth," while pope.

[Bavarian boyhood and WWII](#)

Joseph Ratzinger was born in Marktl am Inn, part of Germany's southern region, on April 16, 1927. His father was a policeman and his mother was a former cook. He had a brother and sister.

He followed his older brother, Georg, into the seminary in 1939 at the age of 12, per his autobiography. When he was 14, Ratzinger was enrolled in Hitler's Nazi youth movement; at the time, membership was compulsory. In 1943 he was drafted into a Nazi anti-aircraft unit, but his unit never saw combat.

At the end of WWII, in April 1945, he deserted and returned home. He was sent to a U.S. prisoner of war camp in May 1945, as a former soldier, but was released after a few months. Following the war, which ended when he was 18, the two brothers returned to the seminary. Joseph and Georg were ordained priests and celebrated their first mass on June 29, 1951.

[Before becoming pope](#)

After being ordained, Ratzinger pursued a successful university career teaching a dogmatic and fundamental theology at a number of German universities. In 1977, Ratzinger was appointed archbishop of Munich and Freising. Three months later, he was elevated to cardinal by Pope Paul VI.

Three years after his election, Pope John Paul II called Cardinal Ratzinger to Rome to head the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith at the Vatican, in charge of all the Church's doctrinal matters.

As John Paul II's health declined, Ratzinger took on a more important role at the Vatican and in 2002, he became dean of the College of Cardinals. As dean, he had an important role in the period between the death of John Paul II and the election of the new pope, which included summoning the conclave to elect the new pope.

His long service to Pope John Paul II in the Vatican meant he was known and respected by most of the cardinals who elected him. His stature grew after he presided over John Paul's funeral Mass in St. Peter's Square.

Electing Benedict, the cardinals hoped he would clean up the church -- which was still in the throes of the clerical sex abuse scandals -- because of his deep knowledge of its workings after twenty-four years at his job at the Vatican, alongside his predecessor.

“The most deadly poison of our times is indifference.”
St. Maximilian Kolbe



“The world offers you comfort.
But you were not made for comfort.
You were made for Greatness!”
Pope Benedict XVI

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE**JANUARY 2023**

Supreme Chaplain
Archbishop
William Lori

“Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

(Gospel for Jan. 29, Mt 5:11-12a)

It often isn't popular to be a true follower of Jesus. That can especially be the case when we express our faith in public ways. For example, many Christians who have often prayed outside an abortion facility have experienced hostility for their beliefs. But when we stand up courageously for truth and righteousness — even when we face opposition or suffer persecution to do so — we know we do so as followers of Christ.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to give witness to your faith and love by supporting the pro-life cause in some concrete way, such as by donating your time or other resources. Second, I challenge you to participate in the ASAP, Novena for Life and/or March for Life programs.

Questions for Reflection:

Are you willing to suffer as a disciple of Christ, as Jesus warned would happen? Do you sometimes fail to speak up for your faith or moral values out of a desire to be liked by others or to not “rock the boat”? What concrete, practical things can you do to strengthen your willingness and ability to publicly witness to your faith, even when it might be unpopular — or comes with a cost?



**By Fr. Jonathan D. Kalisch, O.P.
Director of Chaplains and Spiritual Development**

As the new year begins and our Brother Knights seek to deepen their commitment to a charity that evangelizes, it is worth recalling the lessons of *Deus Caritas Est*, the first encyclical of Pope Benedict XVI. In it, he wrote that the Christian is to imitate the example of the Good Samaritan by living with a heart that “sees where love is needed and acts accordingly” (31). Always concerned with the person before us, true Christian charity is free of ideology and not “practiced as a way of achieving other ends” and “never seeks to impose the Church’s faith upon others” (31).

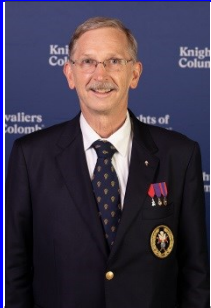
The encyclical offers a worthy reminder of what a “credible witness to Christ” is: “A Christian knows when it is time to speak of God and when it is better to say nothing and to let love alone speak. He knows that God is love (1 Jn 4:8) and that God’s presence is felt at the very time when the only thing we do is to love” (31).

As chaplains, we should encourage our Brother Knights to reflect with gratitude on their own experience of God’s love and mercy. *Deus Caritas Est* states that for those who carry out the Church’s charitable activity, “more than anything else, they must be persons moved by Christ’s love, persons whose hearts Christ has conquered with his love, awakening within them a love of neighbor” (33).

Calling St. Paul’s hymn to charity (1 Cor 13) the “Magna Carta of all ecclesial service,” Pope Benedict reminds us that charity must begin with the personal encounter with Christ. “Practical activity will always be insufficient, unless it visibly expresses a love for man, a love nourished by an encounter with Christ. My deep personal sharing in the needs and sufferings of others becomes a sharing of my very self with them: If my gift is not to prove a source of humiliation, I must give to others not only something that is my own, but my very self; I must be personally present in my gift (34). It is a good reminder of how we are to engage in the great works of our Order.

On a final note, *Our Sunday Visitor* recently named Brother Knight Szymon Czystek one of its “2022 Catholics of the Year” for his work coordinating the Knights’ humanitarian aid to Ukraine. We can be proud of the extraordinary efforts made by Szymon and other Knights in Poland and Ukraine to ensure aid reaches those most in need. Please continue to pray for and contribute to the K of C Ukraine Solidarity Fund in the coming months. Wishing you a blessed new year.

Vivat Jesus!

Vice SUPREME MASTER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Joseph W Schaecher
Vice Supreme Master

Worthy Sir Knights,

Membership: The new fraternal year and the new calendar year have similarities, in that we are asked to focus on membership. This focus is not just for new members but for your current members. If through the year we have not engaged our members to participate in anything meaningful, then they have little reason to ask others to join our ranks.

Navigators – Who are leaders of your neighboring Councils and Assemblies? Please reach out to their Grand Knights and Faithful Navigators and talk about joint activities or events. Tell your District Masters what you are doing or ask them to assist you. Talk it up and share ideas. Are you anticipating an Exemplification, but are just not sure? Don't keep these thoughts to yourself because a shared thought or concern can flower into an event of wonder.

Affiliate members: Another reminder - If Councils move a member to Affiliate status, that member is removed from the Fourth Degree roster until they choose to reestablish a Third Degree membership in good status.

Wear your colors: From your name plate to hats, ties, jacket and everything in between - let people, especially other Knights know that you are a Fourth Degree Knight. Through your actions, others will want to join your ranks within the Patriotic Order of the Knights of Columbus.

Patriotism: in the New Year: January 22nd is Ukraine Day of Unity: Ukrainians join together to form a live chain across the Dnieper River in Kyiv to mark the 1919 Unification Act of the Ukrainian People's Republic and the short-lived West Ukrainian People's Republic. Many of us have been supporting Ukraine in both funds and prayers and we pray this celebration will still occur. If you feel moved to participate in a local celebration, please share it.

March 3 is National Anthem Day: We believe the United States adopted "The Star Spangled Banner" as its national anthem on this day. Francis Scott Key wrote his 1814 poem "Defence of Fort McHenry,". The song did not become the official anthem until 1931 when signed by President Herbert Hoover.

Planning - In preparation for our nation's semi-quincentennial in 2026 (the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of our own Independence of the Thirteen Colonies in 1776). Big events take time to plan – start now.

Improper Regalia: Back in October, it was brought to the attention of Supreme that a new uniform (new regalia) from the Philippines could be made available if a member had a contact in that country. Maybe because of the tropical weather, I don't know the reasons, but the Philippines (PI) has a different uniform (regalia) than the rest of the Fourth Degree world. Their uniform is not transferable to any other country. If a Fourth Degree member transfers from the PI to Idaho (for example), they cannot wear the uniform brought over from the PI, so a new uniform must be purchased from: www.kofcuniform.com/.

As far as uniforms go, only approved uniforms (regalia) are allowed to be worn. If someone has purchased similar color slacks or jacket or tie (I hope you get the idea), they are not authorized and the member should then be counseled so as not to bring discredit upon The Order.

Happy New Year!

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State By-Law Change

Notice of a timeline change

To all Districts and Councils within the jurisdiction of Oregon

My Brother Knights,

Pursuant to the Oregon State By-Laws, in order to meet the correct timelines as specified in Article I, Sections 13 and 14, a change is hereby being published withdrawing the original closing date, March 1st, 2023, for resolutions to be filed with the state Resolutions committee. The new closing date is hereby being changed to February the 10th, 2023.

This change is being made to allow more time for Councils to consider all published resolutions at their general business meetings for the months of March and April. This change falls within the guidelines as specified in the above referenced article and has been vetted by supreme.

In closing, please take note that only two (2) resolutions in the past seventy-seven (77) days have been officially received. The resolutions committee, as of the date of this announcement, is still awaiting resolutions for multiple State Officer positions and any concerns affecting our state's By-laws.

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Kenneth J. Anderson
State Secretary

State Secretary Request

Worthy Brother Knights,

I just wanted to send out a follow-up reminder to everyone on 2 things:

1. Please send me your AMI (Affiliate Membership Initiative) submissions by January 15th so I can account for that in the billing that I will send out to the Councils. **I will be unable to honor any late submissions.**

2. If you haven't already, please let me know if you are a Council FS and you would like to opt-in for paperless mailings for billing and convention mailings.

I hope everyone is off to a good start to the new calendar year!

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State Advocate Report

Members of the Clergy, State, District, and Council Officers and Brothers all.

My Brother Knights,

It is my hope that all our jurisdiction had a safe and peaceful beginning to the new year. It was for my family and me a very quiet holiday season. It was also a very quiet time in our jurisdiction and now, with the coming of the new year, let us get going again and ratchet-up our membership, ceremonials and vocations efforts.

With all that in mind, let's look at our beginning for 2023. The first full weekend of this new year will see our winter meeting, for District Deputies, State Program Directors and State Officers, from January 6 through the 8th in the village of Independence, west of Salem. Our State Deputy will roll out our calendar for 2023 and we will hear other speakers make presentations.

This meeting will serve as the beginning for all of us for the run-up to our Annual Convention, to be held in the Hermiston Civic Center, on April 21 through the 23rd.

Therefore Brother Knights, please, take special notice to the paragraphs below.

State Advocate Duties

By the time you see this article, your Councils will have approximately 36 days to enter resolutions to the State Advocate for consideration of the resolutions committee. Please follow the paragraph below; you have until the new revised date of February 10th. This new closing date was published, statewide to districts and Councils, this past December. The change was made to allow Councils more time in February, March, and April before the Convention to ponder any proposed changes to our by-laws. This new timeline also falls within approved guidelines.

Resolutions for State Officer positions and resolutions for the additions, changes and deletion of state by-laws must be submitted in triplicate. One copy each signed by the Council's Grand Knight and Financial Secretary, with the official seal of the Council on each document. It must clearly state the purpose of the resolution and be sent via US mail to the State's Deputy, State Secretary and State Advocate. A prima facia (first copy) may be emailed to the State Advocate in advance for preliminary consideration by the resolutions committee and our advisor. If your Council is considering multiple resolutions, each must be submitted separately and will be numbered individually, for consideration of submission.

Allow me to wish all our Knights and families my best wishes for a prosperous and blessed New Year. May 2023 be a time of renewed joy and peace for you and your loved ones.

Regards.

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District In Action

January 2023 Report District Two *Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*

East Multnomah Council's Officers trekked up to the Mountain Tuesday night to present the new **Mt. Hood Council 18062** with a table banner for their meetings. The Father Flannigan Assembly joined them to present a new American flag. They also presented the Council Chaplain, Father Greg Bronsema with a chalice and paten honoring PFN, PDD, SK Dale Frazier. Dale's widow Ginny, FN Mike Steiert, PFN SK Tom Barrie, PFN SK Bob Anderson and PFN SK Marlow Jayme joined DD 27 Mike Hanley in their presentation. Father was thrilled to receive this as he noted one of his mission parishes needed a residence chalice.



St. Therese Council 7828 at NE 132nd Ave., Portland, recently hired a Schommer and Sons Construction (Catholic company) to lower the cross on the apex of the church so it could be repainted a brilliant white and installed new powerful LED lamps to illuminate it. I know it will be a wonderful welcome for our Christmas Eve celebration.

St. Joseph the Worker Council 13700 at SE 148th Ave., Assisted the Franciscan Montessori Earth School in a school celebration, by procuring all of the food to be cooked, transported bbq grills to the location and cooked for 500 adults and children and provided the labor to set-up and clean up. They covered half the cost of the event. They did well on their Christmas Wreath Fund Raiser and brought back the Pancake Breakfasts which have been a big hit as they have been noticeably absent for a while. They also manned the coffee and donuts in the meantime.

St. Rose Council 17536 at SE 148th Ave., One of the desires of Father Matt Libra in requesting a KofC Council was to bring his parish mission leaders under one umbrella. He had several good men chairing the parishes' Councils and missions and he now has them working even more closely. Case in point, Brother Mike Pinder recently thanked the parish for their efforts supporting the SVdP assisting the parish in hanging 7,000 door hangers throughout the parish boundaries requesting food donations. They had an overwhelming response from non-parishioners and parishioners to their appeal. They collected 12,000 lbs. of food, date checked all of it and distributed 188 cardboard boxes filled with food to those in need. They received 1,200 lbs of fresh produce which the distributed to 90 families along with 1,000 lbs of ham and other frozen meats. And once again they brought the breakfasts back and many families are happy with that. They will be hosting a Exemplification and Reception after the 5:30 p.m. Mass on January 21st in the Church. Please contact DW Mike McDougall if you have any candidates and guests that may join..503-789-8942.

(Did you know: For every \$500 or 1,000 pounds of food donated, the Supreme Council will refund \$100 back to the Council – up to a maximum of \$500 per Council per Fraternal Year.)

Our new **Mt. Hood Council 18062** under the leadership of GK Mike Hanley as he acted as the Knights representative for the Special Olympics as he and several other Knights joined him at Providence Park to help officiate, cheer and serve meals for the participants.



On the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe parishioners marched the seventeen miles from St. John of the Woods with her icon to St. Michaels parish in Sandy where the Knights helped with the cooking and clean-up of a dinner prepared for them.

After witnessing their General Council meeting I was impressed with PDD Mike Steiert's work and his instructing the Council in the ceremonial of a Council meeting, which was set up exactly as required. That along with GK Mike's command of the chair shows that they are in good hands.

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Lastly, the State Council initiated a Delta Drive at the Simbang Gabi commissioning Mass held at the Cathedral on Dec. 11th to recruit members of the Filipino Community to form a San Lorenzo Ruiz Council (Patron Saint). This will be a citywide Council for the whole Filipino Community. Holy Trinity Parish and Holy Family Parish hosted the Simbang Gabi weekly Advent novena leading up to Christmas. Council 16889, GK Mike Dominquez, DD14 Nick Guarriello, Eastside, GK David Lamora Council 16889 and Dave Judy DD18, Westside attended. If anyone knows of a Filipino Knight or Candidate interested in forming a new Council, please contact PSD Ron Boyce with their information. It is anticipated that the Council will form under the leadership of the group consisting of the aforementioned Councils until they can be Chartered.



Looking forward to a strong second half of our Fraternal Year.

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[Scouting Awards Mass](#)

Worthy Sir Knights of the Oregon District,

The Archdiocese of Portland Catholic Committee on Scouting is holding its annual awards Mass this year at Immaculate Conception Parish in Stayton on January 29, 2023 at 2:30pm.

They would like to invite the Knights of Columbus to have an Honor Guard at the Mass. Archbishop Emeritus Vlasny will be presiding at the Mass. They have 46 scouts receiving their faith awards from all over the Archdiocese.

Please pass the word to each of your Assemblies and let's try to have a nice turnout for our Scouts.

Vivat Jesus,
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[DD27 Report](#)

The new Mount Hood Council 18062 is officially up and running with 30 Knights from Saint Michael in Sandy, Saint John in Welches & Saint Aloysius. We ended the year with a donation of a chalice from the wife of a fallen Knight of the Fourth Degree that was presented to our Chaplain Father Gregg Bronsema at a ceremony at Saint Michael in Sandy. All of our Knights have been active assisting the clergy at all three parishes as our single priest is spread thin. In addition to learning the ropes of how to run a Council there is a lot of energy around assisting through our time, talent & treasure in teaching RCIA, serving as ushers, greeters or lectures. Thank you all for the support in helping us get off the ground especially to the East Multnomah County Council 3179.

Vivat Jesus

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State Happy New Year, Klamath style!

Klamath Falls Council 2255 said farewell to 2022 in style with a sold-out prime rib dinner, entertainment and dancing at their hall in Klamath Falls, OR. Eighteen Brother Knights volunteered to make the event a big success. Five priests and 158 other guests from the community enjoyed a social hour, a variety show of nostalgic TV songs by the Kitchen Band, a 3-course dinner and dancing to another band, Cherry Wine. A life-size cutout of Pope Francis was festooned with party hat, noisemaker and bling for photo ops. Proceeds from tickets (\$23 each for 2023) and a cash bar will benefit the Council’s philanthropic projects. Cheers to the New Year!



District Deputy Ipo Ross doubled as Popeye with the Kitchen Band, and emcee for the evening.



Lynne and Doug Butterworth enjoy the prime rib dinner after everyone else was served. Brother Knight Doug was a sous-chef in the kitchen and Lynne, a Catholic Daughter, sang in the Kitchen Band. In the background behind the buffet table is Brother Knight Joe Voehl, volunteer executive chef, who works by day at one of the best restaurants in town.



Brother Knight James Heitman, who sold drink tickets, and his wife Kryssi, a Catholic Daughter, ring in 2023 Eastern time with Pope Francis, as the evening concluded at 9 pm Pacific.

Council In Action

By: Sean Fornelli

Members of Councils 16934 & 5060 assist at the celebration for Our Lady of Guadalupe in Salem, December 12.



[KofC and CDA Working Together For Success](#)

Brother Knights Officers of Oregon.

Shown below is our Part in supporting Keep Christ in Christmas Billboard Program down here in Klamath Falls (Southern Oregon). Thank you to Francis Mohr for helping us get in touch with the right folks to promote our own program for south eastern Oregon. We partnered with two of the Catholic Daughters Chapters here at St. Pius X Catholic Church and Sacred Heart Catholic Church to pay for and developed this for our Community instead of sending monies to the State Charities for billboards we don't see. This sign is on a heavily traveled busy street in Klamath Falls and is also used by two other Catholic businesses. I wanted to take this time to share this with you so you know that we are doing this within our area to develop a better awareness for the Knights through our Women's ministries and our community. We did not support the program for the state because we rarely see the direct benefit for us out here in the 'North Forty area...so to speak. I am hopeful that everyone will see the benefit we gain and will still be supportive of the state's "Keep Christ In Christmas" Billboard Program as a whole.

We have been developing and growing closer in a relationship with the Catholic Daughters Chapters down here. At the start of this Knights Calendar year we began to discuss with our CDA Sisters as to how we can work together in supporting each others' efforts. This is one of several efforts we are starting to work on jointly. We have done others (Dual Parish Patriotic Rosary; 9 Parish wide Women's Retreats; monthly Family Movie nights and potluck. Also we do "That Man Is You" Catholic men's faith study Program ...etc.) and there are more to come. We believe the support and working relationship of our CDA, Altar Society, Women's Bible study Group etc... are a key element in getting men to be encouraged to become Knights.

Thank you for your understanding and encouragement of all things Catholic and of the KofC.

As this is my last year I am eligible to be a District Deputy, I will be looking for a replacement for myself for this coming year. As always, I am ever committed to our goals of "Service to One Service to All". Thank you and may you all be blessed and find so much to be thankful for to the Lord. "Tempus Fugit Momentum Mori" & God Bless you all.

Vivat Jesus

Ipo Ross, District Deputy 11

Mary Ross, Knights Lady & Vice Regent CDA, St. Pius X

[KofC and Catholic Daughters of the Americas Display](#)

By: Ipo Ross, District Deputy 11

Here is what the Digital Billboard add looks like for KOC & CDA . The billboard operated from November 21, 2022 and had continued through January 2, 2023. it cycled in 400 times per day for 8 seconds or 2800 times per week. or 168,000 for the whole 6 weeks. Thank you all for putting this message out for our community to read and be reminded of the reason for the Season of Christmas.



Knights of Columbus

[Oregon Community Directors Report January, 2023](#)



Brent Dattke
Community Director

Brothers,

[Special Olympics](#) Form 10784 needs to be filed with Supreme by January 31st. Don't forget to also list it on your Community report to me as well.

We are implementing a new State Program this year; it is to collect as many clean and usable, blankets, coats, gloves, socks and underwear as possible. With just a quick internet search, I was able to find 1,006 homeless shelters in Oregon. The need for these items is immense, for those that are able to purchase new items, that's GREAT! But for those that can't or want to thin out items they have, they must be clean and usable. These items will be distributed by the State, anyone wishing to volunteer to distribute items in your area, please contact me or Duane Morris. Those logistics have not all been worked out yet but we will be following up with an email from Pat Rice.

If you have any question, please contact me.

Vivat Jesus

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[EXEMPLIFICATION](#)



Chris Cummings
Membership
Director

Saturday January 14th, District 14 will host an exemplification at Christ the King in Milwaukie in the Parish Center (next to the church). The Exemplification will begin @ 10:00 am. **New member candidates should arrive at 9:45am.** Coffee will be made and available. (always a must with KofC)

Council 9257 has two very interested prospects and our Deacon is excited to attain his Third Degree.

Holy Family also has candidates, including potentially 1 or 2 from Our Lady of Sorrows.

- Oregon City can you bring a candidate?
- St John the Baptist can you bring a candidate?

Anyone else?

Contact Joe Keller with questions, jwkeller144@comcast.net and thank you Joe for setting this up!!

Any District or Council hosting an Exemplification please let me know so I can broadcast to ALL! - (Please don't keep these a secret)

Vivat Jesus

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District 12 Report

December proved to be a quiet month for some and busier for others.

Mike Hahn
DD12

Both **Brookings Council 5511** and **Florence Council 15773** cancelled their meetings due to the impact on their members due to COVID and flu yet both still were very active in their ministries to their parishes as lectors, ushers, sacristans, altar servers and helping with the various Christmas functions.

Council 1261, Coos/North Bend: As every December, this is the time for the Council to shine with their annual Christmas Basket program which helps needy families not only in Coos Bay/North Bend and its closest neighbor Bandon, but many areas in the South Coast. Given that Bandon is its next largest recipient, the **Council 17396 in Bandon** has been helping with the packing, distribution and, when needed, delivering to those in Bandon who were unable to come to the Army National Guard Armory in Coos Bay. This is the first time since the beginning of the pandemic that Council 1261, under the guidance of Grand Knight Mike Main and Deputy Grand Knight, has been able to provide once again over 1000 Christmas baskets full of goodies that included \$30.00 worth of coupons for meat, milk, bread, etc., to those in need. Through fund raising, grant writing and silent auctions, the Council raised over \$120,000 for this effort. The LDS church not only helps with manpower but is also one of the largest contributors by delivering approximately \$25,000 worth of goods. The pictures provide a glimpse of this effort.



Brother Jim DeLong of Council 1261 entertains the folks during a silent auction in the parish hall of Holy Redeemer on December 11th (monies collected went toward the Christmas basket program)



Sir Knight Tom Chase sampled some of the dinner provided at the silent auction.



Parishioners, visitors, helpers enjoying the delicious dinner and looking over the many great auction items



Council 15773 ran a "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest



Council 1261 Grand Knight Mike Main, one of the great force and motivation behind this annual event making sure that the those working are properly motivated....by providing donuts and hot coffee and other condiments. Of course he is one who puts in many hours.



GK Greg Daigre and Trustee Linn Farey (both Council 17396, Bandon) and others from Council 1261 putting together boxes to be filled.



Brother Knights, family members and others from the community ensuring the conveyor is filled with boxes of food to be loaded into the vehicles Sir Knight Frank Roeder (FS 17396 and District 12 Warden) ready to load one of the boxes.



Most Holy Trinity Council 1261 in Bandon besides helping their Brothers in Coos Bay with the Christmas basket program had a successful 'first' Christmas dinner at a local restaurant on December 10th. They also helped with a Christmas Dinner on December 17th. They were tasked to ensure that Santa would find his way and bring some presents to the children.



Sir Knight Ray Ahumada along with the little one and others 'impatiently' awaiting Santa.



Santa (aka DD Mike Hahn) did not realize Council Chaplain and Pastor Fr Anthony Ahameful would be one of children.



Children waiting patiently in line were all wondering why the 'grown ups want to meet Santa first....

Brother John Freitag, being the youngest Brother Knight, assumed he would qualify to be a child....

Your Brother Knights from the Southern Oregon Coast hope their Brothers in the remainder of Oregon have had a wonderful and Blessed Christmas and have many blessings in the New Year.

Vivat Jesus

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Parishioner Geri Procetto at 91 the youngest of all....Santa had to relent.....

For all a great example, still is a greeter at the Sunday Mass, a Council member for the City of Bandon and can be seen helping at dinners, breakfasts....in short she makes a much younger person feel old!

A great example of a Catholic.

[Council In Action](#)

Wreaths for Shelter Homes in Medford, Oregon.

During Medford Council 1594's Annual Christmas Wreath Fundraiser for Sacred Heart Catholic School, several donations were given to a "worthy cause". That was a wide-open door policy to give wreaths away. So, wreaths were given to Magdalene Home and The Esther House.

The Esther House in Medford is a relatively new group that is partnered with The Pregnancy Center as Transitional Maternity Housing. For details see: <https://tpcpartners.us/about-us/our-services>. Having a home such as this allows women additional options in the Rogue Valley that were not previously available.

By supporting the Esther House, Council 1594 continues to reach out to the community to support life from conception to natural death.

For more information on the Esther House, feel free to contact Treva Runyan, Community Relations Manager at: treva@thepregnancycenter.us.



VSM Joe Schaecher presenting a Wreath to the House Mother at Medford's new Esther House.

[Affiliate Member Initiative \(AMI\)](#)

Councils in the United States will have another chance to participate in the Affiliate Member Initiative (AMI) which allows Councils to designate as Affiliates those members who are no longer actively engaged with their Council.

The window of opportunity to participate in this initiative will run from January 1-31. During this window, Councils may recommend qualified members to be designated as Affiliates. When processed, these members will no longer appear on Council rosters. This will not be treated as a negative in eligibility for Council awards. The Supreme Council will manage the future engagement of these members.

A training webinar and resources for the program are available on demand. (Open hyperlink WATCH NOW).

Watch Now

Don't miss the chance to take part in this important initiative.





Eric Walter
Life Director

[Life Program Report](#)

January is the Sanctity of Life month.

This is a particularly important month for Life in Oregon as thousands of children are losing their life every day in Oregon by abortion.

The new Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) initiative is a call to action for Knights across the United States and Canada to increase financial support to pregnancy resource centers, maternity homes and other organizations that give direct assistance to new mothers and/or babies.

For every \$500 that a Council donates to a qualifying pregnancy center, Supreme will donate an additional \$100. Councils have been given a unique opportunity to increase the donations by 20% through this ASAP program; however, only a few Councils in Oregon have taken advantage of this initiative. Please let us seize this opportunity to provide additional funding to the pregnancy centers in our communities. For additional information, please visit: <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/aid-support-after-pregnancy.html>

Baby Bottle Fundraising for ASAP Program: Build a Culture of Life at your parish by holding a baby bottle drive at your local church. Also, the baby bottle drive is a perfect opportunity to raise funds for the ASAP program where the overall donation will be increased by 20%. The process for coordinating a baby bottle drive is very simple:



- ◆ 1. Purchase the baby bottles from one of the companies from one of the links below or from any other source.
- ◆ 2. Advertise the date of the baby bottle drive at your church by pulpit announcement and bulletin.
- ◆ 3. The baby bottles will be in baskets at each church exit with a Knight monitoring the baskets.
- ◆ 4. Parishioners take baby bottles home and fill with coins, cash, or check (or online donation).
- ◆ 5. Parishioners then return the baby bottles by the designated deadline. Baby bottle sources:
- ◆ <https://babybottleboomerang.org/>
- ◆ <https://hh76.org/default.aspx?GroupID=201>

Vivat Jesus

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LIFE



**UNBORN
LIVES
MATTER**

[March for Life is Saturday, January 28, 2023](#)



Eric Walter
Life Director

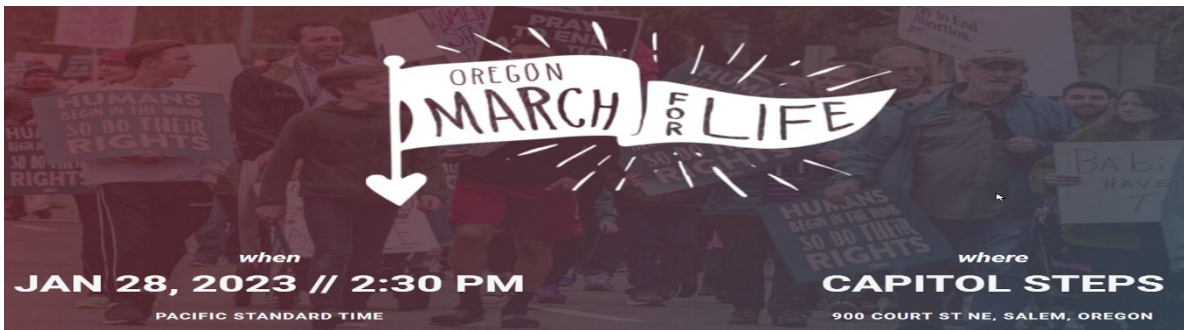
Join thousands of Oregonians on January 28th, 2023 at the steps of the Oregon State Capitol for the first March for Life since the overturning of Roe -v- Wade. The band will begin playing at 2:15pm with speakers starting at 2:30pm. The Oregon March for Life will begin immediately following.

Please consider having your Council sponsor and coordinate a bus to transport folks to and from this event. Also, the State Life Director has reserved an “Oregon Knights of Columbus Pro-life” table.

Please contact me if you are interested in assisting at this table. March for Life link: <https://www.ortl.org/march>

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LIFE

[March for Life](#)

The Knights of Columbus Supreme Office is seeking volunteers for the March for Life in Washington D.C. on January 20, 2023, and its related activities. Volunteers will meet the morning of the March near the National Mall. All volunteers will receive a special item for participating. Any amount of time you can volunteer is welcome!

[Click here to sign-up!](#)

[Novena for Life January 19-27, 2023](#)

There is a national “9 Days for Life” novena being led by USCCB beginning January 19th through January 27th.

Please consider leading your community in the spiritual fight to establish a Culture of Life. Knights and their families will come together in both public and private prayer to promote the protection of life.



Knights of Columbus remain firmly committed to defending the right to life of every human being – from the moment of conception to natural death.

To commemorate and bolster this important cause, please promote this novena in your Council, nine days of sustained prayer, to build up a Culture of Life in our parishes, homes and into our local community. For more information, please visit the following link below: USCCB 9 Days for Life link: <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life#:~:text=JANUARY%2019-27%2C%202023%209%20Days%20for%20Life%20is,actions%20to%20help%20build%20a%20culture%20of%20life>



Worthy Financial Secretaries & Brothers,

Please pass the Green Sheet to all your Council member and Catholic Business owners who wish to have a tax write off.

The State Charities is a 501-3C Non-Profit and can give donation receipts to those who wish to have one. If you could also include this in your next Council dues notice either mailed or emailed.

To see more information, go to: <https://www.oregonstatekofccharities.org/support-us.html>

Vivat Jesus,


Ronald J Boyce
 Ronald J. Boyce,
 Immediate Past State Deputy & Charity President

FRATERNAL YEAR 2022-2023

Name: _____

Council Number: _____

CHARITABLE "GREEN SHEET"

\$ _____	Oregon Homes for Unwed Mothers	Help for the unwed mothers' homes in Gresham, Medford, Bend, & Baker City.
\$ _____	KBVM Mater Dei Radio	Support to help bring evangelization to the air waves
\$ _____	General Fund	The Board can choose to add support to those that are now listed. support to those that are now listed.
\$ _____	Special Olympics	Support of Special Olympics Oregon
\$ _____	Ultrasound Initiatives	This allows us to help fund ultrasounds machines in pregnancy centers.
\$ _____	Military Chaplain's Scholarship	This fund helps support needed Priests to become Chaplains in our armed forces.
\$ _____	Diocesan Youth Programs	Support Portland and Baker Diocese Youth Programs
\$ _____	Natural Disaster Assistance	Assist Food Banks and Distribution Centers during natural Disaster
\$ _____	Pre-Seminarian Program	Assist Pre-Seminarian Program to help those who are entering the Seminary.
\$ _____	<p>TOTAL GREEN  CONTRIBUTIONS</p>	

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

Every Council must submit the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (Form 1728) by January 31, 2023. Form 1728 can be completed digitally by Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries. This short training video explains the simple process of online submission.

ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY

2022 INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET

INSTRUCTIONS TO FINANCIAL SECRETARIES / FAITHFUL COMPTROLLERS / BURSARS

Note: Knights should separate reported assembly activities from their reported council activities.

Located on the lower portion of this page are individual Member Worksheets to assist you in determining the number of hours of volunteer service expended by members during the year.

To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members.

COUNCIL HOURS

FAITH ACTIVITIES (where applicable) **HOURS OF SERVICE**

a. RSVP Program	
b. Church Facilities	
c. Catholic Schools/Seminaries	
d. Religious/Vocations Education	
e. Prayer & Study Programs	
f. Sacramental Gifts	
g. Miscellaneous Faith Activities	

FAMILY ACTIVITIES (where applicable)

a. Food for Families	
b. Family Formation Programs	
c. Keep Christ in Christmas	
d. Family Week	
e. Family Prayer Night	
f. Miscellaneous Family Programs	

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (where applicable)

a. Coats For Kids	
b. Global Wheelchair Mission	
c. Habitat for Humanity	
d. Disaster Preparedness/Relief	
e. Physically Disabled/Intellectual Disabilities	
f. Elderly/Widow(er) Care	
g. Hospitals/Health Organizations	
h. Columbian Squires	
i. Scouting/Youth Groups	
j. Athletics	
k. Youth Welfare/Service	
l. Scholarships/Education	
m. Veteran Military/VAWS	
n. Miscellaneous Community/Youth Activities	

LIFE ACTIVITIES (where applicable)

a. Special Olympics	
b. Marches for Life	
c. Ultrasound Initiative	
d. Pregnancy Support	
e. Christian Refugee Relief	
f. Memorials to Unborn Children	
g. Miscellaneous Life Activities	

OTHER FRATERNAL COMMITMENTS:

Visits to the Sick	
Visits to the Bereaved	
Number of Blood Donations	
Hours of Fraternal Service to Sick/Disabled Member and their Families	

TOTAL

ASSEMBLY HOURS

FAITH ACTIVITIES (where applicable) **HOURS OF SERVICE**

a. RSVP Program	
b. Church Facilities	
c. Catholic Schools/Seminaries	
d. Religious/Vocations Education	
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TOTAL



FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION

Saturday, January 14, 2023, at St. Matthew Parish Hall, 475 SE 3rd Ave, Hillsboro OR 97123.

The host Assembly is Archbishop Dwyer Assembly 1292.

The host District Marshals are Mark Larson and George Murphy.

The Degree team is the Oregon District Fourth Degree Team.

The Host Faithful Navigator is Marshal / FN Mark Larson

The exemplification fee for each candidate, except priests, is \$70.00. The fee includes a social baldric, Fourth Degree lapel pins, and one banquet ticket.

While there is no exemplification fee for priests or religious brothers, their Assembly will pay \$35.00 to cover the cost of the social baldric, Fourth Degree pin, and the dinner.

Evening banquet cost for candidates' wives, Sir Knights, and guests is \$15.00.

FEES Continued Important Note:

The exemplification fee does not change if the candidate does not attend dinner. Nor does the exemplification fee pay for the candidate's name tag or annual Assembly dues or fees relating to the Assembly in accordance with Article XIII, Section 24(k).

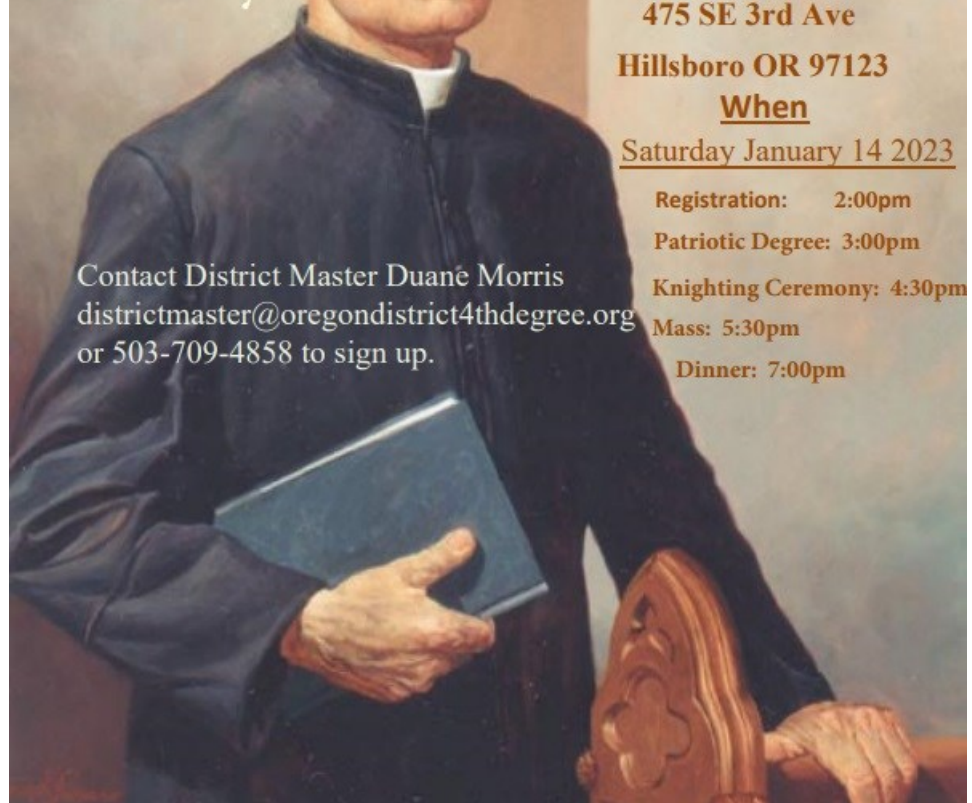
The exemplification is set forth by the Board of Directors under Article IX, Membership, Section 26.

ATTIRE ARTICLE XI OFFICIAL DRESS Section 38. Official Dress. The official dress for the Fourth Degree shall be: (a) 4th Degree uniform or plain suit and tie, dress footwear and social baldric worn under the coat, from right shoulder to left hip. (b) A member serving in the armed forces of his country, full time police and firefighters shall be considered in proper attire when dressed in a Class A dress uniform.

LADIES: As men are dressed formally, most ladies prefer formal attire.

**Patriotic Degree Exemplification**

**Blessed
Father
Michael
McGivney**



Contact District Master Duané Morris
districtmaster@oregondistrict4thdegree.org
or 503-709-4858 to sign up.

**Complete Your
Journey**

Where

St. Matthew Catholic Church

Parish Hall

475 SE 3rd Ave

Hillsboro OR 97123

When

Saturday January 14 2023

Registration: 2:00pm

Patriotic Degree: 3:00pm

Knighting Ceremony: 4:30pm

Mass: 5:30pm

Dinner: 7:00pm

Membership Director Report

Chris Cummings
Membership
Director

Worthy Brother Knights,

Brothers in Christ, as we enter our Mid-Year point it's time to REV up to achieve 185 new members ASAP! Last week we had a slow down as we turned the calendar to 2023. I understand we are coming out of a very joyful family time of year, but it's time to shake off the cobwebs and get back to bringing families back to church, especially men to the Knights of Columbus!

This past week a big shout out to Sean Fornelli and the team at Queen of Peace for bringing in one new member, WELL DONE!

Council	New Members	FS	GK	DD
Salem 9263	1	Karl Goertzen	Garry Rodrigues	Sean Fornelli

Exemplification Update: Take advantage of the planned exemplifications. If you have new members needing this step, get them this information so they can participate. Thanks to the Districts and Councils for organizing and hosting these events.

- ◆ Saturday Jan 14th @ Christ the King in Milwaukie @ 10am
- ◆ Saturday Jan 14th @ St Matthew in Hillsboro @ 2pm FOLLOWED by a 4th degree Exemplification @ 3pm
- ◆ Thursday Jan 19th @ Holy Redeemer in North Bend @ 6pm
- ◆ Saturday Jan 21st @ St Rose in Portland - Directly after 5:30pm Mass
- ◆ What is Countdown to 185?
- ◆ The State of Oregon annual goal is 342 new members
- ◆ We added 157 new members as of 12.31.2022
- ◆ We need **185** new members to achieve our goal!
- ◆ My question I ask of you:
- ◆ DD's are all your Councils at plan?
- ◆ GK/FS is your Council at plan?



JOIN ONLINE

I challenge each of you to "make it happen"! Be at and meet or beat your Goal.

I will have more information during the Winter Meeting. I really look forward to seeing the attendees in Independence and discussing more specifics.

Blessed Michael McGivney Pray for us!

Vivat Jesus!

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JOIN A COUNCIL

[Council In Action](#)

Christ the King Council 9257 in Milwaukie was busy in December with Advent and Christmas activities. On December 3rd, the Council prepared a breakfast for the participants of a parish Advent Retreat. Several members also participated in the retreat. On Sunday December 11th, Council members presented a play telling the story of the appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe for parishioners. They also served a lunch to the attendees. On December 12th, the Council sponsored the monthly Red Cross blood drive and Council members and spouses performed the registration duties.

At the Council monthly meeting, the members enjoyed Christmas treats and social time after a short business session. On December 17th the Council organized the Advent celebration Journey to the Inn / La Posada program, presented both in English and Spanish. Council members read the scriptures and reflections, performed music and lead the singing. There were approximately 75 people attending, including many families with children. Two pinatas filled with candy provided excitement for the kids.

The Council completed the year with a Holy Hour on New Year's Eve from 11:00pm to midnight, with Adoration which was followed by Benediction. Sixteen Knights and family members were present along with about 20 other parishioners.

Joe Keller
Financial Secretary
Council 9257

[Council In Action](#)

On November 25th, 2022 (Black Friday) the **Mount Angel Council 1767** conducted a COATS FOR KIDS distribution.

The distribution was conducted at the upper floor of the Festhalle Building in Mount Angel.

130 of the 144 coats that were purchased were distributed during the day.

A collection of dolls was donated by the local Elaine Annen doll museum in the Festhalle. These were offered to the kids after they found the right coat. All the dolls were claimed by some super happy kids!

It was a lot of fun and there were many happy "customers" and joyful Brother Knights as well.



The men in the group are, L to R, future Knight Cal Gendhar, Phil Gendhar (FS), Tano Santos, Brenden Gendhar, IPGK Ron Schmidt, GK Ron Smith, PGK Ray Eder, Greg Liebig, Gene Donahue and Tony Rava. Not pictured, John Gooley, DD Kent Purdy.

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George Murphy
Youth Director

State Youth Director Report

Brother Knights,

2022 was a very eventful year as we elected State Officers at our State Convention and we also had elected a new Supreme Knight, Patrick E Kelly.

Our Youth area was very busy as well. The Basketball Hoop Championship was hosted by Christ The King in Milwaukie, Or .

Our Fall Poster and Essay Programs were extremely successful . We had 42 applicants for Catholic Essays. A new record. All winners were forwarded to Supreme.

Our Soccer Championship was also held at Christ the King in Milwaukie , Or. They were very gracious this year . A very special shoutout to them for all their hard work.

The crowning glory of 2022 was our Coats For Kids program. Our State set records for number of Councils participating, plus number of boxes of Coats provided, 220 boxes (with 12 coats per box) Our State has some very warm and deserving people, thanks to the Knights of Columbus—(for Coats for Kids). For the past five years in a row. We have set new records for number of coats given away. Congratulations Brother Knights. (If there are any Councils that have left over boxes of coats, would you please contact me).

This is January 2023, so it's time to start our basketball hoop shoot program at the Council level. Any day during the month of January 2023 is good. In February 2023 our District Deputies will host their District level competition for their District. Our State Championship will be hosted on March 18, 2023. Location to be announced at State Winter Meeting.

If you have any questions please contact me. Thanks in advance.

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Council In Action

By: GK Ed Diehl, Council 2439 Sublimity

Council 2439 had the Matt Etzel family hard at work putting food baskets together for around 25 families. As Ed Diehl noted, it is more fun if you team up with a helper. He said: "Remember that my granddaughter has helped me in the past."

(Did you know that hours worked by any family members could be used when completing the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities?).



State Historian Report

Brother Knights,

As the year 2022 has ended, thus ends my series of the "Parade of Past State Deputies".

I have learned so much about the Oregon Knights of Columbus from 1908 to the present by writing the histories of 45 Past State Deputies. Note: for several reasons, I will not write a historical article or biography of a living member of the K of C.

I hope you have enjoyed reading the history articles as much as I enjoyed researching the material for them.

I will start off the New Year with an article about Past General Agent Austin Leo "Doc" Elvin. (See next page).

For the future, be sure to read my next series of articles "Parade of Past State Chaplains" coming after the start of our New Year.

If you or your Council has any historical data, stories or pictures you would like to be part of the State's Historical Archives, please contact me.

Thank you

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Editors Note: It takes many men to set up a Council or a committee, but it takes a special man to work independently to work and produce the amount of material that goes into our state's historical files. Taking over from one of our PSD Robert J. Kligel took a lot of effort to master the knowledge and files left for him. Tom Radel has excelled in all ways of what it means to be not only a Knight but an outstanding Knight of Columbus devoted to his Council, parish and community, but especially to the overall good of the Order. Tom Radel has championed the cause of providing all Knights, within Oregon and elsewhere, some information about our past State Deputies, who they were and what they accomplished, not only as Knights, but in their own personal lives as well. Tom, while you are done with efforts of recognizing the past State Deputies who have gone before us, I trust that we will continue to see submissions about our great State of Oregon's Knights of Columbus and the work that they do for all of us. Thank you again for the wonderful job you continue to do for us.



FAITH



COMMUNITY



FAMILY



LIFE

Parade of Past State Deputies

Past General Agent

Austin Leo "Doc" Elvin

Past General Agent 1941-1967



Austin Leo Elvin was born on January 25, 1902 in Jefferson, IA to Francis and Alice O'Brien Elvin.

At an early age Austin was a salesman for wholesale fruit in Mandan, ND. Austin married Ellen Holtan on February 10, 1934 in North Dakota. The couple never had any children. In 1936 the couple moved to Salem, OR where Austin was a masseur and had a practice in chiropody where he earned the name "Doc".

Austin joined the Knights in the late 1930's and was a member of the Salem Council 1748. He was Grand Knight of the Council 1939-40. In 1960, Austin became a charter member of the Salem Council 5060 which he helped form.


The Knights of Columbus Agency Department officially started in 1941 with the appointment of A. L. Elvin as the first fulltime representative in Oregon. He held the position in until 1952 under the supervision of General Agent, Joseph Bradley of San Francisco. Upon the death of Bradley in that year, Austin was appointed General Agent for Oregon, Washington and Idaho with headquarters in Salem, OR.

The agency was immediately organized by him and reached a total of 10 agents at one time. With the growth of the insurance program and the addition of the health and accident program in 1961, the Northwest agency was divided into state units and Austin remained General Agent for Oregon until he retired in 1967 after 26 years of service. Earl Zak was then appointed as General Agent of Oregon. Austin did continue to represent the Order in an advisory capacity and as part time District Agent.

Austin Leo Elvin died on October 15, 1970 in Salem, OR and is buried in Belcrest Memorial Park in Salem, OR. Ellen died in 1982 and is buried next to Austin.



Austin and Ellen



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

SICK AND DISTRESSED

Kim Oey, Lori Amato, Tom Morgan and Onderko Family

Council 9257 Milwaukie

Brother Knights and others in need of our prayers: Bishop Kenneth Steiner, Bob Puncochar, Darrel Mattoon, Sylvia Delacruz, Mother of Dcn. Efrain Razo, Robert Dahmen's Son & Daughter in Law, Jeff Grundon and his Family, Jim Moore—Brother of John Moore, Rich Paris and his Family, Bill Holmes, Mike Wanner's Father, Jim Perillok, David Kabassima and Family, Dixie, Russ Evan's Mom, All Brother Knights & Families in Sickness & Distress

Council 1634 Hillsboro

Those individual and families recovering from either the pandemic, floods, hurricanes, tornados and so many other maladies of life.

Let us pray:

O Heavenly Father, God of Love, You gave us Your Son Jesus to be not only Physician of our souls but also Healer of our bodies and minds. Lord Jesus, We turn to You in this time of illness. Please come to us now and lay Your healing hand on us and all who are in need of your Mercy. Let the warmth, peace and healing power of Your Spirit fill all of us now with Your life and love. We receive You, Lord Jesus!



Until a new Prayer Chairman is chosen:

Please direct your prayer requests to:
Columbian Newsletter Editor Tom Karl
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IN MEMORIAM

Robert Anderson

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Council 2439 Sublimity

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

No member nor their family members should ever be forgotten.



We request you also pray for all Knights, their Families, friends and all of our Police, Firefighters, Servicemen and Servicewomen, our Veterans, Ambulance personnel, Chaplains, Nurses, Doctors, Care Givers and those who minister to the needs of others—please take time out to say: “Thank You So Very Much” for all that they do for all of us!

Also remember those who have lost so much in the storms, wildfires, hurricanes, flooding, tornadoes and those whose lives have been lost and disrupted during the Corona Virus Pandemic.

This we ask through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen!





Abbot
Jeremy Driscoll



From a visitor Steve Z. From Kaneohe, HI who states:

One of the most peaceful places on earth.

I came here twice. Once for a 3-day personal retreat and again years later for a discernment retreat weekend. Both times were unforgettable.

I love Benedictine spirituality since it revolves around their motto: "Ora et Labora" (pray and work). The Benedictines welcome all visitors regardless... their second motto is "treat all visitors as if they were Christ". This the staff at Mt Angel did and many times over. I came away changed forever.

You can check their website for information on events. As far as the liturgical prayers go, I can tell you the schedule below never changes:

Daily:

Vigils. 0520
Lauds. 0630
Mass. 0900
Midday. 1200
Vespers. 1715
Compline. 1930
Great Silence: 1930 until Vigils/Lauds next day

Sunday:

Lauds: 0640
Mass: 0900
Midday. 1200
Vespers. 1715
Compline: 2000
Great Silence: 2000 until Vigils next day

If you've never experienced the peace that comes with this proven 1500-year old contemplative cycle of prayer (note: Gregorian chant is actually prayer) and work, I invite you to come here and try it.

I'll be back soon. See you here maybe?

Pax vobiscum...(peace be with you all)



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