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Worthy Brother Knights and Families,

As the Fraternal Year and my two years as State Deputy comes to a close, the major question comes to mind: "Did we build the Order?"

Those first to answer are likely to reference number of new members. Currently there are 357 new Brothers who have become "laborers in The Father's Vineyards." That places us at 77.6% of our goal of 460. But there are also the letters from Supreme listing withdrawals or suspensions (66) a list over a 100 that are "pending suspension." These are Brothers who lost interest. It becomes obvious that some members brought into the Order were just numbers. They were left like a pile of loose stones not solidified together to become part of and strengthen the foundation of the Order.

Based on these two set of numbers it is easy to despair and almost start to have a feeling of non-accomplishment. But it's also a "wake-up call" to evaluate "why" some of our members lose interest and our need to chart a conscientious, dedicated plan of actions to rectify the situation and Grow the Order onto a more solid foundation. Then, we can move forward with **responsible growth - sustainable growth!!**

Although membership did not increase as planned, let's evaluate actions adopted or occurred that left a Knight of Columbus Footprint to strengthen the existing foundation of the Order.

The delegates adopted a Dedicated Spirituality Fund to assist Councils with promoting and/or sponsoring future spiritual-related activities among its membership and their parish. It has been used twice already.

The State had its first Weekend Retreat led by our State Chaplain. In addition, there were at least three half or full day retreats in different regions of the state.

Fr. Theo produced five individual 6-7-minute short spiritual messages, for use by our Councils at their monthly meetings, during parish coffee-donut hour after Masses, teen age and adult religious/discussion sessions and at future State or District meetings/events. A thumb drive with these messages was presented to State Convention Delegates, District Deputies and State Directors & Officers.

Our current **Wheel Chair Activity** received a TREMENDOUS BOOST! The American Wheel Chair Foundation Executive Secretary (Chris Lewis) has offered to come to Oregon to help finish the necessary funds for the container intended for distribution here in the State, and to assist with fund-raising for a 'global container' intended for distribution to physically challenged children in a third world country. They come free of charge with an eight-minute video presentation, as well as audio visual equipment. Permission from the pastor, advanced announcements and minimal support needed from the Council is all that is necessary. One or two weekends has often resulted in the necessary funds for a container. Make contact with your Community Director or me to make something happen!

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I strongly encourage members to recall the messages you heard during your First, Second, Third and Fourth Degree Explications, **or better still**, attend one being done in your area. The recently revised editions of those degrees communicate the messages and actions to practice Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism almost daily and expand the Knights of Columbus Footprint. The Knights of Columbus Footprint is the impression and expression of WHO we are and WHAT we are as an organization.

Being Knights of Columbus, we inherited a 130-year-old treasure. The “Domestic Church Initiative” which was introduced four years ago, has now evolved to the current set of Faith in Action Programs, and has the potential to strengthen families, renew parish life and increase spiritual development of members. We have also inherited a country built on Christian values and Catholic morals. There is a legacy of Catholic involvement throughout the birth and formation of this country.

The Holy Spirit with his Seven Gifts will always be with us to express our faith and put into practice the basic messages from our four degrees and values we inherited. You may say or feel your faith is “O.K.” but is that good enough? St. James says in his Letter: “Faith without action is a dead faith.” Be a Catholic role model out in the community, too. Be a Catholic citizen. Be a Catholic patriot.

I feel our themes the past two Fraternal Years: “In His Love” and “Come Holy Spirit” have been alive and well! The Gifts of the Holy Spirit will always be there. Be not afraid to ask for that assistance.

I thank you Brothers for your support, your actions to expand the Knights of Columbus Footprint and build a solid formation for the future. Remember there are no strangers in the Knights of Columbus, just brothers you have not yet met.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity to know you as a friend and a brother.

Vivat Jesus

Always: “In His Love”

Francis Mohr

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Knights In Action

A big THANK YOU goes out to the 13 Knights of Council 1623 McMinnville who came out to help with removal of 14 trees that were damaging the sidewalks around St. James church and school. These trees were removed in preparation for replacement of approximately 300' of damaged sidewalks next month. The church has received a “Safety First” grant from the archdiocese to help with the cost of the sidewalk replacement, but it does not cover the tree removal and tree replacements required by the City of McMinnville.

Now you
see
them!



Now you
don't!





Ronald Boyce
Oregon State Deputy
Fraternal Year 2019-2020

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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COUNCIL

My Brother Knights and families,

It's with great honor for me to be your State Deputy for the 2019/2020 Fraternal Year. I am very excited for the new Fraternal Year which starts on July 1st, so let's prepare ourselves for the new Fraternal Year.

With the troubles that are going on with the Catholic Church today, the Knights are needed more now than ever before. We need to help our Catholic brothers in our parishes grow in their faith, engage their families in our mission to know, love and serve God, as well as to help them serve their parish and community, defend the dignity of human life and evangelize through action with the help of our Faith in Action programs.

To do this we need to reach out to all the Catholic men in our parishes and ask them to join the most influential Catholic Organization, not only in Oregon, but in the World. Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said, "we have nothing less than a moral obligation to offer membership in the Knights of Columbus to every eligible Catholic man." We need to tell our own personal story about why we joined the Knights of Columbus and how the Knights of Columbus help us to become better Catholics, husbands, fathers and members of our community.

To help the Councils with their recruitment, the State Council has the new **2019-2020 Star Recruiter Incentive Program** and all Councils and members are eligible to participate. Please read the Star Recruiter Incentive Program (See Page 5) Also, Carl Anderson announced to all the State Deputies the Supreme office has brought back the **Star Council \$4.50 Per Billable Member Reimbursement Program**. This means if your Council achieves membership and insurance goals, submits forms 365 and 1728, submits the Columbian Award, and pays the Supreme per capita along with the completion of the Safe Environment program, your Council will achieve Star Council and could receive from \$112 to \$1,588 depending on your Council membership numbers. To receive these incentives, you just need to reach out to those eligible Catholic men in your parish and be a Council of Faith and Action.

The State Council knows how important our programs are to help bring in new members and to help our Parish, Family, Community, and the Dignity of Human Life. That is why we have decided to have our first ever **2019-2020 Oregon Star Incentive Program**. Please read the Oregon Star Incentive Program (See page 5)

Now is the time for the Council Officers to gather members together and to bring those eligible Catholic men in your parishes to join the Knights of Columbus. Let's help our Catholic brothers grow in their faith, engage their families in our mission to know, love, and serve God, help them serve their parish and community, defend the dignity of human life, and evangelize through action with the help of our Faith in Action programs.

Brothers, I need to ask one last thing, and this is directed to any Council which has not completed the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Form 1728. We, at the State Council know all of our Councils are very active within their parish and community, so I want to point out that the completion of this form is highly important. The Supreme Office will give those States an incentive bonus of \$500 when those States can achieve a higher result than their prior Fraternal Year results. This incentive bonus will be used for the State incentive program and each Council will have a chance to receive during the 2019-2020 Fraternal Year. I have asked State Warden Ken Anderson to call those Councils who have not submitted the form for the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year.

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As your State Deputy beginning July 1st, I want to see the State of Oregon grow with the set goal of 550 new members for the 2019/2020 Fraternal Year and a secondary goal to reach the 10,000-membership mark.

The Knights of Columbus in the State of Oregon is ready right now for an explosion of new members.

Our program goal for the up-coming Fraternal Year for the State of Oregon is **1 Million in Knight/Family Hours And 1 Million dollars in Oregon Charitable Giving.**

I am very excited to witness the greatness of the Knights of Columbus in the State of Oregon and watching us all help the Catholic men in Oregon strengthen their Catholic Faith and help serve our priest and bishops in both the Archdiocese of Portland and Diocese of Baker in Oregon

Vivat Jesus,

Ronald Boyce

Ronald Boyce
State Deputy
2019-2020



Two Knights of the Year

Submitted by: Francis Mohr, State Deputy

During the convention, we were unable to get a picture of both of our Knights of the Year. Our worthy State Deputy was just able to get these two Knights of the Year in the same room at the same time.

Their attire represents why they are Knights of the Year as they are always busy doing something in their work clothes!!

Also the second photo of the two Knights of the Year and their strong supporting cast.





Individual Promotion

"Oregon Star Recruiter"

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

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

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

Master "Oregon Star Recruiter"

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

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

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Council Promotions

"Oregon Star Recruiter Council"

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

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

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

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

"Council Insurance Promotions"

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

Field Agent Promotion

"Field Agent Star Council Award"

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

District Deputy Promotions

"Oregon Star Recruiter District"

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

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

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

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

"Master Oregon District Deputy Award"

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

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

"District Deputy Columbia Award Challenge"

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

"District Deputy Insurance Promotions"

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



Council Program Promotions

Family Programs

Foods for Family

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

Family of the Month

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

Faith Programs

RSVP & Pennies for Heaven

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

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Community Programs

Habitat for Humanity

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

Father Taaffe Homes

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

Life Programs

March for Life

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

District Deputy Program Promotions

Family Programs

Foods for Family

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

Community Programs

Habitat for Humanity

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

Faith Programs

RSVP & Pennies for Heaven

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

Family Programs

Foods for Family

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

Life Programs

Polar Plunge District Team

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

Installation Of New State Deputy For Oregon

Congratulations to Ronald "Ron" Boyce as our new State Deputy for 2019-2020 Fraternal Year. Here are some photos of his installation by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson last week.



Outgoing State Deputy
Fraternal Year 2018-2019
Sitting in "The Oregon Pew"



Incoming State Deputy
Fraternal Year 2019-2020
Sitting in "The Oregon Pew"





Tom Radel
State Warden

State Warden/Program Director's Thank You

Brother Knights,

First, I would like to thank all the Councils for your hard work on the programs this Fraternal Year. We have had some great successes but can do more in other areas.

Second, I would like to thank you all for your support the last two years as the General Program Director. It was quite rewarding, and I had a great group of Directors and Chairmen to work with.

I hope that during the next upcoming Fraternal Year you continue to support the next General Program Director and his team to ensure a successful year in programs.

Programs are why we are Knights. Programs helps our parishes, priests, families, the community we live in and beyond outside our region and state. Programs help grow your Council and the Order. Programs unites us in a common goal and gives you, your Council and family something to do and of which to be proud.

REMEMBER – as we head into summer, that does not mean that programs take a vacation for three months, because the people who are affected by our help is ongoing—every month of the year.

Note: I will be working on the history of the Knights in the state of Oregon. If you have any historic pictures or stories from your Council or its members that include dates, name, places and events, please send them to me so I can share with all. It is very important to progress and to move forward, but it is also important to see where we have been.

Thank you

Tom Radel

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Assembly In Action

Four Sir Knights from the Archbishop Howard Assembly 900 in Salem participated in the 35th Annual Memorial Day Ceremony at City View Cemetery in Salem. They were Sir Knights, Dan Goffin, Jack Gander, Rich Stanislawski and Kerry Wymetalek. Kerry was also one of the host members for the annual event. Assembly 900 has participated in this event for many of the 35 years it has taken place.

Fraternally,

Ronald E Bernt

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Sir Knights, Dan Goffin and Jack Gander (seen above) presented the actual wreath during the ceremony. (This photo was taken before the ceremony.)

Culture of Life

Patrick and Teresita Parson
Life Couple - Oregon Knights of Columbus

4th Degree Exemplification

It was inspirational to attend the 4th Degree Exemplification in Albany on June 8. As we are aware, the first three principles of the Knights of Columbus are Charity, Unity, and Fraternity. The fourth principle, the principle of the 4th Degree, is Patriotism.

One might, with justification, wonder how patriotism could or should be demonstrated in a nation that has legalized the deaths of literally millions of unborn children through abortion, or in a state whose leaders continually expand the use of both abortion and assisted suicide. But patriotism is NOT blind allegiance to a government or country; it is instead a willingness and desire on our part to educate we can on the history of our nation and to instruct as to what is right and wrong according to Divine law. Patriotism is leading by personal example at whatever level or status we may hold. Patriotism is supporting the authorities when what they do is in keeping with our moral and religious belief, and working to correct the laws of the land when they oppose moral law. And yes, it is indeed patriotic to defend life at all stages, from the unborn to those nearing natural death. Be a patriot, and stand up for life!

Novena for Life Requirement

This is a final reminder—each Council MUST conduct a Novena for Life in order to be eligible for the Columbian Award. The necessary forms are:

- Fraternal Programs Report Form (10784)
- Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (1728)
- Columbian Award Application (SP7)

If you have not conducted one yet, you are running out of time. Council deadlines for Faith In Action programs and Columbian Award requirements is June 30.

Cultura de la Vida

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

Ejemplificación del 4o Grado

Fue inspiracional atender la Ejemplificación de el 4o grado el 8 de Junio en Albany. Como estamos enterados los tres principios de los Caballeros de Colon son **Caridad, Unidad, y Fraternidad**. El 4o principio del 4o grado es **Patriotismo**.

Con justificación uno puede imaginarse como puede o debe de ser demostrado, en una nación que literalmente ha legalizado millones de abortos de niños no-nacidos por medio del aborto, o en un estado en que los líderes continuamente expanden el uso de ambos suicidio asistido y aborto. Pero el patriotismo no es una lealtad ciega a nuestro gobierno o nación; es mas bien un deseo de nuestra parte de educar a los que podemos en nuestra historia de nuestra nación e instruir que está bien, y que está mal de acuerdo con la ley divina. El Patriotismo es el liderazgo que se hace con el propio ejemplo en cualquier estatus o nivel que podemos sostener. Patriotismo es apoyar a las autoridades cuando lo que ellos hacen es mantenernos en nuestras creencias morales y religiosas. Y tratando de corregir las leyes de nuestra tierra cuando se oponen a nuestras leyes morales. Y claro es también patriótico defender la vida en todos los estados y edades, desde los no-nacidos hasta los que están cerca de la muerte natural. ¡Se un Patriota, y lucha por la vida!

Requisitos para la Novena de la Vida

Este es un recordatorio final de ue cada Consejo DEBE de hacer una novena por la vida para ser elegibles a el premio Columbian. Las formas necesarias son:

- Forma reporte de Programa Fraternal (10784)
- Encuesta anual de las actividades Fraternas (1728)
- Aplicación para el Premio Columbian (SP7).

Si aún no has conducido uno, ya te estas tardando, El término de tiempo de Consejo para los programas Fe y Acción, y requerimientos para el Premio Columbian es en Junio 30.

[Wheelchairs Support Those In Need—We Are Nearing Our Goal](#)

Brothers of the Oregon Council,

As I've said in the past issues of the Columbian, our State Council is raising funds to buy a container of wheelchairs via the American Wheelchair Mission. We have not done this as a State Council, nor has any Council in Oregon done this.

We need a total of about \$15,000 to buy a container of 100 chairs. These are solid, quality wheelchairs that normally cost \$500 in a medical supply store. However, when the American Wheelchair Mission buys them directly from the manufacturer in large quantities in a shipping container, they can get them for this reduced price.

We have been slowly approaching our goal of \$15,000, but we want to finish this project and get these chairs as soon as possible. Some Councils have sent in money already and have requested wheelchairs for their parishes or for those in need in their community. Others have pledged funds just to help with the project, even though they have not identified a need for chairs locally.

What you may not understand is, [we need the money before we can order the chairs!](#) In other words, if you have pledged to help but have yet to send in your check, we need you to send in the money **NOW!**

If you have not helped us with this project, please consider a donation from your Council, or "passing the hat" or hosting a fundraiser or having a collection in your parish. Think outside the box. If every Council pitched in \$75, we would have more than enough.

Once we get the funds, we will order the chairs, and distribute them to those who have requested them. The rest will be available for need in our state as it arises and as identified. REMEMBER, every chair has a beautiful, very visible patch on the back stating that the chair was donated by the Knights of Columbus. Every chair donation is a potential newsworthy event, and great PR for our Councils!!

The donations can be made on the "Green Sheet" that PSD Sid Thiel has sent out to each Council. If you don't have a green sheet, send a check made out to "Oregon KofC Charities" (Make sure and write "Wheelchairs" on the memo line), and mail to:

Ron Boyce, State Secretary
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Tigard, OR 97281



Kent Purdy, State Community Director
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Our State Deputy, Francis Mohr, was recently in Mexico delivering a container of wheelchairs with the Director of the American Wheelchair Mission, Chris Lewis. (Chris is the son of the legendary comedian Jerry Lewis).

Chris told Francis that he would be happy to come to Oregon and make a presentation about the American Wheelchair Mission to any given parish after their Sunday Masses, to help us reach this goal and order a container of chairs for the FIRST TIME in Oregon!

Would your parish and your pastor be willing to host Chris Lewis and help us reach our goal?

If you can, please contact me...





Supreme Chaplain
Archbishop
William E. Lori

This Month's Challenge For June 2019

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month I challenge you to deepen your relationship with the Holy Spirit by praying the words "Come, Holy Spirit" as you begin your daily time of prayer, your workday, or an activity at home. Secondly I challenge you to invite a friend or family member (who is not active in their faith) to join you at Mass or at Adoration.

Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori About Dealing With Half Measures

We must respond to challenges as Catholics by making a commitment to Christ and the mission of evangelization

Suppose it's time to change the oil in your car. The owner's manual specifies that the engine requires five quarts of oil, but you put in only two and a half. Some days later, the engine light comes on and your car stalls in traffic. Listening to a chorus of angry horns and epithets, you think to yourself: "Maybe I should have put in the full five quarts."

Half measures. We're tempted to use them all the time. You probably have your own examples of halfhearted efforts that made things worse instead of better.

We also can be prone to half measures when it comes to our Catholic faith. In many parts of the world, including the United States, Mass attendance is down. Our absent Catholics aren't merely out of town; many are gone. For a variety of distressing reasons, they are disconnected from the Lord, the Church, the Mass and the sacraments. Studies reveal the sad fact that there are now more disaffiliated former Catholics than those who are practicing.

We talk a lot about evangelization, but things continue to get worse. So what's the answer?

St. Paul VI reminded us that evangelization is not merely one of the things the Church does; the mission to spread the Gospel constitutes the very heart of the Church's identity. The Church exists to proclaim, spread and celebrate the Good News by word, sacrament and charity. Woe to us if we do not preach the Gospel! (cf. 1 Cor 9:16).

The Gospel, after all, is not merely words. It is the incarnate savior who, in his boundless mercy, has forgiven our sins and unlocked the gates of heaven.

The answer, then, is not to stop talking about evangelization. Rather, the problem is how we go about this work. So, not unlike the disciples, prior to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, so many hesitate to "cry out full-throated and unsparingly" (Isaiah 58:1) in bearing witness to Jesus. We are likewise prone to half measures in repenting and believing in his Gospel; in instilling the teaching of Christ in ourselves and our families; and also by living the Gospel both in our personal lives and in the wider society. When the sound of the trumpet is faint, it's no wonder so few hear it.

Take, for example, a parish that is stagnant and shrinking. Its leadership might be tempted to address the problem with half measures, tweaking what's usually done by adding more friendly greeters at the door of the church or additional opportunities for socializing after Sunday Mass. Nothing is wrong with these things; in fact, they are very important. But lacking genuine missionary conversion, moved by the Holy Spirit, a parish will not experience renewal.

Genuine missionary conversion includes an urgent summons to prayer and repentance, first and foremost exemplified by the parish clergy and leadership. It also requires concentrated attention on good preaching and reverent liturgy; abundant opportunities for eucharistic adoration and confession; personal outreach to absent parishioners; sound catechesis for parishioners of all ages, especially the young; support of married couples and families; loving assistance to the sick and the dying; generous outreach to the poor and vulnerable; and more.

What about growth in the Knights of Columbus? Here, too, half measures will not do. For example, a business-as-usual membership drive may not bring the desired results. But when a Council prayerfully commits itself to implementing the Faith in Action model, it can truly make an impact. When Knights are seen as growing in their relationship with Christ and in their life of prayer, banding together to serve actively the needs of the wider community, living the vocation of marriage and family joyfully and generously, and protecting vulnerable human life lovingly — others will want to join. People are hungry. They are searching. They are looking for the real deal. Let's be done with half measures, especially in this season when we celebrate the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon his Church.

Knights In Action
Canby Knights of Columbus
Council 3484 – Annual Fishing Trip

Submitted by: Duane Kloser (Council 3484)

For the last 10 years Brother Knight John Meyerhofer has opened his home in Culver, Oregon for a family fishing trip at Lake Billy Chinook. It's always a great time to do a little fishing and have a great time getting to know each other and reminisce about the past. We always allow time on Sunday for a prayer service. This year, we helped them as they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.



Stepping Down After 15 Years Of Faithful Service!



It has been a privilege to serve as Prayer chairman for the past 15 years. I agreed to serve as chairman during Francis' term as State Deputy and will serve until July 1, 2019. Thus I am submitting my formal resignation as Prayer Chairman. I turned 80 this year and it is time perhaps for a younger person to take my place.

Fraternally Yours

Andrew F. Robinson, Jr.

Knights in Action
Highway Cleanup



Mt. Angel Council 1767

Submitted by: Kent Purdy



On June 8, 2019, 13 members of Council 1767, along with two of their sons (future Knights!), spent part of their morning cleaning up areas of the Old Mt. Angel Hwy from the City Limits to Downs Road. This encompasses approximately 5 miles of highway.

Knights In Action

Submitted by: Joe Schaecher DD09

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG 2019

The Knights of Columbus, Rogue River Council 1594 in Medford, kicked off the Baby Bottle Boomerang on Mother's Day weekend. The fund raising effort continues through Father's Day weekend.

Each family is asked to participate by picking up one bottle and filling it with change, dollars or checks. Their generous donations in the past have paid for Ultra Sound Machines and added to our Culture of Life fund raising efforts.

This year's funds are dedicated to the Magdalene Home's remodel program which includes a bathroom remodel. Please help support Magdalene Home's Remodel Project. Pick up your bottle, fill it, and drop it off with your generous donation. Mother's Day to Father's Day is a goal which all parents can support - Then we can support new parents too!!

Shown in photo are District Deputy 09 Joe Schaecher and Past Grand Knight Larry Irwin.



Assembly In Action

Submitted by: Joe Schaecher DD09

The 4th Degree Patriotic Order Assembly 0905 of the Knights of Columbus was on hand to honor the 85 youth at Confirmation celebrated by Bishop Peter Smith, which was held at Sacred Heart in Medford on May 18th.

Bishop Peter Smith mentioned that each of us will only get what we ask of the Holy Spirit. If we only ask that we get through this event, then that is all we will get.

When asked, Geeno Valdez said, "It was the Holy Spirit that led us here tonight. We are grateful to the youth of this Parish and those around the Archdiocese who have asked for the Holy Spirit to come into their daily lives and to lead them all into the future."



Knight In Action



Michael Gibbons a Knight with Council 7246 Newport, Oregon has put on an exhibition at the Oregon Gardens and Central Oregon Coast for the exhibition at the LaSells Stewart Center. Michael Gibbons has been painting Oregon Landscapes for 55 years.

Michael Gibbons was recently quoted as saying: My most powerful work comes from here where I live and it is in the sacred land that I have found my voice. It continues to speak through my paintings". Michael Gibbons invites you to join him at Oregon State University to view his solo show of 70 paintings.

After suffering a stroke 3 years ago followed by a fall resulting in a broken hip, Michael has had to curtail his outdoor work due to lack of mobility. We hope to see you for this event! If not before then, maybe at the Closing Celebration July 12? For more information please contact Judy Gibbons (541) 336 2797 michaelgibbonsart@charter.net.

Hispanic Outreach Chairman Commentary

Getting ready for the next round..... "Ready-----Set-----Go"

The 2019 Knights of Columbus State Convention is over. The list of most State Officers moved up one step. New missions and visions have been revealed. New goals have been set. New promises are being made. Now it's time for the rest of us to continue and help work together to support the State Officers to the best of our abilities. As members of the Knights of Columbus, all of us have been blessed with the desire and ability to live the promises we made during the First, Second and Third Degrees

Many great things were accomplished here in Oregon in 2018/2019 with the Faith in Action programs that were established and will continue to be as we practice the good deeds of the Knights of Columbus with "Come Holy Spirit" for the 137th year.

Our most sincere appreciation to the team of devoted State Officers who led the programs during the last term; we are grateful for those taking their new responsibilities seriously. We wish all of you the best of luck going forward. Let's all keep praying together "Come Holy Spirit" and energize our enthusiasm to grow bigger and stronger.

Growing bigger and stronger is still one of the main goals for all of us to work on. We must continue to pray and work together and help each other get better at what we do. We must continue to be the "examples" of what Father Michael J. McGivney's dream was meant to be. New ideas and methods of recruitment have been introduced but the most important thing is to remember what our MISSION is and "step up to the plate" and ASK every male 18 years and over, to help us make the difference with ourselves, with our family, in our churches and communities.


I will continue to work on trying to be the best "recruiter" I can be for the Knights of Columbus. Acting as the Hispanic Outreach Coordinator or Oregon Spanish Advisor, I will try to ASK everyone to join us become the "Right Arm for their Parish Priest" (sometimes asking the wife of that potential candidate helps make the decision, try it.). One new vision that I would like to introduce for this term is: Brother Knights, don't look at the Hispanic men or anyone else for that matter, as potential candidates, look at them as men with a potential.

The Hispanic Catholic population in Oregon seems to be one of the best areas, and an easy and willing group, to target in recruiting new members. A Spanish Council has been established in St. Joseph Salem and is doing quite well, growing bigger and stronger. There are some active Round Table programs in the state that are gaining members by meeting on a monthly basis and teaching their new candidates about the Knights of Columbus programs.

Saint Vincent de Paul in Salem did a major recruitment drive in March and attracted close to 50 men who had shown interest in joining the Knights of Columbus. They had their second "Admission Degree" on June 2nd. The Salem San Jose Spanish Council 16934 did a tremendous job, together with their District Deputy, in making this a huge success.

District Deputy Sean Fornelli, of District #4 in Salem, has been the driving force that is working on the latest and newest possible Round Table program. All the Districts in the State of Oregon have the same opportunity to grow much bigger and stronger.

We must obey the Rules and Laws Governing our Order of Knights of Columbus but we must concentrate more on the [MISSION](#) and obligations we have as Catholics men to be [CHARITABLE](#) and help each other, to be [UNITED](#) in our praying together and see each other as brothers in Christ.

 As a Spanish Advisor, my first words would be: STOP USING THE CATCH AND RELEASE method of recruitment of the Hispanics in Oregon. Create a Round Table if your Council doesn't have one and start bringing in some new men with a potential of being Knights of Columbus. Teach, educate and join hands to pray and work together.

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From the Oregon Fourth Degree District Master



The 32 listed Fourth Degree Assemblies in the state of Oregon appear to have had a rough year this time around. The change of regalia from the traditional cape and chapeau with all the colored feathers was a very effective punch below the belt, if you will. The news of the change came a couple of years ago at the Supreme Convention in St. Louis, Missouri and it spread out like one of Oregon's worst wild fires after a dry season. Some of us decided we didn't like "it" even before we saw photos of the new uniform. I considered it typical behavior from some of our members. Besides, it's common that bad news travel faster than good news. Needless to say, it put a damper on convincing Third Degree members to advance to the Fourth Degree. They were just NOT going to buy the new uniform!

So for a short time now we have been considered down in numbers and in activities related to Patriotism, BUT that does not mean we're out! The turnaround has been slow but gradually advancing forward. We are seeing more and more new uniforms participating with the Honor/Color Guard.

One of the most common use for regalia, whether old or new, is responding to the final call for a fellow Brother Sir Knight and their families. For that, I am especially grateful for all the Sir Knights who answered those requests. The endurance and perseverance is what makes the Fourth Degree Sir Knights solid in the belief that **"IT'S NOT WHAT WE WEAR BUT WHAT WE DO"** that makes the difference.

Even with the uphill climb, we managed to have five Fourth Degree Exemplifications within the last year and a half, bringing 87 members into complete Knighthood. I will continue to say that being a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus is an HONOR, being a member of the Honor Guard and participating in all those special events is a PRIVILEGE, not an obligation.

For this next term, as a District Master for the Fourth Degree of Oregon, I will try harder to push our agenda beyond the church walls. Not to reduce the number of participations with first communions and confirmations but to reach out to our own community civic groups. I believe serving and helping serve those outside of our churches is the true meaning of being a Patriot.

Our new goal for the Fourth Degree members is to reach out to the American Legion, Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, V.F.W. or any Veterans Affairs programs that would allow or accept our help. Some Assemblies are already participating with Flag Ceremonies at Special Olympic and college sporting events. Doing Flag ceremonies in schools where their students do Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America. That's what we are, that's what we do!

We are finishing the Fraternal Year with two Fourth Degree Exemplifications: June 8th in Albany and June 15th in Bend. The next Fraternal Year is starting with a Fourth Degree Exemplification in Medford on July 20th.

To all Sir Knights, BE PROUD, BE BOLD, BE CATHOLIC, be a PROUD AMERICAN CATHOLIC!

VIVAT JESUS



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Faith Director
Ray Prom

Trust

We all know what this word means. Trust is a firm belief in the strength and reliability of something or someone. With all the struggles we encounter in our everyday lives, the struggles with family and friends, the struggles with our Councils, the struggles with our parishes; we all need to trust in the strength and reliability of someone. June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Pray this short prayer with me:

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in You.

Every Council in Oregon should have a Holy Hour as part of their programs. At the very least, an hour each month or each week before the Blessed Sacrament, placing their trust in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Talk to your parish priest this week, about how you can set up a Holy Hour. It's easy, and it can be life changing. Trust me.

Please contact me if you have any questions about a Holy Hour, or Eucharistic Adoration.

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Sir Knights In Action

Submitted by: Kenneth Anderson III DD01 (State Warden Elect)

On Tuesday, May 28th, members of Hillsboro and Beaverton Assemblies conducted a flag ceremony for St Matthew's School at their regular morning Pledge of Allegiance.

We also left some flyers for students explaining the significance of the Pledge.

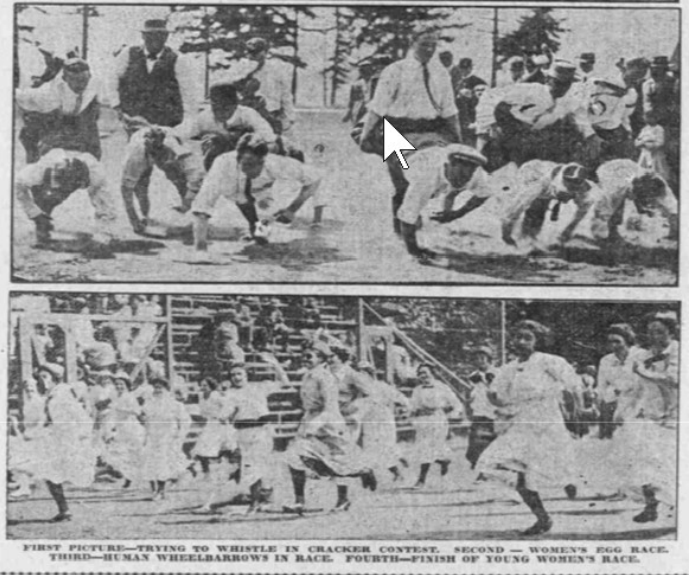


From The Historical Files
The 1st Annual Portland Council Picnic – Bonneville - 1913

Hundreds of Knights from across the state joined in at the 1st Annual Portland Council Picnic in Bonneville, OR. Most were brought in by train. Races were the feature of sports for the event, including three-legged, egg and wheelbarrow races. Other activities included trying to whistle while eating crackers – ladies event. Father E. P. Murphy won the potato race.

(All these events will be part of the next State Convention.

State Deputy and Immediate Past State Deputy will lead the wheelbarrow race.)



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Knights of Columbus “Coast Queen” from 1906

Miss Frances A. Norden of Portland, OR was voted the “Coast Queen” at the Los Angeles Convention.

She accompanied her brother, Dr. Benjamin L. Norden, the 1st Territorial State Deputy of Oregon, to New Haven, CT.

(Historian’s note: We think “Coast Queen” later became “Lady of the Year”)



Miss Frances A. Norden.

The following appeared in the New Haven, Conn., Register on June 6, Miss Frances Norden, sister of Mrs. William E. Prudhomme, accompanied her brother, Ben L. Norden, to New Haven to attend the National convclave of the Knights of Columbus. The heading was “Coast Queen” at Convention; Portland Belle Again the Chivalrous Knights’ Favorite.” The article follows:

“Miss Frances A. Norden, of Portland, Or., who was voted the ‘Coast Queen’ at the Los Angeles convention in 1905, is among the visitors in New Haven for reunion week.

“Last year in California Miss Norden was boomed for the title, which has been given her. She has already captured New Haven. This is her first visit to New Haven, and next to her native town she declares this the most beautiful city she has seen. Benjamin Norden, her brother, is state deputy for Oregon, and is a delegate to the National council.”

[From The Historical Files](#)

NEW CLUB ROOMS ARE THROWN OPEN

Portland Council, Knights of Columbus, Now Occupies Elaborate Home.

Knights of Columbus, Portland council, No. 678, opened its new club building at Park and Taylor streets last evening. The property represents an investment of more than \$50,000, which was subscribed by Portland knights. There are billiard rooms, smoking rooms, a library, palm room, an assembly hall, culinary department, card rooms, all substantially furnished and in good taste. The club will be open hereafter to all knights and their friends, and is intended as a headquarters for visiting members of the order. From time to time there will be receptions and get-together gatherings.

For the inauguration last evening a well arranged program was prepared. Addresses were made by Archbishop Christie, Judge M. G. Munly, City Attorney J. P. Kavanaugh, Dr. Norden and others, Tom Karl, the famous tenor, director of the Californians, rendered a number of solos. Mr. Karl is a K. C. Refreshments, lunch and cigars were served. There were about 200 knights registered.—Telegram.

As I already told our State Historian, Brothers, no this is not me they mention at the bottom of the page.

Please don't ask me to sing!!



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[Knights In Action](#)

Submitted by: DD01 Ken Anderson

Holy Rosary's Parish breakfast put on by the Knights of Columbus. Sunday June 2nd, 2019.

Pancake breakfasts have been a signature event for the Knights of Columbus for years. As the Order is trying to move towards promoting more spirituality, this was a great way to incorporate it into the pre-existing successful event.

As parishioners were able to enjoy fellowship and breakfast, time was also set aside to remember brothers and sisters around the world who are persecuted for their Christian faith.



Canby Knights of Columbus, Council 3484 – Mother’s Day Breakfast

Submitted by: Duane Kloser, Canby Council 3484

The Canby Knights of Columbus held a Mother’s Day Breakfast after the 8:30 am and 1:30 pm Masses. It’s a great time to do something special to give mothers a break from cooking.

The Council members presented each of them a free rose which represents our appreciation for everything they do for the Church and their families.

For the last two years, the Hispanic Round Table has served the guests after the 1:30 Mass.





Supreme's
Families of the Month for
April 2019



Robert Anderson
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Oregon Councils participating in April were:

Council 1623 McMinnville, Council 3484 Canby, Council 8129 Dallas

Council 9257* Milwaukie and Council 14802 Beaverton

These families received one of the 100 Holy Family gifts that are given out by the Supreme office in a random drawing each month. Any Council who uses the Family of the Month (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.

Collections from State Convention Masses

Occasionally, a question comes up about the money Knights and families provide during the State Convention. Normally, the convention Masses are held in the host Council's church or a nearby Catholic Church. But, what happens when the Mass is not held in a nearby Catholic Church? Here is how it was resolved.

Prior to the State Convention the State Officers approved a motion that any money collected during the Masses at the State Convention would be used to cover expenses associated with the Masses and remaining funds would go to the hosting parish. For this year, the State Council Officers were the Convention Committee. Since the State Council has no actual parish, the convention floor became the temporary parish. Therefore, the "host parish" (where there was none physically present) was selected to be the State Chaplain's parish, (located at St. Catherine of Sienna church in Veneta).

Recapping the expenses/donations were: (1) A substitute priest during Fr. Theo's weekend with us at the convention, (2) stipend for mileage for Archbishop, Abbot Jeremy, Msgr. Betschart and our two Chaplains and (3), remainder sent to St. Catherine of Sienna Parish to assist with the leaking roof repair needed at the parish office/church building.

Please consider this as the documentation for this transaction:

- Friday Opening Mass: \$401.72
 - Saturday Morning Mass: \$452.24
 - Sunday Morning Mass: \$487.18
- Total: \$1,341.14**

Deductions:

Fr. Theo's Substitute Priest\$401.72
 Less stipends (\$50 x 5).....\$250.00
 Remaining balance sent to St. Catherine of Sienna for roof repair project: **\$689.42**

Thank you Brothers.
 Fraternaly,

Francis Mohr, State Deputy

"Come Holy Spirit"

Food for Families Feed the poor and hungry!



What is an important Food for Families program for the summer months?

Almost every school has what is known as a Backpack Program. Kids who come from a poor household usually have little to eat. While in school, the school provides a free lunch for these needy children. Then, on weekends and holidays during the year, when the school is closed, a backpack is filled with nutritious foods and given to the needy student so that the student will have food when the school is closed.

Summer presents a major problem. How will the needy student acquire needed food during the summer vacation? Contact your local school and ask how your Council or Assembly can help solve the summer food shortage problem. Then, develop a plan to help.

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

Vivat Jesus,



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

SICK AND DISTRESSED

PSD George Flake

Council 7223 Madras

PSD Kim Oey

Council 9257 Milwaukie

Robert "Bob" Schultz

Council 13851 Tualatin

SK Leo Pelster

Council 1634 and Assembly 1292 Hillsboro

We request you also pray for all Knights, their families and friends and all of our Police, Firefighters, Servicemen and Servicewomen, as well as those who have lost so much in the recent storms, 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.

Rev. Father Weber

Janice Pelster's Brother
SK Leo's Pelster's Brother-In-Law
Council 1634 and Assembly 1292 Hillsboro

Anna Elfering

Mother In-Law of FS Richard Moyer
Council 1594 Medford

Jim Ferry

Council 3302 Scappoose

Palmer Zottola PGK

Council 3157 Grants Pass

SK Theodore P "Ted" Geck

Council 2439 and Assembly 900 Sublimity

Dale F Kloucek

Council 2439 Sublimity

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Please always remember our Veterans and those members of the Armed Services who risk their lives in the service of our communities, states and throughout the world, as Firefighters, Police, Ambulance, Chaplains, Nurses, Doctors, Care Givers and those who minister to the needs of others— please take time out to say: "Thank You So Very Much" for all that they do for all of us!





We monks of Mount Angel have experienced great outpourings of grace thanks to your friendship, prayers, and generous support.

You are our partner in a great mission!

For 137 years, we have shared our beautiful Hilltop as a place of prayer, peace, fellowship, and learning with all who come. And you have joined us in this mission with a generous heart. We invite *you* to come, visit the Hilltop, and experience the impact of your contributions!



Tour the newly renovated and expanded Saint Benedict Guesthouse and Retreat Center at this year's [Saint Benedict Festival](#) on Saturday, July 13. [View our retreat calendar](#), which offers new opportunities for [spiritual renewal and transformation](#).

Visit the [Mount Angel Library](#) as we prepare for its 50th anniversary in 2020. Our refurbishing project will restore the library to pristine condition and provide improved service – for the glory of God!

Raise a pint at the [Benedictine Brewery](#). Since opening its doors last September, the brewery and taproom have been busier than ever and are truly a "gateway" to Mount Angel.

View the renewed way we tell [the timeless story of Mount Angel](#), inviting all to Seek Things Above.



[Join us for Mass or prayer](#). In the choir stalls, you will see new postulants who joined the community in March and junior monks who made their solemn professions last September. The faces in the choir are getting younger!

[Pray for the future of our Church](#). Our seminarians stand firm in their pursuit of holy service to God's people at Mount Angel Seminary. Meet these generous men at a Mount Angel [Seminary Benefit Dinner](#).

We need each other!

Please accept our heartfelt thanks, and join us in celebrating our shared journey toward transformation in Christ. We cannot do it alone!

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