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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Message from the State Deputy



State Deputy
Ronald Boyce

Worthy Brother Knights and Families,

We have completed our first month of the new fraternal year. For the new Grand Knights and Council Officers I understand the feeling in starting a new position, the anxiety and uncertainty. I assure you that all those feelings will go away because we will work together as a team and this will enable us to accomplish great things for our Councils, Districts and State. For those returning Grand Knights and Council Officers thank you for your commitments.

137th SUPREME CONVENTION, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA



I had the privilege to attend the 137th Annual Supreme Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota with the five delegates elected at the 111th State Convention in Lebanon and our Past State Deputy Francis Mohr.

It was an incredible evening for the State of Oregon and here is the recap—if you were not able to watch the Awards Presentations on ETWN. The Krebs family from our state won the 2019 International Family of the Year and Young Tran won the #1 Field Agent in the whole Order in the US.

The International Family of the Year was the Krebs Family. Joseph Krebs is a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 1577 based in Albany and serves as the Council's Family Director. He and his wife, Nicole, as well as their eight children — Isabel (18), Caledon (17), Maximilian (13), Lucianna (12), Gabrielle (9), Theodore (5), Benedict (3) and Emilia (1) — are parishioners of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, commonly known as St. Mary's.



"The Knights have really shown me an excellent path, for not only self-improvement, but for different ways I can show the family on how to be better Christians for myself and how to be a better man," said Joe Krebs.

Since moving to the Albany area, the family has become a staple in the parish community. They are leaders and workers at several parish events such as the Shrove Tuesday Festival, Easter Egg Hunt, Summer Festival and Stations of the Cross. Some of the children are altar servers and youth group leaders at various events, including the Vacation Bible School.

As a Knight, Joe is involved in pancake breakfasts, free throw competitions and faith-based family programs such as Family Prayer Night—where families gather in a local park to pray the rosary.

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In addition to caring for their own children, Joe and Nicole also sponsor two children in Guatemala and India, providing for their education, food and medicine. Additionally, Nicole established the Little Flowers Girls Club, which helps teach catechesis to girls in the parish. This year, Joe and Nicole sponsored the Little Flowers Father-Daughter Dance.

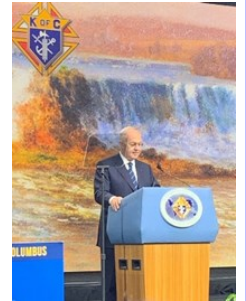
“We were awestruck,” Nicole said after learning her family won the award. “Just imagining all the incredible families across the world that we were measured with and to have the honor of that title being given to us, our responsibility is amazing.”



Supreme Knight Carl Anderson spoke to fellow members of the Knights of Columbus at the Order's 137th Supreme Convention. In his speech during the business session, Supreme Knight Anderson highlighted some of the achievements from the past Fraternal Year and announced new initiatives for the Order.

The theme of his speech was “Knights of Unity” and here are some of the messages from that speech....

“Through our Unity, we will continue to rise in Charity and Fraternity. And as we extend the hand of brotherhood, we will continue to transform the world around us — a world that needs more, not less, of the truth and witness that define all those who call themselves Knights of Columbus.”



New initiatives for the Order

HONORING NATIVE AMERICAN AND FIRST NATION COMMUNITIES

“In the United States, as well as in Canada, there are communities that too often are ignored. That is why we are launching a new initiative focused on Native Americans in the United States and First Nations people in Canada.”

BORDER REFUGEE SUPPORT

“We are prepared to commit at least \$250,000 immediately in humanitarian aid for refugees to the southern border. We are prepared to expand it, with additional resources, to help those in refugee camps in every border state — including Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California.”

“Let me be clear: *This is not a political statement.* This is a statement of principle. This is about helping people who need our help right now. It is a natural and necessary extension of our support for refugees across the world. It shows our nation and the world that where there is a need, there is a Knight to answer it.

CULTURE OF LIFE

“The Knights of Columbus, through countless acts of charity, affirms the dignity of every person, from conception to natural death. This service is fundamental to our principle of unity. And nowhere is our commitment more obvious — and today more important — than in our stand for the sanctity of unborn life.”

“My Brother Knights, the day is coming when *Roe v. Wade* will be overturned. The day is coming when we will march down Pennsylvania Avenue to the steps of the Supreme Court, not in protest, but in celebration. That day is coming when America will once again embrace life.”

KNIGHTS DONATE \$2.7 MILLION IN DISASTER RELIEF

“Knights don't just step up in ordinary times. Our courage comes to the fore in extraordinary moments — especially in times of trial. ... It is a powerful reminder that when disaster strikes, the Knights of Columbus strike back with service.”

FAITH IN ACTION

“St. John Paul II told us, ‘A new state of affairs ... calls with a particular urgency for the action of the lay faithful.’ We cannot run away or stand on the sidelines. We must do our part.”

KNIGHTS RESPOND TO CRISIS IN CHURCH WITH THE HEART OF A PRIEST

“As we strive to renew our Church, we must remember that renewal starts within our own hearts. That message was brought across the United States this year through our nationwide relic tour of the incorrupt heart of St. Jean Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests.”



KNIGHTS RELEASE IMPORTANT VIDEO TO HELP FAMILIES PROTECT CHILDREN

"The video recounts the story of a Knights of Columbus family whose son was victimized by sexual abuse and how this courageous Brother Knight and his wife responded. Their story is shocking, but it is also inspiring and empowering." The video can be found at <http://www.kofc.org/un/common/video/bplayer.html?id=6049553172001>

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

"We must always remember the tremendous efforts and courage required to overcome the bigoted contention that Catholic faith made a citizen "unfit" for public office.

"If we cannot participate in public life because of our core beliefs, then surely it will be our nation that is the loser."

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

"When I met with Pope Francis earlier this year about this crisis, he told me that 'the Middle East without Christians is not the Middle East' and he strongly encouraged us to continue our work."

OUR INTERNATIONAL REACH

"The Knights of Columbus are champions of charity — not just in the United States, but in every country where we are present."

Canadian Knights donated \$19 million and 5.7 million hours to charity.

Mexican Knights activities include:

Feeding and clothing more than 300 needy people.

Raising money for the construction of a local seminary and parish church.

Hosting a pilgrimage to Christ the King Mountain with an icon of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians that had included thousands.

Knights in South Korea established a Peace Refugee Center to serve people who've fled violence across the world.

Knights in the Philippines held a Triduum for Peace after church bombing that killed 20 people and that includes three Knights.

Ukrainian Knights held summer camps for the children of veterans, visited hospitals where the wounded are being treated, and repaired the home of a family who lost their sons in battle.

Knights in France proudly support the Notre-Dame Cathedral's reconstruction.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSURANCE

"We always remember that our Catholic difference is key to our success."

"With more than \$109 billion of insurance in force, nearly \$9 billion in annual sales, and more than \$26 billion of assets under management."

The Order ranked on the Fortune 1000 list of America's largest companies.

KNIGHTS OFFERS NEW CHARITABLE GIVING VEHICLE

"This program sponsors donor-advised funds designed to help Catholic institutions, members of our Order, and other Catholics more effectively direct their charitable giving."

"The Knights of Columbus Charitable Fund can only be used to benefit groups and causes that are in line with Catholic values."

ASSET ADVISORS

"Asset Advisors has grown to more than \$750 million in assets under management. Asset Advisors now is used by dozens of dioceses, religious orders and state and local Councils."

We as a State have started very nicely regarding membership and are #13 in the whole order in recruiting and #3 in Division 4. Currently the following Councils are on track to receive the Fast Start Oregon Star Recruiter Council Award and a barbeque put on by the State Council for the Council and their families when the Council achieves their Supreme net membership quota by November 30th.

Here are the Councils;

District #1; Portland Council 678, & Holy Rosary Council 15605

District #2; St. Theresa Council 7828

District #3; Our Lady of the Lake 3818

District #5; McMinnville Council 1623

District #6; Mt. Angel Council 1767

District #8; Fr. Daniel Patrick Curly Council 4087

District #10; Bishop McGrath Council 3299

District #12; Our Lady of the Dunes Council 15773

District #14 Dr. John McLoughlin Council 2325

District #15; Our Lady of Angels Council 3999

District #18; Fr. Luke O'Donnell Council 6266

District #19; Mid-Columbia Council 7292

District #20; St. Mary's Cathedral 15295

District #21; Fr. Robert O'Hara Council 9137, Knights of the Resurrection Council 13851, & Fr. Joseph Saal Council 15640

I would encourage all Councils to strive and achieve their Supreme quota by November 30th, and the State Officers will award serving BBQ's to each Council that attains their quota. I have faith that each Council can do this, and we have the tools to help you.

I sent out a new Supreme Church Drive Kit to all the District Deputies. The new church drive kit is called The Delta Church Drive. It is a new technique that is less pressure and stress for the Council and the prospect member. Please contact your District Deputy or myself and give it a try for the month of September and October.

Let's reach out to those Catholic Men and let them know that we provide fraternity and spiritual support to strengthen families which will help them and their local communities, and support our Catholic faith, Bishops and Priests at a time when they need our support more than ever.

Tell those men your personal story and why you became a Knight. Promote the Why; We are all called to evangelize, become a more faith-filled Catholic, strengthen our family bonds, support our parishes, support the people in need in our community, change lives and save lives. This is why we are Knights!!!

I would like to also congratulate the following Councils who received Council Awards for the 2018/2019 fraternal year.

Star Council Award

Councils 1577, 3509, 15640

Father McGivney Award & Columbian Award

Councils 1767, 3484, 9257, 11109

Father McGivney Award & Founders Award

Council 15263

Father McGivney Award

Councils 1656, 2255, 4087, 5060, 15605, 16889, 16934

Columbian Award

Councils 1623, 1634, 1872, 2325, 2439, 6602, 9137, 12656, 15773

Congratulations again; the Grand Knights will be receiving their Council award plaques from their District Deputies.

Thank you for your hard work last year and I am looking forward to seeing all of you on the list as Star Councils.

Let's Not Be Afraid and reach 10,000-member threshold in Oregon.

Vivat Jesus,

Ronald Boyce

Ronald Boyce, State Deputy 2019-2020

Stewardship Into Action

Recommended reading by: State Deputy

This summer the Knights of Columbus have been putting **Stewardship at St Pius into Action** in several visible ways. It is one way of saying we believe in the Parish and want to support it as best as we can.

Our first major project was remodeling the apartment below the Parish Office in less than 5 weeks. The Knights spent over 500 hours of labor working on making this apartment a pleasurable place for Father Rick and any future Parochial Vicars to stay. This will save the Parish over \$24,000 a year in rent and utilities.

The second project is rebuilding the stairs and ramp into the Youth Center. These rugged stairs are now safer to climb for everyone with the installation of new stair treads, railings and a repaired ramp. The Knights again placed over 90 hours in this project and picked up the \$850 cost for the rebuild.

The third project so far this year is getting the ice maker in the Community Center repaired. Again the Knights arranged for the repair and picked up the tab for over \$400.

These are just examples of how the Knights are putting **Stewardship Into Action** just this summer.



How can you as an individual put Stewardship Into Action? There are many ways you can but here are a few easy ones. The first one is to support events sponsored by the Knights because a majority of the money goes back into the Parish.

Another easy way is to be the eyes around the campus to let the Parish Office know if you see anything broken or in need of upkeep. Better yet if you have a skill set that can be used in the Parish please let someone know; it saves all of us time and potentially money.

If you have a yearning to give back to the community think about joining the Knights. Contact Bob Weisend at email: weisend02@gmail.com or any Knight to get additional information.

Our challenge to you is how will you put **Stewardship at St Pius Into Action!**



Mike Haney, Grand Knight
St. Pius X Council 12656

Publicity Chairman Alex Paul

You not have noticed, but as of July 1st, the State Council has a new Publicity Chairman.

He is Alex Paul. alexfpaul1954@gmail.com Cell: 541-409-8025

Welfare and Prayer Chairman Michael Rooke

For a number of years, everyone was used to sending their prayers and notices of departed Brother Knights to Andrew "Andy" Robison; however, he has stepped down and taking over his reins is our State Secretary Michael Rooke. I noted that this month we have received very little information about those needing/requesting prayers or for those who have departed us. Councils—please send your information to Michael Rooke at: michael@rooke.com.



Archbishop
William Lori
Supreme Chaplain

Supreme Chaplain's Message To All Knights

We have to change the culture of the Order such that in every Council, every District, every state, every program, every activity and every decision the spirituality of men is uppermost in all that is said and done in the name of the Order. We are aiming at a profound change that will make us true to who we are and at the same time responsive to the world's pastoral needs.

There are lots of rules of thumb for culture change, many of you know them, and they are easily found on the internet, but for our purposes, I would suggest six things: 1. It's critical to work on your own spiritual life, your own life of prayer, your own conversion from sin, a renewal in virtue, a searching examination of one's own humanity as the basis for one's encounter with Christ, one's service and leadership. 2. Culture change is never effected by just one person no matter how great a leader he may be. It requires a team effort. ... If we are to change the culture you will have to build a team that is committed for the long haul, over the administration of successive state deputies, to making the Knights, in the spirit of Father McGivney, responsive to the spiritual searching and aspirations of those men who rightfully should be members of the Order.

This means getting your team together for prayer, for retreat, for adoration. It means talking about these matters in a totally fraternal manner. Of course you have to talk about the practicalities, but in fact nothing is more practical than praying about and discussing what is most basic to our lives, to our Church and to the Order. 3. Tap into the spiritual heritage Father McGivney left us, namely, the spirituality of our three principles: charity, fraternity and unity, coupled with love of country. Sometimes, I fear, the principles are regarded as three great ideas that find their way into our degree ceremonies and our rhetoric. But in fact, if you study them closely, you will find that they are an ingenious summary of the Gospel we hope to spread. We can't take it for granted that everyone see this or that everyone understands the principles or even knows what they are. It's not that they haven't been proclaimed, explained and exemplified. They surely have! But have we done so in a way that prompts men to say, "That's for me! That's what I've been looking for! That's how I want to live!"? Fidelity to who we are as Knights is the way forward. 4. Someone once said that integrity is choosing courage over comfort and surely that the choice of comfort over courage is at the heart of the crisis that is currently besetting the Church. Integrity is an essential element in healthy culture change. A leader who does not have integrity can change the culture all right, but he will change it for the worse or maybe even deform it. Integrity means conducting your office and that of your team according to the highest ethical standards and having the courage to make changes where those standards are breached. It also means having the courage to say what needs to be said when complacency and even laziness are the order of the day. Integrity takes us and our brother Knights beyond our comfort zone. Changing the way our meetings are conducted, getting a club-like Council to open up, speaking with prospective members, putting faith and holiness at the forefront as we engage in charity — all this is critical to culture change done with integrity. 5. Father McGivney created the Knights as a lay organization. The laity are in fact the primary agents in the new evangelization. That said, you need good chaplains. ... Priests who will challenge us to become missionary disciples, who will open doors for us, the doors of Scripture and the sacraments, the doors of our parishes and dioceses, **the doors of hospitality for those men who need to come in and join us in our journey of faith.** 6. **When your state team and your district team and your Council leadership see the Knights as a way for themselves and their fellow men to grow in their faith, to grow in holiness, to spread the Gospel, then the programs and services offered by the Knights will be well-received, especially Faith In Action. These programs won't seem to come out of the blue, but they will be seen rather as ways of helping the Order, from top to bottom, to be an agent of evangelization and a means for men to grow in holiness. This doesn't mean there won't be glitches or a need for adjustments, only that a oneness in purpose and mission will help make these programs and initiatives bear the good fruit of the Gospel.**

Reasons for Hope

We are at a crossroads, brothers, and a lot is riding on what happens — not in some misty future, but now and in the immediate future. In a word, the pressure is on. What I have identified today is more ambitious than any goal or program. But I do not hesitate to lay out the case for culture change based on the Church's mission of evangelization and the identity of the Order. I do not hesitate because I stand with you as men who are filled not only with faith but also hope, who keep our eyes fixed on the **Risen Lord and are open to the Holy Spirit**, men in whom the Lord Jesus himself can speak, act, change and transform. To him be the glory, power and dominion, now and forever!

Vivat Jesus!

[To read Archbishop Lori's complete address, visit www.archbalt.org.](http://www.archbalt.org)

This Month's Challenge

This month, I challenge you to exercise daily vigilance with a simple examination of conscience at the end of each day.

I also challenge you to keep watch with your Council through the Faith In Action Holy Hour program or by spending some time in Eucharistic adoration on your own.



Duane Morris
General
Program
Director

General Program Director Report

Brothers, we are now in the second month of the new Fraternal Year and I am hoping that every Council has completed and submitted their Form 365, which was due on August 1st. This form is just as important as the Form 185 as it lets Supreme know who are the Council Program Directors. This information is used to notify the General, Family and Community Directors of their login information for completing the Safe Environment program. Our goal is to have every Council compliant with the Safe Environment Training by January 1st.

Just like with Recruitment, your Council should be thinking about Programs all year round. Successful Programs bring life to your Councils and help to keep your Councils active and supporting your Parish. Below is the list of required and featured programs along with some Best Practices for using Programs to help with Membership and Recruitment. If you have any questions on Faith in Action, or any Program in general, please contact the Directors listed below.

Vivat Jesus,

Duane Morris
State General
Program Director
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FAITH IN ACTION

Featured Programs

Two Program Credits on SP-7

FAITH	COMMUNITY
RSVP	Coats for Kids Global Wheelchair Mission Habitat for Humanity
FAMILY	LIFE
Food for Families	Marches for Life Special Olympics Ultrasound Program

Required Programs

FAITH	COMMUNITY
Spiritual Reflection Program	Helping Hands
FAMILY	LIFE
Consecration to the Holy Family	Novena for Life

BEST PRACTICES

Take the steps to ensure people know about Knights of Columbus presence and activity in every parish

Focus on building a culture of recruiting, where everyone is excited and engaged in council growth

Recruit PASTORS to support council recruitment efforts – especially at events!

Maximize your council's VISIBILITY

- Dress in branded KofC clothing
- Ensure a constant presence in parish bulletin announcements
- EVERY event is an opportunity for recruitment and engagement
- Someone responsible for planning the recruitment aspect of every event
- Focus on growing your councils FAITH and FAMILY programming – within your parish

Your State Faith in Action Program Directors

- State Program Director - Duane Morris – 503-709-4858 – dlmorri@gmail.com
 Faith Programs Director - Ray Prom - 503-440-2382 - promray58@gmail.com
 Family Programs Director - Bob Adams - 541-404-5905 - bob.adams@bayareahospital.org
 Community Programs Director - Kent Purdy - 503-881-1224 - purdalator2@gmail.com
 Life Programs Director - Patrick Parson - 541-248-3346 - ppparson@yahoo.com



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.

www.kofc-or.org

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.

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.



Ray Prom
Faith Director

Faith in Action

All Things Mary

Brothers, August is the month for the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This is a great month to start up your public Rosary program, which is worth 200 points on the Faith Programs Report. August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption, and I can't think of a better day for a Rosary than that. It's not too late. Even if you don't have time to organize a Rosary for your parish, you can pray the Rosary with your Council or just with your family.

But it doesn't stop there. August 15th is the first day of a national "Novena for our Nation", and we all know how badly this country needs prayers. Get your Brothers to pray every day for 54 days. This Novena ends on Oct. 7th. And don't forget to get on the schedule to get the icon - "Our Lady, Help of Persecuted Christians" to your parish church. Included are prayer books and cards to help you get a prayer program organized.

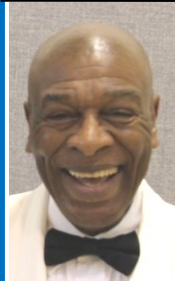
Another great Marian event is scheduled for Sept 14 at the Grotto. Monsignor Edward Chavez will be speaking about Guadalupe, along with exhibits and a conference from 9AM to 3 PM that day. Make sure your entire Council knows about this event and try and bring all your Knights' families to this one of a kind gathering.

October, which is officially the month of the Rosary, is also full of Marian programs. On Saturday, Oct. 5th, the Rosary Bowl will be held at the State Fairgrounds in Salem. This wonderful event needs to get the attention of your entire Council also. Let's fill up the facility with Knights and families this year. Confessions and a Mass will also be available there. Oct. 7th is the conclusion of the Novena for the Nation. October 13th is the day for Rosary Coast to Coast. There is a website available to sign up your parish, to pray the Rosary throughout this country, simultaneously. Again, if ever we needed to pray for our country, this is the time.

The bottom line is this, get your Rosary beads warmed up for the next 2 months, and let's do what we can to pray to our Blessed Mother to do the will of her son, Jesus Christ. Remember your first degree..."Mary and her Knights"!!

Vivat Jesus! (Jesus Lives—in us, and with us)

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George Murphy
Youth Director

Youth Director

Brothers All:

It is amazing how fast time flies; it seems just like yesterday I was writing about the proceedings of the Summer Meeting at the Grotto.

Now it is nearly the beginning of Fall and our children will be starting school next month In September. It's also time for our Councils to find a location for their Soccer Kick Competition. In October our District Deputies will be looking for a location to hold their District/Regional Competition. Then, on November 16, 2019, the State Championship will be held at Holy Trinity Church at 13715 S.W. Walker Rd in Beaverton.

Also, in September our Councils should begin their essay programs. They can be run independently by our Councils or with a local school system. Our Councils should be preparing for the Poster Programs: Keep Christ In Christmas, Drug Abuse and Alcohol Awareness. With all of these programs each Council can run them independently or share with a local entity.

We should start planning for Coats For Kids.

These are our Fall programs. They are all on line. Your State Youth Chairman is available to assist any Council.

If you need any help, please contact me at:

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Kent Purdy
Community
Director

WHEELCHAIR PROGRAM REPORT

Here is what we have in the Wheelchair Fund (in Oregon KofC Charities): \$9168. We also have (according to my records) 7 Councils who have pledged for 14 chairs but have not sent in their \$\$\$\$. If you add that amount to the fund (14 X \$150 per chair) = \$2100. That would give us a total of..... \$11268 We need a minimum of \$15,000 to order the container of 100 wheelchairs.

So, we need **\$3732** to get these chairs ordered. The encouraging thing is that while only 31 Councils have contributed, we are getting closer. Does that mean that over 60 Councils have not? If that is the case, if each of those Councils contributed \$60, we would have enough. **SIXTY BUCKS PER COUNCIL!**

Please, if you have yet to contribute to this fund, please do it soon so we can get these wheelchairs ordered and distributed to those who want and need them!

Make checks out to: OREGON KofC CHARITIES (*be sure and indicate WHEELCHAIRS on the memo line of the check!*)

Send to: Michael Rooke, State Secretary
15240 SW Oregon Street
Sherwood, OR 97140

COMMUNITY FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS

Now is the time for the Grand Knights to get together with the Council Program Director and the Faith in Action Directors to plan the new Fraternal Year. One month has slipped away already!

Please consider these Community Projects in your planning:

Habitat for Humanity: There are 26 Oregon affiliated offices. Check out www.habitatoregon.org and find where the nearest one is. Contact them and see what your Council can do. State Habitat Chairman, **Mike Kondrat** 503-819-2775 (mike@kondrats.com) would be glad to help your Council get started.

Coats for Kids: This is very easy. Coordinate this with your parish. Advertise in your parish bulletin and seek donations. Be sure to get the coats ordered by the end of September or so. People love to help supply coats for kids!

Helping Hands: What needs to be done for the less fortunate in YOUR community? Plan an activity to help, and make a "Helping Hands" activity out of it. This is required for the Columbian Award and Star Council!

Soccer Challenge and Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest: Plan to get these started soon, to hit the ground running when school starts. Let me know if you need help, or check the Supreme Website for directions.

Freethrow Contest: Plan on getting this going after the New Year begins. One easy way to do this is to coordinate with your local schools and have the contest during school at PE class.

Disaster Prep: One idea is to coordinate this with your parish. Have experts come and give talks to the entire parish about what each family needs to do to be READY for what might come!

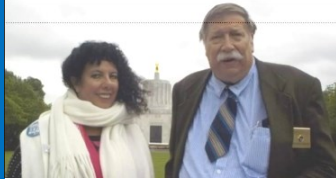
Highway Cleanup: Contact either your local State or County Highway department to pick a stretch of highway for your Council to keep cleaned up. You can get free PR for your Council when the "Adopt a Highway" sign goes up with your Council name on it.

Let me know if you need help with these or any community project ideas!

Thank you!

Vivat Jesus,

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Culture of Life

*Patrick and Teresita Parson
Life Couple - Oregon Knights of Columbus*

Are we serious about using programs to change lives, or are we more interested in merely garnering points? I have received information about how two separate Councils are planning to conduct the Novena for Life (required to qualify for the Columbian Award) in their respective Parishes. One will have a Council representative meet their Pastor and Associate Pastor to explain the Novena for Life program and seek Parish approval. The Knights plan to involve the whole Parish with Bulletin advertisements, web page notices, posters, prayer cards (in English and Spanish), and pulpit announcements. The St. Pius Council 12656 is awesome!

Another Council is planning to say the Novena at the start of each business meeting for nine months. Now this meets minimal requirements, but it doesn't reach the intent of the required activity, which is to get the community involved with the Knights of Columbus in building the culture of life. Additionally, this Council is missing out on a potential recruiting opportunity.

The *40 Days for Life* fall campaign starts September 25 this year. Prayer vigils will be held in six different Oregon cities: Bend, Eugene, Klamath Falls, Portland, St. Helens, and Salem. Brother Knights, if you can, show your concern for the sanctity of life by participating. The program does save lives.

The movie *Unplanned* is available for purchase. Visit <https://40daysforlifegear.com/> for details. The film is based on the life of Abby Johnson, a clinic director who left Planned Parenthood after participating in an abortion.

Cultura de la Vida

*Patrick y Teresita Parson
Pareja de la vida- Caballeros de Colon de Oregon*

De verdad queremos usar programas para cambiar vidas, o ¿estamos mas interesados en ganar puntos?. He recibido informes de como 2 Consejos por separado están planeando conducir la Novena por la Vida (requerida para calificar en el premio Columbian) en sus respectivas parroquias. Uno tendrá un representante de su consejo para conocer al pastor y un pastor asociado para explicar el programa de la Novena por la vida y ver la aprobación de la parroquia. Los Caballeros de Colon planean envolver a toda la parroquia con publicidad en los boletines, la web en las páginas de noticias, posters, tarjetas con oraciones, (en Inglés y Español) y anuncios desde el púlpito. El Consejo de St. Pius 12656 les magnífico!

Otro Consejo está planeando hacer hacer la Novena, cuando comience cada semana de trabajo durante 9 meses. Ahora esto tiene los mínimos requerimientos, pero no llega a un intento de las actividades requeridas, que son envolver a la comunidad con los Caballeros de Colon en la construcción de la cultura de la vida. Adicionalmente este consejo está perdiendo oportunidades de reclutamiento.

Los *40 Días por la Vida* del Otoño, empiezan el 25 de septiembre de este año. Las vigiliass de oración, se llevarán a cabo en 6 diferentes ciudades: Bend, Eugene, Klamath Falls, Portland, St. Helens, y Salem. Hermanos Caballeros de Colon, si pueden, muestren su interés participando en estos programas para salvar vidas.

La película "Unplanned" la pueden conseguir visitando: <https://40daysforlifegear.com/> Para mas detalles. Esta película está basada en la vida de Abby Johnson, director de una clínica de Planned Parenthood después de haber participado en un aborto.



Mike Kondrat
Habitat for
Humanity

Habitat for Humanity Chairman **Knights at Habitat**



All of us Brothers have been asked by Supreme to get more involved with Habitat for Humanity in our area. Habitat is a Christian based organization which supports many affordable houses. We all know Oregon needs affordable housing across the state. Habitat also has programs to help people "to age in place" aimed at our elderly and widows, thus allowing them to stay in their homes for a longer period of time.

Your Council can be engaged with Habitat in several ways: including providing lunch, coffee, snacks to a building site or volunteer to help build (No skill required) or just donate used material from a house project to a Restore near you.

Today I want to write about a unique opportunity for all of us to support Habitat. A local Oregonian Catholic has pledged \$30,000 to start a match fund to support a "Catholic Build house" in our state. This allows individual Knights or Councils to double their donations towards this unique Catholic Build Habitat house. This house has been started already, with permits, foundation and first floor framing built and paid for by other donors. This match program will then allow us to complete this house.

Your Council members can help finish this house by sending their donations to:

Attn: Marci Neuffer
Willamette West Habitat for Humanity
5293 NE Elam Young Pkwy, Suite 140
Hillsboro, OR 97124

Write Catholic Build on the Memo Line.

OR Visit pages.donately.com/habitatwest and click on Catholic Community Match Challenge.

This allows your Council to double the impact for their donation.

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Knights In Action—Admissions Degree

On Thursday August 1st, Holy Trinity held an Admissions Degree. The candidates and attendees had the special honor to have members of the State level put on the Degree. The team consisted of our State Deputy, State Warden, State Program Director, resident District Deputy, and some resident Grand Knights.

There were 3 candidates and new members. One for Portland 678, one for Beaverton 6266, and Holy Rosary 15605. Welcome, brothers, to our Order.

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Tom Radel
State Advocate

Safe Environment

Brother Knights,

Well by now you should have turned in your Officers Chosen (185 Report) and Program Personnel (365 Report) to Supreme for the new Fraternal Year. Once turned in, the Grand Knight Program, Family and Community Directors will have about **30 days** to complete the Safe Environment Training.

Note: Leaving one or more of the Council Director roles vacant **Does Not** exempt a Council from safe environment requirements.

If the training is not completed within the 30 days, the Knight will not be recognized by Supreme in their Director's role. The purpose of the training is for Brother Knights serving in key leadership roles to safeguard children and other vulnerable persons by recognizing the signs of possible abuse.

This is part of the Columbian Award so if not completed by all four positions of your Council your Columbian Award will not count, hence your Council will not gain Star. The training is easy and not time consuming and good for three years.

CONGRATULATIONS to Our Lady of the Dunes and Molalla Councils to be the first two Councils to be in full compliance: Hurray!!

A few Councils have one or two more trainings to complete to be in full compliance. A few Councils are missing one role.

Let us all work together to reach **100%** compliance of all Councils soon so we can concentrate on membership and programs.

If you need any assistance or answer question, please contact me.

Tom Radel

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Albany 1577 Council Installation of Officers

On August 11, 2019, the Albany 1577 Council Officers were installed during the 11am Mass at St. Mary's in Albany, OR.

District Deputy 07, Emmet Jones conducted the ceremony assisted by the State Advocate, Tom Radel.

Pictured back row: Advocate, Dan McDowell; Warden, John Milani; 2yr Trustee, Jon Keefer; DGK, Chris James
Front row: 3yr Trustee, Matt Hellman; DD07 Emmet Jones; GK, Bob Weiler; OG, Joe Krebs; IG, Albert Correia



CONGRATULATIONS International Family of the Year 2019!!!!

The Oregon State Council is proud to have the Krebs Family of Albany Council 1577 as the Knights of Columbus International Family of the Year 2019.

Joe the dad, Nicole the mom, Isabel, Caledon, Maximilian, Lucianna, Gabrielle, Theodore, Benedict and Emilia



The following was written by Joe Krebs for the Award Ceremony:

Award Ceremony Speech Outline—Opening. Text modified to fit available space

Short story about Nicole and my first visit to Our Lady of Perpetual Help – a small, daily Mass where we were welcomed and given prayer shawls after Mass. We met a few Knights and Catholic Daughters, as well as other parishioners who were genuinely warm and inviting – great conversation about the parish and our situation in regards to moving to the area. The Priest and parishioners talked about how they hoped to see us again.

This type of welcome was something we had not seen before and this experience was one of the reasons we moved to where we did. We would not be where we are today without first meeting that wonderful group of people.

Thanks and Recognition:

Family: Nicole – The love of my life, my best friend, and amazing partner in life. I'm am blessed to have such a wonderful wife and I love you with all my heart! We just celebrated our 19th anniversary on the 5th. Children: Isabel, Cal, Max, Luci, Gabby, Teddy, Benny, and Emilia – Each of you are special to your mother and me. We are so proud of each of you. You are each a gift from God and each of you help to make our family what it is. We love you more than you will ever know.

Mike and Colette Morrison – Thank you for being so loving and supportive of Nicole and me. It has been an amazing gift, that has helped to provide strength, love, and support at times that we needed it most. We love you!

My sister Kasey – She is strongest, bravest woman that I know, and I am so thankful for her every day. We love you!

Church: Our Lady of Perpetual Help/St. Mary's in Albany, OR. We are blessed to have found such an amazing parish that was so welcoming and inclusive. The church is like another family member to us. They were the ones to welcome us 'home'

Emilia's baptism – how the church stepped up to make it a wonderful and memorable experience. This provided us an opportunity for our family to be actively involved in multiple areas and ministries of the church. It has been an amazing opportunity to have the family actively involved in so many areas of the church.

KofC: Albany 1577 Council: I want to thank the Knights for the opportunity to be part of an amazing brotherhood. They were very inclusive of me and my family and helped to provide many opportunities for me and my family to be more involved. I want to specifically recognize Jon Keefer from our Council. He has been a tremendous mentor and friend during my time with the Knights. Thank you for being there for us!

I am most thankful to the Knights for providing me an opportunity to be a better husband, father, and leader in the church. Without the Knights, I would not have all the opportunities we had to be as involved. I am proud to show my wife and kids that I can be a leader in the church and community, and the Knights provided that chance. I think it is amazing that even with a wife, 8 kids, and job, that there are opportunities to be involved through the Knights that allow the whole family to participate or help. Some people may not believe that they have enough time, but I think that making time for all of these opportunities is worth it.

Final Comments:

Its amazing that when Nicole and I were first talking about kids and the number that we wanted, we both thought that 3 or 4 was going to be our number... we were off just a little. I have been blessed to have such an amazing family. To be able to come home from work and get a hug from 9 different people, is a dream come true and worth more than a treasure chest of gold. We have lived in 5 different states together and this is the first time that we have truly felt like we were part of a church family. I am so thankful that things work out the way that they do. It has been a wild ride to get where we are now, but it all happens for a reason. I joke with Nicole, that we never felt like we deserved this. We did what we did because we felt like it was what we were supposed to do... I guess that is the Midwest in us showing a bit.

Everyone has a story of their own. It has been an amazing journey in that we have been able to share a little bit of our story with others. My hope is that others, especially other men with families, will see that it is possible to have it all. You can be involved with the church, you can be involved with the Knights and give what you can together as a family. I am hoping that by doing a lot of the things that we have done together, that my kids will see and learn what it means to be a true Catholic.

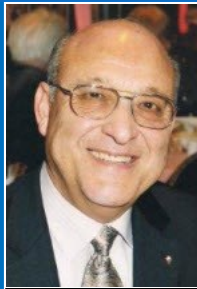
I want to thank Knights for all that you have given us. Beyond the fraternal brotherhood that I personally have received, we have been given the opportunity as a family to become the people we have always dreamed of. We are so thankful, blessed and honored to have received this recognition. We have received a once in a lifetime experience that we are able to share all together as a family and with all of you. We will remember this the rest of our lives – Thank you so much and God Bless all of you! While it's not written down, I added the part about just being willing to say yes for what ever the church or Knights ask.

Joe Krebs
Council 1577
Albany

Photos from Supreme Convention 2019

Photos courtesy of Thayer Mohr





Jesse Villarreal
District Master

District Master Report

ALPHA & OMEGA

Everything in this world that has a beginning has an ending. The same goes for the Knights of Columbus time table using the Fraternal year calendar. Fraternal Year 2018/2019 ended June 30th 2019 and the new Fraternal year 2019/2020 began July 1st, 2019. Good Luck and many blessings to all brother Knights, may the Good Shepherd guide us all in the right direction for the right reasons.

My term as Oregon District Master for the Fourth Degree that began on September 1st, 2018 will end on August 31st, 2019. [My new assignment as Vice Supreme Master](#) of the Archbishop Blanchet Province covering Washington, Idaho and Oregon will begin in September 1st, 2019. I'm excited and nervous with this giant step forward with the Knights of Columbus. It's not going to be easy to fill the shoes of the previous Vice Supreme Master Chuck Davlin from Idaho, so I'm asking for your prayers and support from the very beginning to the end of the two year term. May the Holy Spirit be with us to guide and protect us all along the way.

The joy and excitement and happiness that most "beginnings" have is probably compared with the same level of "sadness" that comes when something we like and love ends? That's the ALPHA and the OMEGA. That's life! We all have a beginning and we all have an end! It's a pretty sure bet to say that each one of us with a beginning will have an end. So enjoy the "between time" while you have it, don't waste your time and energy looking for the end. Don't hurry, it will come.

Some Sir Knight Brothers are sadly troubled with the end of the Fourth Degree Regalia that had the colored cape and chapeau. I enjoyed it too when participating with my Brother Sir Knights of the Honor Guard in special events that required Regalia.

I was not at New Haven, Connecticut when the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus was first considered back in 1899. I supposed the first members who purchased their "uniforms" were happy to wear the black Prince Albert coat, black trousers, black soft felt top hat, with an ostrich feather encircling the crown, similar to that worn by Columbus. Can you imagine what that would look like today? At that time a complete uniform, as proposed, could not be purchased for much less than \$100 dollars.

That beginning ended forty (40) years later when it was replaced by the recent Regalia consisting of a black tuxedo with a reverse satin colored cape and chapeau with an ostrich feather.

Now, almost eighty (80) years later we have a new beginning for the Fourth Degree Honor/Color Corp members to wear. We are being introduced to a new Official Uniform. I ask myself, why all these changes and so often? Maybe the next change will come in one hundred and sixty (160) years? Got it, 40.....80.....160...?

The Official Dress Uniform began almost two years ago consisting of a Navy Blue Blazer with the Fourth Degree Emblem Blazer Crest. Official Fourth Degree gray trousers (no cuff). Knights of Columbus Emblem of the Order Black Beret with Fourth Degree metal badge over appropriate colored patch of the office, plain white dress shirt button cuff, (no button down collar) black socks and plain black shoes, official Fourth Degree Lapel Pin (PG-113), incumbent Medal of Office, Past and Former miniature Medals above the left pocket.

Some of the Fourth Degree members with the new uniform have said they are happy they don't have to carry the extra carrying case and garment bag for the cape and chapeau and that the uniform is more versatile because it's not as formal as the tuxedo. The new uniform fabric is of very good quality. It is very sturdy and wrinkle resistant. I love to hear people say how nice it looks; I act like I didn't hear them and have them repeat it!

One thing that continues to sadden me is when I hear some elderly members who were in the Honor Guard and some that I have never seen participating with the Honor Guard, say they would never wear the new uniform, that they didn't like it and would rather quit the Fourth Degree? I had hoped to convince more brother Sir Knights that being part of the

Fourth Degree was like making things WHOLE from beginning to end. A complete Patriotic, a true Catholic, and a proud American gentleman.

To be a Fourth Degree member is an HONOR, being in the Honor/Color Guard is a PRIVILEGE, not an OBLIGATION.

I wish we would give more value to the phrase, "IT'S NOT WHAT WE WEAR, IT'S WHAT WE DO".

So Faithful and Worthy Sir Knights let's be the LIGHT of our church. Let's be grateful to all those who gave their lives for All our new Beginnings, the ALPHAS, we enjoy today. Do not waste yourself looking for the end, the OMEGA. Do not allow yourselves to be discouraged or misled by false witness.

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VIVA CHRISTO REY

VIVA OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

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District Deputy 05 Information

On Sunday August 4th at St. Patrick's Church in Independence, Bishop Peter Smith presided at a ceremony for Father Francisco "Kiko" Bringuela who is a 1st Degree member of our Order.

Father Kiko's ceremony was for his being elevated from Parish Administrator to Pastor by his Excellency who performed the ceremony at a jam packed 9 a.m. Mass. A tremendous showing of love and support was evident for Father Kiko from the standing room only congregation. Also, on hand was St. Patrick's Council 11109, who after the Mass held one of their special breakfasts. This event is always highly attended and enjoyed by the parish community. All the tables in the parish center were filled. Bishop Smith and Father Kiko were the stars of the party posing for pictures with the parishioners. It was even a greater success this Sunday due to the installation ceremony and the attendance of Bishop Smith.

Worthy Grand Knight Darin Silbernagel, was not able to attend as he and his lovely wife Lisa were starting a welcomed and well-deserved vacation. District Deputy Bill Geary of District 05 stood in for Darin with as many Knights as could attend from the St. Patrick's Council, and presented Father Kiko with a proclamation from the Council. The proclamation acknowledged Father Kiko's leadership as their Shepherd and a pledge of solidarity from them as Knights.

The accompanying photos show a large portion of the Council's Officers and Knights who were present. Some members were unfortunately were left out of the photo due to their diligence in performing many duties to keep the breakfast well run and successful and a fun event.





Kenneth Anderson
State warden

State Warden's Report

It has been a fantastic month for the Knights of Columbus in Oregon. The State Officers decided this would be a good year to start off fresh, meaning we would take inventory of all the state's physical property. As State Warden, my primary job is to oversee the state property. On Saturday July 13th, the State Officers met at the storage unit containing state property and cleaned out any old and outdated belongings. Paperwork, reports, etc. had been accumulating for years and the unit was packed. After an afternoon of hard work in the hot sun, much of the old and unnecessary belongings and paperwork were eliminated or to be destroyed.

The State Historian Tom Radel also took this as an opportunity to keep any valuable historical belongings and renovate any old pictures. We found old pictures of Past State Deputies, Former District Masters, etc.

In addition to State Warden, my secondary job at the state level is the Forms Chairman. The Form 185 List of Council Officers and 365 List of Council Personnel are now past due. I would like to request that all Councils that did not submit these reports to do so ASAP as they are necessary to pass on relevant information and to assign Safe Environment Training. The Semi-Annual Audit is due on August 15th. Please also submit that ASAP.

I also ask that all District Deputies and fellow Councils help hold each other accountable to fulfill these responsibilities. These forms can be filled out before/after monthly business meetings. Remember, we are all Brothers and are here to help each other out.

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Knights In Action

Several Members donated their time and talent to help redo the leaking roof at St Mary's, Our Lady of the Dunes in Florence over the last 11 days, thereby saving our parish quite a bit of money with a bonus of gaining another member. Probably not the BEST membership drive program but the Holy Spirit came through again!

Pat Beckham
Financial Secretary
Council 15773, Florence



[Knights In Action](#)

The Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus, Council 5842 in Gervais recently undertook efforts to participate in the KofC Ultrasound Initiative and raised the money needed to purchase an ultrasound machine, combined with KofC Supremes' matching funds. They found an excellent partner with Options Pregnancy Resource Center in Albany, Oregon.

At the Council's July meeting, Karen Taming, the Executive Director of Options Pregnancy Center was presented checks from Council 5842 and Supreme.

Karen and her staff were excited to attend our Council's open meeting to not only receive the funding, but they also drove down in their mobile ultrasound unit that allows them to serve many rural areas in the Central Willamette Valley for this much needed service. They provided tours of the mobile unit to Council members and their spouses. Karen posted on Facebook, "This evening the Knights of Columbus from Sacred Heart Parish in Gervais, OR presented us with a check to purchase a new ultrasound machine! Patti & I drove the mobile clinic up and gave tours to an amazing group of encouraging and enthusiastic people who deeply value life. We are privileged and honored to have their partnership at Options!"

The completion of this amazing project could not have been done without the constant support of all of our Council members, spouses, family and friends who work at our fundraising events at Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus, Council 5842.

Brian Belleque
Financial Secretary
Council 5842, Sacred Heart
Knights of Columbus



[Sir Knight In Action](#)

Sir/Brother Knight Dick Bielenberg is on vacation and sent a few photos of the church where St Boniface was martyred. I thought these would be of interest, especially for the St Boniface members. I am not sure if St Boniface in Sublimity was modeled after this church but maybe you can see some similarities.

Fraternally,

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[More History About The Knights In Oregon](#)

Past Supreme Convention and Oregon

By now, most of you know that the 137th Supreme Convention was held in Minneapolis, MN this month. But did you know that the Supreme Convention has only been held twice in the State of Oregon in the history of the Knights?

Both were held in Portland, OR in the years of 1927 and 1949.



P. J. Hanley, State Deputy

Taken August 2-4, 1927 45th Supreme Convention, Portland Oregon. He is shown wearing the badge at right.

[Our Lady of Perpetual Help \(St Mary's, Albany\) and Albany Council 1577 Celebrate a Blue Mass](#)

Submitted by: Jon Keefer, Albany Council 1577

On June 14, 2019, Flag Day and the birthday of the US Army, Our Lady of Perpetual Help celebrated a Blue Mass that was coordinated by Albany Council 1577 of the Knights of Columbus. Father Edwin Sanchez officiated at Mass to pray for and thank first responders and military who serve our communities and country. During the homily, Father Edwin spoke of his time in the seminary when he learned the word Minister didn't mean chief or leader but rather servant. He said these men and women of public service are driven to serve our communities and make life better for all. Many of them find ways to continue to serve even after retirement. The drive to serve is compelling. After the Mass, there was a reception allowing the community to meet with them and give a personal thanks. First responders from Albany, Corvallis and Lebanon were invited as well as all Recruiting, National Guard and Reserve units including the ROTC detachments at Oregon State University. The Albany Knights of Columbus plans to celebrate next year's Blue Mass on Armed Forces Day, May 16, 2020 and hopes the entire community will come out to thank our local heroes.





Kenneth Anderson
State Warden

DD/DW11 in Action

“Our gratitude goes out to Ken Anderson, our Worthy State Warden, for his enthusiasm and professional presentation for our 2nd District meeting. It was nothing short of great! Thank you Ken again for making the time for our District and especially being so engaging with all of the Officers.... God Bless & Vivat Jesus! Ipo Ross DD11 & Aaron Croxford DW11 held their District 11 meeting on Sunday July 14th and it was chaired by State Warden Kenneth Anderson. Here is his report.”

I was very impressed by the meeting and the activity of the Klamath Falls Council. I was asked to run the meeting section in which almost all of the Council Officers attended.

We covered many membership/program incentives and requirements, forms, Delta Church Drive, Safe Environment requirements, social media guidelines, name and emblem guidelines, 2020 election guidelines, etc., but, we condensed the full 2 day state meeting into an hour. The Council was very engaged.

The Installation of Officers followed. I was astounded that there were FOUR priests who came to attend. It really made me happy to see how the priests were actively included with the Council. It was an excellent ceremony.

A BBQ followed the installation ceremony. There were a bunch of members active in preparing the BBQ. Excellent food. I also handed out a lot of past convention polos.

Overall, I was very impressed by this whole event and I'm glad I had the opportunity to attend.

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District Deputies Report

As contributed by State Warden Kenneth Anderson

I attended the combined District 16 (Jerry Lencioni), 17 (Michael Pranger), 18 (David Judy), and 20 (Subhuti Lichtman) meeting. Once again, it was very well done. It was very good to see this combined effort for Councils in the area. DDs Dave and Mike shared the presentation material and covered everything we discussed at the state summer meeting; Safe Environment, forms, Delta Church Drive, social media guidelines, name and emblem, 2020 election, membership (Membership Director Ricardo Hernandez talked a little about Hispanic recruitment), retention, and programs. Together, this team of DDs and Membership Director combined the 2 days of state material into two and a half hours, a very formidable task, but very well done.

They also followed with the Installation of Officers. DDs Dave, Mike, and Jerry took part in conducting the ceremony and DW Leroy Nuckles assisted in the ceremony.

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Oregon Knights of Columbus History

Parade of Past State Deputies

As your historian, (Tom Radel) beginning with the September Newsletter, I will include the history of one of Oregon's Past State Deputies.

There have been 59 State Deputies, including our current State Deputy, Ron Boyce, since 1908 when Oregon was first established as a State Council. Two have served two nonconsecutive terms (Patrick J. Hanley 1922-1925 and 1927) (Patrick L. Rice 2011-2013 and 2014). Two were father and son (Frank Lonergan 1917-1920; son C. P. A. "Pat" Lonergan (1929-1932). Below is a taste of and a Parade of Past State Deputies including the years that they served.

Taken in the late 1950's at the Mt. Angel Retreat.

Left to right: C. P. A. "Pat" Lonergan (1929-1932), Edward J. Bell (1938-1940), Sylvester J. Smith (1948-1950), Dr. Francis A. Reiling (1952-1954).



Taken mid 1960's

Back row left to right: Otto L. Smith (1942-1944), Joseph W. Ford (1962-1964), Dr. Francis A. Reiling (1952-1954), Michael R. Hine (1954-1956), Fred Schwab (1956-1958), Joseph H. Blissenbach (1958-1960), Raymond Martin (1960-1962)

Front row left to right: Edward J. Bell (1938-1940), unknown Clergy, John L. Hochstatter (1964-1965).



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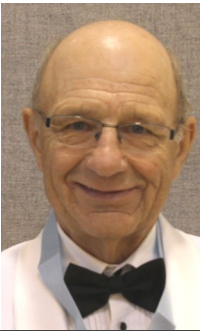
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OREGON STATE COUNCIL July 30, 2019



Worthy District Deputies, Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, My Brothers All,

I'm excited to share with you a rare opportunity for us in Oregon! On their recent pilgrimage to Mexico City, Father Arturo Romero and Oregon's District Master 4th Degree, Jesse Villarreal of St. Patrick's Parish in Canby, were able to visit with Monsignor Eduardo Chavez Sanchez at the Basilica. Monsignor Chavez is a world renowned researcher on the Guadalupe apparitions and the authenticity of the Virgin's image on the tilma worn by St. Juan Diego. He served as the Postulate for the Sainthood of Juan Diego.

The Monsignor accepted the invitation and we are privileged that he will make 2 presentations at the Grotto on Sept. 14

- 10:00 – 12:00 Monsignor speaks on the authenticity of Mary's appearances and the tilma worn by Juan Diego at his final confiding audience with the Bishop

- 1:30 – 2:45 Monsignor speaks of Mary's Patroness and Devotion throughout the world

An enactment by a local Hispanic group of Mary's appearance to Juan Diego, his visits to the Bishop and the final visit to the Bishop with the image of Mary on the inside of his tilma will be performed prior to the Monsignor's morning and afternoon presentations. The Monsignor's presentations are bilingual. Both PSD Robert Kish and I attended the Monsignor's presentation in Nampa, Idaho last September. The Monsignor is a professional presenter who is able to keep the attention and interest of a bilingual audience. Attendance is free but I'm sure you realize a great opportunity like this involves expenses (travel, lodging, and some specialized audio visual equipment for his presentation at the Grotto.)

I am asking Councils to help with sponsoring this great event; estimated expenses are approximately \$5000. Hopefully we will receive an amount over our cost which will be given to the Monsignor to assist with the continuous, on-going renovation of the Basilica in Mexico City. **Your contribution needs to be sent to our State Secretary Michael Rooke, 15240 SW Oregon Street, Sherwood, OR 07140.**

Also please assist with posting the information on the following page in your parish bulletin and displaying copies of the flyer throughout the parish and community; print more!!

Please don't let me down! This is a great event for us!!

Fraternally yours,

Francis Mohr, IPSD Committee Chr. for Monsignor Chavez Presentation

Knights Can Have Fun Too

The Legion of Faith was at it again. Philomath Frolic and Rodeo Parade Saturday July 13th. George Murphy, featured as Robin Hood, and Ken Anderson, the Noble Tribune, marched in the parade representing the Legion of Faith. For the second year in a row, these two men won the prize for the top marching unit.

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Editor's note: Historical information about the tilma**Here are four literally awesome facts about the *tilma* of Our Lady of Guadalupe****1. It has qualities that are humanly impossible to replicate.**

Made primarily of cactus fibers, a *tilma* was typically of very poor quality and had a rough surface, making it difficult enough to wear, much less to paint a lasting image on it. Nevertheless, the image remains, and scientists who have studied the image insist there was no technique used beforehand to treat the surface. The surface bearing the image is reportedly like silk to the touch, while the unused portion of the *tilma* remains coarse. What's more, experts in infrared photography, studying the *tilma* in the late 1970s, determined that there were no brush strokes, as if the image was slapped onto the surface all at once. Phillip Callahan, a biophysicist at the University of Florida, discovered that the differences in texture and coloration that cause Our Lady's skin to look different up close and far away is impossible to recreate: This, along with an iridescent quality of slightly changing colors depending on the angle at which a person looks, and the fact that the coloration in the image was determined to have no animal or mineral elements, and synthetic colorings didn't exist in 1531, provide a lot of seemingly unanswerable questions.

2. People say it's just a painting, yet the *tilma* has outlived them all, in time and in quality.

One of the first things skeptics say about the image is that it somehow has to be a forgery or a fraud. Yet in every attempt to replicate the image, while the original never seems to fade, the duplicates have deteriorated over a short time. Miguel Cabrera, an artist in the mid-18th century who produced three of the best known copies - one for the archbishop, one for the pope, one for himself for later copies - once wrote about the difficulty of recreating the image even on the best surfaces: Adolfo Orozco, a physicist at the National University of Mexico, spoke in 2009 about the remarkable preservation of the *tilma* compared to its numerous copies. One copy that was created in 1789 was painted on a similar surface with the best techniques available at the time, then encased in glass and stored next to the actual *tilma*. It looked beautiful when painted, but not eight years passed before the hot and humid climate of Mexico caused the duplicate to fade and fray. It was discarded. However, Orozco said, no scientific explanation is possible for the fact that, "the original *tilma* was exposed for approximately 116 years without any kind of protection, receiving all the infrared and ultraviolet radiation from the tens of thousands of candles near it and exposed to the humid and salty air around the temple."

3. The *tilma* has shown characteristics startlingly like a living human body.

In 1979, when Callahan, the Florida biophysicist, was analyzing the *tilma* using infrared technology, he apparently also discovered that the *tilma* maintains a constant temperature of 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit, the same as that of a living person. When Carlos Fernandez del Castillo, a Mexican gynecologist, examined the *tilma*, he first noticed a four-petaled flower over what was Mary's womb. The flower, called the *Nahui Ollin* by the Aztecs, was a symbol of the sun and a symbol of plenitude. Upon further examination, Castillo concluded that the dimensions of Our Lady's body in the image were that of an expectant mother due quite soon. Dec. 9, the day of the unveiling, is barely two weeks from Christmas. One of the most common attributions and reported discoveries lie with the Virgin's eyes in the image. When Jose Aste Tonsmann, a Peruvian ophthalmologist, conducted a study, one of his tests involved examining the eyes on the *tilma* at 2,500 times magnification. With the images of the magnified eyes, the scientist was reportedly able to identify as many as 13 individuals in both eyes at different proportions, just as the human eye would reflect an image. It appeared to be a snapshot of the very moment Juan Diego unfurled the *tilma* before the archbishop.

4. It appears to be virtually indestructible.

Over the centuries, two separate events had the potential to harm the *tilma*, one in 1785 and one in 1921. In 1785, a worker was cleaning the glass encasement of the image when he accidentally spilled strong nitric acid solvent onto a large portion of the image itself. The image and the rest of the *tilma*, which should have been eaten away almost instantly by the spill, reportedly became self-restored over the next 30 days, and it remains unscathed to this day, aside from small stains on the parts not bearing the image.

In 1921, an anti-clerical activist hid a bomb containing 29 sticks of dynamite in a pot of roses and placed it before the image inside the Basilica at Guadalupe. When the bomb exploded, the marble altar rail and windows 150 feet shattered. A brass crucifix was twisted and bent out of shape. But the *tilma* and its glass case remained fully intact.



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The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring **The Guadalupe Encounter** which is to be held on **Saturday, September 14th** at The Grotto and is free for all to attend. The event features an inspirational speaker, sensational music, and reverent prayer all in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The event will include: Monsignor Eduardo Chávez, Postulator for the Cause for Canonization of St. Juan Diego. Marian Prayer Hour Devoted to the Lady of Persecuted Christians. The relics of the Knights of Columbus Priest Martyrs of Mexico.

The Guadalupe Encounter is a special opportunity for the faithful of Oregon to come together and be a powerful witness to their Marian devotion and Catholic faith in their communities. With performers, Monsignor Chaves, and exhibits the Guadalupe Encounter promises to be a momentous occasion. There is Mass at the Grotto at 8:00 AM, and the event will begin at 9:00 AM, with seating limited. It will be on a first-come basis. All attendees are encouraged to arrive early for best seating.

Fraternally yours,

Oregon Knights of Columbus

Guadalupe Encounter

Encuentro Guadalupano

THE GROTTO

The National Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother • El Santuario Nacional de Nuestra Madre Dolorosa
A ministry of the Servite Friars • Un ministerio de los Frailes Servitas

September 14, 2019 • 9:00 am–3:00 pm


Exhibits
Conferences
Entertainment

This is a free event

Exhibiciones
Conferencias
Entretenimiento

Este evento es gratis

Principal Speaker Orador Principal




Monsignor
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and Director
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DD06 in Action

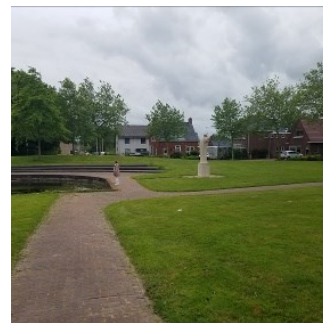
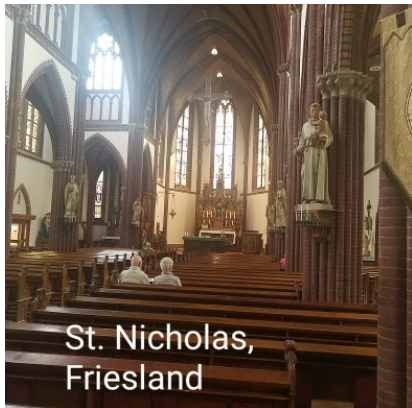
DD06 Richard Bielenberg provided a recap and photos of his current trip to the Netherlands/Holland.

I am beginning my term as DD of District 6 by abandoning ship temporarily.

Anja and I are exploring her roots in The Netherlands through August 15.

We have toured the village where St. Boniface was martyred. A freshwater pool appeared there despite salt water all around. The water level never changes.

We have toured many other towns and Churches including St. Nicholas.

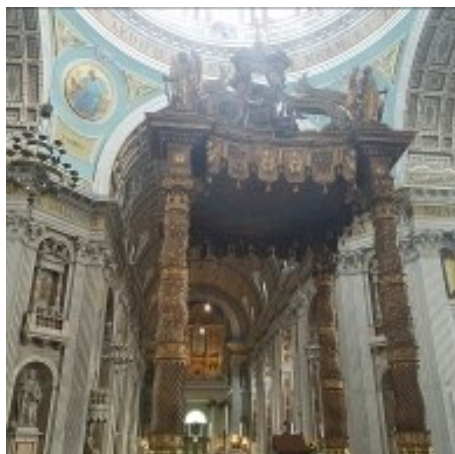


We saw an old abbey which had been ruined in the French Revolution.

The Church building has been restored with the help of the government parks department. They conduct tours, provide concerts and sell some souvenirs, while the congregation also uses the building at scheduled times. A historical video completely ignores what happened to the convent after the revolution. Instead it focuses upon wealthy young women sent there to live separately from the convent (whose families donated heavily to the convent). Everywhere religion is viewed as a crutch for weak minded uneducated people from centuries past. Still, dedicated local parishioners keep the doors open and answer phones sometimes.

Back in a month.

Vivat Jesus!





Supreme's Families of the Month for June 2019



Council 1577 Albany Michael Hayes
Council 1767 Mt. Angel Sean Aker
Council 8129 Dallas Mark Hess

Oregon Councils participating in June were:

Council 1577* Albany, Council 1767* Mt. Angel, Council 8129* Dallas 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](http://KofC.ORG) under Council Forms and sub-category Program forms, is automatically placed in the random drawing each month at Supreme.

Knights In Action

Council 1623 McMinnville invited all their Knights and their family to join them at their annual Council picnic, which was held on Sunday, July 28th, from noon to 4:00 PM, at the beautiful Wildhaber Pavilion on Cruckshank Road in Dayton.

The Council provided BBQ ribeye steaks, hamburgers and hotdogs, as well as beverages, paper plates, and napkins and utensils at not cost to attendees. As usual, the Council requested members whose last names starting with A - M bring their favorite side salad, N - Z bring their favorite desert. There were games and activities for the kids, as well as great fellowship and camaraderie for the adults. There was a raffle, of handmade items, to benefit the Monsignor Taaffe homes.

Knights In Action

During the weekend of August 3-4, 2019, dozens of Knights from several Councils of neighboring Beaverton worked alongside the Franciscan Sisters of the Our Lady of Peace Retreat House to serve hundreds of BBQ Meals on that Sunday afternoon from 11:30 a.m. till 5:00 p.m.

These Councils helped out during the Sisters' Annual BBQ to support their retreat house

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

DD23 David McKee

PDGK Robert Carlos

Jerry Bibo

Council 9529 Lincoln City

DW23 Jerry Raveling

Council 7246 Newport

Charlie Hess, Sue Bernt,

Ted Peters, Ed Diehl

Council 2439 Sublimity

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!

Please direct your prayer requests to:
State Health/Welfare/Prayer Chairman

Michael Rooke
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michael@rooke.com

IN MEMORIAM

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

Robert S Brant

Jerry L Adams

Council 2439 Sublimity

Red Darnell

Council 1577 Albany



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



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!





The Challenges of Being Catholic in Our Days

The *Knights of Columbus* from SAINT MATTHEW CATHOLIC CHURCH would like to invite our brother Knights and all men interested in enriching their spirituality to a day of recollection with our Chaplain,



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Saturday
October 26, 2019

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Hillsboro, OR 97123

ORDER OF THE DAY:

9:00 am - 9:45 am:	Lecture
10:00 am - 10:30 am:	Adoration
11:00 am - 12:45 pm:	Small groups
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm:	Mass
1:00 pm - 1:45 pm:	Lunch

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