

Message from the State Deputy

State Deputy
Ray Prom



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Knights of the Eucharist!**What's happening at the Coast?

There is something interesting going on at the Oregon coast. It's not isolated to the north or south coast, but is happening all the way down the coast. Little parishes on the coast have suddenly seen their Knights of Columbus Councils getting larger. The Knights on the coast are recruiting, but why?

For every parish, and every Council, there's probably a different version of the same story. They are asking their fellow Catholic men in the pews to join the Knights. Up close and in person. Let me share with you a few examples. In Seaside, Council 8355 there has had its ups and downs over the years. Formed less than a half century ago, it had closed up for a number of years, until some new parishioners decided more than a decade ago that they would like a Council again. It was restarted, and thrived for a few years, but like so many on the coast, their membership got older, and there were less and less Brother Knights able to get to activities and meetings. Last year, there were many times when there was less than a quorum for meetings, so many votes had to be done via email. But this year, things have changed. Now, with 2 exemplifications under their belts already, and another one planned, 8355 in Seaside is now at 80% of their membership quota, with more scheduled to be invited in next month. DGK Dave Hurley, a recent transfer from the east coast, has been instrumental in talking with men about the Knights, and inviting them to join.

Bandon Council 17396 is one of the newer Councils on the coast. Yes, this southern coast Council started just a few years ago. Last year, the thought was that Bandon had already recruited all they were ever going to recruit. With a town and parish filled with retirees, it looked like the Council would cruise along, with less than 40 members, but with good leaders and a welcoming parish. But this year, Bandon has been one of the leading Councils in the state for recruiting. They are currently at 180% of its membership goal, Bandon is also showing everyone, especially the big parishes, that speaking from the heart can bring rewards. Council members consider themselves blessed that their parish priest is their biggest recruiter. Fr. Anthony Ahamfule has been reaching out and reeling in men from his parish, to join their local Council. It doesn't hurt either when the District Deputy, Mike Hahn, is a member of the Council also.

Last weekend I visited the central Oregon coast and joined an exemplification in 7246 Newport. Another aging town and an aging parish population, Newport has struggled in the past few years to bring in just one member a year. And that's how things were going the first 8 months of the current fraternal year. 1 new member. (which is still more than some valley Councils) But last weekend, there were 7 men at the exemplification, including their parish priest. When all the newest members get recorded by Supreme, they will be at 160% of their goal. Then wait for next month. They currently have a father and son who want to join together, but the son does not turn 18 for another week. And they have an online member who was not at this last exemplification. When all is said and done, the central Oregon Council who was struggling to recruit will be joining a couple of our other Councils at over 200% of their membership goal. Much of the credit goes to DGK Rex Capri, another DGK with a passion for inviting men into the Knights. (Brothers, I have met a lot of really exciting DGKs this year, and the future looks very good for the Knights of Columbus in Oregon). (I could do an article just on the amazing DGKs in Oregon).

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Last on my list of Oregon coast Councils is my home Council in Astoria. 1307 Astoria is the oldest and largest of the Councils in this story, but like the others, comes from a small and aging parish. After our parochial school closed 10 years ago, parish population dwindled and the young families grew up and disappeared. But this year, there have been some changes.

So far this year, when all of our new online members will be exemplified, Astoria will be over 100% their goal. They will have brought in 10 new members, 3 members under the age of 25 and 3 more under the age of 50. 6 out of 10 of the new members, in a coastal parish, under the age of 50. One new member, in his early 30's, has been at every Council activity since he joined 3 months ago. Another, under the age of 25, is our new program director. Astoria is fortunate to have their GK Dan Ewald, the DD Jerry Lencioni and the SD all recruiting in their Council.

So what does the coast have that some of the older and more established Councils in Oregon are struggling to find? Nothing special. Nothing magical. We are just coming up to the other men in the parish, and inviting them to come and make a difference.

There are still some Councils in Oregon, with a parish base many times more than these Councils I have mentioned, who have yet to invite even a single man to join. The result, if they continue, will be a Council that struggles to get enough members to meetings, a decline in activities, and eventually, the end of a legacy. So, how do you grow membership? **Just Ask!**

There are many more Councils in Oregon that I did not mention in this article, that are doing an amazing job at recruiting. As of this writing, 2 are at or over 200% and additionally, more than a dozen are at over 100%. And yet, there are still some at less than 10% or even ZERO. We have 3 months left to go in this Fraternal Year, so there is still time for Councils to invite the future leaders of your Council into membership in the Knights.

*From R.C.I.A. */O.C.I.A. **I To Knighthood*

Brothers, Before I had the honor and privilege of being your State Deputy, I was the RCIA Director in my parish in Astoria. It always caused me pain in my heart, when a person who had entered the Church one Easter, was no longer coming to Mass the following Easter. Up to 50% of the people who go through RCIA, fall away from the Church later in their lives.

But one thing that I noticed is that the men we had invited into the Knights of Columbus, and got engaged in our activities, stuck around. You see, in most parishes, when you are going through the program, you are on your Faith journey with your Director, other candidates and catechumens and your family. You have a lot of support. But many times, after Easter, you are walking pretty much alone. You are new to a parish, and in most parishes, new faces can get lost in the crowd. You need someone to continue to walk with you, as you continue your Faith journey. That is why it is so important to talk to the men in the (RCIA*), OCIA** program, and introduce them to the Knights of Columbus. Even before Easter, try to get them involved in your Eucharistic Adoration or men's Bible study, or your Fish Fry's. You are not just getting a new member, you may be saving a soul.

Vivat Jesus!

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Editor's Note: For explanation of the asterisks above: The Second Vatican Council reinstated what was referred to in the early Church as the "catechumenate," a process of initiation for adults that culminates in baptism. However, that name has since been changed. Here is the meaning of those two acronyms:

***RCIA—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

****OCIA—the "Order of Christian Initiation of Adults"**

Editor's added note: Who said you can't teach this old dog a new trick? Thank you Worthy State Deputy for giving all of us a chance to learn something new.



Supreme Chaplain
Archbishop
William Lori

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE

Each month, Archbishop William Lori – Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus – selects a brief passage from the Gospel reading of one of the Sunday Masses of the month.

Archbishop Lori shares a brief reflection on the passage and issues a challenge for men to live for the month.

The next month, men undertaking the challenge as a group gather and share their experiences living the challenge.

The Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge is ideally done during monthly Knights of Columbus meetings, but can be done in a separate group or individually.

By taking up the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge, men take direct, concrete action to grow in their faith.

THIS MONTH'S CHALLENGE

APRIL 2023

While he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him. (Gospel for April 23, Lk 24:30-31)

On the road to Emmaus, Jesus had been walking and talking with the two disciples all along, but they did not recognize him until he broke bread with them. Do we recognize Jesus in our midst — in the Eucharist, in Scripture, among the poor and those in need, in the face of every person? Do we help others, particularly our friends and family, to do the same?

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, remind yourself and others — particularly your family and those closest to you — that Christ is present by speaking about your faith in everyday conversation (perhaps simply by thanking God for some blessing he has bestowed). Secondly, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Family Fully Alive program.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you sometimes lose sight of God or become distracted with other things? Are there times in your life when God's presence is easy to recognize? What are some specific things you can do to more regularly remember God?

Sometimes we forget who we should remember, so please try to remember that the feast day of St. Joseph the Worker is May 1st.



"St. Joseph, Model of Workers," a bas-relief by Joseph Guardo at St. Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal in Montréal / Photo by Bruno Olivier



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

While the Divine Mercy message as we know it from the spiritual writings of St. Faustina would only be revealed to the world decades after the death of Blessed Michael McGivney, we can intuit his own closeness to God's mercy throughout his short priestly life.

In the first place is the experience of God's mercy in the gift of his life and that of his family as immigrants to the United States. Blessed Michael's parents arrived in America in 1849, fleeing poverty, famine and religious persecution in their native Ireland. Michael himself was born in 1852, one year after their marriage, and survived the difficulties of childbirth in 19th-century America — six of his 12 siblings would die during or shortly after their birth.

Michael was gifted with a smart and industrious personality. Those who knew him remarked that he "walked fast." After completing his education in eighth grade, he remained obedient to his father, going to work at a spoon factory. Two years later, with his family's permission and help, he began studies for the priesthood. While he was still a seminarian, his father died suddenly. Faced with the prospect of having to return to work to support his widowed mother and young siblings, Michael encountered the face of mercy in his future brother-in-law, Michael Lawlor. This man recognized the value of the priesthood as he had two brothers who were priests, and he offered to take Michael's place in caring for his family. The seminary rector remarked that Michael — no doubt filled with gratitude for this "second chance" to follow the call to the priesthood — was often "moved to tears."

The priestly hope and charity administered by Blessed Michael to a poor and beleaguered immigrant community cannot be underestimated. It was often remarked that the most vulnerable — children, young people and the elderly — loved Blessed Michael and considered him a "positive saint" in his own day.

His care for those who were on the margins and even outside of the institutional Church was unmatched. He organized plays, outings, and a temperance society to engage young people. Rare for the 19th century, a number of young adult Protestants became Catholic due to his ministry, including several Yale University students. He regularly visited the city jails, and famously was an instrument of Divine Mercy to the 21-year-old James "Chip" Smith, who was on death row for killing a policeman named Daniel Hayes. In one of Blessed Michael's few extant homilies — preached in the city jail one week before Chip Smith's execution — he asked for prayers and forgiveness on behalf of the murderer. The day of the execution, Blessed Michael accompanied Chip to the scaffold, where Chip returned a pin of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to him. Within the hour, a requiem Mass was celebrated for the executed man, at which Hayes' relatives also participated.

The same year Blessed Michael encountered the Divine Mercy in ministering to Chip Smith, his creative genius foresaw the need for a faith-filled Catholic men's group that would draw young men back to the Church and keep them active in the practice of the faith. He asked the active men of his parish — many of whom were survivors of the bloody battlefields of the American Civil War — to form a group that would attract and keep young men active in the faith.

The Knights of Columbus was the fruit of the merciful labors of Blessed Michael and his recognition, based on his own family experience, of the need for men to band together to assist the widow and orphan.

Blessed Michael understood that mercy always has a cost, and that those who are filled with gratitude from personal knowledge and experience of God's love are best able to pass on the charity that evangelizes.

As we enter the hopeful season of Easter and share the message of Divine Mercy with our Brother Knights, let us ask Blessed Michael's intercession for our priestly ministry and inspiration for all the activities of our local Councils.

Vivat Jesus!



Easter Blessings

Brother Knights, On behalf of the entire Oregon State Council of the Knights of Columbus, Tina and I wish to extend our prayers and best wishes that you and all of your families, your parishes and your Councils experience the Peace of Christ this Easter! "How blessed is this day, when earth and heaven are joined and all humankind is reconciled to God!"

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

I want to encourage everyone to go forth from this Easter Day, to be modern day evangelists, to share the Peace and Joy that we receive as Christian Catholics, with everyone we meet in the coming days. Let us encourage one another and strengthen one another as if our eternal lives depend on it.

Pax vobiscum!

Vivat Jesus!

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State Advocate Report



State Advocate
William Geary

Districts, Councils, and Brother Knights all of Oregon,

The office of the State Advocate has reported to the State Deputy the names of the candidates for the next Fraternal Year's State Officer positions, who have had resolutions filed on their behalf. I request that you please bring this notification to your Councils for consideration.

Therefore, please see below the list of Officer candidates that will be placed into the convention proceedings for balloting at our Annual Convention in April in Hermiston.

For the office of:

State Deputy	Kenneth Andersen	Currently State Secretary
State Secretary	Robert Adams	Currently State Treasurer
State Treasurer	Michael Pranger	Currently District Deputy
State Advocate	Christopher Cummings	Currently State Membership Director
State Warden	David Judy	Currently State Warden

Regards.

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[Safe Environment Is Every Knight's Responsibility](#)



Brothers, recently I received a report about a Knight of Columbus, arrested for child pornography and other children related crimes. There were 49 counts in all. I will not mention names, Councils or parishes, but I wanted to make EVERYONE in the state aware, because some of this may have been preventable. This offender was involved in Council and parish activities around children.

The Council he was from did not even have a single one of their REQUIRED OFFICERS certified in SAFE ENVIRONMENT! NOT A SINGLE ONE! Had the other Knights in that Council been educated in what to look for, and also had been educated in how to report, some or all of this may not have happened. The victimized children had to undergo serious mental trauma, because Knights of Columbus are TOO DARN LAZY to take a 90 minute online training program!! This could have been your parish, and it could have been a member of your Council. Think about it! Do you know what to look for? Do you know what behavior to avoid in working with children? It's for the protection of children, and I am tired of excuses. I need **EVERY COUNCIL TO BE COMPLIANT!!** All we are asking is for 4 Officers to know what to look for in protecting children. It should be that every member would want to voluntarily take this program to protect children, but it is only required that 4 specific members of every Council take it. NO MORE #@%^* EXCUSES!! I will make sure that we have Every Council which **WILL BE COMPLIANT** by State Convention time! It's what Blessed Fr. McGivney would have wanted.

Vivat Jesus

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Be Bold, Be Catholic, Be a Knight and above all—Be Compliant!



The State Executive Secretary published a letter, from our State Deputy, informing us statewide of one of his plans for Councils at the convention.

For almost two years, the state has offered to assist any and all Councils to become compliant with Safe Environment. That offer has never gone away, it has only been ignored. How about accepting our assistance to get you over the finish line and finally get your Council compliant. To put this as plain as possible, don't over think the process, let us get the procedure working for you, just be prepared to present to your Council and the rest of the state, three good men, and we will do the rest.

Make your Council an "A" lister in the ranking of Oregon's Councils. Together we can do this! I'm waiting for you to call or email me so we can get started.

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Here is our State Deputy's idea:

Brothers, In an effort to reward Councils that are fully SAFE ENVIRONMENT compliant, this year at the State Convention we will have special lanyards only for those Councils. This lanyard gets you to the front of the line when we come back into the convention center, and it also gets you in the front of the line for lunch. There are still 4 weeks left until the start of the 2023 Convention, and 4 weeks to get your Council **FULLY** compliant. More special surprises await for Councils **FULLY** compliant!

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State Advocate Report

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

Safe Environment

To all of the Knights in our Councils who have taken the time to do the right thing and make your Council compliant, you have my utmost admiration and thanks. You are in a very exclusive club, one that has accepted your duty to your parish, your families, your Council and yourselves.

Now allow me to inform the state at large why your efforts are so important, for your work is offsetting the dereliction of a very large portion of Councils that have turned their backs on you.

Let us assume that our state has approximately 90 active Councils. 19 of those Councils didn't report during the following year on Form 185. This is the report on Officers Chosen. Put another way, 21% of the Councils in the state don't know who their Officers might be. Moving on, 37 Councils haven't filed Form 365. This is the report of Service Program Personal. Again, put into another observation, represents 41% of the State's Councils.

The figures above are totally unacceptable. The alert has been going out for a long time and obviously the message is being ignored. To the Grand Knights, Council Officers and District Deputies who are in one or both of the delinquent groups above, fix this. If it's within the work you can do, perform the duty and get compliant. I believe there is a phrase in one of our ceremonials that we all took that goes "and to bring dishonor upon yourself as a man".

Vocations

Please consider your resources and if you may be prepared to participate again in the RSVP program, drop me an email or see me at the convention. The seminarians will be leaving shortly, and we need to consider donations.

As a reminder, please remember to bring your donations for our charity work to the convention. The Pennies from Heaven and other wonderful work need our assistance and your generosity has always been outstanding. Thank you!

Ceremonials

The state has been on fire since the first of the year with membership. I'm sure our State Deputy and State Membership Director will be writing to us all so we can cross the finish line, perhaps by the convention? Wouldn't it be great if Brother Ray could stand at the podium and announce that we have achieved our goal?

The state is ready to do our part and have a state team available to perform the CUF ceremony—if you need our assistance. Get the Form 100's and we all can make this work.

Please travel safely and I look forward to visiting with everyone at the convention.

Regards.

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VICE SUPREME MASTER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Joseph W Schaecher
Vice Supreme Master

Worthy Sir Knights,

As our new Supreme Master Michael McCusker (pronounced: Mac-Cuss-ker) is swamped with all things Fourth Degree and getting comfortable as a Board Member, he has already had an impact here in the Pacific Northwest with Archbishop Francis Norbert Blanchet Province. Our District Master Stephen Schweyen in the Western Washington District is knee-deep in establishing a new Assembly in Yelm, Washington. With the outstanding efforts of Former District Master Eugene Daly, the paperwork was submitted to Supreme but we were informed that 30 members is the minimum number. Thanks to good record keeping, we were able to show that less than 30 had been approved in the past several times. Based on that fact, SM McCusker gave approval to move forward. DM Schweyen has assured Supreme that they will still meet and exceed the 30 members in short order. In the meantime, our request to establish the Yelm Assembly is on the docket for a vote at the April 2023 Board meeting.

Lessons learned: 30 members is the minimum advised requirement. Just because previous approval for less than 30 was given on one occasion or even on several occasions, does not mean a new lower advised requirement has been or will be established. We appreciate the grace period given by Supreme to the Western Washington District and look forward to the Supreme Board voting YES at the April meeting.

Idaho and Oregon are hosting their State Conventions in April and Washington in May. Our District Masters were given a surprise by Supreme in that they will no longer pay mileage, meals or lodging for them to attend their State Convention, which is essentially a Third Degree Meeting. DM will be required to cover their own costs or request a deferment from the State Councils. This news doesn't affect the general membership but I felt it is important for you to know some of the challenges they are facing.

Forms and awards - last month we mentioned it's time to submit Patriotic Awards: Sir Knight of the Year was due by 3/31. Then Faithful Navigator of the Year and Assembly of the Year. Include a photo with your submission. "To Be a Patriot" Award Entry Forms are due May 31st. Contact your District Master for details.

There are a couple Exemplifications scheduled in April. Contact your District Master for details.

April 15, Albany, Oregon

April 29, in Moscow, Idaho

April 29, at St Charles Borromeo in Tacoma, Washington

Come back in May to see even more about Exemplification!

Does your Church and/or Catholic school have a flagpole? With the most recent requirement to lower our nation's flag to half-staff, I ask myself, "Is this a job for our Fourth Degree Membership." This task would require permission from your Priest or School Principal and an email to receive notifications. It would lead to honoring the flag more often by inspecting it and would provide a huge amount of satisfaction knowing you are supporting your church and Catholic school. It is also a civic activity to document.

I mentioned the State Convention above. Are you ready with your Regalia? Contact your District Master.

Faithfully,

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Oregon Silver Rose 2023

The Silver Rose will arrive from Idaho on July 7 and make its way through Oregon before it exits August 5, 2023 for Nevada.

It is a very full schedule as you can see by the draft schedule below—as of today.

I am very pleased with the interest from Councils and Parishes that are either brand new to the program or were not involved the last few years. Those are Albany, Burns, Dallas, Eugene, John Day, Lake Oswego, LaPine, Molalla, Salem (Queen of Peace), Tigard, and Veneta. I will use this new interest and the full schedule to try to get some more days in Oregon for next year.

For those Councils/Parishes not hosting this year, please look for a neighboring parish and go to a host parish to participate in their program.

Thank you to all those that have stepped up to host.

Darin E. Silbernagel, 2023 Silver Rose Chairman

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Silver Rose 2023 Schedule

Date	Location	Name	Phone	Email	Comments
7/7/23	In from Idaho/Ontario, OR	Francis Mohr, Dan Lopez, GK	541-519-6606	sales@tvsteelontario.com	Friday Noon
7/8/23 S	Nyssa	Angelica Corona	541-889-8469	bsccparish@gmail.com	4 pm Mass
7/9/23 S	Burns	David Riess	541-573-1935	rxfiredave@gmail.com	Am Mass
7/10/23	John Day	David Riess	541-573-1935	rxfiredave@gmail.com	3 pm Devotion
7/11/23	Baker City	Francis Mohr	541-519-6606	francis_mohr@msn.com	9 am Mass
7/12/23	LaGrande	Tony Fargo, GK	541-910-6012	kaykay6026@gmail.com	AM Mass
7/13/23	Pendleton	Jeff Burnett, DD	541-377-0878	jeffburnett.kofc@prtonmail.com	AM Mass
7/14/23	Hermiston	Marek Gomolski	773-580-3253	marek57@sbcglobal.net	AM Mass
7/15- 16/23 S	Boardman	Father Luis Flores-Alva	541-481-2024	guadalupeboardman@gmail.com	
7/17- 21/23	Madras, Prineville Redmond, LaPine, Bend	Pat Creedican	541-678-1131	creedipc@gmail.com	
7/21/23	Santiam Pass to Independence	Darin Silbernagel	503-508-6285	silbernd@gmail.com	Noon Handoff
7/22/23 S	Salem-Queen of Peace	Jeffry Doyle	503-580-0814	jeffrymdoyle@yahoo.com	
7/23/23 S	McMinnville	Wayne Clemmer	503-989-3837	wayne.clemmer@hotmail.com	
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7/27/23	Dallas	Jeremy DePiero, GK	503-508-6564	j_depiero@hotmail.com	
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Council In Action

Submitted by: Duane Kloser PGK, Council 3484 Canby

The **Canby Knights of Columbus** hosted their Charity Auction and Crab Dinner on February 25, 2023 at the Canby Fairgrounds, serving a fabulous crab dinner to 390 guests and workers.

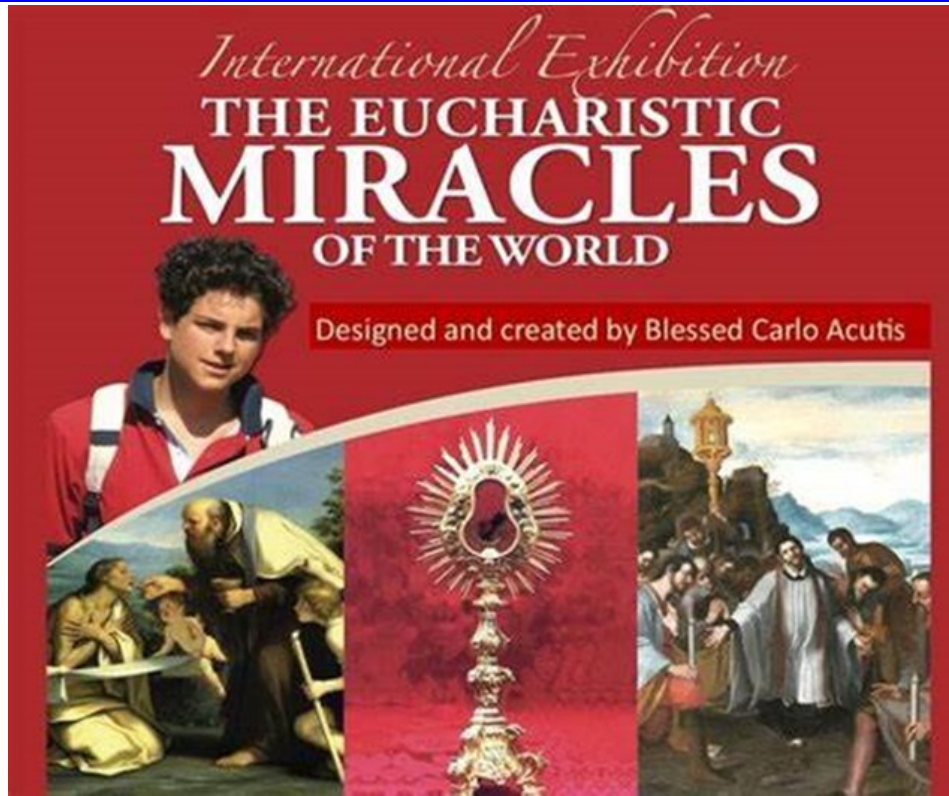
2020 was the last in-person dinner due to Covid-19 restrictions. Last year, our Drive-thru dinner was a major success, hosting an online auction to help raise money for our charities and a family that lost all their possessions in a home fire.

Unlike 2020, we didn't have any local tragedies to use as our Special Appeal. After attending the Gala event for the Canby Pregnancy Care Center in the Spring, we saw a huge need to support their endeavor to open another facility near the Canby High School to help mothers and fathers after learning of an unplanned pregnancy. With the overturn of Roe vs Wade, we had concerns with the political climate, but felt we had to stand up for our principles of what we believe as members of the Knights of Columbus. Our guests opened their hearts to raise \$23,838.

With a new chairman this year, Brother Mike Gorka challenged our fellow Brother Knights to make this event our best ever. Knowing we had to reduce the number of items for our in-person silent auction, a hybrid auction was implemented with items online and in-person. With great community support, we raised over \$40,000 for our charities and programs for our Council. This event took many hours of preparation to make it happen, especially with the setup for the online auction. We had 40 Knights, Parishioners and Spouses as well as youth involved the day of the event.







"TO ALWAYS BE CLOSE TO JESUS: THAT'S MY LIFE PLAN"

(Bl. Carlo Acutis)



May 20th and May 21st, 2023

An international exhibition of informative displays designed and created by Blessed Carlo Acutis is coming to Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Bandon, Oregon

You will have time to learn in a leisurely manner about the Eucharistic Miracles

that have occurred throughout the centuries.

PLACE: HOLY TRINITY PARISH HALL:

355 OREGON AVE, BANDON OREGON

DATES: May 20th and May 21st, 2023

TIMES: May 20th – Noon to 7:00 pm

May 21st – 7:00 am to 1:00 pm

MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY: 5:00 PM, HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH, BANDON

SUNDAY: 8:30 AM, ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, PORT ORFORD

10:30 AM, HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH, BANDON

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY: 3:30 PM TO 4:45 PM

This is a contemplative, prayerful experience that requires a reverent, prayerful posture while taking in the display.

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Council In Action

Submitted by: Sean Fornelli, Council 1748 Salem

On March 25, 2023, **St Joseph's Council 1748** welcomed 4 new members and advanced a fifth member to the 3rd Degree.



One Exemplification and Three Advancements

Exemplification at **Independence Council 11109**

Photos by: Sean Fornelli

These photos were taken on 4/1/23 -- where 1 new member was exemplified and three 1st degree members were advanced to 3rd degree for the Independence Council. We did it "live" and all went well.

Michael Miller

District Deputy #5





Chris Cummings
Membership
Director

The Race Is Not Over

Where do we stand on beating the Washington State Council to our Membership goal?

- Oregon is ranked #22 in the Order and 87.5% to goal
- Washington is ranked #24 in the Order and is 85.77% to goal

This is a close race!

- It feels good that we are leading Washington but don't get comfortable! They are rallying their Councils as we speak to make a push to overtake Oregon. **Not good!**
- We need a big push as we head into the final weeks of lent and new men entering the Holy Catholic Church! Those men need to be our new Brother Knights!
- I am aware of a few Delta Drives and Exemplifications.
 - Tom Burns in District 2 is having a drive every weekend through April 14 - 15! Well Done District 2
 - Mark Oberle had a Drive last March 19th and an Exemplification on March 26th. Well done District 24
 - Exemplifications are also being held this weekend in Newport 7246 and in Seaside 8355, another in Dallas 8129 and next week possible in Independence 11109! Well done to those Councils and Districts!

If you are interested in attending any of the listed events call the DD or GK for details

Remember the consequences!

The consequences of an Oregon win! WHEN OREGON wins, WSD of Washington State WILL have to wear a UO(green/yellow whatever color they feel on that day) or OSU(Orange/black) jersey.



The consequences of losing are dire! WSD Ray would have to wear a WSU(Red) or UW(Purple) jersey for 1 hour at the State Convention. OH MY!

To prevent this from happening - All Hands on Deck!

We can do this! All Councils should plan a Delta Drive and move with Urgency and Purpose to reach our goal before April 21st and the start of the Oregon State Convention in Hermiston!

Blessed Michael McGivney Pray for Us!

Vivat Jesus!

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SD Ray





Mike Hahn
DD12

District 12 Report

Dear Brothers,

All the Councils are busy with preparing for the Easter season, helping with the Easter egg hunts; being active in the RCIA program; ministering as ushers, lectors, sacristan, and altar servers.

Our Lady of the Dunes Council 15773 in Florence held their monthly Bingo which nets them approximately \$4500 a year which allows them to support many charitable causes. They are participating in the "Rescue Project Program" which is a multi-week video series helping one to walk closer with our Lord. They also donated funds to the local Food Share and St. Jude.

Most Holy Trinity Council 17396 in Bandon has been busy as well. They read the Stations of the Cross, assisted with the "Bach Festival" which netted the parish \$1500, and prepared a St Patrick's dinner. Finally, in a last minute organized special meeting, to exemplify the last of the new candidates, Brother Allen Converse, into the Council. In one month, in large part due to the eloquent and heartfelt 'promotion' by their Pastor and Chaplain Fr. Anthony Ahamefule the Council gained nine new Brother Knights.

Past Grand Knight Thomas Zahara presents a \$250.00 check to the Florence Food Share



Fr Anthony congratulates Brother Allen Converse on joining Most Holy Trinity Council



Brothers are serving up a traditional St Patrick's Day Dinner



Council In Action

Council 1634 Hillsboro came through with a great parish function with a rosary for the Unborn as well as a breakfast supporting the St Vincent de Paul Society. Here are some photos of the March 25th rosary for the unborn and on the 26th for the breakfast:

March 25th, Eight Knights & Family Members Prayed for the Unborn and Love Ones Lost



March 26th Breakfast Saw 250 Diners Supporting St. Vincent de Paul & St. Matthew Youth Group



Council In Action

By: Thomas Zahara, PGK Council 15773 Florence

Brothers, Friends,

Over the past few weeks ,Lady Knights have been involved in producing the Annual Chocolate Easter Eggs which seem to have become popular as parishioners have asked if the Chocolate Delectables were going to be available again this year.

And Yes they were. And they are no more. Completely sold out.

Sincerely. Thank You. A total of \$441.00 was raised for Catholic Charities because of the time given of yourselves in the making as well as the selling. I would like to add however something more than a Fundraising opportunity to the significance of this Ministry.

What I saw.

As you know we have been collecting food donations the last several weeks as well as the supporting of the Easter Egg fundraiser.

As Easter is also a time of Family, Sacrifice and Giving, the incredible donations given by the parishioners have been quite significant. I met with the Florence Food Share folks, prior to April 2nd, to arrange a pickup time. They are quite busy with limited staff and the great need of their resources. We would have had to wait till the end of next week to pick up this large collection. That would however have been difficult for them however to get it sorted out before Easter. They were only left with a Monday at 10:00 a.m. pickup slot. So the donations needed to be boxed April 2nd.

Now to the "What I saw". Our Council jumped in after Sunday Mass on April 2nd. I saw Love. I saw Fraternity. I saw the Knights of Columbus coming together to box probably thousand pounds of donations that required the kind of Brotherhood not found in very many places. Sincerity and Family.

The looks on the faces of our Brothers and their spouses, to not only jump in when needed, but to do it with laughter and socializing with compassion to make it happen was so heartwarming. It was truly inspiring.

St. Mary's is Blessed to have you.

Thank You. Sincerely. You are all Heroes. Thank You.

Vivat Jesus.

Thomas Zahara, PGK



Council In Action

On Sunday, April 2nd, **Council 9137 Sherwood** set up their recruiting table during their recruitment drive. They achieved 2 new members and 2 very potential new members.

Job well done by all who participated.

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Brothers,

This year’s Coats for Kids final tally: Nationally – 179,000 Oregon 2,928.

We are implementing a new State Program this year; it is to collect as many clean and usable, Blankets, Coats, Gloves, Socks and Underwear as possible for the homeless. With just a quick internet search, I was able to find 1,006 homeless shelters in Oregon. The need for these items is immense. For those who are able to purchase new items, that’s GREAT! But for those who can’t or want to thin out items they have, they must be clean and usable. These items will be collected and distributed by the Councils in the each District Deputy’s area. This will be a quarterly program; each Council should set up a quarterly drive program. Coordinate with your District Deputy.

As a reminder, the Community Programs are:

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|-------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Helping Hands | Coats for Kids | Global Wheelchair Mission |
| Habitat for Humanity | Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest | Disaster Preparedness |
| Free Throw Championship | Soccer Challenge | and Hockey Challenge |

If you have any question about these programs please contact me, or check the Supreme website at www.kofc.org

Vivat Jesus
Brent Dattke



Council In Action

We are reactivating our Highway Cleanup Program, thanks to Brother Jim Gries.

12 members of **Council 2439 Sublimity** braved the rainy, cold weather and completed the Highway Cleanup Project on Hwy 22. They cleaned the two mile stretch of Highway 22 in the area of Anthony Hall. The West boundary is just West of Thomason Ford and the East boundary is near the Stayton/Sublimity off ramp.

This was a good excuse to get some walking done or daily steps in. The Council had a supply of trash pickers, but asked if any member had their own, to bring it. It was also helpful to have a 5 gallon bucket. Bags and safety vests are supplied by ODOT.

Vivat Jesus

Fraternally,

Ronald E Bernt
Financial Secretary Council 2439
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Council In Action

Klamath Falls Council 2255 Celebrated a 5 Parish wide St. Patrick Day Dinner with Entertainment.

The Council served over 200+ people who all said they had a great time!

Food Was Great! Fellowship was incredible!

New Catholic men were invited to become new Knights. Singing and dancing was enjoyed in the True Irish Tradition.

MAY THE SUN SHINE WARM UPON YOUR FACE; May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

VIVAT JESUS!

Ipo Ross, DD11



The Lads (and Ladies?) of Leisure regale the crowd with Irish pub songs and singalongs. ☑



Mike Gouette pauses to hold hands with Glo in the midst of serving coleslaw.



Lauretta Kinnan, Ruth and Mike Smith, Doug Butterworth and Mary Waters visit after cake and coffee!



Mike Swanson and James Heitman sell drink tickets.



A sellout crowd enjoyed music, fellowship, corned beef and cabbage or chicken with carrots, slaw, rolls and cake.

Patriotic Degree Exemplification

Blessed
Father
Michael
McGivney

Complete Your
Journey

Where

St. Mary's
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
815 Broadalbin St SW
Albany, OR 97321

When

Saturday April 15th 2023

Registration: 1:00pm

Patriotic Degree: 2:00pm

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

A 4th Degree Exemplification has been scheduled for Saturday April 15, 2023 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help (St. Mary's) in Albany.

Please see the attached flyer for more Information.

The deadline for RSVP is Monday April 10th.

I would like to invite 4th Degree Sir Knights to attend as well.

Vivat Jesus,
Duane Morris
Oregon District Master
Archbishop Blanchet Province

Council In Action

Hillsboro Council 1634 was actively supporting our State Youth Director George Murphy when he presented local Council awards to 2 participants who went on to the state level of Free Throw Competition.



Editor's note: The photo and information was extracted from Hillsboro Council 1634's monthly newsletter.

(Reminder: for Grand Knights—I can't share your news if you don't send me a copy of your Council newsletter. Let me share your good Works with others.)

March 12th Saw District Level Free Throw Competitors Winning Spots at State



State Youth Director, George Murphy (Center), awards winners: 11 Yr-Old Winner, Seth Galbreath (Left) & 12 Yr-Old Winner, Colton Rosser (Right)



Special Olympics Oregon Eugene/Springfield

Knights of Columbus
Our Lady of the Dunes Council 157773
83763 Highway 101 #9
Florence OR 97439

Dear Knights of Columbus,

Eugene/Springfield Special Olympics thanks Our Lady of the Dunes Council 157773 for their continued support of our program. Through the Tootsie Roll sales you have raised significant funds which we use to offer sports training and competition to our great athletes. This past weekend we participated in a Regional basketball tournament in Turner, a great time for our teams and coaches. The trip cost to us was approximately \$3000 for the buses to transport us up and back to Springfield.



We particularly want to acknowledge the extreme sacrifice shown by Tom Zahara and Richard Huff this past month. They participated in the annual Polar Plunge by going into the Willamette River in Eugene. With their help, our Eugene/Springfield team raised \$2,975. We are looking forward to seeing a larger Knights of Columbus team participate in next year's event.

Again, thank you for your support of our program. Our athletes, coaches and volunteers greatly appreciate your continued support.

Regards,

Ted and Kristi Barker
Volunteer Local Program Coordinator
Special Olympics Eugene/Springfield



Tom Zahara and Richard Huff

Council In Action

By: Patrick Rausch Council 1785 Corvallis

I would like to offer this brief summary of the fundraising efforts accomplished by our Council this year in support of Special Olympics Oregon. We had four Knights join the Corvallis Polar Plunge team "Chilly Knights" and they included Emmet Jones, Stephen Mengoni, Garret Ascherl and Patrick Rausch. Collectively these fabulous four raised \$1,834 as you can see from this image from our Teams Polar Plunge website. This year's team photo is shown here.



We also had a second opportunity fall into our lap as part of an evangelization activity related to the Alpha course offered at St. Mary's Corvallis. A former co-worker (Tom) has been saving up bottle deposits throughout the pandemic and wanted to make a donation. We suggested the Benton County Special Olympics BlueBag donation program and we turned that donation into another \$675 bringing our total effort to \$2,509.

At right is a photo of our team preparing the BlueBags to drop at the Corvallis BottleDrop Center.



L to R: Patrick Rausch, Stephen Mengoni, Paul Long with son Jonathon and Tom (donor)

Council In Action

By: Tom Zahara PGK Council 15773 Florence

Our Lady of The Dunes
Council 15773
Florence

Brothers and Friends,

Florence Food Share received a \$250.00 donation from our Council today as the support for local families has increased.

We want to again Thank all who have supported us as well, in our endeavors.

Our work in the support of all Charitable needs reflects the goals of the Knights of Columbus.

Jesus Lives.





Eric Walter
Life Director

Life Program Report

By: Eric Walter

*State Life Program Director
Oregon Knights of Columbus*

Greetings Brother Knights!

We need to focus our attention this month on an extremely important issue that is being forced upon us with lightening-strike speed. Many of you have already heard of the House Bill 2002 that is being proposed by Oregon state legislators. I want to dedicate the April Columbian life report on this topic because there can't be anything more important happening in our State at the present time. This horrible house bill clearly targets minors and separates vulnerable children from parents. The House Bill 2002 language is somewhat challenging to decipher unless you happen to be an attorney and/or have a legal background. The link to the actual House Bill 2002 is provided at the bottom of this report. By using information provided by Oregon Right to Life and Knights of Columbus, I tried to summarize the most important bullet points as follows:

A child of **any age** can obtain an abortion without notifying parents. The abortion provider will only notify parents if the child provides written permission.

A 15 year old girl can be sterilized without parental notification.

A pharmacist is authorized to provide abortion pills without regard to the age of the person. Prevents pharmacists from telling a parent they dispensed abortion medication to a minor, which also puts the child in danger if there were complications.

Adds legal protections for abortion providers while removing protections for health care providers considered to be an "agent of a public body". Shields unethical doctors from accountability for crimes they've committed as long as reproductive or gender reassignment services were involved.

Protects an abortion provider who violates the law in another state and establishes a gag order on public entities that prevent sharing of information about ethical or legal violations. This bill also limits the speech of health care professionals.

Attorney fees and costs from lawsuits may only be awarded to the plaintiff.

Creates a taxpayer-funded program providing chemical abortions at student health centers at higher education facilities including community colleges.

Creates a new pilot program to provide grants to two rural federally qualified health centers to offer abortions. Directs the state to establish abortion access in rural areas.

Makes it a crime to interfere with a health care facility and is clearly designed to discourage pro-life prayer vigils and advocacy outside of abortion clinics.

Conflates abortion with contraception and miscarriage care in an effort to normalize ending the life of a developing human baby.

Repeals the crime of "concealing the birth of an infant" which may conceal cases of abuse and infanticide.

Makes it illegal for a county or city to declare an 'abortion free zone' by giving anyone the right to enforce civil action against a public entity that interferes with abortion access.

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House Bill 2002 also includes a second part that promotes transgenderism and greatly expands “gender-affirming treatment” to children without parental consent.

This is the most disgraceful bill ever proposed in Oregon and in our entire country. Brother Knights, we need your help to fight this bill. We need to let our legislators know that giving abortions to young children without parental consent and allowing young girls to be sterilized without parental consent is wrong! And allowing people to conceal the birth of an infant is wrong! House Bill 2002 will clearly encourage the abuse of young girls to go unreported. Their abusers will go unpunished and will undoubtedly continue to abuse.

We are made in the image and likeness of God. He made us male and female. God did not make us with the understanding we can change our sex. God did not make us so we can murder our children. There is a truth that will always remain the truth yesterday, today, and tomorrow. If we do not live our lives in accordance with our Lord’s moral standards, there will always be suffering, chaos and ultimately destruction. We are witnessing this truth in our current generation. As parents, we have a duty to guide our children and their children. This moral obligation is expected by our God and is in the very fabric of our being. This is not the responsibility of the State of Oregon, by passing of any bill, to decide what is best for our children and make an attempt to take over our role as parents. This is not going to happen on my watch or on the watch of any parent who cares about our children. This should be common sense to any person who has a beating heart.

The life program is more important now than ever following the over-turning of Roe-v-Wade as we witness the pro-death states unleashing their fury with our state of Oregon leading this pack. Our Knights of Columbus has entered a new chapter following the recent end of the coronavirus pandemic. Sadly, there is another even worse out-of-control pandemic occurring right now in our country. This disease has been growing exponentially each year. Abortion, as grave as it is, is actually a symptom of a deeper underlying disease. We are witnessing the pandemic of the rejection of God, out-of-control immorality, and the breakdown of the family throughout our country. Sin blinds us and binds us. It is only by the grace of God that this dark veil can be lifted.

There are so many issues plaguing our country today from pornography, transgenderism, human trafficking, violence in public spaces to name a few, but there cannot be anything more grave than the murdering of millions of precious children by abortion. Our Lord spoke of the importance of taking care of the “least among us”. The least among us are the voiceless children in the womb who have no way to protect themselves and who are at our mercy. They are being murdered in the mother’s womb, which should be the safest place in the universe.

We clearly have challenges here in Oregon, particularly those who are on the front lines working to protect life. Our Lord never said it was going to be easy. In fact, He revealed just the opposite. With the Lord on our side, we know ALL is possible.

Brother Knights, thank you for your support and all you do for life. By the Grace of God, I pray that our beautiful state of Oregon will someday soon be a pro-life state.

[House Bill 2002](#)

(Remember to use your mouse on the hyperlink and right click the mouse and select open hyperlink)

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for us. Blessed Michael McGivney, Pray for us.

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FAITH





Worthy Financial Secretaries & Brothers,

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

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

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

Vivat Jesus,


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

FRATERNAL YEAR 2022-2023

Name: _____

Council Number: _____

CHARITABLE "GREEN SHEET"

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



George Murphy
Youth Director

State Youth Director Report

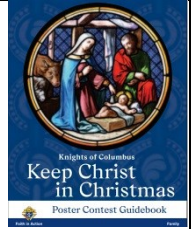
Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplin and Brothers All:

It's hard to put into words the many thanks to our Brother Knights and Councils, but I will try... Our State just completed the Basketball Hoop Shoot Championship and the winners have been forwarded to Supreme. We are hoping for at least one winner. Our State gives a hardy thank you to the Knights of Holy Family for hosting a great program. Thanks to DD 01 Michael McDougall as well as Grand Knights Michael Dominguez and Steve Tassinari and all the volunteer Knights for providing food for sale.

We had 72 participants, plus parents. Below is a list of our Fall program winners for Essays and Poster Programs:

Keep Christ In Christmas Poster

1. Danna Sanchez	age group 11-14	Council 12656
2. Joanna Hernandez	age group 11-14	Council 1577
3. Daleyza Obledo Garcia	age group 5-7	Council 1577



Catholic Essay Contest

In an essay of 500- 750 words, explain how young Catholics can evangelize our faith to families and friends who have turned away from religion and encourage them to return to the Church and embrace the sacraments.

1. Ashley Hicks	8th Grade Girls	Council 14802
2. Shylar Fasana.	8th Grade Boys	Council 12656
3. Lochlan Landerholm	9th Grade Boys	Council 15485
4. Audrey Birkland.	9th Grade Girls	Council 15485 (Audrey has been chosen as a Supreme Winner, Worldwide)
5. Olivia Lucchi	10th Grade Girls	Council 9257
6. Avery Lucchi	10th Grade Boys	Council 9257

Again this year the Knights within the State of Oregon, set new records in providing warm Coats for Kids. We were able to give away 220 boxes of coats, which had 12 coats per box. Many Councils participated and some of our outstanding Knights were: Manny Buzo, Kent Purdy, Nick Guenther, Subhuti Lichtman, DD18 Dave Judy. A special 'Thanks' to DD17 Mike Pranger for showing up in a 4-ton box truck that we delivered 144 boxes of coats in. Also, thanks to GPD Duane Morris for ordering all those coats. If I missed a Council or a Knight, please let me know and their name will appear in the next Newsletter.

On the next page a listing of our state "hoops" or State Championship Basketball Winners is shown along with pictures of some of the participants. We didn't get a listing of the names to go with each photo, so we will just show them for your own interest.

Vivat Jesus,

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Below is a list of our State Championship Basketball Winners:

Good Luck to ALL of our winners at Supreme!!!



9 year old Boys

Paxton Ellington Council 12656

9 year old Girls

Layla Conner. Council 12656



10 year old Boys

Jillian Montecucco. Council 3484

10 year old Girls

Erin Tschanz. Council 12656

11 year old Boys

Oliver Greenlee Council 16889

11 year old Girls

Sydney Holland Council 1767

12 year old Boys

Tyler Sinnold Council 17536

12 year old Girls

Finley Gerber. Council 11682

13 year old Boys

Ken Natwick. Council 9137

13 year old Girls

Karina Stepp. Council 2439

14 year old Boys

Wyatt Kennemer. Council 3484

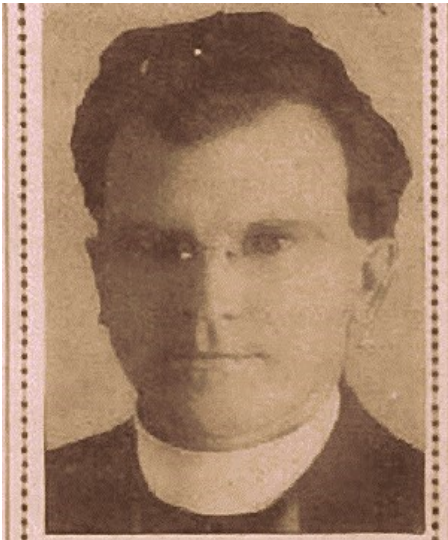
14 year old Girls

Gwyneth Gerber. Council 11682



State Historian Report

Rev. Joseph Maurice O'Farrell 2nd and 8th State Chaplain of Oregon 1912-14; 1922-25



Joseph Maurice O'Farrell was born 1877 in Ayton, Ontario, Canada to Andrew and Johanna Fitzgerald O'Farrell.

After his grade school course at Ayton, Ontario, he studied successively at LaSalle College, Toronto and Grand Seminary in Montreal.

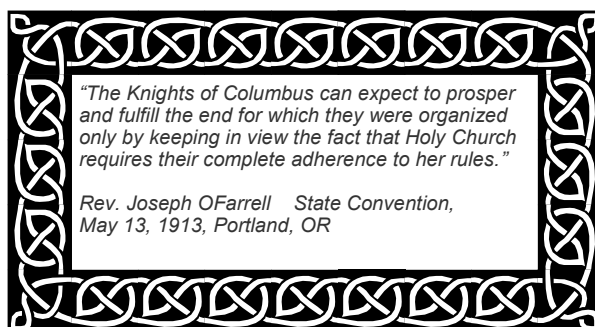
After he arrived in the United States in 1895 he attended Mt. Angel College in Oregon, where he passed the two final years of his preparation for the priesthood. Minor Orders and the Sub diaconate were conferred upon him in 1905 by the Most Reverend Archbishop Christie. He was raised to the Diaconate early in 1906 and on Feb. 3, 1906, was ordained to the priesthood at St. Mary's Cathedral, in Portland. Father O'Farrell celebrated his first Solemn Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral Sunday, Feb. 4, at 11 o'clock and became St Mary's eighth pastor in 1906.

In 1907 Father O'Farrell moved to a parish in Eugene and under his leadership directed the building of the former church at Eugene and the school.

During Father O'Farrell's more than 38 years in the priesthood, he served as pastor at Eugene, held two year pastorates at Medford and Woodburn between 1911 and 1915, St. Rose in Portland and Blessed Sacrament parish, to which he was appointed by Most Reverend Archbishop Howard April 27, 1932.

Rev. O'Farrell was the Oregon Knights of Columbus State Chaplain 1912-14 and again from 1922-25.

Rev. Joseph M O'Farrell died on December 5, 1944 in Portland, OR and is buried at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Portland, OR.



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

Bishop Kenneth Steiner, Bros. Bob Puncochar,,Darrel Mattoon, Sylvia Delacruz, Mother of Dcn. Efrain Razo, Bro. Robert Dahmen’s Son & Daughter in Law, Bro. Jeff Grundon and his Family, Jim Moore, Brother of John Moore ,Bro. Rich Paris and his Family, Bill Holmes, Bro. Mike Wanner’s Father, Bro. Jim Perillo, Dixie, Bro. Russ Evan’s Mom, and All Brother Knights & Families in Sickness & Distress
Council 1634 Hillsboro

Rick Schiedler, PGK
Council 1767 Mt Angel

Dan Goffin
Council 2439 Sublimity

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

Let us pray:

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



Councils—please send any memoriam information:

George Wible
Council 9257 Milwaukie

SK Thomas Chase
North Bend Council 1261 & Assembly 1995

SK Fran Gerding
Council 1785 & Assembly 906 Corvallis

SK Kelly Chapman
Council 3484 & Assembly 1606 Canby

Kitty Bushman
Wife of GK Gordon Bushman
Council 9529 Lincoln City

Until a new Chairman is chosen:
Please direct your Memoriam notification to:
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Let us keep in mind and prayers all those Brother Knights and/or members of Knights’ families who have gone before us.



No member nor their family members should ever be forgotten.



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



Also remember those who have lost so much in the storms, wildfires, hurricanes, flooding, tornadoes and those whose lives have been lost and disrupted during the Corona Virus Pandemic. This we ask through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen!



Abbot
Jeremy Driscoll



Saint Benedict Festival

Saturday, July 8 | Noon – 4 pm

Beginning with Noon Prayer
Ending with Vespers at 4 pm

What to look forward to with the monks:



- Midday prayer and vespers
- A gourmet picnic lunch on the Hilltop
- Special exhibits that share our Benedictine monastic life.
- Benedictine Brewery beer, including the **NEW** Bourbon Barrel aged beer
- Local Oregon wines
- Live music



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