



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Oregon Jurisdiction Organizational Meeting



June 23-25, 2023

STATE DEPUTY - ELECT GREETINGS

Worthy Brother Knights,

I bid you greetings as we start preparing for the next Fraternal Year of 2023-2024. I am very thrilled to serve Oregon as the next State Deputy and I will do my very best to work with the current team of State Officers to help you succeed. I am pleased to announce that the 2023 Organizational Meeting for the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year will be at the **Grotto in Portland, OR.**

While Portland has a reputation for being a crazy place, it would do well to have a Knights of Columbus presence there to have a positive influence. We are called to be an example of Faith, especially in a place where it is needed the most. The Grotto is such a beautiful and peaceful shrine, ideal for quiet prayer and reflection. I would encourage everyone to spend some time walking the paths prayerfully while we are there.

The Organizational Meeting is always an important meeting for invitees to attend so that we can discuss goals, new programs, incentives, and membership growth ideas and encourage all members in the State to take these on. Having attended every single Summer and Winter Meeting since mid-2016, I still learn something new every time I attend and I come home with new energy and ideas to help the Order be successful. It is also an opportunity to see our Brothers from around the State and enjoy some fellowship with one another and grow closer to one another.

State Officers, State Directors, and District Deputies are required to attend. District Wardens and certain State Chairmen are also invited and encouraged to attend. There will be activities for ladies as well during the weekend. Lodgings will be at the **Shilo Inn** near the Airport. Meal registration details will come later.

I have included the rough agenda for the weekend, although it may be subject to change. I will go to New Haven, CT the first week in June for the State Deputies meeting where I will get more information that I will share when I return. However, the rough agenda should give everyone an idea of what to expect from a planning standpoint.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone there and am excited for a successful Summer Meeting!

Vivat Jesus!

Kenneth J. Anderson
State Deputy - Elect

