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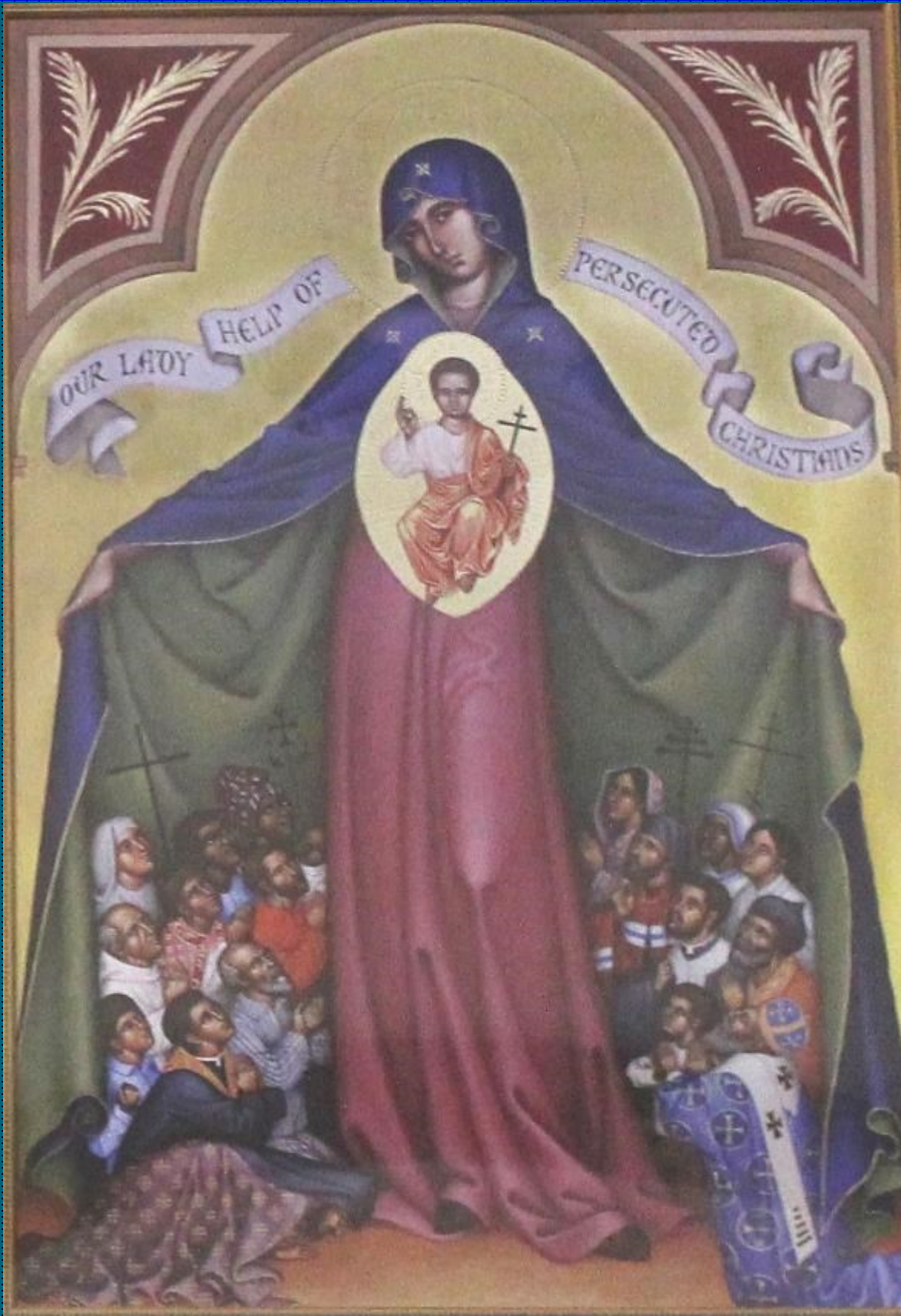
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Message from the State Deputy



State Deputy
Ray Prom



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Knights of the Eucharist!

Your Legacy

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Yes, I know I wrote about this subject just a few months ago, but there are some points worth mentioning again and some things left to cover.

Brothers, as we near the end of the Fraternal Year, I want to reflect on the successes you have had in your Council and in your District, and to remind yourself what you need to complete. Oregon has really bounced back this past year, and many Councils are having their best year in a long time. **STAR Council** is within reach of almost all of our Councils, if we keep working towards the finish line. Many Councils have reached their membership goals, and many more are possibly only one membership drive away. Remember, the typical Delta Drive results yield 3-5 new members, so your Council can still make it!

STAR Council is not just a goal—it is a legacy! It is a touch of immortality to a Grand Knight, since his name will be on the wall of the Council chambers for generations to come. It will place him among the other giants of the Council, along with the Grand Knights who may have won the award 10, 20 or 30 years ago. Maybe, with newer Councils, it will be a first for that Council!

I know, I've heard it before from GKs. "I don't do it for the notoriety". I understand, but go back to the idea of a legacy. Look at the other members of your Council. Their hard work is also what got the Council within reach of the prestigious **STAR** award. Perhaps, the plaque on the wall will be the only acknowledgment they get for their hard work. They can see that award and know that they were contributors to a great year!

Think about the other Grand Knights who will come after you. That plaque will give them some incentive, something to strive for, the mark of greatness. Future teams of Council Officers can look at that **STAR Council** award and say—if they could do it, so could we!

Think about the new members you bring in from this point onward. They can look at that award and know they are now a part of a special Council, one that stands out from the rest!

So you see, the **STAR Council** award is not just your legacy, it is the legacy of every member of that Council from this year forward. You have 7 more weeks. You can make it happen!

Submit your SP-7 Columbian Award Application in May. It is due June 30th.



But, don't forget the other requirements also. Make sure your Council is fully **Safe Environment Compliant**. You need to get on that right away for your remaining people to take the training. Don't forget that your Council needs **2 Fraternal Benefit Nights**. These are easier now than they have ever been. And please, don't forget the paperwork. It would be a tragedy to do all the work, and miss out because you did not complete one small, required form. **Submit the SP-7 in May!**

Keep going! Keep working! STAR Council is everybody's legacy!

Vivat Jesus

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[Who Is The Uninvited Man](#)

Worthy Grand Knights,

As we get to the end of the Fraternal Year, please try to remember that the man your Council needs is still sitting in the pews uninvited to join the Knights of Columbus! Perhaps your Council is seeking a man to fill a Council Officer position or you are missing a director.

There is a man in your parish perfectly suited for that position who has been uninvited. Perhaps you would like to get your pancake breakfasts back up and running. The man with the golden spatula is sitting in the pew and he is uninvited. Perhaps there is a new member of the Church, having just been baptized at Easter. There he is, sitting alone in the pew, uninvited.

If your Council has been struggling in the past few years because of an aging membership, now is the time to invite men into your Council. Now is the time to ask one man—the man your Council needs.

If you are unsure about the best way to do a membership drive, please contact me or Chris Cummings, Membership Director, and we would be glad to help out. The best way to strengthen a Council is to invite new members into it. Make May the month for more membership.

Ray Prom
State Deputy
Oregon Knights of Columbus



[Membership](#) [Final Thought From SD Ray Prom](#) [Grab those online members!](#)

Brothers,

There is a huge number of online members just waiting to join your Councils.

Don't delay, they did not sign up to stay online. They need to become an active member of a group of Catholic men.

Get in touch with them and schedule an exemplification in May. They may be just the guy you need to take over as a Council officer or director.

If you need help accessing your *Prospect* tab to transfer them, or you need help with an exemplification, please let us know and we can help you out.

Thank you.

SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE**THIS MONTH'S CHALLENGE
MAY 2023**

Supreme Chaplain
Archbishop
William Lori

“I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.” (Gospel for May 14, Jn 14:18)

Jesus keeps his promises to us. He does not leave us orphans. He appeared to the disciples several times after he rose from the dead. He gave us the Eucharist, his real presence, to nourish us until the end of time. He said he would return at his Second Coming. And there’s another way he did not leave us orphans: He gave us his own mother to be ours. Let us turn to the Blessed Mother often with our needs and prayers

of intercession.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month: During this month of Mary, I challenge you to draw closer to Our Lady by offering one decade of the rosary each day for her motherly aid and help. Second, I challenge you to participate in the Faith in Action Rosary program in your parish.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you really think of Mary as your mother? How can you better seek out her help — as a mother — in all your needs and problems? Do you understand the power of the rosary and seek to honor your mother’s request to pray it regularly?



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

In his apostolic letter on St. Joseph, *Patris Corde*, Pope Francis highlights a key facet of fatherly virtue exhibited by the adoptive father of our Lord Jesus Christ: his trust that God the Father will always find a way. Our Holy Father reminds all men to look to the example of St. Joseph amid the challenges and difficulties of life, and to engage reality with creative courage “by trusting in divine providence.”

Pope Francis states that God himself trusted St. Joseph to act as guardian. “If at times God seems not to help us, surely this does not mean that we have been abandoned, but instead are being trusted to plan, to be creative, and to find solutions ourselves” (5). He then goes on to reiterate the example of St. Joseph we must follow: “Every poor, needy, suffering or dying person, every stranger, every prisoner, every infirm person is ‘the child’ whom Joseph continues to protect... The Church cannot fail to show a special love for the least of our brothers and sisters, for Jesus showed a particular concern for them and personally identified with them. From St. Joseph, we must learn that same care and responsibility. We must learn to love the child and his mother, to love the sacraments and charity, to love the Church and the poor. Each of these realities is always *the child and his mother*” (ibid).

The month of May, which is dedicated to the Blessed Mother as well as the traditional time of first Holy Communion celebrations, is an opportune time for our Councils to be especially attentive to Our Lady and the Lord Jesus present in the Most Holy Eucharist. Knights continue to carry the rosary in their pockets daily and are exhorted to pray the rosary often. The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima (May 13) reminds us of the need to particularly pray for an end to the war in Ukraine. The feast of Mexican Martyrs (May 21) includes six Knights of Columbus priests who were killed because of their defense of the faith and the Blessed Sacrament — this is another moment for our Brother Knights to rededicate themselves as Knights of the Eucharist. May St. Joseph, Guardian of the Church, be a model for all of us to imitate.



FAITH

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Fr. Theo Lange

State Chaplain's Report

STATE CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Brothers I wish we could be together in Hermiston and that I was able to be enjoying the Hermiston Brothers' hospitality and Mark's Brandy...but alas I am in Miami visiting some priests and religious sisters and making a longer retreat.

In July I was transferred to Central Point as the Pastor of Shepherd of the Valley. Our parish is growing and we are sending about 85 Pilgrims to World Youth Day this Coming July and August. We are focusing on bringing the young adults back into the heart of the community...and by God's grace, it is working.

The Supreme Convention was awesome, as usual. If you can make it one year to the Supreme Convention it would be worth the effort to get there. We are looking forward to Ray and the State of Oregon getting back to the Circle of Honor. Let's finish strong and meet our goals!

The winter meetings were a great success and thank you to all the Brothers who worked hard to pull-off a wonderful winter meeting in the Monmouth-Independence area.

Here in Central Point we are starting a small classical Catholic High School to serve the Rogue Valley and this would be a great focus point for our Councils around the state... get our kids out of the brainwashing public schools that are under control of people who think they have more rights and authority over our kids than we do. This quasi-communist view of government authority and authority of the Educational Bureaucrats must be fought at every step and we must never tire of the work that has to be done. Get it done Brothers...no TV couch potatoes...get off your butt and get to work and encourage your Council members to go until they die with their boots on! If you can make daily Mass, please make that a part of your daily routine or at least a couple times through the week. This is a spiritual battle and we are getting the stuffing kicked out of us....so it is time to start fighting for our children and grandchildren by starting with lighting lights in the darkness. We have a pastoral plan at Shepherd of the Valley to get the majority of our kids out of the public schools in 3 years. I wish all of them would leave immediately. Find educators in your community or parents who are a bit fired up and network people together. Remember this is a spiritual battle and praying the prayers of deliverance the Church has, can become a part of our weekly spiritual routines. Pope Francis describes the current geo-political situation as World War III. We are fighting a spiritual war though that goes back to the fall of Lucifer and the angels with him. Consider praying prayers of deliverance for you, your family, our church and the world on a regular basis.

At Shepherd of the Valley we did run a successful Knight's Drive and will be forever grateful for Pona for coming to us from California to give a retreat to some of our Brothers in Spanish. Our Knight's Drive was a success and we are working to expand our membership at the Parish.

If your Council would like me to come to lead a Knight's Drive at your parish and your pastor is willing to trade places for the weekend or willing to work something out, I would be glad to do some of these around the state.]

Congratulations to Kenneth Anderson for his election as State Deputy and to Ray Prom for a job well done. You Brothers are in my heart and prayers and a special thank you to the host Brothers.

I love you Brothers and rejoice in the work we are doing together. You are a gift from God and the Father of Mercies loves you. You are loved beyond understanding. May the Blessed Mother bring you to her heart to hear the heart beat of her Maternal love for you and May the Mother of the Jesus and the Mother of the Knights guides us this coming year.

Vivat Iesus,

Fr. Theodore Lange+
State Chaplain



State Advocate
William Geary

State Advocate Report

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

Safe Environment

In the thirty days since the last newsletter, two more Councils have become S/E compliant. On behalf of the State Deputy and myself, thank you for standing up and achieving this very important goal. However, the job is not done. Our jurisdiction needs many more Councils to cross the finish line before June 10th. The ball is in your court. The success of our jurisdiction is in your hands. It is your willingness to comply. No-one else, no District Deputy or State Officer can be held accountable, if they have attempted to have you comply, with your brother Councils and your Council has put the S/E program off. Please contact the Office of Youth Protection (OYP) at Supreme. Call Supreme before 1:30 PM Pacific time. Their number is 203-752-4000. Ask for OYP. They can assist your Council to “make it across the finish line”. Have the names and the member numbers of three Knights who have a computer and OYP will assign you passwords. Then call us, the state team, at my number at the end of this letter, and we can and will come to you and help you get this done.

Vocations

At our Annual Convention, just completed two weeks ago, an announcement was made to the convention floor, asking for immediate seminarian assistance. Three Councils within minutes came forward and pledged to sponsor two seminarians each. I would like to recognize, in order, the following Knights and Councils for their magnificent generosity and deep commitment of generosity to our seminarians. Chris Erno, Central Point, Ipo Ross, Klamath Falls and Francis Gilligan, The Dalles. Two days ago on May 1st, we were contacted again and asked to provide, if possible, additional support of a late to ask group of seminarians at Mt. Angel. Our State Executive Secretary, Pat Rice put out a statewide letter for us on the evening of May 2nd. This morning, May 3rd, Brother Keith Blau of Sherwood and Sean Fornelli of Salem and Bob Kampmann of Dallas, which is my home Council, responded, and each of their Councils pledged support for one of those additional seminarians. Two requests remain to be filled and we hope that support will be with us shortly for them. I can't find the proper words to thank all of you in the Oregon jurisdiction, who believe so strongly in doing this work. Magnificent!

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?”

I made the above statement in the April newsletter. Well, you did it, you got it done and it was announced on the convention floor. Now, let's go beyond and achieve pinnacle status. Pinnacle is 10% over the original goal or in Oregon's case about 33 additional members.

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 register your candidates as on-line members. We all can make this work.

I hope everyone had a good travel home from the Convention. Also, please keep PSD Francis Mohr in your prayers. His health issues got the best of him on the last day of our Convention.

Vivat Jesus.

William E Geary

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**Submit your SP-7 Columbian
Award Application in May. It
is due June 30th.**



State Advocate
William Geary

[State Advocate Added Report](#)

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

On behalf of the Oregon State Council, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your active participation in the Pennies from Heaven program this year at our Annual Convention.

We would like to send a reminder to all our Councils who could not attend this year's proceedings, that you still have time to send in your donation before the program ends for this Fraternal Year. Please discuss this at your next Council general business meeting and see if you might be able to fulfill a donation.

You have until the end of June to mail a check to our State Treasurer, Bob Adams*. His mailing address is below to assist you.

Again, it was wonderful to see all of you who were able to attend this year's Convention and we look forward to seeing all of you again in Newport next May 3-5, 2024.

Let us finish this year with a final push and to begin anew in July.

*[Bob Adams State Treasurer 2455 Fir Street North Bend, OR. 97459.](#)

I sent an additional email earlier which is worth repeating: At our recent convention, an announcement was made about getting financial aid for our seminarians at Mt. Angel, as soon as possible. In alphabetical order, Councils from Central Point, Klamath Falls and The Dalles, immediately came forward and pledged their support for two seminarians each. Magnificent work by those Councils, they picked up six of the eleven requesting seminarians.

Therefore, we still have a need to support if we can five additional seminarians. These young men will be leaving soon for their summer assignments or studies. If you can make a gift, it will reach the seminarian through the office of Monsignor Betschart.

Sometimes, during our Fraternal Year, we find that time is not on our side. A few days ago, our State Executive Secretary sent out a letter explaining the urgency of the need for our Councils to provide, if possible immediate aid through the RSVP program for our seminarians. The need was greater than expected. Thirteen (13) requests have come to us in just a few days. We have managed to process and send off to our Councils ten (10) of those requests. We still need three (3) more Councils to help fulfil the requests that are left.

Please, ask your Brothers and see what you can manage. Even if you can't provide the full RSVP funding of \$500, see if a lesser amount might be manageable.

We are ready to send you the fact sheet with the seminarians information immediately.

Please contact me as soon as possible if your Council or Assembly can aid these men through our RSVP program. I will immediately send you the fact sheet. Call me or text me at my number below or go to my email.

Vivat Jesus.

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VICE SUPREME MASTER'S MONTHLY REPORT

Joseph W Schaecher
Vice Supreme Master

Worthy Sir Knights,

The Patriotic Order, the visible sign of the Knights of Columbus, etc.

There are many ways of describing the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree. Back in “the day”, society didn’t think Catholics could be loyal Americans because we took our orders from the Holy Father who was located in a foreign country—The Vatican. And yet we made it known that as an American, we held our nation’s flag high while we worshiped Our God on our knees.

Now, there are local elections going on around the region in each state, so I wonder what our Knights are doing to make known their presence in society today. If your state Senate or House passes a bill that is contrary to Catholic teachings, can you say that you made your position on the issue known? As a good citizen, you should have your part in framing the issue; you should induce others to act with you; you should mold public opinion. Men of principle and conviction can do this.

I am excited to announce the newest Assembly in our Province for Western Washington. St Columban Assembly No. 3947, Yelm, WA. The Councils affiliated with this Assembly are Saint Martin’s University Council No. 16361 and St Columban Council No. 17152. Special thanks to Past District Master Eugene Daly for all his drive and perseverance and current District Master Stephen Schweyen for ensuring that it happened.

If you think a new Assembly is in the works for your District and that you might need some help, please don’t hesitate to ask.

Supreme Master Michael McCusker has announced that webinar training is in our future. We have noticed in the past that Council leadership has had a wealth of training available on the Supreme website for each Officer position and so much more. That is so unlike our Assembly leadership or the Forth Degree in general which has been on their own to figure things out. There is no date for the first training session, but it is good to know that Supreme is heading down the path to help us learn and grow in the Order.

Speaking of Supreme making changes, SM McCusker also reiterated the change that Past Supreme Master Stoddard promised to be working. That is to open the Forth Degree Exemplification to the Public. As stated in the past, this is not an easy task but that we may see something in about two years.

Some folks think the State Conventions means the Fraternal Year is over, but it is not. Delta Church Drives are being discussed and our Fourth Degree members should be helping every step of the way. Talk with your Council Grand Knights and ask about their plans and if they are not yet planning for the future, they may change their mind if you are behind them helping them out. We cannot function without the Third Degree and they cannot achieve greatness without the Forth Degree Members backing them.

For the men and women who have died while serving in the U.S. military, for the repose of their souls.

One Nation Under God!

Blessed Michael McGivney – Pray for us – Vivat Jesus!

Faithfully,

Joseph W Schaecher
Vice Supreme Master, Archbishop Francis Norbert Blanchet Province
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Memorial Day, formerly Decoration Day, in the United States, is a holiday (celebrated the last Monday in May) **honoring those who have died in the nation’s wars.**

It originated during the American Civil War when citizens placed flowers on the graves of those who had been killed in battle.



Oregon State Convention April 21-23, 2023 Hermiston, Oregon
Officers Voted to lead Oregon for Fraternal Year 2023-2024



State Deputy
Kenneth Anderson III



State Secretary
Robert Adams



State Treasurer
Michael Pranger



State Advocate
Chris Cummings



State Warden
David Judy

[Why Look At The State Website?](#)



Brother Knights,

If you have not looked at the State Website, I encourage you to do so.

- ◆ There have been many updates and information added to the website including:
- ◆ Star Tracker

- ◆ Newsletters
- ◆ (State Convention awards, pictures state of the state report)
- ◆ recent activities
- ◆ Past State Chaplain history.

If you have any events you want to add to the calendar, please let me know.

Website Link: <https://oregonkofc.org/>

Thank you

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[Sacred Icons Are Missing!](#)

Brothers,

State Warden Dave Judy made a plea for ANY COUNCIL that still has in their possession, one of the precious icons, would you please let him know who you are so he can collect it from you and allow it to be redistributed amongst other Councils and their parishes, looking to incorporate it into a local celebration.

Vivat Jesus,

Mike Pranger, State Treasurer Elect 2023-2024

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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	Jeffrey Doyle	503-580-0814	jeffrymdoyle@yahoo.com	
7/23/23 S	McMinnville	Wayne Clemmer	503-989-3837	wayne.clemmer@hotmail.com	
7/24/23	Tigard	Sal Arellano	310-901-1145	Sal_mvp@yahoo.com	
7/25/23	Lake Oswego	Brian Burby	503-887-7185	kofc3818@hotmail.com	
7/26/23	Molalla	Jim Casey	503-730-1900	jcasey@web-ster.com	
7/27/23	Dallas	Jeremy DePiero, GK	503-508-6564	j_depiero@hotmail.com	
7/28/23	Albany	Al Correia	541-990-3875	Alcorreia68@yahoo.com	
7/29/23 S	Eugene	Mark Oberle	541-206-8614	MarkOberle@gmail.com	

Council In Action

SWEET HOME — A spaghetti feed fundraiser Sunday evening sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 8624, the St. Helen's Catholic Church Women's Club and the American Heritage Girls generated more than \$3,100 which will be donated to the Fir Lawn Lutheran Church rebuilding fund.

Between 175 and 200 dinners were served and donations were greatly appreciated. The church was the victim of arson a few months ago and parishioners have been holding services at the Methodist Church. The fundraiser was held on Divine Mercy Sunday, a day of forgiveness and mercy for Catholics. Kathy Ives and Gilbert Bures cooked 20 pounds of spaghetti — filling a five-gallon bucket. Council 8624 Grand Knight Alex Paul pre-cooked and seasoned 23 pounds of hamburger and Italian sausage and that was simmered into six gallons of spaghetti sauce.

Dinner included fresh garden salad served by Leo Fernandez, Damian Aranda and Leo Singler, buttery garlic Texas toast grilled by Kyle Sullens and tables filled with desserts prepared by the Women's Club. The American Heritage Girls served sodas and cleared tables.

"We could not have been happier," Paul said. "Since we didn't sell tickets, we really didn't know whether we would have 25 people or 250 people show up. The church hall was full and there was terrific fellowship among members of St. Helen's, the Methodist Church and Fir Lawn Lutheran. People were extremely generous and we had several donations from people who could not attend, but wanted to help. We are sure the donation will be put to good use."

And, Paul added, "We didn't run out of food, which was a blessing."



[Fourth Degree In Action](#)

By: Nick Guarriello, GK Council 2325 Oregon City

Here are photos from my visit to the Maronite Monastery in Castle Rock Washington on April 29th with Ed Andolino, Faithful Navigator of Assembly 2251 (also past GK 9257) and with Mike Dec, current DD 14 (and past GK 2325).

We presented chalices on behalf of two deceased members of our Assembly to two new priests of the Maronite Cloistered Monastery. Both priests are members of the Knights of Columbus, one from Council 2325 in Oregon City and the other from a Council in Rapid City, South Dakota. We were informed of their ordination in December but it took us all this time to procure the two chalices (and patens) and then make arrangements to go up to Castle Rock. Their Abbot, Abbeti Jonathan Decker, was the former pastor of St Sharbel's Maronite Church in Portland Oregon. We attended a Maronite Mass at 8 a.m. and presented the chalices after the Mass. Photos were taken by a Castle Rock doctor, Dr. Mark Kummer, who is also a 4th Degree Knight from Washington state. We did not know him but he volunteered to take the photos. The two priest recipients are Fr. Daniel Thomas (formerly Lee Harris) and Fr. Jude Thaddeus (formerly Raphael LeFevre). Neither had received a chalice at ordination from their families (Maronite tradition). They were grateful and elated. Fr. Daniel's family is non-Catholic and his brother, a third degree Knight from 2325, now living in Georgia, informed us of their ordination. We felt blessed and honored to have had this ceremony.

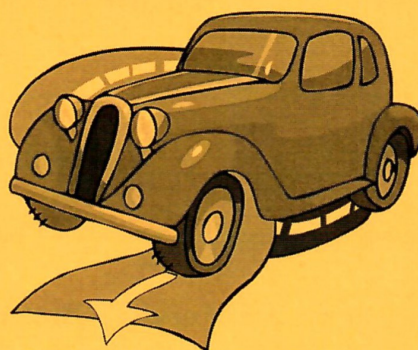
Nick Guarriello, GK Council 2325.





**Seventeenth Annual
Knights of Columbus
*Car Show***

SATURDAY JULY 15, 2023



**To Benefit the Father Taaffe Homes
For Young Teens and Their Babies
All Proceeds will go to support the homes**

You must be registered in order to be eligible for awards!

**St. Edward Catholic Church
5303 River Rd. N
Keizer, OR
Across From Quality Suites on River Road in Keizer**

**Music by
Stro's DJ Service
Russ Strohmeyer**

**Bring your ride-The fun starts at 10:00AM to 2:00PM
Food will be available served by the Knights of Columbus St. Edward Council 10594**

Patriotic Degree

A Patriotic Degree was held at St. Mary's in Albany, OR on April 15, 2023.

The degree was hosted by the Pope Saint John XXIII Assembly 906 (Bernie Covino, Faithful Navigator). 4th Degree Oregon District Master, Duane Morris, led the degree team.

Six members advanced to the 4th Degree: **Ken Duclos** Council 1577 Albany, **Mike Ramirez** Council 15295 Cathedral Portland, **Carlos Dionisio** Council 1430 Eugene, **Christian Young** Council 3509 Molalla, **Rafael Esquivel** Council 3636 Redmond and Marcus Moran Council 1623 McMinnville. Lunch was served before the ceremony.



Council in Action

St. Anthony Council 2439 Sublimity hosted an Easter Egg Hunt on April 8 at the St. Boniface Church grounds

1800 plastic, candy filled eggs were hidden in 3 areas for 3 different age groups (3and under, 4-6, and 7-10). There were Golden Eggs in each age group, and the lucky finders got an Easter Basket.

The hunters made quick work of the job, finding all the eggs in just 6 minutes!!

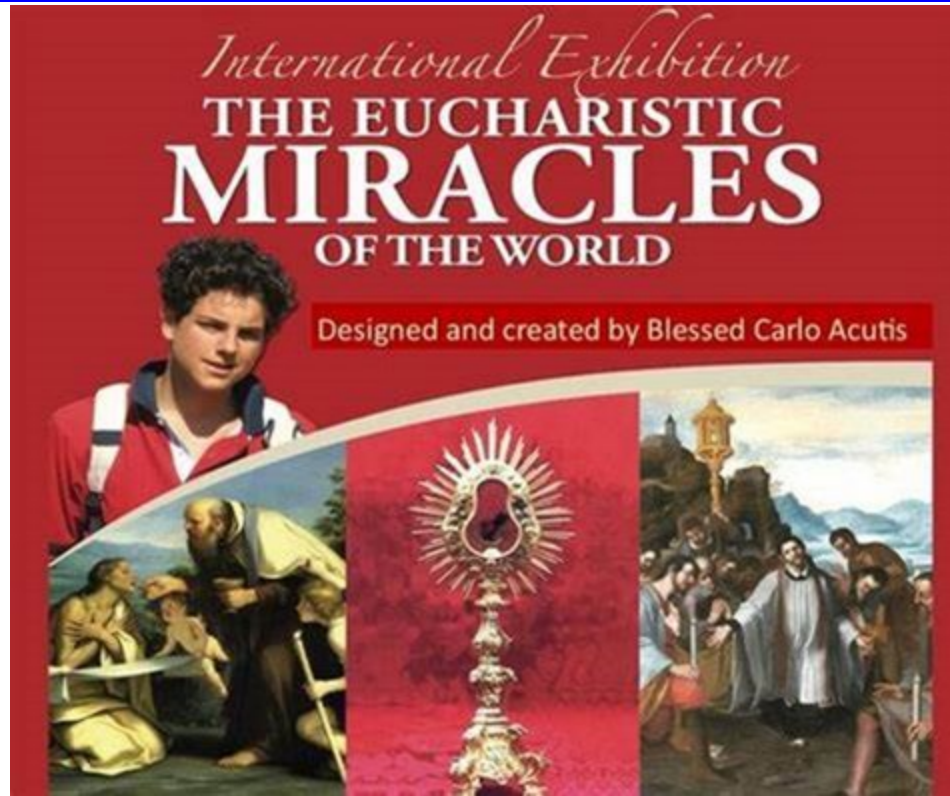
The Easter Bunny made an appearance, which delighted the little ones, like Hannah Silbernagel in bottom picture.



A great time was had by all



Photos submitted by DD06 Kent Purdy



"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 **Council 11109 Independence**

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 Over



Brothers in Christ, what a great Convention! Many thanks to the **Hermiston Council 3999** for a job well done. One of my favorite parts of the Convention is reacquainting with all of you and building new and lasting relationships. Coming together with like minded Catholic men, and their spouses, simply put is fun! This is why membership is so important. As leaders we have to bring in new members and pass on our fraternity and traditions to a new generation of Knights. As a result, we need to accelerate our recruitment efforts! But, this Fraternal Year is not over—let's go out as the Best of the Best!

Accelerating your membership activities this time of year also allows you to include these new members with your upcoming Council elections and Director appointments. This immediately brings new men into your Council with purpose and drives activities.

What has happened over the past week:

We added 13 new members. As mentioned at the meeting we are at the COH goal but looking to be the Best of the Best.

- Congratulations to **Councils 7828, 11258, 1634, 10838 and 3636** for adding to their membership beyond their goal!
- Once again, I see Tom Burns on the list! Excellence in Membership is one reason he was presented as DD of the Year!
- Very nice to see the Aloha Council get on the board for the first time this year, well done.
- Council 17442 is now 1 member away from goal.

The Best of the Best!:

Pinnacle Progress - When we started this Fraternal Year, I did not know what to expect. I am humbled by the support of all of you as it relates to Membership. We have progressed very well and now to finish strong we need more new members to achieve the highest honor of Pinnacle or plainly put, THE BEST OF THE BEST! How many more? 35! Oregon you can do this!

Action Steps:

- Keep me posted on any upcoming Delta Drives, Exemplification or recruiting event.

Every Councils new goal - Bring in 1 new member by Mothers Day!

THE BET 2.0!

- At the Convention you heard it live, we have a NEW BET- 2.0! Washington vs Oregon - the state with the highest % of intake as of the date of the Washington State Convention wins! We have about 2 weeks.
 - The losing State Deputy will have to wear the jersey of the opposing football team's jersey for 1 hour at the Washington State Convention. You might recall WSD Ray Prom had to wear a red WSU jersey for an hour on our opening day! Not a good look!

○ **WHEN Oregon wins, the WSD of Washington will have to wear an Oregon or Oregon State jersey! Don't let Ray down!**

WSD Ray will be attending the Washington State Convention! Let's make sure he gets to return the favor to the WSD of Washington and help him pull on an OSU or Oregon Jersey!

To Close:

Recruiting is a culture, you can't stop and start the process. It is continuous. Keep the momentum.

Bl Michael McGivney Pray for us!

Vivat Jesus!

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**Submit your SP-7 Columbian
Award Application in May. It
is due June 30th.**



Chris Cummings
Membership
Director

The Race Is Never Over—It's Just Begun

Brothers in Christ, it's so easy to stay home and it's so easy to overlook that "Man in the Pew" you don't know! It's easy to be one of the "sheep" and leave the leadership to someone else! That's not how the Knights of Columbus roll! That's not what you are made of! Don't take the easy path, build your Council with new men from your parish, today.

It's past time to shake off the State Convention dust and get revved up for Spring and have a Delta Drive. Let's do this!

Remember what State Deputy Ray Prom said in his earlier message—"That Man is Out There"! So, as you plan your May and June meetings, with the election of new Officers and Directors, it's really important you have a bench of new men to lead your Council and support your parish Priest. Don't miss any new men in your parish. Invite them to join the Knights.

My results are from last week and we had a slow week:

Congratulations to the 1 Council who put points on the board: It's a familiar Council and District! Well done for continuing to grow the order.

Council	New Members	% to Goal	FS	GK	DD
Portland - 7828	1	260%	George Bellcoff	William Keller	Tom Burns

Upcoming Exemplifications:

Council 7828 invites ALL candidates for Mass and a CUF degree following on May 20th @ 5pm @ St Therese Catholic Church in Portland. St Therese is located at 132nd and Halsey Blvd. - Please let Tom Burns know if you plan to attend - [503.740.3711](tel:503.740.3711) or burnsit@aol.net. FAMILIES ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Please send me any updates on CUF degrees. I will do my best to get the word on the street!

Other Reasons to bring men to the order and your Councils:

- So we can win our bet with WA State! Oregon RISE UP! Lets win!

The WA State Convention is fast approaching, don't let another day go by without contacting a new member and getting him in the Order.

Bl Michael McGivney Pray for the Oregon Knights of Columbus!

Vivat Jesus!

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Oregon lost the race for new members for the cutoff date of the first day of the Convention; but, we can turn the tide by getting more members before SD Ray goes to the Washington Convention.



Eric Walter
Life Director

Life Program Report

By: Eric Walter

State Life Program Director
Oregon Knights of Columbus

Greetings Brother Knights!

First, I want to take this opportunity to thank Worthy State Deputy Ray Prom for his excellent service and leadership and congratulations to our newly elected Worthy State Deputy, Kenneth Anderson for Fraternal Year 2023-2024. Our State Convention 2023 was a great success and I hope many of you were able to attend. This Convention was inspiring, we had a good time, and it was a wonderful opportunity to meet many of you.

As all of you already know, we have our challenges here in Oregon as we witness our state unleashing its fury in response to the over-turning of Roe-v-Wade. The Columbian Newsletter - April Life Report, focused on the Oregon House Bill 2002 which is one of the most disgraceful bills ever proposed in our state or country. I am also sorry to report that the Oregon House of Representatives just passed House Bill 2002, which radically expands and memorializes abortion in Oregon. Many Pro-life Representatives raised numerous unanswered questions that remain unanswered due to the rushed nature of the legislative process. Supporters of HB 2002 repeatedly rejected motions to return the bill to policy committees to resolve the concerns that were identified. This is a very sad chapter for our state of Oregon. Brothers, regardless of this outcome, we can never allow these evil forces to deter us. As men of Christ, we will never stop defending our Lord's Church and His Children, our brothers and sisters in Christ. Our Lord will never abandon us.

As a follow-up to the Convention report, I would like to provide a quick review of life program activities for Fraternal Year 2022-2023. There are 96 Knights of Columbus Councils in Oregon; however, only 17 Councils submitted life reports. We know many Councils are doing life activities. Councils, please remember to submit your monthly life reports! Below is a summary of life program areas that were reported this past Fraternal Year:

- 43 Reports indicated pro-life rally or vigil at abortion site
- 31 Reports indicated PRC support
- 31 Reports indicated pro-life rosary prayer group
- 23 Reports indicated installation of a pro-life bulletin board
- 15 Reports indicated publishing of a pro-life article in a newspaper
- 14 Reports indicated the baptism pin program
- 5 Reports indicated installation of ultrasound
- 5 Reports indicated participation in a 9-day novena for life
- 2 Reports each for Refugee Relief, Special Olympics, Silver Rose, and installation of Memorial
- 0 Reports each for March for Life >100 or Mass for people with special needs.

The Knights of Columbus Life Program actually has 14 separate program areas. The pie chart shown on the next page breaks out those reporting areas by percentages. It gives us an idea which program areas Oregon Councils focused on. The greatest number of reports indicated participating in a pro-life rally or a vigil at abortion sites at 25%. Both pregnancy center support and participating in a pro-life rosary were right around 18%. Pro-life bulletin board or road sign is 13%. Publishing a pro-life article in newspaper is 9%, and participating in the baptism pin program is 8%. All other life programs were less than 5% as shown in upper part of the pie chart.

Kudos to the following Councils that successfully installed an ultrasound in their community: **Coos Council 1261, Madras Council 7223, Milwaukie Council 9257 (Milwaukie amazingly installed 3 ultrasound units), and Ontario Council 1656.** Ontario Council 1656 is included on this list even though an ultrasound was never actually installed at the Hope Pregnancy Center in Ontario. Many of you were present at last year's Convention and donated funds for this Hope PRC ultrasound installation. The Knights of Columbus did our part but sadly the PRC made a decision to withdrawal their application at the final hour.

(Continued next page)

Ontario Council went through the entire process. With Idaho’s ban on abortion, Ontario, Oregon, being on the state border, has become a strategic location for planned parenthood so they can provide abortions to the entire state of Idaho. Planned parenthood just opened up a new death clinic in Ontario and recently had their “not so grand” opening. Ontario Council coordinated with Boise Idaho KC Council and they managed to send a mobile ultrasound unit from the Stanton Healthcare for that opening as shown in the photo below. It is too bad they can’t park there permanently. I do want to thank Ontario Council for their efforts.

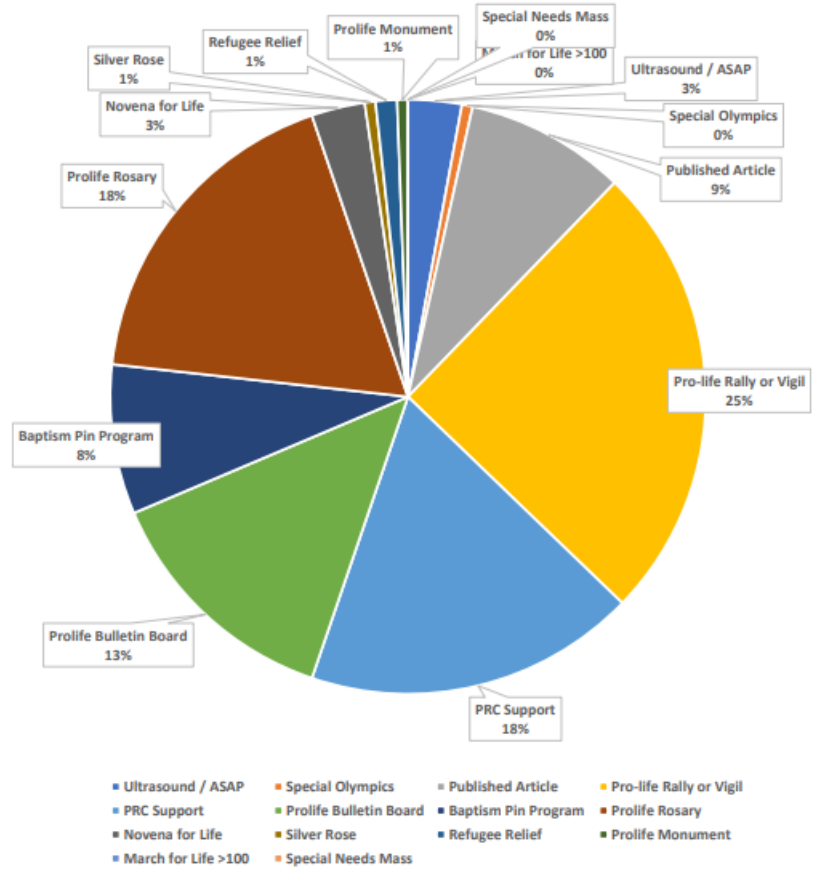
Thank you Brother Knights for all you do for life.

Vivat Jesus!

Eric Walter
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State Life Program Areas 2022-2023



Upcoming Life Events:

A Night for Advocacy – Salem – September 16, 2023

Please join us for this annual pro-life benefit dinner. On behalf of the vulnerable, we educate, train, and equip advocates on how to impact their communities for life. And this “Night” gives our supporters a window into the impact that our advocates have. For more information on this event, please contact Oregon Right to Life at (503) 463-8563 or website:

[A Night for Advocacy](#)





Family Director's Report

Hello, Brothers.

It was good to meet some of you at the recent State Convention.

Joe Keller
Family Director

During the Convention I was able to participate in presenting the program awards to those Councils who were recognized for their activities. There are 96 Councils in our state. According to the recent Star Tracker, 82 of those Councils submitted the last Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity. In any month, somewhere between 11 and 15 Councils submit activity reports to the State Directors. That means between 15% and 20% of the Councils active enough to complete the survey bothered to report some of their program activities to the state.

Perhaps some of those Councils that did the survey had no programs. Looking at the Star Tracker again, 46 Councils (50% of our total Councils) reported a Program Director to Supreme who is Safe Environment compliant, and another 5 Councils have a Program Director who is not yet compliant. So at least 51 Councils have a Program Director, and presumably are doing some programs in their Council. Yet less than 30% of those active Councils reported any activities in any month to the state. Why is that?

I have heard, "Why should we report? We don't need recognition for what we are doing. We don't need to compete for a plaque." Perhaps that is what the majority of Councils are thinking. There are some Councils with strong membership growth who are not sending me any reports. I firmly believe a Council requires good programs to attract new members. So perhaps they have strong programs. But they are not sharing them. Last year only 15 Councils turned in their Columbian Award SP-7 report to Supreme by the deadline of June 30th.

I can think of a couple reasons to report programs. One is to share your good ideas with other Councils. By telling the State Directors about your good programs, we can share those ideas with other Councils that are looking for things to do. But I think a better reason to report programs is to challenge your own Council. Every month when you fill out an activity report, you can look at it and think, "What else could we have done?" That might encourage you to review the Faith in Action materials and look at all the programs and resources available, and add some new activities to your Council calendar. It is easy to get in a rut and say we always do X, Y and Z, and that's enough. A new program might invigorate your members, and increase your service to your church and your community.

The State Directors are thinking about the reporting program, and ways improve it. If you already report programs and have thoughts about it, I encourage you to send them to Program Director, Duane Morris or to me. If you do not report programs, let us know why, and give us your thoughts on how we can help you be a stronger Council.

Vivat Jesus

Joe Keller
Family Director
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FAMILY



Tom Burns
DD02

District 02 Report

Dear Brothers,

Welcome home Brothers, this past April I received a call from Ray Prom asking me to take St. Anne's Council 7729 into District 2. St. Anne's was an original and the second oldest Council in District 2 covering east Multnomah County. When St. Anne's was made a Spanish mission fourteen years ago to serve the ever growing Hispanic community in the Rockwood neighborhood, many of the Anglo parishioners and Knights migrated to other parishes. Prior to this exodus many Spanish men joined the Council.

At about the same time, the State created a Spanish District. Being a Statewide District I'm sure it has been a real challenge for any District Deputy to properly serve his appointed Councils. SD Ray felt the present situation was not properly serving these Caballero de Colon Knights.

He was so right. It was not until he gave me this gift that my eyes were opened to see how many of the parishes and Councils that I serve have substantial Hispanic communities.

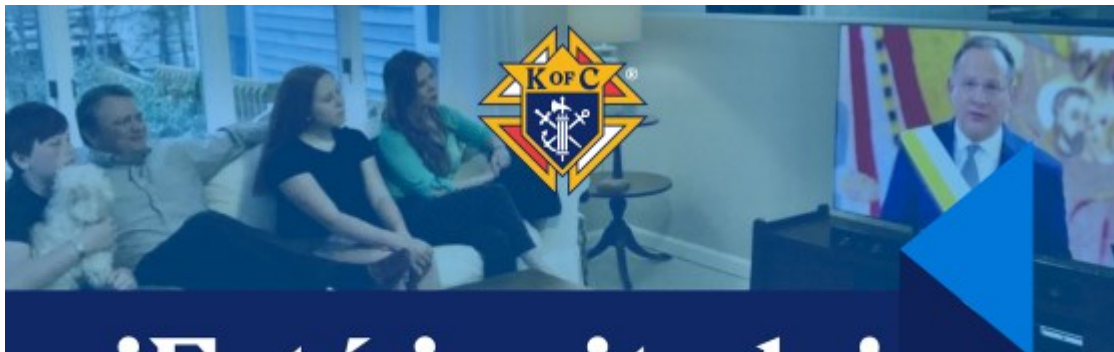
The fields are fertile, the wheat is ripe and the vines are bursting. I was a little apprehensive taking on this task as I am not close to being a Spanish speaker. However, when I started to get involved I quickly learned that 80% of these men are also English speakers so I had nothing to dread. I already had an association with Grand Knight Esteban Garcia for the last four years beginning when I was a Grand Knight. I have got to hand it to this man. He has been the GK for the past fourteen years and has been holding this Council together with duct tape and prayers.

In the last month seven young men have joined St. Anne's Council and there will be many more to follow. It's all in the asking. We will be scheduling a Spanish Exemplification in June as soon as I secure a date from Father Jose. I have spoken to the Grand Knights in my District of my intentions of encouraging men who are not comfortable speaking English, I will steer to St. Anne's. If they are bi-lingual I want them to remain in their parish Council to build them up and diversify them. So, if you have a Spanish community in your parish or one near you, you may think about plowing that field. You're sure to be rewarded.

In Convention news, District 2 was recognized for the Councils' hard work in recruiting, as accumulatively they averaged over 200% of membership Goal. I am convinced that we will match that number again in this 2023/2024 Fraternal Year.

An Exemplification of the three degrees will be held at St. Therese parish on May 20th, with the Knights and their families attending the five o'clock Vigil Mass. The ceremony will follow and there will be a light reception also. All are welcome but please notify me by email at burnsit@aol.com if you are planning on joining us, so I can let the host Council 7828 know how many to count on.

Tom Burns
District Deputy 02
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¡Está invitado!



DD12 Report

DD12
Mike Hahn

With the beginning of May, the rain seems to finally have tapered off on the coast. The rain seems to have tampered the spirits of our brother Knights – I know it did their district deputy’s. Yet the Councils carried on, keeping their spirits high.

Our Lady of the Dunes Council in Florence made it into the local news – front page!

The Assembly, which is aligned with Council 17396 members, made the news as they raised a flag in front of the newly opened Bean Coffee Shop. A great advertisement for the Knights of Columbus – well done Assembly 3536! (See separate article page 27)

Note: that the local paper has no issue with the FN and recorder for the Council, but state the various agencies support, among them ‘the Caring Pregnancy Center’. Maybe there is hope for us. The one raising the flag is FN Thomas Zahara.



Photo courtesy of St. Mary’s
Our Lady of the Dunes Knights
of Columbus
(K of C) Assembly 3656

Most Holy Trinity Council in Bandon has been busy clearing the area around the Bandon School District’s Baseball field. Council brothers also widened the much used trail leading around the baseball field and spread bark to retard the weeds and make for easier navigation of the trail.

A staged photo below shows that DD12 Knight Mike Hahn is really capable of working or was it ‘hard(ly)’ working? (It wore me out).



The Brother using the wheel barrel is our District Warden and FS for the Council, Brother Frank Roeder.



Lastly, Deputy Grand Knight Mark Lane working hard!

The 800 yards is completed and now we are going to Phase II which requires clearing more brush and holly trees and the use of some heavy equipment. Anyone wanting to have a good view of the river and ocean and get some exercise – this is a good place to go!



DD12 Report Continued



Council 17396 Delegates Greg Daigre, Jeff Turner, District Warden Frank Roeder and Joe Vierei, Delegate for Council 1261.



17396 PGK Jeff Turner and Lady Lisa



District Warden presents Sir Knight Tom Stadelman on behalf of the State Deputy the State Knight of the Year Award during the Wednesday night dinner the Council prepared for the community.



As the saying goes when the Ladies aren't happy – given by their smiles, they are.
Lisa Turner, Denise Daigre, Jodie Riess and
Laura Scholtka

Council In Action

Article printed in the Siuslaw Newspaper on Friday April 28th.
Extract taken by permission of Zac Burt, Siuslaw Newspaper Editor

Catholic organization raises flag in front of future “Human Bean”

April 28, 2023 — On Thursday, April 13th, St. Mary’s Our Lady of the Dunes Knights of Columbus (K of C) Assembly 3656 members installed a new flag pole and American flag in front of the soon-to-be-completed car wash and “Human Bean” coffee shop near the intersection of Highway 101 and Rhododendron Drive.

Also in attendance at the Patriotic Degree were Scott and Shawn Randel, brothers and co-owners of the car wash that is being built at the location. Shawn and his wife also co-own the coffee shop that is being built.

Scott is a Gulf War Veteran and was joined at the flag raising by a handful of Vietnam War Veterans who are K of C members.

The flag raising is part of the fundraising endeavors of K of C Councils in not only Florence but in other Councils in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

“I am so proud to see the Red White and Blue in front of the Human Bean,” said Thomas Zahara, a K of C Assembly 3656 member. “Patriotism is a platform of the Knights worldwide. Currently, we are supporting Knights Councils and as well as their communities in Ukraine with our fundraisers.”



Photo courtesy of St. Mary’s Our Lady of the Dunes Knights of Columbus (K of C) Assembly 3656

St. Mary’s Our Lady of the Dunes K of C Assembly 3656 hosts a monthly bingo game at St. Mary’s Catholic Church on the first Friday of each month, from 1-4 p.m., as part of its fundraising endeavors.

“Over this last year we have donated all our proceeds to St. Jude’s Hospital, Caring Pregnancy Center, Florence Food Share, and several more [organizations],” said Zahara. “This next month we will be donating our proceeds to SOS* of Florence. We invite all to join us with our efforts to help our community and others.”

St. Mary Catholic Church, Our Lady of the Dunes is located at 85060 Highway 101. For more information on the Church and its affiliated organizations go to ourladyofthedunes.org/.

*What is SOS? Answer:  **SIUSLAW OUTREACH SERVICES**



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Patriotic Degree In Hermiston April 20th

On the night before the start of the Convention, Hermiston put on an exemplification at their parish hall. Several individuals went through the CUF degrees and then after a short break that Fourth Degree Exemplification was completed. Many thanks to the degree teams for making this possible.



Council In Action

By: Tom Radel, State Historian

Albany Council 1577 Breakfast

The Albany Council held a breakfast after their 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses on April 30, 2023 to say goodbye to Deacon Marc Gandolfo who will be heading to San Diego, CA to begin his Priestly ministry.



Council In Action

By: Patrick Parson

On April 4, 2023, **Albany Council 1577** presented a check of \$100 to Options Pregnancy Center in Albany.

The check came from Supreme as part of the ASAP program (Aid and Support After Pregnancy), in which Supreme offers an additional \$100 for every \$500 a Council donates to a qualified Pregnancy Care Center.

Pictured left to right are: Options CEO Karen Tameling, GK Al Correia, and Council Life Couple Patrick and Teresita Parson.



Council In Action

Photos by: George Murphy State Youth Director

Pictures taken at 4th Degree Exemplification on April 15th at St Mary Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Albany. Six New Sir Knights for the Oregon District.



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.



Ladies of our Knights Supporting Magdalene Home

Story by: Joe Schaecher

Medford Council 1594 Grand Knight John Prendergast helped to deliver gift bags to Magdalene Home in Medford.

Director of Magdalene Home, Kathleen Wilson is so appreciative of the Knight's supporting the girl's home on a regular basis. So to be surprised by gifts from our Ladies was a true gift and wonderful blessings.

Vice Supreme Master Joe Schaecher was on hand for the delivery of the gifts.

Kathleen mentioned that the house was full with 5 girls for quite some time. When one does get to a point of departing on her own, it isn't long and each room is once again full.

She said thank you so much to the Lady Knights for the love they have for these girls.

For more information on Magdalene Home, please see: <https://magdalenehome.org/>



Council In Action

By: Ronald Bernt, FS Council 2439 Sublimity

The Annual Regis Twilight Track Meet was held May 5th during the afternoon and evening. This has been an annual event for many years. It has grown in size and now includes 32 schools and about 800 high school student athletes.

Sublimity Council 2439 has sponsored the high jump event for many years and we help run the high jump. Other members of our Council were involved in other events. I have included a few photos, thanks to Brother Brian Silbernagel.

If you have never helped at this event, I encourage you to get involved next year. Hopefully we will remember to bring out our sign and hang it on the fence behind the high jump event.

Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,
Ronald E Bernt

Financial Secretary Council 2439

Faithful Comptroller Assembly 900

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Dear Brother Knights,

June 1, 2023

On Behalf of the Charites Board, I would like to thank you for your donations this year. Because of your generosity we've been able to help the following Oregon State K of C Charities for the 2022/2023 Fraternal Year.

Magdalene House	\$600.00	KBVM Catholic Radio	\$1,000.00
Rachael Pregnancy Center	\$600.00	Special Olympics of Oregon	\$4,081.00
Grandma's House	\$600.00	Military Chaplains Fund	\$1,000.00
Father Taaffe Homes	\$12,596.00	Archdiocese of Portland Youth	\$500.00
Ultrasound Initiative & Pro-Life	\$2,650.00	Baker Diocese Youth	\$500.00
Ukrainian Relief	\$665.00	Food for Families	\$57,366.00
Mount Angel Seminary	\$53,000.00	Pre-Seminary Program	\$1,000.00
Chesterton Academy-Portland	\$500.00	Chesterton Academy – Mt. Angel	\$500.00
Chesterton Academy-Rogue	\$500.00	Ukrainian Relief	\$665.00

You can still contribute this year. Please choose one of these **or** you can list **General Fund**.

There are several ways to donate:

- 1.) Fill out the Green Sheet and return it with a check made out to **"Oregon State K of C Charities"**
- 2.) Send the check directly to the Oregon State K of C Charities:
State Charities Secretary Ken Anderson, 11863 SW Greenburg Rd, Apt #8, Tigard, OR 97223.
- 3.) Visit the Charity web site at www.oregonstatekofccharities.org

If you have questions, please call me at 503-730-1986 or email: rboyce4539@aol.com

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Boyce

Ronald J. Boyce,
Immediate Past State Deputy & Charity President
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Blessed Michael McGivney Circle (\$2,000 and up)

Thomas Gilsdorf, Ford Family Foundation, United Way of SW Oregon, Rotary Coos Foundation, Fr. Luke Sheehan Council 1872-Bend, Coquille Indian Tribe, The Oregon Community Foundation, State Officer Wives Fr. Taaffe Auction (Tina Prom, Ana Boyce, Teresa Adams, Charlotte Geary, Caroline Judy), St. Patrick's Council 3484-Canby, Mary Lou Stebbins, Roseburg Council 2939, Christ the King Council 9257-Milwaukie, Mid-Columbia Council 7292-Hood River, William J Leahy Council 1307-Astoria

Supreme Knight Circle (\$1,000 to \$1,999)

Our Lady of Dunes Council 15773-Florence, St. Joseph Council 1748-Salem, Fr. Robert Patrick O'Hara Council 9137-Sherwood, Jerry Lenz, Baker City Council 849, Queen of Peace Council 9263-Salem, Thomas & Deanna Chase, St. Patrick Council 11109-Independence, Barbra Cribbs, City of North Bend, St. Thomas More Council 8129-Dallas, East Multnomah Council 3179-Gresham, Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, John Briggs, Main Rock-Coos Bay, Patricia Chote Pierce, Knights of the Resurrection Council 13851-Tualatin, Steve Auer.

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State Deputy Circle (\$600 to \$999)

Dr. John McLoughlin Council 2325, Oregon City, Mt. McLoughlin Council 2255-Klamath Falls, Fern Ridge Council 17884-Veneta, Monsignor Charles P. Taaffe Council 14802-Portland, Pendleton Council 1673, Jason Wartnik, Lebanon Council 3184, Most Holy Trinity Council 17396-Bandon, Fr. James P Gallagher Assembly 1995-Coos Bay, Albany Council 1577, Douglas & Pamela Soules, Shaw Council 8270, Holy Rosary Council 15605, St. Paul the Apostle Council 10838

State Chaplain Circle (\$250 to \$599)

Carolyn Roberts, Hillsboro Council 1634, David Sperle, Most Rev. William Gross Assembly 2251, Delegates at the 115th Annual State Convention in Hermiston, Patrice Parrott, Archbishop Howard Assembly 900, St. Rose Lima Council 17536, Fr. Patrick Curley Council 4087, Francis Stadleman, Our Lady of Angels Council 3999-Hermiston, Jim & Sue Graves, Knights of Columbus Supreme Food for Families Incentive Program, St. James Council 1623-McMinnville, Philip Keizer, Fr. John O'Donovan Council 3636-Redmond, Richard Parent, Roger Johnson, St. Joseph the Worker Council 13700, Tom Ayala, Ron & Ana Boyce, Bill & Joanne Caldwell, Katherine Cooper, Edward Kelly, Patrick Griffith, Carol Shurden, Phillip & Evelyn Reher, Jean Mulkey, Mary Patnode, Minnett Williams, St. Monica Catholic Church-Coos Bay, John Keenan, Bill & Charlotte Geary, Donna Archer, Greig Daigre, James Clarke, Jerome Zeller, Leo Bottaini, Charles Fuller, Terry & Angela McNeill, Lance Benton, Fr. Luke O'Donnell Council 6266-Beaverton, David Amy Cookson, Deb Swafford, Dee Echols, Dynamonic Computer, Holy Family Council 16889-Portland, Michael Kozakiewicz, Michael Sneddon, Mike & Barbara Taylor, Rudoff Juul, Pope John XXIII Assembly 906-Albany, William Kulick

State Past State Deputies Circle (\$10 to \$249)

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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,


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FRATERNAL YEAR 2022-2023

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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.
\$ _____	TOTAL GREEN  CONTRIBUTIONS	



State Youth Director Report

Worthy State Deputy, Worthy State Chaplin and Brothers All:

I was pleased to talk to everyone again during the state convention.

George Murphy
Youth Director

Currently, we are awaiting news from Supreme on the State's Basketball Winners. The results World Wide were due on May 5, 2023, which is the Official deadline.

GK Mark Gomolski and the Knights from Hermiston did a great job at the Oregon State Convention. While there we elected new State Officers and Oregon Representatives to the Supreme Convention in Orlando, Florida .

Blessings to all of them.

Now would be a great time for all of us to begin planning and preparing for our Youth Fall programs and athletics. If your Council doesn't supply funding for these programs, start arranging for some of the following events:

- ◆ 1. Breakfasts
- ◆ 2. Fish Fry's
- ◆ 3. Selling cords of wood
- ◆ 4. Doing yard work
- ◆ 5. Or whatever is your favorite activity.

Use this time efficiently. Please remember our largest youth program is Coats for Kids. Now is the time plan for this program.

If you have any questions please contact me . Hope to see many of you at The Summer Meeting at the Grotto in Portland, Or June 23-25, 2023.

Thanks in advance.

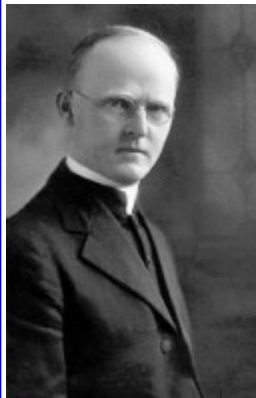
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**Submit your SP-7 Columbian
Award Application in May. It
is due June 30th.**

State Historian Report

Rev. Edwin Vincent O'Hara 3rd State Chaplain of Oregon 1914-16



Edwin Vincent O'Hara was born September 6, 1881 in Lanesboro, MN to Owen and Margaret Nugent O'Hara.

He attended a one-room school on land his father donated and later graduated from Lanesboro High School. In 1897, O'Hara began studies at the college of St. Thomas in Saint Paul, MN. In 1900 he entered St. Paul's Seminary before moving to Oregon City, OR.

O'Hara was ordained to the priesthood on June 9, 1905, for the Diocese of Oregon City by Archbishop John Ireland. O'Hara began teaching Scripture and Apologetics at St. Mary's Academy in Portland, Oregon. In 1907, he founded the Catholic Education Association of Oregon, and served as the superintendent of schools for the diocese. He formed the Dante Club at the Portland Public Library, where he gave lectures on history and the classics. In the face of considerable anti-Catholic bias, O'Hara sought to make Catholicism more visible in order to dispel inaccurate notions of what Catholics believe.

In 1910 O'Hara came down with bronchitis. Ordered by Archbishop Alexander Christie to take a rest, he traveled to Europe for six weeks with his sister Anna. Upon his return, he spent a semester taking classes at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. He returned to Portland in 1911.

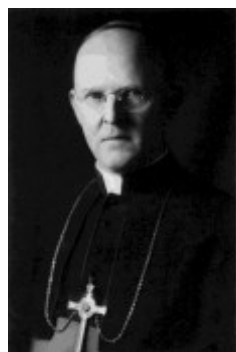
Influenced by the views of Archbishop Ireland and Pope Leo XIII's encyclical *Rerum novarum*, O'Hara began to look into living conditions of factory workers in Portland. Based on his research, O'Hara published a book which he then sent to public officials and newspapers. In 1913 Oregon passed a minimum wage law. O'Hara was named chairman of the newly established Industrial Welfare Commission, which then included both labor and management.

O'Hara served as a chaplain during World War I. After the war, O'Hara did pastoral work in the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, and was a leading force in enacting the aforementioned minimum wage law through the state legislature in 1913. He earned a doctorate from the University of Notre Dame.

Rev. O'Hara was the Oregon Knights of Columbus State Chaplain from 1914-16. In 1920 he became pastor in Eugene, OR. On August 6, 1930, O'Hara was appointed the second bishop of the Diocese of Great Falls by Pope Pius XI. In 1931, he was the only American bishop present when Pius XI delivered his encyclical *Quadragesimo anno*.

O'Hara was later named Bishop of Kansas City, Missouri, on April 15, 1939. Within his first ten years as bishop, the diocese built or bought 42 churches, 31 rectories, 24 colleges, high schools, and grade schools, 14 convents, 8 social centers, and 6 hospitals. Of the 30 churches he constructed in rural counties, 25 of them had never had a Catholic church before.

On September 11, 1956 while on a trip to Milan, Italy to speak to Archbishop Giovanni Battista Montini on the work of the confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Archbishop Edwin Vincent O'Hara succumbed to a sudden heart attack. He is buried at the Mount Olivet Cemetery in Kansas City, MO



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

Fr. Theo Lange

State Chaplain
Oregon State Council

Francis Mohr, PSD, DD13

Council 849 Baker City

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

Let us pray:

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



Until a new Prayer Chairman is chosen:

Please direct your prayer requests to:
Columbian Newsletter Editor Tom Karl
C:541-921-7417 tkarl@charter.net

Councils—please send any memoriam information:

Kathleen “Kitty” Bushman

Wife of GK Gordon Bushman
Council 9529 Lincoln City

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

*No member nor their family members
should ever be forgotten.*



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

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

This we ask through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen!





Abbot
Jeremy Driscoll



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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