



Holy Name of Jesus



The celebration of **the Holy Name of Jesus**, which takes place on January 3, is the focus of devotion for the whole month of January. The first eight days of January occur under the liturgical season known as Christmas, which has been symbolized by the liturgical color white. This liturgical season lasts for twelve days.

The Twelve Days of Christmas, also known as Twelvetide”, is a festive Christian season celebrating the Nativity of Jesus. In the Western ecclesiastical traditions, "Christmas Day" is considered the "First Day of Christmas" and the Twelve Days are then from 25 December – 5 January, inclusive, with the last day being the Twelfth Night (Epiphany Eve).

Many of the various Christian denominations—for example, the Anglican and the Lutheran Church—the Twelve Days are identical to Christmastide, but for some others, e.g., the Roman Catholic Church, Christmastide

lasts longer than the Twelve Days of Christmas, running through the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

Other methods of counting mark the twelve days as being December 26—January 6.

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, or Theophany, is the feast day which then commemorates the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan by John the Baptist. Originally the baptism of Christ was being celebrated on Epiphany, which commemorates the coming of the Magi, the baptism of Christ and the wedding at Cana. Over time in the West, however, the celebration of the baptism of the Lord came to be commemorated as a very distinct feast from Epiphany. It is celebrated in the Catholic Church as well as the Anglican and Lutheran Churches on the first Sunday following The Epiphany of Our Lord (January 6). However, some Lutheran churches celebrate it on the Sunday before Lent or Quinquagesima.

In the first part of January we continue to rejoice and celebrate Christ's coming at Bethlehem and in our hearts. We have the wonderful feasts of Mary, Mother of God, where we honor Mary's highest title, and then we follow the Magi to the crib as they bring their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh on Epiphany. Finally we reach the culmination of this season with the Baptism of Our Lord by St. John the Baptist. With a touch of sadness we must take down our decorations and enter into the liturgical period known as Ordinary Time where we will devote ourselves to the mystery of Christ in its entirety.

Message from the State Deputy**Knights of the Eucharist!****Become who you were born to be!**

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State Deputy's Letter

Worthy Brother Knights,

Thank you very much to everyone for being everything you do. I really appreciate your time and effort. I recognize and acknowledge all the dedication and hard work that each of you have shown thus far in the Knights of Columbus.

At the Mid-Year Meeting, I discussed with the State Officers, Directors and District Deputies that our theme for the Mid-Year Meeting is "What can we do better?" I then challenged and exhorted everyone to not be complacent with mediocrity or to be content with where we are currently at, but to constantly push and challenge ourselves. What ways can we be innovative and motivate ourselves harder?

We are up against an enemy that has been studying mankind since the beginning of time, which is far longer than any of us have been alive. We have an intense battle on our hands and we can use every man we can find. Better yet, every man we can find can use our collective efforts. We need them and they need us. With all that is at stake, we must continue to push ourselves harder and harder. We must continue to grow as men and encourage others to do likewise.

Our State membership goal for Circle of Honor is currently at 382, down from 385 thanks to the online members that have transferred to Council membership status. We are currently at 137 new members for the Fraternal Year and at 35.86% of our goal. We are ranked number 60 in the whole Order. I truly believe that we can do better than this and I would like to challenge everyone to recommit themselves to putting in even more effort. Let us consider what ways we can grow and improve in our membership growth.

At the meeting, I discussed a couple of tools for growth and improvement: both obstacles and opportunity. What are the obstacles we face? How can we remove them? Can we work around them? What are the opportunities available to us of which we can take advantage? How can we think outside the box?

At the State Deputies Mid-Year Meeting, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly expressed the sentiment that the Order grows one member at a time through individual interactions and invitations. He expressed that the most effective way that we can grow the Order is to individually approach a man 1:1 and invite him to become a Knight of Columbus. This then opens the door wide open to opportunities as there are many Catholic men out there who are not yet a Knight of Columbus. Perhaps this may even involve visiting a neighboring Parish or a different Mass than we usually attend.

I would like to invite each and every one of us to consider that ALL of us can do better at inviting Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus. Let us commit ourselves to invite more men in this second half of the Fraternal Year than we did in the first half.

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Let us consider that we have a large population of Hispanic men. Many of them are not Knights of Columbus. This really is an opportunity that we must take advantage of. Our Regional Growth Director Pona Magana is eager and anxious to help work with the Hispanic population. He is available to speak at Spanish conferences and invite them to join the Knights of Columbus. Schedule some Spanish conferences for the Hispanic population of a Parish or several nearby Parishes.

Recall our State priorities: Faith formation, family, and the Eucharist. These are all opportunities for us to grow in our state's membership outreach. Cor and Holy Hours are excellent activities where we can invite more men. They are simple and require very little effort, but can be very powerful and make a huge difference. Many Councils have become inactive and have very few members if any. Cor and Holy Hours are excellent ways to jumpstart these Councils. These activities can be so effective regardless of how many people attend. I would like to especially encourage the District Deputies to reach out to their inactive Councils in their district and encourage them to start up Cor or hold a regular Holy Hour. Better yet—both. It may be a small step to a new beginning.

We have several Councils who have already achieved their membership goal. I would like to commend all of these Councils for their hard work and achievement. This is most excellent! Alas, we have far too many Councils in Oregon that have currently recruited zero new members. This is also an opportunity for us to take advantage. If each council could recruit just 1 new member, this would also go a long way. Remember that in the best interest of the longevity of a Council, the recruiting of new members is crucial, otherwise the Council will simply die out. Our work as Knights is far too important to let this happen. Let us challenge ourselves to help each Council to recruit at least 1 new member.

Remember that each and every activity and event is an opportunity to invite Catholic men to join the Knights of Columbus. This can be after Mass, at coffee and donuts, at a Parish event during the week, at a Parish potluck or any other event. Really, the options are limitless. If you really want to be bold, go to the grocery store and ask the cashier if he is Catholic and if he is a Knight of Columbus.

I acknowledge the sacrifices that each of you make in dedicating yourselves to our cause and our mission. All of our past achievements would not be possible without all of your hard work. As we proceed through the rest of this Fraternal Year, let us continue to keep uppermost in our mind, "What can we do better?" "What more can we do to help men become who they were born to be?"

Vivat Jesus!

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"Become who you were born to be!"



Prayer for the Immaculate Queen of Peace

Most holy and immaculate Virgin, Mother of Jesus and our loving Mother, being his Mother, you shared in his universal kingship. The prophets and angels proclaimed him King of peace. With loving fervor in our hearts we salute and honor you as Queen of peace.

We pray that your intercession may protect us and all people from hatred and discord, and direct our hearts into the ways of peace and justice which your Son taught and exemplified. We ask your maternal care for our Holy Father who works to reconcile the nations in peace. We seek your guidance for our President and other leaders as they strive for world peace.

Glorious Queen of peace, grant us peace in our hearts, harmony in our families and concord throughout the world. Immaculate Mother, as patroness of our beloved country, watch over us and protect us with your motherly love. Amen

[Cor Explained](#)



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"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Mt 28:19-20)

Red letter words!

The recorded words of Jesus Christ in the Bible. Brothers, pay close attention to the red-letter words, because they are for all of us. We are called to go and make disciples. How can we do that? We are spiritually weak. We are Spiritually puny. Most of us, anyway. How do we—as men—build us up spiritually, so we can evangelize to our families and friends?

That is the **essence** of the *Cor Initiative*!

This is what *Cor* is all about. Strengthening us, as men, as leaders in our Council, to go and make disciples. We need it more than ever. We need it **NOW!**

[What Do I Do If I want to help!](#)

Here is the link to the Supreme website, outlining the *Cor Initiative*. <https://www.kofc.org/en/who-we-are/our-faith/why-cor.html>

Check it out and get in touch with me for questions and suggestions. Now, more than ever!

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[The Joy of Receiving](#)

I want to share with you the essence of a homily by a priest friend of mine, Washington State Chaplain Kenneth St. Hilaire, who spoke at their recent District Deputy meeting. Fr. Kenny talked about the service of the Knights of Columbus. The remainder of this article will be my words, but with his thoughts in mind.

I think we all take some pride in being able to help the less fortunate. Whether it is children with Coats for Kids or those intellectual disabilities with Special Olympics or with combating hunger with our Food for Families programs or any of the many other ways we help out. We tend to think that we are the ones doing the giving.

“They” are the ones benefiting from our giving. Yes, for most of us, we receive great joy knowing we are helping others. It’s what motivates us to continue in our work.

But I want you to think about who is doing the giving and who is doing the receiving. The Bible tells us when we help the poor, we are really helping Jesus. Mathew 25:35 is very specific about this: *“For I was hungry, and you gave me to eat. I was thirsty, and you gave me to drink. I was a stranger and you took me in.”* In our service to the widows and orphans, we encounter Jesus in the faces of the people we serve. We are serving Christ himself! And because we are serving Christ, we are receiving his Grace. We are transformed to be more like Christ!

What an amazing gift! As we struggle through life, fighting temptations daily and oftentimes failing, we have this opportunity to be transformed in Christ! If our goal is to get to heaven, this opportunity for transformation is a key to getting there.

Many times, others look at the remarkable work of the Knights of Columbus, and they see us as the “givers” of charity. Little do they know; we are actually the “receivers”.

Your donations to Oregon K of C Charities helps support more than a dozen organizations in Oregon making a difference. From Catholic schools to Pregnancy crisis centers and much more. Be sure to share the K of C Charities *Green Sheet* with your fellow Council members and even your parishioners.

I have included a link to Fr. Kenneth’s homily here:

<https://www.facebook.com/KofCWA/videos/673439744946374>

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SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE—January

Supreme Chaplain
Archbishop
William Lori

Jesus rebuked him and said, “Quiet! Come out of him!” The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, “What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.” (Gospel for Jan. 28, Mk 1:25-27)

The unclean spirit immediately recognizes Jesus as the Christ and is aware of his power. As St. James tells us, “You believe that God is one. You do well. Even the demons believe that and tremble” (Jas 2:19). We must not take for granted who Jesus is, his presence in our midst and the power he has to help us. Let us always recognize that Jesus is actively working in our lives and seek him daily in our prayer.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to attend Mass and receive holy Communion more often than just on Sunday — daily if possible — to grow in awareness of Jesus’ presence and power in the Eucharist.

Questions for Reflection:

Do you take the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist for granted? Does the way you dress for Mass reflect that Jesus is present? Do you remain conscious throughout each day of Jesus’ activity in your life and turn to him frequently in prayer?



Fr. Jonathan D. Kalisch,
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In his letter to priests on the abuse crisis, the Supreme Knight stated that “Now, the Knights of Columbus – laymen, priests and chaplains together – will have an important role to play in rebuilding the Church. We must commit the Knights of Columbus to work for repentance, reform and rebuilding of the Church.”

As a chaplain to our Brother Knights, you are in the best position to spiritually guide and form the men of your Council to assume the leadership roles and ever greater collaboration necessary to fostering an evangelical response to the spiritual warfare raging around us along with the task of rebuilding the Church.

Experience has shown that members of the K of C respond best when their priests as well as the chaplains personally ask them to step up. In the face of this grave crisis, we ask you to meet with your local Council members and personally assist them in becoming men of prayer, who by the witness of their lives perform acts of charity that evangelize and sow trust in the Church and help them in becoming spiritual leaders of their families.

Providentially, the Supreme Council has launched a new Faith In Action program which provides a structure that refocuses K of C Council activities toward faith-filled family programs. I invite you to review the Faith In Action program books with your Grand Knight and Council Officers to see how the Knights can support the parish and local community.

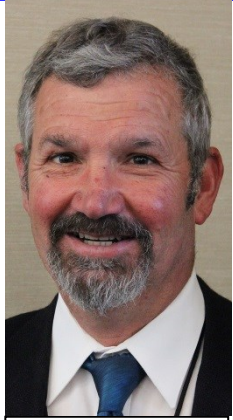
Implementation of the Faith In Action model is designed to be flexible and adaptable to the specific pastoral needs – which you yourself determine – of the local community. Among the new programs which we hope will form the basis for renewal in the Church and our Councils are Spiritual Reflection (retreat), Holy Hour, Sacramental Gifts, Family Prayer Night, Mass for People with Special Needs, Novena for Life and Consecration to the Holy Family.

The K of C has always proudly supported priests and we will continue to pray and support you during this time of necessary renewal in the Church. In return, our brother Knights count on you to spiritually encourage and guide them to become the strong men of faith capable of engaging the spiritual warfare in front of us by stepping into the breach and becoming better brothers and sons, husbands and fathers.

Vivat Jesus



FAITH



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[Baker Diocese Retreat Center Needs Your Help](#)

I wanted to give some special emphasis to the Baker Diocese retreat center.

Unfortunately, like so many other operations throughout Oregon, Covid shut down this retreat center for some time, and they are still trying to recover from the lost revenue generated to sustain operations.

I am coming to you with a two-part request.

#1: If this speaks to your heart, please consider making a donation to help sustain this wonderful, peaceful, and holy place.

#2: and maybe even better than your contributions, consider booking an event here. It is the perfect spot for a parish retreat, husband and wife retreat, youth retreat, RCIA retreat, and more. The calendar is available on the Diocese of Baker website, and discounted rates may be available for midweek events.

Be sure to let everyone in your Councils know about this important announcement as you send out your end of year notices.

Thank you and God Bless

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The Cascade View Retreat Center and Youth Camp in Powell Butte, Oregon, is a very prayerful, peaceful, and serene setting. Through the vision and dedication of past bishops, under the leadership of Bishop Liam Cary, the Retreat Center hosts youth, families and various organizations all year round.





Joe Schaecher
Vice Supreme Master

[Vice Supreme Master Report—January](#)

January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus
 Jan 06 – Epiphany of Our Lord
 Jan 22 – District Master Quarterly Training
 Jan 22 – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
 Apr 2024 – Biennial District Meetings



Worthy Sir Knights,

Biennial Meeting dates are being set in each District throughout the Blanchet Province.

So, who is invited? Faithful Navigators, Comptrollers, etc. Actually, all members from each Assembly in the District are encouraged to attend. This may not seem practical to invite all the members in the District, but the point is, each member has an opportunity. Please notify your Faithful Navigator that you want to attend and with that notification, you are practically a shoe in. Be a little assertive and let your leadership know that you want to attend.

Western Washington with District Master Stephen Schweyen – Feb 10, 2024

Eastern Washington with District Master Thomas Sokol – To Be Determined

Oregon with District Master Duane Morris – April 06, 2024

Idaho with District Master David Ellingsen – To Be Determined

[Who is our Deputy Supreme Knight?](#)

I never told you that since our Supreme Master Michael McCusker could not attend our Supreme Convention in person, we were honored to have our Deputy Supreme Knight Sir Knight Arthur Peters in attendance. Here is a brief chance to meet this wonderful man.



Arthur Peters was born in Toronto, Ontario in 1967, but has lived in Brampton, Ontario for the past forty-nine years. He is a graduate of York University and after a career in the customs and transportation field, he joined the non-profit sector in 1997, first with Youth Assisting Youth in Toronto and then The Arthritis Society, Canadian Red Cross and now the Development and ShareLife office of the Archdiocese of Toronto. He considers his efforts to organize the personal appearance of former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev in 2005, exclusively in Canada, as one of the highlights of his career. He has been involved in his community in many ways. He is an active member of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Brampton, where he has served as an usher and collection counter and is currently a member of the Parish Finance Council. Arthur has also served his community in Catholic Education, being elected as a school trustee in 1991, the first graduate of the Board to serve on the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board. He is the first graduate to become the Chair of the Board, serving three terms in that capacity. Arthur joined the Knights of Columbus organization in 1980 as a member of the Columbian Squires Circle 2041. He served two terms as Chief Squire and was elected as Provincial Bursar Squire in 1985. In 1986, he joined the Knights of Columbus, He has served at least once in every elected and appointed position of Council 9235, including three terms as Grand Knight and two terms as District Deputy.

He joined the Fourth Degree in 2001 and is a member of Father Cyril W Sullivan Assembly 2288, of which his father was the Charter Faithful Navigator. In 2002, Arthur was elected as Ontario State Warden and served as State Advocate, State Treasurer, State Secretary and State Deputy for the 2010-2011 year. He was the Chairman if the 2016 Supreme Convention held in Toronto and was elected as a Supreme Director at that Convention. In May of 2023, he was elected as Deputy Supreme Knight, only the fourth Canadian and second member from Ontario to serve in this role. He credits his involvement with the Squires program as being instrumental to his successes in his career and sees his current involvement as the opportunity to give back to an organization that has given so much to him.

Have you heard about any changes in the uniform? (Ask your District Master or District Marshal). You can Order uniform items through <https://www.kofcuniform.com/> Order Baldric, sword, etc. from: <https://www.kofcsupplies.com/Category/4thdegreecolorcorps>

Faithfully,

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District Master Report



Duane Morris
District Master

Sir Knights and Faithful Navigators,

As part of the 4th Degree by-laws, the Master is required to have a biennial meeting every 2 years in the even numbered years in March or April.

The next biennial meeting will be hosted at the Hillsboro Columbus Club Hall 476 SE 3rd Ave, Hillsboro Oregon.

The meeting will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 9:00 AM. The meeting will start with attending the Saturday morning Mass at St Matthew across the street from the Hall at 8:15am and then continue at the Columbus Club Hall. I encourage as many Assemblies as possible ensure that they are represented at this meeting. Each Faithful Navigator of the Assembly is a delegate and an Assembly is allowed 1 additional delegate for each 100 members or major portion of the Assembly's membership roster as of January 1,2024.

The purpose or mission of the meeting will be two-fold:

First, a formal agenda will be provided to report on any old and new business, any directives provided by Supreme, the Supreme Master, Vice Supreme Master and myself and discussion and voting on three names for the next term for the Master position and any proposed resolutions.

Second is to have an open forum to solicit input as to the direction of the Oregon District's 4th Degree in an effort to rejuvenate and move forward, working closely with our Councils, to grow as an Order in our programming and membership.

Please encourage your Officers and members to attend this meeting so that we can meet, chat and grow in fraternity and patriotism.

Thank you in advance for your assistance, support, effort and participation.

Vivat Jesus

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DELEGATE INFORMATION FORM

(Completed and submitted no later than **WEDNESDAY, April 3, 2024**)

Forms may be submitted via E-Mail utilizing this form or be submitted by mail-(please print)

ASSEMBLY NAME & NUMBER _____

DELEGATES:

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR _____

MEMBERSHIP NUMBER _____

DELEGATE NUMBER 2 _____

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State Advocate Report

Chris Cummings
State Advocate

Brothers in Christ, welcome to 2024. I wish all of you a Happy New Year! As for me I am looking forward to the new year with renewed optimism in many areas in my life. As it relates to the Knights of Columbus in Oregon, there is work to do and the work is getting more difficult. Our culture continues to pull families apart and create challenges for Mothers and Fathers. KofC stands with families. Men who join the order have the privilege of our Fraternal Brotherhood to help strengthen marriages, relationships with children and their financial legacy. In essence, be a Knight and be a better man! Recruitment is essential for our existence and growth of the order. I am counting on you in 2024! No time to waste, let's get going!

How did you do? or better said, what are your Council results for membership at the midpoint of the fraternal year?

Listed below are the Councils in the state that are at plan as of today! Thank you to all the Councils listed and the leaders that made it happen.

COUNCIL	LOCATION	QUOTA	YEAR	PERCENT
			NET	
	Oregon		134	
7828	Portland	5	7	140.00
17536	Portland	5	7	140.00
7729	Portland	5	6	120.00
1767	Mt Angel	10	10	100.00
3179	Gresham	5	5	100.00
14802	Beaverton	5	5	100.00
15295	Portland	5	5	100.00

Membership Results 1.2.2024

Council	New Members	% to Goal	FS	GK	DD
Portland - 7828	1	120%	George Bellcoff	James Swanberg	Thomas Burns
Milwaukie - 3378	1	80%	Brian Bergquist	Vacant	Michael Dec
Canby - 3484	1	20%	Ron Suchanek	Michael Robert	Mark Larson

A Shout Out!

During our final push toward year end we had 3 new members join for the Councils listed below. Congratulations to Portland and District 2 for continuing to add men to the order. Brian Bergquist is reviving 3378 and doing a great job, thank you. Great to see Canby put points on the board! Canby is where I joined KofC last century, it would be nice to see some more members at St Patrick's!

A job well done to all who added new members.

State Advocate Reminder:

All resolutions for presentation to the State Officers must be returned to me, your State Advocate, by February 3rd, 2024. Any questions please contact me directly.

Civil War: OSU - 82 Oregon - 37

Vivat Jesus! BI Michael McGivney Pray for Us!

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[District Deputies Monthly Meeting](#)

[Name of Jesus](#)

January is Dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus

“In the Name of Jesus let every knee bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth and let every tongue confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father.”

Jan 6 – Epiphany

Jan 10 – Baptism of Our Lord

Jan 19 – March for Life

Jan 22 – Day of Prayer for the Unborn

Jan 25 – Conversion of St Paul the Apostle

Training Available.

Plan for training in January and register now for Officer training sessions to enhance your skills to run a successful Council and make a difference in your community.

View the [Online Training Schedule](#):

January 16, 2024, 5:00 pm [Membership Retention](#)

January 23, 2024, 5:00 pm [Officer Desk Reference](#)

January 24, 2024, 7:00 pm [Navigating Council Forms](#)

January 29, 2024, 5:00 pm [Programs for Lent/Easter](#)

Training sessions are recorded and made available to view on demand after the live broadcast.

Get the latest Volume of the [Fraternal Leader Advisory - Archive | Knights of Columbus \(kofc.org\)](#)

<https://www.kofc.org/en/for-members/resources/fraternal-training/regional-training-director-page.html>

State Officer Conference Call.

Due to the State Meeting – There is no District Deputy Coordinator Call this Month.

February - Two dates to choose from: either the 2nd Thursday or 3rd Monday. Time is at 6:00 pm.

If these don't work for you, let me know what works best for you.

New Members.

January is New Members Month – Help your Councils get off on the right foot for the year pf 2024.

Free Online Membership available. - Please encourage new members to sign up on-line and use the promo

code **BlessedMcGivney**. The code is one continuous string and **is not case sensitive**. When signing up they ask for a Field Agent code, please use [RDUNCAN](#) or [DGOSSER](#).

Happy New Year

Joe Schaecher, District Deputy Coordinator

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Eric Walter
Life Director

Life Program Report

Greetings Brother Knights!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all! I hope you and your family had a blessed Christmas and New Years Day. Hopefully this included some rest and time off with your family. With starting off this new year and coupled with January being the "Sanctity of Life" month, I hope you consider penciling in a life program. I would like to suggest two programs that are simple but extremely important. Those two good programs to start with are the "ASAP Program" and holding a "Novena for Life" at your local parish.

ASAP Program

Please consider taking advantage of the Aid and Support After Pregnancy (**ASAP**) program. For every \$500 Council donation to a qualifying pregnancy center, Supreme will donate an additional \$100. Councils have been given a unique opportunity to increase the donations by 20% through this ASAP program. At the end of the year 2022, Oregon had won its division with the ASAP fundraising. With winning that division, Oregon receives a 2% quota drop on its original membership goal, provides a big bump in the COH standings and receives a check from Supreme for our general fund for \$1,500. Job well done Oregon Knights! Let us see if we can repeat that again this year! For more information on the ASAP Program, visit: [ASAP Program](#)

Novena for Life

There is a national "9 Days for Life" novena led by United States Conference of Catholic Bishops beginning January 16th through January 24th. Please consider leading your community in the spiritual fight to establish a culture of life. Knights and their families will come together in both public and private prayer to promote the protection of life. Please visit USCCB website for information on this national prayer: <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life>. The Supreme KC website provides excellent resources for leading a Novena for Life at: [KC Novena for Life](#)



Photo #1: St. Jude Eugene Council raised \$500 under the ASAP program. The money was donated to 1st Way Pregnancy Resource Center in Eugene. Photo shows State Life Director, Eric Walter delivering the check to Denice Gartin, Director of 1st Way Pregnancy Resource Center.

Photo #2: Albany Knights of Columbus Council led a Pro-life Caroling event at the Salem Planned Parenthood. Photo shows Eric Walter, State Life Director and Patrick Parson, Former State Life Director and his wife Teresita at this Caroling event on December 19th.



Brothers in Christ, may you and your family have a wonderful and fruitful New Year.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for us

Vivat Jesus,

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Life Director

Greetings Brother Knights!

[Life Program Report](#)

UPCOMING LIFE EVENTS IN OREGON

Pro-Life Rosary – Portland – January 13, 2024

Pro-Life Rosary at Planned Parenthood, 14601 SE Division Street, Portland 10:30 AM. There will be an interdenominational prayer service following the rosary. Parking is available at St. Joseph the Worker, 2310 SE 148th Avenue. If questions, call Jerry 503-260-8995.

Novena for Life – January 16 - 24

There is a national “9 Days for Life” novena being led by United States Conference of Catholic Bishops beginning January 16th through January 24th. Please consider leading your community in the spiritual fight to establish a culture of life. Knights and their families will come together in both public and private prayer to promote the protection of life. The Supreme KC website provides excellent resources for leading a Novena for Life. Please visit USCCB website for details on this national prayer: <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-for-life>

Day of Prayer for the Unborn – Nationwide – January 22, 2024

Please join USCCB’s Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Archdiocese Life Gala – Multnomah – February 17, 2024

The Life Gala event is sponsored by our Portland Archdiocese. This event will be held at the Multnomah Athletic Club on Saturday, February 17th at 5:00pm. It would be wonderful to see many Brother Knights attend this event. For more information, please see attached letter from Archbishop Sample and event flyer. The seats are filling up fast so be sure to reserve your seat as soon as possible! To purchase tables, please visit: <https://archdpdx.org/lifegala>

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Special Olympics – Several Oregon Locations and Dates

UCS Basketball Regional Tournament – Redmond – February 10, 2024
 UCS Basketball Regional Tournament – Corvallis – February 24, 2024
 UCS Basketball Regional Tournament – Wilsonville – March 2, 2024
 Winter Regional Basketball – Medford – March 9, 2024
 Winter Regional Powerlifting – Klamath Falls & Gresham – March 10, 2024
 Winter Regional Basketball – Turner – March 16, 2024
 Winter Regional Basketball – Beaverton – March 17, 2024
 Special Olympics Summer State Games – OSU Corvallis – July 12-14, 2024
 For detailed information, please visit: <https://soor.org/events/>

Together We Advocate Conference - Tualatin - March 2, 2024

Please join us for one of the best opportunities in the Pacific Northwest to obtain pro-life training, networking, and inspirational workshops featuring local and national pro-life leaders. The Together We Advocate Conference will be held on March 2, from 8am – 5:30pm at the Rolling Hills Community Church in Tualatin. The Oregon Knights of Columbus - State Life Director will have a pro-life table at this event. For more information, call (503) 463-8563 or visit: <https://www.ortl.org/conference/>

Oregon March for Life – Salem – May 18, 2024

Join thousands of Oregonians on May 18th at the Oregon State Capitol as we continue to advocate for a culture of life in Oregon. The band will begin playing at 2:15pm with speakers starting at 2:30pm. The Oregon March for Life will begin immediately following. Please consider having your Council sponsor and coordinate a bus to transport folks to and from this event. Also, the State Life Director has reserved an “Oregon Knights of Columbus Pro-life” table. For more information, please visit: <https://www.ortl.org/march/>

Vivat Jesus,

Eric Walter State Life Program Director
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[Celebrate The Sanctity Of Life](#)

Happy New Year to all! Coming up next month, there will be an important Life Gala event is being sponsored by our Portland Archdiocese. This event will be held at the Multnomah Athletic Club on Saturday, February 17th at 5:00pm. It would be wonderful to see many brother knights attend this event.

I am confident this event will sell out quickly. The standard cost of a table is \$1,000.

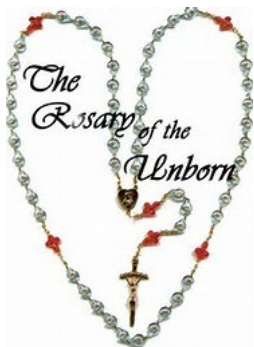
Registration information can be found at <https://www.archdpx.org/lifegala>. If you have any questions, please contact Alex Nelson, Stewardship and Development Officer, at (503) 233-8346 or anelson@archdpx.org.

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

Vivat Jesus,

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**UNBORN
LIVES
MATTER**

CELEBRATING THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

 Life Gala

YOU ARE INVITED!

2024
February 17



You are cordially invited to join us for a night of celebration, inspiration, and a powerful call to action at the Life Gala hosted by the Archdiocese of Portland.

This special evening is dedicated to embracing and cherishing life in all its forms, spotlighting local initiatives, and uniting our community in a shared commitment to uphold the sanctity of life.

DETAILS

Guest speaker from the Sisters of Life
Keynote speaker: Abby Johnson

Date: Saturday, February 17, 2024
Time: 5:00 PM (doors open)
Venue: Multnomah Athletic Club (MAC)

 www.archdpx.org/lifegala
Tickets go on sale December 18th.

 ARCHDIOCESE OF PORTLAND OREGON



Eric Walter
Life Director

Greetings Brother Knights!

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Brent Dattke
Community
Director

Community Director Report

Greetings Brother Knights!

Soccer Challenge report due date is January 15th

Essay Contest report due February 15th

Coats for Kids

On November 6, 2023, the 1 millionth coat was given out in Denver Colorado.

This year was a national record for the program, surpassing 200,000 coats given out.

Council and individual donations can be made to the Giving Tuesday program at www.kofc.org/coatsforkids,

- this fund helps pay for the free freight and keeping the cost of the coats down.

Global Wheelchair Mission: www.amwheelchair.org

Container of Wheelchairs

Price each: \$42,000

Contains: 280 Wheelchairs

Cost Per: \$150 per wheelchair

Donations can be made through Oregon State Treasurer Michael Pranger.

Vivat Jesus,

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COMMUNITY



Family Director Report



Joseph Keller
Family Director

Greetings Brother Knights!

With the new year, it is time to work on selecting your Family of the Year for 2023. Look over your roster for any potential candidates and especially look at your Family of the Month recipients if you have participated in that program. Some items to consider include:

- what positions or assignments has the husband/father held in the Council?
- how has the family been involved with the Knights of Columbus?
- how is the family involved in the parish, and in the community?

Consult with your Chaplain about your nomination. Once the family is selected, obtain the nomination form #10680 from Officers Online and complete it. Send your nomination form to General Program Director Duane Morris (dldmorri@gmail.com) by March 15th, so that your nomination is included in the deliberations of the State Officers and Directors. If your Council's nomination is selected, the family will be invited to the banquet at the State Convention to receive the award. The nomination will also be forwarded to Supreme for consideration as International Family of the Year.

You should recognize your Family of the Year in your Council and your community. A Family of the Year certificate is available from Supplies Online and you could also purchase a KofC certificate holder or perhaps frame the certificate for the family.

It is also time to start working on your State Council Program Awards entry forms. Councils can submit an entry in each Faith in Action Category: Faith, Community, Family and Life. The STSP form has been revised by Supreme (effective 10/23) to make it easier for Council to submit their best service programs and explain what the program included and what your Council's purpose, goals and accomplishments were with the program. The STSP form is also sent to General Program Director Duane Morris by March 15th. Winning program entries will be recognized at the State Convention and also forwarded to Supreme for International Program Award consideration. You will find the new STSP form in the forms section of Officers Online. Select your best Family program and fill out the STSP form.

Speaking of the Family of the Month program, no more than seven Councils in Oregon are submitting a Family of the Month to Supreme. It is an easy program to participate in and your families will be pleased to receive the recognition. Submitting a Family of the Month to Supreme is simple, using the online #10784 form on Officers Online. Provide the names of the husband and wife (or widow or widower), the number of children and grandchildren if applicable, basic address information and a short reason for your selection. It is literally one or two sentences. Then hit ENTER. Do it by the 15th of the month following the month of the award. Grand Knights, Program Directors and Family Directors, make a New Year's resolution for your Council to participate in the Family of the Month program for 2024.

I want to remind you that Food For Families is one of the most popular Family programs, and a great way to boost your FFF program is to promote 40 Cans for Lent. Ask your Council members and your parish members to help those in need in your community by donating 40 cans of food or 40 pounds of food during the 40 days of Lent. If you pastor allows, place a barrel for collection at the entrance of the church. Put announcements in your parish bulletin and ask your pastor to promote it. Work with your parish food pantry, your local St. Vincent de Paul Conference or a local community food bank. My own Council's experience is that donations to our parish SVdP pantry increased significantly during our promotion of the 40 Cans for Lent. The pantry will track the pounds of food and you should include that number in your year-end Food For Families report to Supreme. Remember that for every 1,000 pounds of food donations you generate, Supreme will send your Council \$100, with a maximum refund of \$500.

I wish you all a successful program year in 2024.

Vivat Jesus

Joe Keller

Family Director

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Winter Meeting In Newport

What's Winter without a Winter meeting and weather on the Oregon Coast without rain? Well, both were present during the weekend of January 5, 6 and 7th, 2024. A lot of work was done by State Officers, Directors and Chairman as well as the ladies who accompanied them. Here is a recap by photos of the eventful weekend. I especially want to thank Leslie Pranger for her assistance in getting some of the photos that are shown in this edition.



Saturday evening dinner at the hotel.



Women's Activities During Winter Meeting In Newport

Ladies' outing to Yaquina Head Lighthouse.

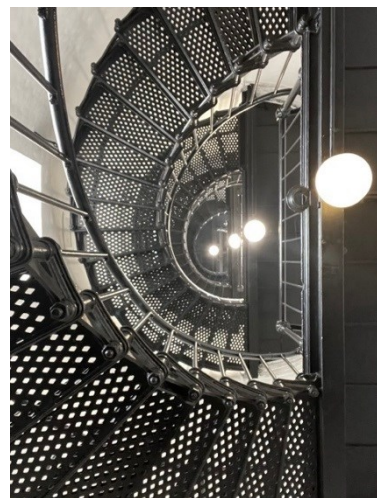
VERY windy, rain, hail and sea foam! We had a blast!
(Not pictured - Janet Deppmeier, she took the photo)



Andrew was our tour guide for the Yaquina Head Lighthouse.
He did a great job!



Lunch was delightful and even the sun came out for the ladies.



[Ready To Get Wet?](#)

Polar Plunge is your chance to step out of your comfort zone by jumping into an unforgettable experience that directly impacts the lives of Special Olympics Oregon athletes.

By participating you provide 5,000+ Special Olympics Oregon athletes access to sports, activities, and community.



Registration is officially open!

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

[Salem »](#) [Super Plunge »](#) [Bend »](#)
[Eugene »](#) [Executive Plunge »](#) [Southern Oregon »](#)
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Our Lady of the Dunes Council 15773 Florence
By: Thomas Zahara, PGK

Brothers and Friends,

You may have noticed the television ads, commercials, lately on the upcoming February event taking place called Oregon Polar Plunge. We sent out introductions and reminders in December of the Knights team from Florence who are once again "Taking the Plunge".

Last year just two of us raised over \$1000.00 for the Oregon Special Olympics in the bone chilling Plunge. We had then registered with the Eugene Team, as we were new to the Program and wanted to help them out locally. They said that we were welcome to create our own Team Name next year .

So, this year we have the Team title listed as 'Knights of Columbus'. And we have a few more of our Knights joining and actually "Plunging".

We are asking for your support with any donation you can help with. As the TV advertisement states, simply go to PlungeOregon.org Then scan down to Eugene. There you can scan down to whom or what team your donation is to be applied to. Additional information is below that, of Name, Address and Credit Card information.

However....Should you get the urge to join this crazy pursuit, we will meet at Maurie Jacobs Park, and wearing our Florence Yellow Knights Council Vests. Information of time and location is on the Polar Plunge Website. Seriously. This is a lot fun in spite of the cold experience. What amazing folks show up in very creative costumes. Thank You for your time. Vivat Jesus.

[Congratulations Sublimity Council 2439—100 Years Strong!](#)

This is a follow-up to my previous email regarding the CCSP party and the food box delivery. I have included a few pictures of both activities.

On Friday evening, December 15th approximately 120 members and their guests attended the Annual Christmas Party and fundraiser. We also celebrated our 100th Anniversary as a Council. It all started back in 1923. We had a lot of memorabilia and other historical documents on display. I have attached a copy of the Anniversary Flyer that we distributed during the event.

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Vivat Jesus!

Fraternally,

Ronald E Bernt
Financial Secretary Council 2439



100th Anniversary

December 15, 2023

Council In Action

By: Ronald E Bernt Financial Secretary Council 2439/Faithful Comptroller Assembly 900

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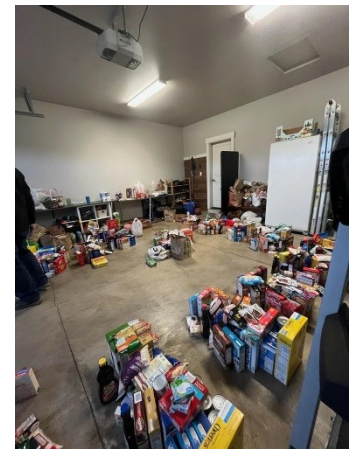
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Financial Secretary Council 2439/Faithful Comptroller Assembly 900
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Dear Brother Knights,

December 19, 2023

The State Charities Fund was established in 1980 so members could individually donate to a non-profit group.

The State Charity is totally dependent on contributions from Council members, their families and friends of Knights of Columbus in Oregon. Our first and foremost principle of our Order is Charity, the greatest of all virtues and the crowning glory of a Christian life.

The Oregon State K of C Charities gives the opportunity for Council Members and members of our Community to assist those Catholic Charities in the state Oregon and fulfilling our obligations to perform Corporal Works of Mercy.

Because Oregon K of C Charities is a 501 (c)3 entity, individuals and businesses may possibly deduct contributions on their Federal and State taxes. (please talk to a tax professional for verification). The world is a better place because of the Knights of Columbus and Oregon State K of C Charities.

Our current "Green Sheet" list the groups that we have contributed to the last few years. You may 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 Bob Adams, 2455 Fir St, North Bend, OR 97459.
- 3.) Visit the Charity web site at www.oregonstatekofccharities.org

Sincerely,

Vivat Jesus!

Ray Prom IPSD Charities President

PH:503-440-2382

promray58@gmail.com





FRATERNAL YEAR 2023-2024

Name: _____

Email: _____

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 ultrasound machines in pregnancy centers.
\$ _____	Military Chaplain's Scholarship	This fund helps support a need for Priests to become Chaplains in our armed forces.
\$ _____	Diocesan Youth Programs	Support Portland and Baker Diocese Youth Programs
\$ _____	Baker Diocese Retreat Center	Support the Baker Diocese Retreat Center
\$ _____	Natural Disaster Assistance	Assist Food Banks and Distribution Centers during natural Disaster
\$ _____	Catholic School Assistance	Assist Catholic based grade school, middle school and high schools in the state of Oregon. State Chaplain approved.
\$ _____	Pre-Seminarian Program	Assist Pre-Seminarian Program to help those who are entering the Seminary.

\$ _____

TOTAL GREEN SHEET CONTRIBUTIONS



Knights of Columbus

OREGON STATE COUNCIL

2256 Greiner St
Eugene, OR 97405

December 8th, 2023

State Advocate Announcement of Resolution

Brother Knights, greetings from your State Advocate. We are coming to the end of the calendar year which means it is time to prepare any resolutions to be discussed and brought to the floor of our State Convention being held May 3-5, 2024 in Newport Oregon.

Please be aware and so advised that in accordance with our State Bylaw's, Section 13, which, reads in part, *"Resolutions for consideration by the committee shall be submitted not later than ninety (90) days prior to the scheduled date of the State Council meeting (convention)"*. Based on this timeline as understood by me, all resolutions are due to your Worthy State Advocate by **February 3rd, 2024**.

- All nominees for a State Officer position as nominated through the resolution process must submit the resolution prior to **February 3rd, 2024** and be signed by the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary of the Council with imprint of the council seal.

Furthermore, in accordance with paragraph 2 of Section 13, *"All resolutions shall be prepared in triplicate the original to be **mailed** to the State Advocate and copies to the State Deputy and State Secretary. The State Advocate shall forward copies of all resolutions to the members of the resolution committee for review and consideration"*.

Once reviewed by the Resolution Committee a copy of a resolution with the recommendations of the Resolutions Committee shall be mailed to every Grand Knight of an Oregon Council thirty (30) days prior to the State Convention. Additional copies shall be distributed to all State Officers and accredited delegates at the opening session of the State Council meeting.

Any questions should be directed to your State Advocate at, membership.director.or@gmail.com or phone @ 541.543.7596,

As we celebrate our Advent season and prepare for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ, I wish each of you and your families a Merry Christmas!

Vivat Jesus!

Christopher J Cummings

Christopher J Cummings
Oregon State Advocate
Knights of Columbus

State Youth Director (SYD) Report

George Murphy
Youth Director

Worthy Brother Knights:

This is an update from December 2023:

This is a reminder for all Councils to choose a location for your local basketball hoop shoot, any date before the end of this month. Sorry for the lateness of this report. I will send out a news flash.

A reminder that the final date to turn all Essays and Poster Program works was December 31, 2023.

Once I have received all essays and poster, I will grade and then send them onto Supreme. Good luck to all participants.

1. Catholic Essays
2. Keep Christ in Christmas
3. Drug Abuse
4. Alcohol Awareness

As a reminder, I need the original paper work or drawings. I need each Council to just list the winners in each age group and or male or female, only.

Our State Soccer Championship was hosted by Hillsboro Council 2634.

Thanks to all of our volunteers including SD Ken Anderson and Ms. Anastasia, Chris Rischmiller, Mario Ramos, Frank Cortez and yours truly . I will and more names next month.

Next up is the State's Basketball Hoop Shoot Championship. It will be hosted by Holy Family in Portland, Oregon on March 16, 2024 and will start at 12 Noon.



We need our Councils to pick a location for their local events in January 2024, then our District Deputies need to pick a location for their districts in February 2024, for those competitions.

Any questions please give me a contact me. Thanks in advance .

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Tom Burns
DD02

District Two Report

All Councils in District Two were busy in their respective parishes throughout the Advent and Christmas season with changing Colors, harvesting trees and trimming them for the stands , and decorating the altars to welcome in the Christ Child. Did you know this is the 800th Anniversary year of the Franciscan Order? Did you know that St. Francis is credited for creating the first Nativity scene? The Franciscan Order petitioned Pope Francis to grant a plenary indulgence to all who pray before the Nativity. You still have time and many of you Knights worked in your parishes setting it up. I'm sure that may count. Keep Christ in Christmas was fully embraced and I submitted a picture of the officers of St. Therese Council 7828 protesting a Drag Queen Christmas comedy night.

A public Rosary was said in reparations for all the world's sins.

Tom Burns DD2
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KC Charity Team Request For Canby

This year's special appeal will be for Neurotherapeutic Pediatric Therapies, located at 113 N Elm St in Canby. "Neuro's" specialty is supporting children with developmental and behavioral disorders and delays, serving our families by providing occupational, physical, mental health, and speech therapy for children from birth to young adulthood. Go to our website to get more details. On our website select "Special Appeal Donation"

We hope to see many of you participating in our February 24, 2024 fundraising event.

**From the Canby KC Charities Team
canbyknights97013@yahoo.com**

Dinner tickets, auction information and raffle tickets can all be purchased online at our website. Dinner tickets are \$50. Use your smart phone to focus on QR code to select it or use this link below in your browser. If you have questions, call Duane at 503-913-2895.



<https://canbykccharities.ejoinme.org/2024>

So, get onboard with us. Have a fun time and help us raise money for charitable outreach.

Depending on how much we raise, Canby KC Charities will distribute funds to the following organizations:

Oregon Food Bank (Canby)
Oregon Special Olympics
St. Patrick Youth programs
American Wheelchair Mission
Canby Pregnancy Care Center

Father Taaffe Homes (helps young women
rise above life's challenges.)
Canby Utility Share the Warmth
Canby High School Scholarships
The Madonna Center for Life

[District Twelve Report for December 2023](#)



Mike Hahn
DD12

Normally, I do most of the reporting (writing). However this time – thanks to Brother Bruce Lum, PGK and the current FS for Council 1261– who was so gracious to do some of the reporting—I let his report be the lead in for December 2023.

Bruce Lum, PGK: **Coos Council 1261** successfully conducted their 42nd annual Christmas Food Box distribution in December. We received financial and physical assistance from the parishioners of Holy Redeemer (HR) in North Bend and St. Monica's (SM) in Coos Bay, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Food For All, located in Perrydale, the Salvation Army, **Council 15773** in Florence, **Council 17396** in Bandon and many local businesses. It took over 200 volunteers during the week leading up to the distribution day. We distributed over 121,500 pounds (61 tons) of packaged foods, fresh produce, dairy products, and meat to 1,000 families from Florence to Bandon. This program provides a much needed service to our communities.

We thank Father Pascal (Holy Redeemer) for his support and Father Rick (Santa Monica) our Chaplain for blessing the food.



Santa Claus is Council 17396 Bandon's
very own Immediate Past Grand Knight

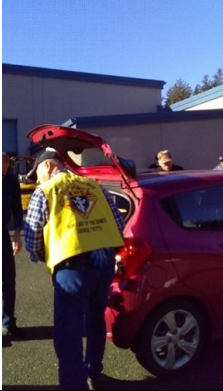
Ok, now, the DD once again returns to do the reporting.

Before I report on what has been happening in the district, it is with sadness that we report the loss of two Brother Knights. Sir Knight Mark Bishop, member of Coos Council 1261 and Fr. James P Gallagher Assembly 1995 died on December 3rd and Brother Francis Stadelman a 66 year member of Coos Council 1261 died on December 30, 2023. Sir Knight Mark Bishop's funeral is on January 13, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at St Monica in Coos Bay and Brother Francis' funeral was on January 4th 2024 (prior to the publication of the State Nightly News).

Joe Sidel Council 5511 in Brookings held two successful breakfasts for their parish and brought on board one new member. The Council also sponsored a very successful "Angel 'giving' Christmas Tree" event which aided many a needy family.

Our Lady of the Dunes Council 15773 exemplified two new Brothers the beginning of December. PGK and Treasurer Tom Zahara assisted with the distribution of Christmas baskets in Coos Bay.

(Continued next page)



Council 15773 PGK and Treasurer loading up a car with Christmas basket goodies.



(Below: Council 17396 Brothers Frank Roeder and Kim Graves selling See's Candy [LEFT TO RIGHT])



Council 17396 PGK Greg Daigre in Rays Market while Brothers sold See's Candy to fund charitable causes



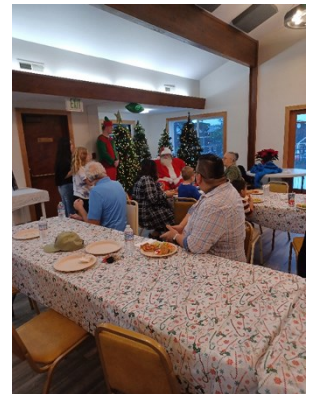
Santa (PGK Greg Daigre, Council 7396) with Helpers handing out toys and welcoming folks to receive their Christmas Baskets



Pastor and Council Chaplain Father Anthony Ahamefule and PGK Greg Daigre, Bandon Parish Hall, 9 December Christmas Party Getting Christmas Baskets ready for Coos Council's Christmas Basket distribution, Most Holy Trinity Council Brothers (L to R) Mark Lane, Frank Roeder, Linn Farey, Jeff Moore and Happ Higashi (Not shown: Jeff Turner, John Augsburger, Kim Graves and Mike Hahn)



Most Holy Trinity Council sponsoring dinner and Christmas Party PGK Greg Daigre (Santa) and Son Nathan as his elf Children waiting their turn, Santa's wife Denise directing the flow.



Perrydale "kids" delivered 42,600 pounds of fruits and vegetables.

As previously discussed with Brother Bob Adams and Father Anthony, Father agreed to have the Faith In Action on March 2nd, 2024, hosted by Most Holy Trinity. Father, in conjunction with the Council and myself will 'nail' down the exact itinerary by early February. Father is on vacation in January and had to deal with two deaths within the parish, one of them being that of Francis Stadelman, a 66 year Knight, in Council 1261.

Vivat Jesus

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[2024 Oregon Silver Rose Program](#)



Worthy State Officers, District Deputies, Grand Knights, and Financial Secretaries:

This correspondence is to identify which Districts and Councils would like to host the Silver Rose this year as it passes through Oregon from July 7th to August 3rd, 2024.

Based on interest received, I will create a path for this year for the Silver Rose to follow and get to as many areas of the State as possible. If we miss some this year, we will do our best to get to you in 2025.

[Here is the ask:](#)

If you could let me know your **Location/Council/Parish** interest and provide an appropriate **contact name, email and phone number** to work with, the I will then create a draft path and schedule for the 2024 Oregon Silver Rose Program.

I look forward to hearing back from many of you by **February 1st**. I will then create an initial draft path and schedule for the 2024 Oregon Silver Rose Program to share for comments. Thanks.

Darin E. Silbernagel, 2024 Oregon Silver Rose Chairman
 Financial Secretary Council 11109, Independence OR
 Email: silbernd@gmail.com
 (C) 503-508-6285

53rd Annual Crab Feed and Auction Friday, January 26th



6:00 pm Cost: \$40 per person

Note: First drink included in the price of meal.

Our Temporary Sales License does not allow patrons to bring in their own alcoholic beverages.

Location -- St. Matthew Parish Hall

We have room for 175 participants invite a friend or two.

**Seats must be reserved by January 20th
 Call Duane Morris @ 503-709-4858**

or Send an e-mail to finsec1634@gmail.com



Hillsboro Council
 #1634

All proceeds benefit our Youth Scholarship Program, which helps graduating 8th graders attend Catholic High Schools.

We are always in need of auction items. Contact businesses your family frequents for donations, or donate a homemade baked good, gift basket or something you've made using your special talents.



Scan to pay

Pre-sales available at <https://buy.stripe.com/bIYaFdFwixse6AdOZ>
 or by using the QR code.



Council In Action

By: Tom Burns DD02

Grand Knight Jim Swanberg and Faith Director Scot Rothery lead St. Therese Council 7828 in a public recitation of the rosary across from the Aladdin Theater in Portland at the opening of a Christmas Drag Show spewing in blasphemy of Christ' birth.

Council In Action

By: SD Kenneth Anderson

On Saturday December 16th, the Knights of Columbus **Council 10594** held their Faith in Action Packed Event at St. Edward's in Keizer. The theme was "Knight Before Christmas."

State Deputy Ken Anderson gave a pulpit announcement at the end of Mass inviting the Parish to the dinner afterwards, which would serve as a fundraiser for the St. Joseph's Council in Salem. The State Deputy also challenged all men to really become a true "Knight Before Christmas" for Christ, whether that means taking the step to become a Knight of Columbus or if there was a particular man who is already a Knight, for him to renew more deeply in his heart what it means to live knightly virtues for Christ our King.

The dinner fundraiser for the St. Joseph's Council ended up providing generous funds for the Salem Council, since their Church burned and they haven't had as many opportunities to have any fundraisers. It's always great to see Brothers helping Brothers and Councils helping out other Councils—Unit and Fraternity in action.



Council In Action

At the November Faith in Action Packed Event, on November 11, 2023, SD Ken Anderson gave a talk on knighthood.

He talked at the St. Martin of Tours parish hall, about who's Feast Day it was, which was St. Martin, a veteran of the Roman army. This was done on the day we also celebrated Veterans Day. SD Ken explained to those assembled that St. Martin had given half of his cape to a beggar outside the city. As he said this, SD Ken Anderson did a demonstration of tearing the cape in two for his presentation.



Below is a photo of some of the local Knights as well as parishioners who attended SD Ken Anderson's talk on Knighthood..

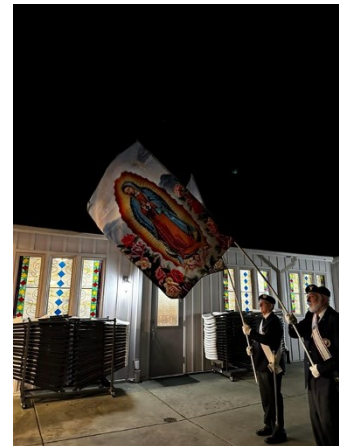


Council In Action

By: Duane Kloser, Council 3484

2023 Canby St. Patrick's Church Lady of Guadalupe Procession – Councils 3484 and 3509

Members of Canby & Molalla Knights of Columbus were invited to participate in the Lady of Guadalupe Celebration at St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday, December 12th. Before Mass, a procession was led by Knights in Regalia around the Parish grounds. Catholics celebrate this feast day to commemorate when the Virgin Mary appeared to a Mexican peasant named Juan Diego in 1531.



2023 Posada at St. Patrick's Church Canby Oregon – Council 3484

Every year, St. Patrick's Church holds the Posada Celebration in the Parish Gym. This year, the celebration lasted for a total of 8 evenings. The Posadas commemorate Mary and Joseph's difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, searching for a place for the Christ Child to be born. The Canby Knights participated in saying the Rosary on several occasions before caroling and the procession.



Knights In Action

By: SD Kenneth Anderson

The Knights of Columbus took the opportunity to evangelize and spread the joy of Christmas coming up by singing some of the more common sacred Christmas carols. The Knights met at Pioneer Square on Friday December 15th, right before their Knight Before Christmas event at **Council 10594** in Keizer the following day.



Finally, on an unrelated note, I recently found out that December 16th, 2023 was the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party. As Knights of Columbus, Patriotism is one of our principles. The Boston Tea Party is an example of how our people of Colonial America were outraged that the British would try to push East India Company tea with taxes on Colonial America. Therefore, they boarded the ships in Boston Harbor with tomahawks, hacked open the tea-filled crates, and dumped them into the harbor. I bet if anyone drank from Boston Harbor, it would have tasted like tea. Let us, as patriots for our country, remember the history of our country and the actions our forefathers took in advocating for and defending our liberty.

Council In Action

Tigard Council 15605 served their outstandingly tasty omelets at their monthly parish breakfast on Sunday December 10th and they were a big hit.



Council/Assembly In Action

By: Tom Radel State Historian, Council 1577 Albany

Albany K of C and Catholic Daughters Annual Christmas Potluck

On December 17, 2023 the **Albany Council 1577, Assembly 906** and the Catholic Daughters held their Annual Christmas Potluck at St. Mary's Parish. The event included speakers, State Deputy Ken Anderson, GK Al Correia, Faithful Navigator Chris James and Catholic Daughters. Event also included: food, trivia, caroling and prizes.



Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

2023 Individual Member Worksheet

INSTRUCTIONS TO FINANCIAL SECRETARIES/FAITHFUL COMPTROLLERS/BURSARS

Note: Knights should separate reported assembly activities from their reported council activities.

Located on the lower portion of this page are individual Member Worksheets to assist you in determining the number of hours of volunteer service expended by members during 2023.

To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members.

COUNCIL HOURS

Faith Activities <small>(where applicable)</small>	Hours of Service
a. Refund Support Vocations Program	
b. Church Facilities	
c. Catholic Schools/Seminaries	
d. Religious/Vocations Education	
e. Prayer & Study Programs	
f. Sacramental Gifts	
g. Miscellaneous Faith Activities	
Family Activities <small>(where applicable)</small>	Hours of Service
a. Food for Families	
b. Family Formation Programs	
c. Keep Christ in Christmas	
d. Family Week	
e. Family Prayer Night	
f. Miscellaneous Family Programs	
Community Activities <small>(where applicable)</small>	Hours of Service
a. Coats For Kids	
b. Global Wheelchair Mission	
c. Habitat for Humanity	
d. Disaster Preparedness/Relief	
e. Physically Disabled/Intellectual Disabilities	
f. Elderly/Widow(er) Care	
g. Hospitals/Health Organizations	
h. Columbian Squires	
i. Scouting/Youth Groups	
j. Athletics	
k. Youth Welfare/Service	
l. Scholarships/Education	
m. Veteran Military/VAWS	
n. Miscellaneous Community/Youth Activities	
Life Activities <small>(where applicable)</small>	Hours of Service
a. Special Olympics	
b. Marches for Life	
c. Ultrasound Initiative	
d. Pregnancy Support	
e. Christian Refugee Relief	
f. Memorials to Unborn Children	
g. Miscellaneous Life Activities	
Other Fraternal Commitments <small>(where applicable)</small>	Hours of Service
Visits to the Sick	
Visits to the Bereaved	
Number of Blood Donations	
Hours of Fraternal Service to Sick/Disabled Member and their Families	
TOTAL	0

ASSEMBLY HOURS

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State Historian Report

Very Rev. Francis Peter Leipzig
12th and 19th State Chaplain of Oregon 1931-33, 45-47



Francis Peter Leipzig was born June 29, 1895 in Chilton, WI, to Frank and Mary Cordy Leipzig. During grade school he attended a parochial school and only three years at St. Joseph Parish, Oconto, WI. There were no Catholic schools where he lived.

The family moved to Oregon in 1911, settling first in Baker and later, in Portland. But by then, Francis had already begun studies for the priesthood at St. Francis Seminary in Milwaukee, WI. He completed two years there before transferring to Mt. Angel in 1913, from where he was graduated in 1917. After two years at St. Patrick Seminary in Menlo Park, CA, Francis Leipzig was ordained in April, 1920, by Archbishop Alexander Christie.



Francis as a
Child in
Chilton, WI

Parish assignments were first as assistant at St. James in McMinnville, where he remained but three months then as pastor of Good Shepherd in Sheridan and its two missions at Independence and Dallas nine months later, in 1921, he was appointed assistant at St. Mary's Cathedral, Portland, OR.

In March, 1922, Father Leipzig was appointed pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Corvallis. During his six years there, he launched a vacation religious school for children, one of the first for Catholic public school children in the state, and founded Oregon State College's Newman Club. It was also in Corvallis that the future bishop developed what became a life-long attachment to fire fighters. A local fire station was situated across the street from the parish house and in his regular walks around town to meet members of the community, Father Leipzig frequently stopped to chat with the firemen. In 1928, he was elected as the chaplain of the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association and was reelected every year until his death. Wherever he traveled in the United States or Europe, fire departments would provide a private car and driver for his disposal.



Francis as a
Seminary
Student

He left Corvallis in 1929, to become pastor of St. Mary's, while serving temporarily as basketball coach at St. Mary's High School in Eugene.

In 1945, he was named to a seven-member state advisory committee to study juvenile delinquency and the administration of state schools for delinquent children. And in 1949, because of his reputation as a mediator, Gov. McKay named him to the Oregon Labor Conciliation Board. He continued on the board until 1951.

Very Rev. Leipzig served as State Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus 1931-33 and again 1945-47.

Following the death of Bishop Joseph McGrath, he was appointed Bishop of Baker July 18, 1950, and was ordained a bishop Sept. 12, 1950. Under his guidance several parishes were established and numerous churches, rectories, halls and classrooms were built.

Following his retirement as Bishop in 1971, Bishop Leipzig used his new-found time to pursue a lifelong interest in history as official the historian of the Archdiocese of Portland and Historian of the Archdiocesan Historical Commission. Among his other accomplishments as a historian, Bishop Leipzig catalogued references on parishes, priests, laity and organizations of the Archdiocese from editions of The Catholic Sentinel dating back to 1870. He wrote more than 90 individual articles on archdiocesan history between 1972 and 1979.



KofC State Convention,
1963 Tillamook, OR

"The mellowing of time adds but charm and dignity to this organization, which has contributed to the winning of souls in Oregon. It remains for us to dedicate and consecrate our lives to the high ideals given to us by those who have gone before us."

*Bishop Leipzig, K of C State Convention, May 1977,
Portland, OR*

Bishop Francis P. Leipzig died January 17, 1981 in Portland, OR. He is buried at the 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

**Don Harteloo, Rick Schiedler PGK, Connor West,
Richard Hill and his wife, Jim Kingsbury and Gerald Kitz,
Gina Billeter and Ed Diehl's friend Daphne.**
Council 2439 Sublimity



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!

Please direct your prayer requests to:

**Executive Secretary
ktliwana@gmail.com
PH: 808-227-1039**

IN MEMORIAM

**James H "Doc" Duffy
Gerald "Jerry" Victor Kintz**
Council 2439 Sublimity

Beverley R. Radel

Mother to Tom Radel (State Webmaster/Historian), Stephen Radel (Past District Deputy 7), wife to SK Frederick Radel - All from the Albany Council 1737

Francis Stadelman

Council 1261 Coos Bay

SK Mark Bishop

Council 1261 & Assembly 1995 Coos Bay

Leon Yraqui

Council 12656 St Pius X

Ed Mosey

Council 13851 Tualatin

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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.*

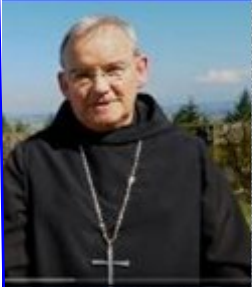


We request you also pray for all Knights, their Families, friends and all of our Police, Firefighters, Servicemen and Servicewomen, our Veterans, Ambulance personnel, Chaplains, Nurses, Doctors, Care Givers and those who minister to the needs of others— please take time out to say: "Thank You So Very 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 RSC, Flue and Corona Viruses.

This we ask through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen!



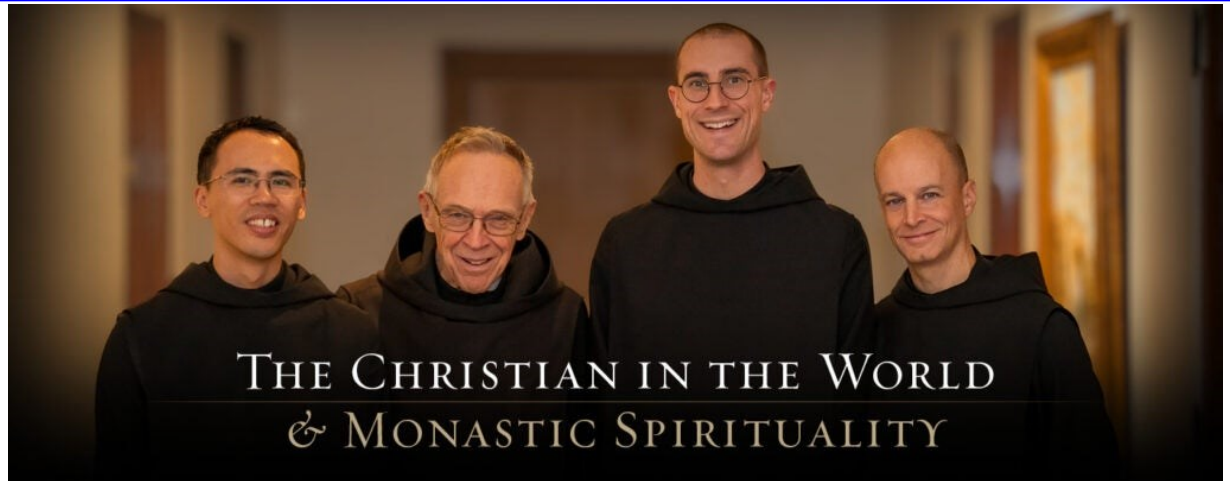


Abbot
Jeremy Driscoll



A four-part series led by Fr. John Paul Le, OSB, Abbot Peter Eberle, OSB, Br. Ambrose Stewart, OSB, and Fr. Michael Shrum, OSB.

Unsurprisingly, monks are practitioners of monastic spirituality. Might a monk's spirituality have a broader reach, even being relevant for a Christian in the world? The four part lectures of the winter/spring 2024 series will explore this question.



January 13, 2024

What is monastic spirituality?
Led by Br. Ambrose Stewart, OSB

February 10, 2024

Monastic spirituality: A journey together to everlasting life.
Led by Abbot Peter Eberle, OSB

March 9, 2024

Monastic spirituality: Listening to and praying with God's voice.
Led by Fr. John Paul Le, OSB

April 13, 2024

Monastic spirituality: Reaching out to and being formed by the world around us.
Led by Fr. Michael Shrum, OSB

The presentations are held in the Abbey library auditorium from 9:15 to 11:45 am.

You may register at the door at the event or use the online registration form below.

	Quantity	Total	Price
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Register for all four lectures.

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