

# The Columbian<sup>©</sup> Newsletter

## Serving The Oregon Councils of the Knights of Columbus

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In southern France, Marie-Bernadette Soubirous, a 14-year-old French peasant girl, first saw the Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus Christ and a central figure in the Roman Catholic religion. The apparitions, which totaled 18 before the end of the year, had occurred in the grotto of a rock promontory very near Lourdes, France. At these subsequent visits the Lady (who had not yet identified herself as the Blessed Virgin Mary) asked for a chapel to be built on the grounds, for Bernadette to pray for the conversion of sinners, and for her to drink the spring water that was revealed to her at the grotto.

Word of these apparitions spread rapidly and caused quite a stir in town. In response, Bernadette was detained, interrogated, and harassed by the civil authorities as if she were a common criminal. The villagers, however, came to her rescue and also demanded that the child be released.

‘Through all these difficulties that came to her because of the apparitions, Bernadette was given an interior strength: *"There was something in me that enabled me to rise above everything. I was tackled from all sides, but nothing mattered and I was not afraid."*

*St. Bernadette Soubirous's feast day is April 16th.*

Message from the State Deputy



# Knights of the Eucharist!

## Become who you were born to be!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



OREGON STATE COUNCIL

State Deputy's Letter

Worthy Brother Knights,

Happy Easter! He is Risen! Alleluia! Let us take this time to reflect on how our Lenten observances as well as the knowledge the Jesus died for us and rose victoriously over the dead has changed each of us permanently. In what ways have we changed? In what ways should we be changed? Let us all challenge ourselves to live for God more zealously than before for the rest of our lives! Being a Knight of Columbus, living a life of virtue and holding ourselves to a high standard is an incredible way to do this.

This past weekend, we recently welcomed many people into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. I even heard of a Parish that welcomed THIRTY-THREE new Catholics into the Church! WOW! That is incredible! As these new Catholics have now had their life changed profoundly for the rest of their life, let us offer the men who became Catholic the opportunity to become a Knight of Columbus and remain on fire for their Catholic Faith. Invite these men to join the Knights of Columbus.

Speaking of membership, we currently have about 150 men left to go to reach our Circle of Honor Goal state-wide. We can do this! We have 3 more months to push to the finish line! 150 members and about 100 Councils—this is doable. How can we achieve this?

- Councils that have met their membership goal: Strive for Double-Star Council! Especially those that are at 140% or above, it just takes 2 or 3 more members to hit Double-Star. Go for it! You have State support.
- Councils on the "Make it Happen" list: you can do it! Go for the Star! Just a few more and you'll be there!
- Councils that are membership active: Star Council is still in the cards! You can do it! Just work hard, hold some more membership drives, and you'll be there!
- Councils that are not membership active this year: Recruit some members this year. Remember that it is in the best interest of the Council to recruit. If a Council doesn't recruit, it will eventually die off. Do you want this to happen to your Council? Does your Parish want this to happen to your Council? Keep these things in mind as well as the vital importance of our mission as Knights of Columbus and get out there and invite some men to join!

Reminder that membership growth is vital to the long-term success of our Order. With the attacks that the devil is making on our world today, our work is too important for us to lose ground. Remember that if we don't grow, we die. That is exactly what the devil wants. Keep strong in striving for excellence in all that you do serving God!

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I also wanted to make sure everyone is aware of the National Eucharistic Procession happening May - July, 2024, this coming year! In preparation for the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, IN July 17-21, 2024, a large scale Eucharistic Procession will be made from all 4 sides of the United States and converge on the Eucharistic Congress site. From the West, the St. Junipero Serra Route will be passing through Oregon!

May 26th: The pilgrims and the Blessed Sacrament will reach the Oregon Border at McDermitt (southeastern part of Oregon) and will travel to Burns for the night.

May 27th: The Blessed Sacrament will take HWY 20 through Oregon to Ontario.

I know the Knights of Columbus in Eastern Oregon are eagerly preparing to welcome our Lord on this pilgrimage. I would like to strongly encourage everyone to make this trip to attend this Once in a Lifetime event! It's a Can't Miss Event!

More details here:

<https://www.eucharisticpilgrimage.org/>

Finally, remember our bearings: Faith formation, family, Eucharist. Start up Cor at your Council. It is extremely easy and can be done well with little effort. Hold more Holy Hours at your Council. Likewise, it is extremely easy. Set a date, work with the pastor to expose the Blessed Sacrament, and attend. Or if the Parish has an Adoration Chapel, simply pick a time to go as a Council. Both of these items are extremely easy. Make it happen.

Thank you Brothers, for all you do in the Knights. Our work is crucial in making a better world, keep it up!

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Archbishop  
William Lori

### **Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge**

**“By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”** (Gospel for April 28, Jn 15:8)

Have you noticed the progression in the challenges over the past months? If we recognize who Jesus truly is, we must listen to him and serve him. We have St. Joseph as a true model of that faithful service and discipleship. Now we are told that the Father is glorified through our discipleship and the fruit we bear. By being faithful disciples of Christ, may we bear much fruit and so glorify the Father.

#### **Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:**

This month, I challenge you to prayerfully ask yourself if you are bearing much fruit as a disciple of Christ and then identify and undertake one way you can be more fruitful.

#### **Questions for Reflection:**

What fruit do you currently bear — in your marriage and family, in your relationships at work or among friends, and in the broader community? Are you mindful of the needs of those around you and the opportunities they present to bear fruit? Are there things you can do to become still more fruitful in your Christian witness?



Father Jonathan D.  
Kalisch, OP Director of  
Chaplains and Spiritual  
Development

### **A love which unites**

“A love which unites,” Pope Francis said in the opening ceremony of the 34th World Youth Day in Panama, “is the quiet love of a hand outstretched to serve, a commitment that draws no attention to itself. It is a love that does not put on airs, a humble love that gives itself to others with an outstretched hand. This is the love that unites us today.”

I wish to share with you the beautiful charitable efforts exhibited by our brother Knights and their families on behalf of pilgrims to World Youth Day in Panama. While the K of C has existed in Panama for more than 100 years, it was noted that their membership was not growing. Then a priest in Panama, Father Vincente Amable, had dreamed that Father McGivney asked him not to let the Knights disappear in Panama.

Father Amable then revived the Council of men in Panama Balboa Council 1371 in Panama City. Later, three new Councils would eventually spin off from that Council. Knights from these Councils served as the volunteers at the FIAT Festival (co-sponsored by the Knights and FOCUS) held during the year's World Youth Day. Local K of C members and their families staffed the FIAT Festival, serving as the primary logistical partners for the event which drew over 8,000 international pilgrims.

These same men provided logistical support for a three-day catechesis offered for Spanish-speaking pilgrims. Many of the local Knights also supported their local pastors in receiving pilgrims and hosted international pilgrims in their homes. These Brother Knights exhibited the “quiet love” highlighted by Pope Francis and this charity in action had a deep impact.

Many of the 50 or so men from various backgrounds and parishes had not known each other before working together during WYD. Their individual ‘yeses’ to join a Council — and become more involved in their parish through the K of C — led them not only to help lead an international gathering of thousands of young adults, but also to a deeper encounter with other men who sought to build up the Church in Panama.

This is the impact our evangelizing charity can have: the renewal of men and their family to deeper faith. May we as K of C chaplains follow the pattern of Father Amable and reanimate Councils, re-engaging our brother Knights in the “quiet love” of faith-filled charitable service. The impact may be greater than you realize.

Vivat Jesus!

To view a recording of the WYD Panama FIAT Festival, go to: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sx4cMx\\_ScQU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sx4cMx_ScQU)

The following was extracted from the April 2024 | VOLUME 16, NUMBER 4 | [KOFC.ORG/CHAPLAINS](http://KOFC.ORG/CHAPLAINS)

## [Interview with a Chaplain](#)

Knights of Columbus chaplain Father Oleksandr Bohomaz was living in Melitopol, Ukraine, when the city was captured by Russia in 2022. Even though he was interrogated by Russian authorities and threatened numerous times, he did not leave his parishioners until he was deported from Russian-controlled territory.

In times of war, when fear and suffering can make it very difficult to show love or compassion, Father Bohomaz's story reminds us of the importance of loyalty to one's mission — and how many fruits it can bear. "Don't be afraid to be present. Even if it's dangerous. Don't run away," said Father Bohomaz. "If someone is in trouble or if they turned away from you — in all circumstances just be present: cry, laugh, rejoice. Now I understand that the presence of the priest is the presence of an *alter Christus*. ... I understood that the chaplain, the priest, makes God present. He is an instrument of God. So be present!" Read the full interview [here](#)



(Note: While the interview is several pages long, you will be glad you read it. He is truly in the image of Fr. Michael J., McGivney)

## [State Secretary Report](#)



Robert Adams  
State Secretary

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

Our 116th Annual State Convention is a month away and we are in the final stages of pulling everything together, including the Proceedings Book.

For those of you who have sent in your information for the book by the April 1st Deadline - Thank you. For those of you who have not yet sent me your information, the last call is **April 10th**. The book will go to print on April 11th and **no further** submissions will be accepted. Please don't be "One of those", whose page lists "No report submitted". Please email me or call me with any questions.

Vivat Jesus

Bob Adams

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## [Just A Little Reminder](#)

Our 116th Annual State Convention in Newport is rapidly approaching and it's time to make sure that you have reservations made for the hotel. If you are not in receipt of Convention information, please go to the state website, which is located at: <http://oregonkofc.org/> There you will be able to catch up on the most recent information about the convention and other items of interest—especially your state newsletter.





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**April 24, 2024**

For **Pacific Time** (7pm) Join Zoom Meeting and **Alaska Time** (6pm) Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88031291904?pwd=UjEvc3FVVHhZpWIRIK2pzTHJlV1hLU009>

Meeting ID: 880 3129 1904

Passcode: 864485

For **Hawaii Time** (7pm)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86244551829?pwd=VUI3a09scGhpSG5NcXdJeVRmNW1SQ009>

Meeting ID: 862 4455 1829

Passcode: 410364

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**Caballeros de Colón - brindando servicios financieros a los católicos durante más de 140 años**

**Fecha: 04/08/2024**

**Hora: 7:30 PM EST**

**Enlace de registro: <http://tinyurl.com/KofCApril8>**



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**SEGURO DE VIDA • SEGURO POR INCAPACIDAD • SEGURO DE CUIDADO A LARGO PLAZO • ANUALIDADES**

**Fecha: 04/09/2024**

**Hora: 7:00 PM CT**

**Enlace de registro: <http://tinyurl.com/KofCApril9>**



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# Knights of Columbus®



[Convention Time May 3,4,5](#)



**BREAKFAST IS SERVED**

**And we all know no one does breakfast better  
than the Knights of Columbus!**



**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH  
927 N. Coast Highway (Highway 101)**

**GRACIOUSLY HOSTED BY  
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**Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Both Days  
Cost - \$15.00**

**Menu to Include: French Toast, Sausage, Eggs,  
Hash Browns, Coffee/Tea, Juice**

Sacred Heart Church is just a 3-minute drive, turning right out of the  
hotel, head south for 2.3 miles. The Church is on your right.

**Please come support the good works of one of our own.**





Chris Cummings  
Membership  
Director

## Membership Director Report

Blessing to all Oregon KofC and your families. We are 1 month away from the 116th State Convention. If you have any "gas in the tank" it's time to burn it up and Sprint to the Finish line by adding new members. We need more new members and I am asking you to lead your Councils in achieving their membership goals. You can do it so go and Make it Happen!

### Shout Out:

- 2 Star Shout out to Coos Bay | Canby | Portland 7828 - Great job leading the pack!
- Very nice to see 5 Councils putting points on the board in a week.

My Challenge - Tualatin and Milwaukie to score a couple more and be at goal before the convention

### Membership Results 4.1.2024

Council	New Members	% to Goal	FS	GK	DD
Canby – 3484	1	220%	Michael Robert	Michael Robert	Mark Larson
Portland - 7828	2	200	George Belcoff	James Swanberg	Thomas Burns
Portland – 15295	2	160%	Greg Wilhelm	Hector Nunez	John Snyder
Milwaukie – 9257	1	71.43%	Joseph Keller	Bill Casey	Michael Dec
Tualatin – 13851	1	40%	Jerry Lenz	Douglas Whitney	Vacant

### Civil War:

OSU 121 - UO 85:(

Bl Michael McGivney pray for us!

Vivat Jesus!

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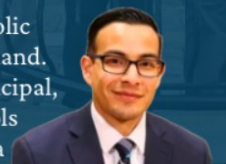
### An Offer You Can't Refuse!

- Dinner representing the Knights of Columbus at the Chesterton Academy "To The Heights Vision Dinner"
  - o When - Saturday April 27th from 6:30pm to 9:30pm @ the Holiday Inn Portland - Columbia Riverfront - 909 N. Hayden Island Drive, Portland, OR 97217-8118
  - o Cost - \$0 - Knights of Columbus State Council has made a donation and you pay "0" - NADA - Nothing!
  - o Who can attend?
- ✦ Up to 10 Attendees - first come first served - Make your reservations ASAP.
- ✦ Any member of the Knights of Columbus or prospect and their spouse.
- ✦ A GREAT Opportunity for a District Deputy and Council Leadership to build fraternity and support our Catholic Schools and young adults.

✦ How do I go about reserving a spot?  
Contact Worthy Membership Director/ State Advocate Chris Cummings - 541.543.7596 or [membership.director.or@gmail.com](mailto:membership.director.or@gmail.com)  
More info - <https://secure.fundeasy.com/ministrysync/event/home.php?e=26873>

- ✦ Guest Speaker— Elias Moo (see bio at the right)

Elias Moo is the new Director of Catholic Education for the Archdiocese of Portland. A former Catholic school teacher, principal, and Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Denver, Elias is a longtime supporter of Catholic Liberal Education and the Chesterton Schools Network. He is passionate about winning the world for Jesus through the renewal of Catholic education. He is a husband to Claudia and father to five boys. They are parishioners at Christ the King Parish.



Guest Speaker  
**Elias Moo**

## [Build-A-Bed Program](#)

St. Joseph was a craftsman and he worked with his hands. Would you like the opportunity to be similar to St. Joseph and take on a project that involves building and craftsmanship like he did? Supreme is promoting a new program called "Build-a-Bed" and has asked Oregon if it would like to be a pilot. We would just need one Council in our jurisdiction to take this on. See memo in the next paragraph for more details. I think it would be great to see Oregon take this on. I'd like to encourage all of our Councils if they would like to consider this, go for it! Be like St. Joseph. Let me know if your Council is interested.

### [From Supreme](#)

Build-A-Bed Program Pilot—The Knights of Columbus Department of Fraternal Operations is seeking out Councils to pilot the Build-A-Bed program. The pilot's results will help determine whether the Order will adopt this program on a larger scale. The following is information regarding the program and what participating Councils can expect.

#### What is Build-A-Bed?

- ◆ The goal is to end child bed-lessness throughout US & Canada - 3% of children in US & Canada sleep on the floor.
- Build-A-Bed provides an opportunity for Councils to build beds for children in low-income communities.
- How are the beds built? Councils will work with volunteers from Sleep in Heavenly Peace, which is a nationwide 501c3 organization, to build the beds. Sleep in Heavenly Peace will provide all the supplies necessary.
- What does the Council need to provide? - The Council must provide the funding, space and manpower to build the beds.
- Funding: A minimum of 20 beds must be funded and built for the pilot. The beds cost \$250 each. Supreme will cover the entire cost of the first 20 beds.
- Space: The Council must provide a large enough space to build the beds, such as a parking lot or indoor facility with access to electrical outlets.
- Manpower: The Council must provide at least 20 Brother Knights as volunteer to build the beds.
  - Ages 9-93 have participated.
  - This is a family event – wives, children and parishioners should be encouraged to participate.
- ◆ Who are the beds donated to? - Sleep in Heavenly Peace chooses and coordinates the delivery of the beds to children in need. The Council can help deliver the beds.
- ◆ What are the next steps? - Councils chosen to participate in the pilot by their jurisdiction will be contacted by Angelo Cona, Manager of Program Development at Supreme. The Council will be paired with a local Sleep in Heavenly Peace chapter to plan and facilitate the build.
- ◆ Supreme will ask that all participants complete a review of the pilot upon completion, before the end of the 2023-24 Fraternal Year.

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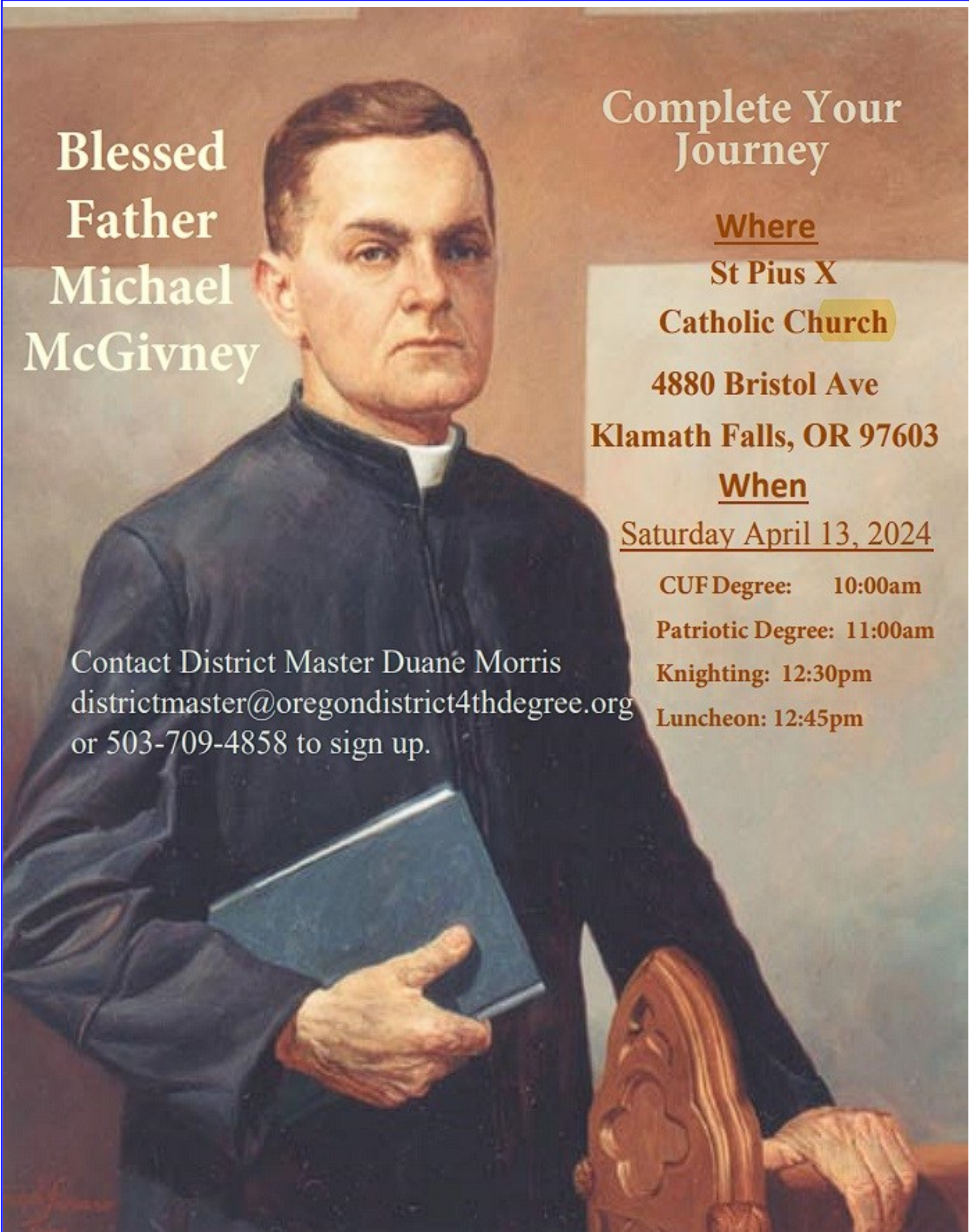
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A portrait of Blessed Father Michael McGivney, a young man with short brown hair, wearing a dark blue clerical jacket over a white shirt. He is holding a blue book in his left hand and resting his right hand on the back of a wooden chair. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

**Blessed  
Father  
Michael  
McGivney**

**Complete Your  
Journey**

**Where**

**St Pius X**

**Catholic Church**

**4880 Bristol Ave**

**Klamath Falls, OR 97603**

**When**

**Saturday April 13, 2024**

**CUF Degree: 10:00am**

**Patriotic Degree: 11:00am**

**Knighting: 12:30pm**

**Luncheon: 12:45pm**

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or 503-709-4858 to sign up.



District 12 Report



Mike Hahn  
DD12

Worthy Brother Knights,

I am sitting in a Motel room by Hillsboro awaiting tomorrow’s bi-annual fourth degree meeting. What persuaded me to do this – I do not know. At least I have someone to share this place with another Sir Knight from Coos Bay – SK Mike Kozakiewicz.

I had in mind to share some photographs. Unfortunately, the internet provider at the hotel is not very cooperative. So, I will have to wait until next month.



Last month, the district hosted Regional Growth Director Pona Magana and he made an impact. Especially in Coos Bay. The Council went from 0 to 240 in no time at all – good for them. He had a tremendous impact on the Hispanic men who were in the audience – as well as their wives which I think contributed for so many to join.

He visited Bandon first, then Coos Bay, Florence and Brookings. Wherever he went he was well received.

He had an exemplification in Coos Bay the very day he gave the talk – if that is what one can call his enthusiastic presentation. The one in Bandon was well received and two candidates – not yet Catholics – until after Easter signed with one of them being exemplified on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Hispanic community gave a delicious meal during brother Pona’s presentation.



Of course, the Councils did not only have someone talk. They were plenty busy with fish fry (in Coos Bay); Wednesday night dinners in Bandon and a breakfast after Sunday Mass.

In Brookings some of the knights are replacing the countertop in the kitchen—but prior to that they served a healthy meal. They also have had guest speakers at their monthly meetings.

The brothers in Florence collected food items and held bingos to support the local food share to mention but a couple of events.



Of course all were busy assisting as lectors, ushers and sacristans during the Triduum and Easter egg hunts. Yours truly did not get one egg!!

Well, I expected to “spike” this report with some pictures alas that is not to be.

So from our boring hotel room – Vivat Jesus

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### [Corporate Mass at the Cathedral](#)



On Monday March 25th, the State Officers held a Corporate Mass at the Cathedral for the Chrism Mass. The Cathedral was absolutely packed to the brim with Faithful Catholics from all around Oregon.

All the priests from the Archdiocese of Portland were present and it was presided by Archbishop Sample. It was a beautiful Mass and a wonderful opportunity to show Knights of Columbus state-level support for our priests and Archbishop.

A Corporate Mass (or Corporate Communion) is a Mass where all the Knights of Columbus of a particular Council attend Mass together and sit together. Family members are generally invited too. It's also a way for us to establish a strong Knights presence, with Unity and Fraternity among Brothers, showing support for our priests and entices other men to join the Knights of Columbus.

It is encouraged and recommended that Councils hold regular Corporate Masses together.

Kenneth J. Anderson, State Deputy



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### [Council In Action](#)

By: Joe Keller, Council 9257 Milwaukie

The big event in March was our Irish Dinner on Saturday March 16th at 6:30pm in the Christ the King Parish Center. We are bringing back the corned beef and cabbage menu. Dinner price was \$20. The Council set up the usual bar with beer, wine and Irish coffee available for purchase. As usual, is required a lot of volunteers to help make it a successful event.

Initial table set-up and food prep was done on Friday evening, after Stations and Soup Supper, (approx. 7:30pm). Decorating and meat prep and cooking began at 9:00am Saturday. Noon on Saturday the soda bread baking begins. Knights were also requested to invite their spouse to help bake bread. At 3:00pm the cooking of the vegetables begins. At 4:00pm they finished setting up and began prepping the dessert and the beverages, as well as cutting meat and continuing to cook vegetables. When dinner began they then looked for people to staff the payment table, serve food, work at the bar, sell raffle tickets, and runners to keep the serving tables, dessert table and bar supplied. By 8:00pm they did washing of dishes, cleaning the kitchen, followed by cleaning out the dining room so it is ready for coffee and donuts the next morning. Lots of work and well worth it.

As always, the dinner proceeds help fund our KC McKernan Scholarship fund to assist CTK School graduating students to attend a Catholic high school.



## Life Director's Report

Greetings Brother knights!

As the summer months are quickly approaching, this is a good time for all Oregon Councils to consider planning your upcoming summer events. Please consider volunteering at a local Special Olympics event near your town.

Eric Walter  
Life Director

Brothers in Christ, we have a unique opportunity to participate in one of the most rewarding acts of charity and service. The Special Olympics programs do not just build strength and character in the athletes and participants, but is a support system for the family as well as the entire community. These programs help to embrace the worth and dignity of every single human being. With Knights of Columbus participation, we help to influence and raise the awareness that individuals with intellectual disabilities want to be accepted and included not only in our schools and our businesses; but within our communities. The Knights of Columbus help athletes with disabilities compete in games around the world. Councils help with fundraising, feeding the athletes, organizing and judging events, and providing equipment. For more information, please visit: [Special Olympics Supreme](#) or [Special Olympics Oregon](#)

### Upcoming Special Olympics Events in Oregon

Winter Regional Powerlifting – Philomath – April 6, 2024  
 Pond Skim – Mt. Hood – May 4, 2024  
 Summer Regional Athletics – Hermiston – June 1, 2024  
 Summer Regional Athletics – Gresham – June 2, 2024  
 Summer Regional Athletics – Ashland – June 8, 2024  
 Summer Regional Bocce – Ashland – June 8, 2024  
 Summer Regional Golf – Oregon City – June 9, 2024  
 Summer Regional Athletics – Salem – June 15, 2024  
 Summer Regional Athletics – Springfield – June 16, 2024  
 Summer Regional Bocce – Beaverton – June 22, 2024  
 Summer Regional Softball – Beaverton – June 22, 2024  
 Summer Regional Softball – Eugene / Springfield – June 23, 2024  
 For detailed information, please visit: <https://soor.org/events/>



Please consider taking advantage of this precious opportunity and sign-up for one hour. Your one hour will not only make a difference to those attending the event, but will be life changing for you.

*Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for us*

*Vivat Jesus,*

*Eric Walter*

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## State "Pass the Hat"

### **Donate to ASAP at Your State Convention!**

If your Council hasn't participated in the ASAP program yet, the "Pass the Hat" incentive is a great way to get involved! Supreme will match 25% of all donations (for up to \$50k donated) made at your state's convention. Donations can be collected prior to the state convention, so set aside some Council funds and ask your members to donate to this worthy cause! Contact your state Council and ask if they will participate in this year's incentive!

Mother's Day is another perfect opportunity to collect funds for mothers in need! Read the ASAP program's **Handbook** for ideas including baby bottle or item drives. K of C-branded baby bottles can be purchased on Supplies Online and can be found in the "Pregnancy Center Support" folder on the site.





[Life Director's Report](#)Eric Walter  
Life Director[UPCOMING LIFE EVENTS IN OREGON](#)**Oregon Right to Life Speakers – Eugene – April 16 to October 15, 2024**

Please join the Oregon Right to Life - Lane County Chapter for monthly speaking events that will be occurring on April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, and October 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information and details, please see the flyer posted in this April Columbian Newsletter.

**Oregon March for Life – Salem – May 18, 2024**

Join thousands of Oregonians on May 18<sup>th</sup> 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/>

**A Night for Advocacy – Salem –  
September 21, 2024**

Please join us for this annual pro-life benefit dinner. For more information, contact Oregon Right to Life at (503) 463-8563 or website: [A Night for Advocacy](#)

*Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for us*

*Vivat Jesus,*

*Eric Walter  
State Life Program Director  
Oregon Knights of Columbus  
[dominuspictura@gmail.com](mailto:dominuspictura@gmail.com)*

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## Upcoming Speakers presented by Lane County Chapter Oregon Right to Life

Open to all at 7 pm, St. Paul Parish Hall, 1201 Satre St, Eugene

- Mar 19** **Abortion Pill Reversal** Dr. Brick Lantz of Eugene's Dove Medical will speak on the abortion pill and the reversal procedure.
- Apr 16** **Update On Assisted Suicide In The US & Canada:** "What You Don't Know Can Kill You" a talk by Dr. William Toffler, Co-founder and National Director of Physicians for Compassionate Care Education Foundation
- May 21** **End of Life Pastoral Care** Speaker/Panel: Besides legal matters, end of life decisions carry emotional and spiritual implications. What's the whole picture?
- June 18** **Local Landscape** An overview of local needs by Director Denice Gartin from 1st Way Pregnancy Resource Center in Springfield
- July 16** **Political Guest** Darin Harbick, OR House District 12: Right to life matters and the state's legislation
- Aug 20** **Political Guest** Monique Despain for Congress: Right to life matters and the national legislation
- Sept 17** **State of Oregon Update:** ORTL staff member, Makyra Williamson, will update us on the "state of the state".
- Oct 15** **Pro-Life on Campus** A representative from the Northwest region of Students for Life, will speak on the witness to life in our schools and colleges.

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# Patriotic Degree Exemplification

**Blessed  
Father  
Michael  
McGivney**

**Complete Your  
Journey**

**Where**

**St James**

**Catholic Church**

**1145 NE 1st St**

**McMinnville, OR 97128**

**When**

**Saturday April 20, 2024**

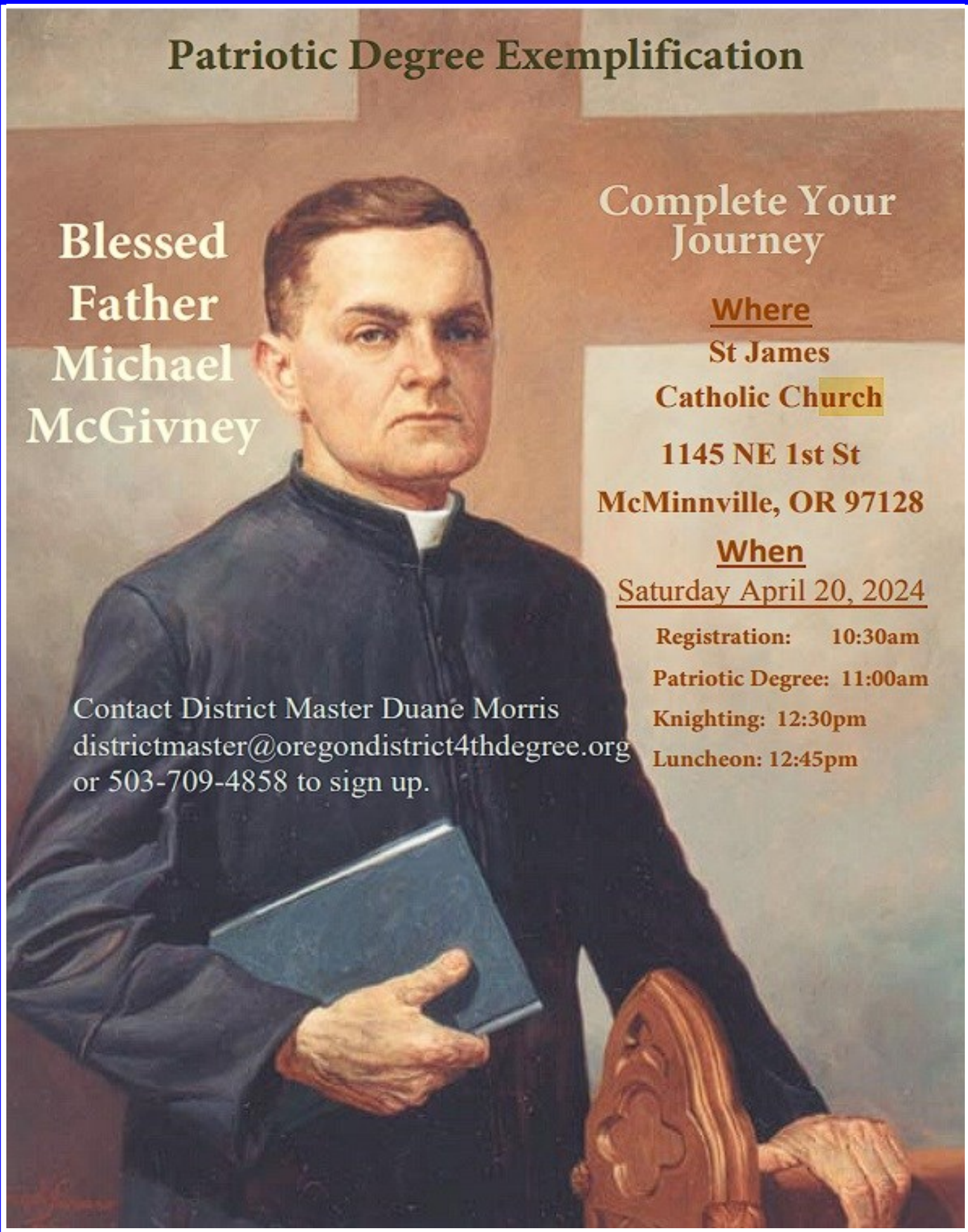
**Registration: 10:30am**

**Patriotic Degree: 11:00am**

**Knighting: 12:30pm**

**Luncheon: 12:45pm**

Contact District Master Duané Morris  
[districtmaster@oregondistrict4thdegree.org](mailto:districtmaster@oregondistrict4thdegree.org)  
or 503-709-4858 to sign up.





Council In Action

Rogue Valley Knights Take the Plunge

By: John Pendergast and Joe Schaecher, GK Council 1594

It was a cold, snowy morning in Medford on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The night before, 3-5 inches of snow had fallen in the Rogue Valley, which was the most snowfall of the winter season. It was truly a “polar” morning for the annual Polar Plunge which benefits Oregon Special Olympics (SOOR).

The Rogue Valley Knights Team, which was made up of Council 1594 members Joe Schaecher, Logan Bell and Jahn Enger, represented the Knights of Columbus in this year’s Southern Oregon Polar Plunge. The team did an awesome job and raised \$1,876 for Special Olympics. Additionally, the Knights of Columbus supported this meaningful event by providing a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Color Guard for the opening flag ceremony and by serving hot soup to the cold and wet jumpers after they took the plunge.



Rogue River Council #1594 members Logan Bell and Jahn Enger get ready to take the plunge at the Southern Oregon Polar Plunge in Medford on a snowy, March 2<sup>nd</sup> morning.



What are those humans doing?



They are getting wet and cold on porpoise!





[4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification at St Patrick in Canby](#)

Sir Knights Duane Morris, Michael Pranger, George Murphy and Mark Busch from **Council 1634** assisted with a 4th Degree Exemplification at St Patrick in Canby on Saturday March 23rd.



[Council In Action](#)

Lenten Woman's Retreat Saturday March 2 nd On Saturday March 2nd, the Hillsboro Council helped to serve at a Women's Lenten Retreat at St Matthew Parish Hall.



Women enjoying the Retreat



Brother Knights Helping serve in the kitchen

## [Culture of Life Newsletter of Council 1577, Albany, Oregon](#)

By: Patrick and Terrista Parson

We hope you enjoyed a most blessed Easter. For us, challenges during the preceding Holy Week helped us feel even more prepared than usual for an end to Lent. On Easter Sunday our Savior Jesus overcame death to offer eternal life and salvation to each one of us.

It is now our turn to do what we can in protecting lives of the defenseless from abortion and euthanasia. Life is fragile; let's work together to build it up. Remember, Albany: THAT'S LIFE!

Baltimore Catechism Lesson for the Day We continue excerpts from the Baltimore Catechism to remind ourselves of some of the truths of our faith. Q: Why did Christ institute the Holy Eucharist? A: Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist: 1. To unite us to Himself and to nourish our soul with His Body and Blood. 2. To increase sanctifying grace and all virtues in our soul. 3. To lessen our evil inclinations. 4. To be a pledge of everlasting life. 5. To fit our bodies for a glorious resurrection. 6. To continue the Sacrifice of the Cross in His Church.

40 Days for Life The 40 Days for Life spring campaign has ended. We completed 5 prayer vigils at the Planned Parenthood on Wolverine Street in Salem, and saw at least one young couple choose to keep their child. Moments like that, rare as they are, confirmed to us the importance of making a public stand for the defense of life. One Knight from Lebanon was present during most of our prayer vigils. We have tried to encourage participation from the Albany Council, but that has not happened recently. We wish our successors greater success in that.



Rosary for Life The Life Couple led the Rosary for Life on March 27 with 33 participants. The next Rosary for Life will take place at OLPH on Wednesday, April 24, as part of Adoration starting at 6:00 p.m. Family of the Year During the March 24 Assembly 906 meeting,

Teresita and Patrick Parson were presented with an Albany Council 1577 Family Of The Year plaque by Grand Knight Al Correia. This was a very distinctive recognition of the efforts they have made in leading the Life Program for the Council. They thanked Council 1577 for the special honor; and greatly appreciate it.

Prepared for Death? We were saddened last month to hear of the death of a friend of ours from another Council. He was a member of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree and was respected for his willingness to help at whatever task he was capable of doing. Unfortunately no one in the Council (or the hospital) knew much about his personal life. Did he have a family? No one knew. Did he have a will? No one knew. Where did he live previously? No one knew. Where did he want to be buried? No one knew. It is quite possible the state of Oregon will claim his property for itself through the escheat process (which seems aptly named). Which is a good lesson for all of us. We should be prepared for the day when it is our turn to pass away, and to ensure some of our basic information and wishes are readily available. Would Councils be willing or able to help members in this?



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Dear Brother Knights,

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](http://www.oregonstatekofccharities.org)

Sincerely,

Vivat Jesus!

Ray Prom IPSD Charities President  
PH:503-440-2382  
[promray58@gmail.com](mailto:promray58@gmail.com)







## FRATERNAL YEAR 2023-2024

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# CHARITABLE "GREEN SHEET"

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

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**TOTAL GREEN SHEET CONTRIBUTIONS**

State Youth Director (SYD) Report



George Murphy  
Youth Director

Worthy Brother Knights:

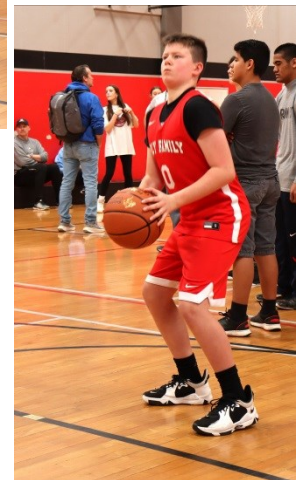
The State Convention is right around the corner.

Again this year the Knights within our State set new records in providing warm coats for kids. We were able to give away 240 boxes of coats, which contained 12 coats per box. Many Councils participated. Here are some of our outstanding, Manny Buzo, Kent Purdy, Nick Guenther, Subhuti Lichtman and DD 18 Dave Judy. A special thanks to DD 17 for showing up in a 4 ton box truck, from which we were able to deliver 144 boxes of coats. Also thanks to General Program Director (GPD) Duane Morris for ordering all of those coats. If I missed a Council or Knight please let me know and I will put their name in the next newsletter.

State Free Throw Competition was held on Saturday March 16th at Holy Family in Portland. Here are some pictures from the event. (Thanks to our Publicity Chairman Alex Paul for his photos). See article next page.

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

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Winners of the State Free Throw Challenge



**Oregon Knights of Columbus state free throw contest winners:**

PORTLAND — The sound of basketballs hammering backboards echoed throughout the Holy Family Catholic School gymnasium Saturday, March 16, as dozens of young athletes competed in the annual Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Contest. Contestants had previously qualified at contests held at their local Knights of Columbus District events. Each of the local champions received a trophy.

Row 1, left to right: Chase Nordquist, 9, St. Pius X, Portland; Gracie Lulay, 10, Regis St. Mary, Stayton; Owen Mostar, 10, St. Vincent de Paul, Salem; Tatum Steinhauer, 11, St. Pius X, Portland; Ryder Niggli, 11, St. Patrick's, Canby; Frankie Koehnke, Regis St. Mary, Stayton; Francis Persons, 12, Regis St. Mary, Stayton. Row two: Knights of Columbus Youth Activities Chairman George Murphy, Hailey Bohnke, 13, Regis St. Mary, Stayton; Lucas Ruginis, 13, St. Pius X, Portland; Olivia Adams, 14, Regis St. Mary, Stayton; Eli Canter, St. Francis, Sherwood; K of C State Deputy Ken Anderson.

The contest was under the direction of State Youth Activities Director George Murphy of Portland. He said: "We were very pleased with the excellent turn-out and with four baskets in play, the day went very smoothly and quickly. Statistics have been sent to Supreme." State Youth Director George Murphy was assisted by numerous members of Holy Family Council 16889 and other Councils, as well as the State Warden Dave Judy. Special guest volunteer was Rev. Father Rodel deMesa, pastor of Holy Family church. A basketball fan, Father de Mesa encouraged the youngsters to be consistent and practice their basketball skills, just as they should be consistent and practice living and studying their religion.

In spite of have a heavily booked schedule, State Deputy Ken Anderson helped pass out trophies and pose for a photo with each of the winners. Trophies were awarded to the top boy and girl shooters in each age class from 9 through 14. SD Anderson encouraged the young athletes to become the best they can be, which is the theme for the Oregon Knights of Columbus this year.

Of note: two boys sank 23 of 25 attempts. All of the winning tallies will be sent on to the national contest.

The Knights of Columbus have sponsored the local, state and national free throw contests since 1952. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal organization founded on the principles of charity, unity and fraternity by Father Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut. Today, there are more than two million Knights worldwide and almost 10,000 Knights in the state of Oregon. All told, they belong to more than 16,000 Councils. For more information, please contact George Murphy at 503-703-7671.

Spring is official here which means the State Convention is right around the corner. Thanks to everyone for participating in our youth programs this year. Below is a list of winners of our fall programs. Each of them will receive a check for \$50.00 and their names will be forwarded to Supreme for additional awards.

**Keep Christ In Christmas Posters**

(1). Jessica Lopez. Grade 3-4 (2). Ivan S. Moreno. Grade 5-6 (3). Violet Eichten. Grade. 7-8

**Catholic Essay Contest**

(1). Jordana Lino Grade 8 Female (2). Ylan Tran Grade 8 Male (3) Hannan Showalter Grade 9 Female  
(4). Austin Ruchabel Grade 9 Male (5) Olivia Lucchi Grade 11 Female



## State Historian Report

Rev. Michael Edward Fleming  
15<sup>th</sup> State Chaplain of Oregon 1939-41

Michael Edward Fleming was born October 19, 1891 in Kilalee, Ontario, Canada to Jeremiah and Mary Ann Cull Fleming. Michael enlisted in the Canadian army in 1914, the year Canada joined the Allied forces fighting World War I. His job was as a telegrapher.

During the winter of 1915 his unit was dug in near Ypres, Belgium for a prolonged period of trench warfare. The shooting was interrupted by heavy fog, and some of Canadian troops who spoke German and some of the Germans who spoke English shouted across the trenches. A group from both sides agreed to meet together in the middle. They met, exchanged cigarettes, German beer and Jamaican rum and agreed that the war would stop now if they had anything to do with it. Then they said 'goodbye,' 'good luck' and returned to their respected trenches. When the weather cleared, they were shooting at each other again.

After Michael was discharged at the end of the war he attended and graduated from the University of Toronto. In 1922 he attended Mt. Angel, OR to study for the priesthood.

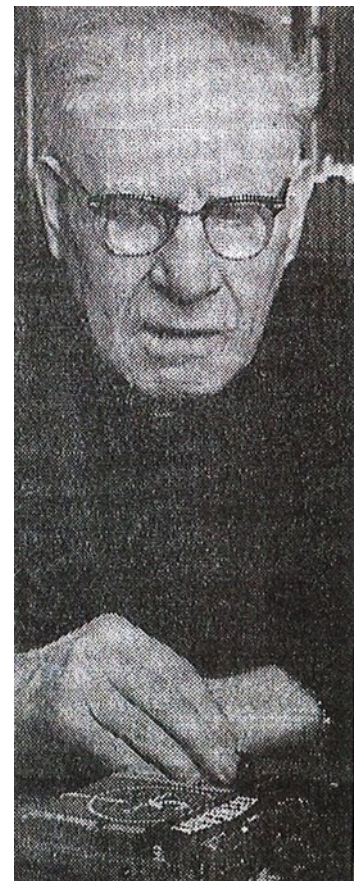
Rev. Fleming served as an assistant for three years then was appointed pastor of St. Patrick parish in Canby. He lived in the unfinished church attic. In 1935 he established the Archdiocese of Portland's Catholic Youth Organization. While pastor of Canby he began the construction of the first Catholic Church in Molalla, OR.

He was state Chaplain of the Columbian Squires and the Oregon Knights of Columbus State Chaplain 1939-41 and Chaplain at Sacred Heart hospital in Medford, OR after he left Canby parish.

Rev Fleming retired in 1961 and lived at Mt. St. Joseph in Portland.

Rev. Michael E. Fleming died August 3, 1966 in Portland, OR. He is buried at the Mount Calvary Cemetery in Portland, OR.

*"It shows the futility of war. The fellows fighting the war have nothing against each other at all."*  
Rev. Michael E. Fleming, remarking on his time served in WWI, October, 15, 1965, 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

Bob Puncochar  
Darrel Mattoon

Bill Holmes

Mike Wanner's Father

Jim Perillo

Council 1634 Hillsboro

Thomas Joseph

Jim Rogers

Dan Neal

Kim Oey

Tom Morgan

Council 9257 Milwaukie

Ted Peters

Kenny Hendricks

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!*



IN MEMORIAM

Please direct your Memoriam notification to:

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

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.*

Please direct your prayer requests to:

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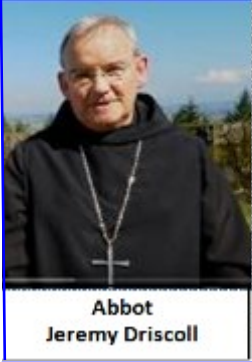


We request you also pray for all Knights, their Families, friends and all of our Police, Firefighters, Servicemen and Servicewomen, our Veterans, Ambulance personnel, Chaplains, Nurses, Doctors, Care Givers and those who minister to the needs of others— please take time out to say: "Thank You So Very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

Also remember those who have lost so much in the storms, wildfires, hurricanes, flooding, tornadoes and those whose lives have been lost and disrupted due to illness.

This we ask through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen!





**Celebrate the feast of Saint Benedict with the monks of Mount Angel Abbey!**

*Saturday, July 13 | Noon to 4 pm  
Midday Prayer to Vespers*

The Saint Benedict Festival at Mount Angel Abbey begins at noon with midday prayer with the monks in the Abbey church, followed by a leisurely buffet picnic on the Abbey lawn. Spend the afternoon enjoying Benedictine hospitality with prayer, live music and some very good conversation with friends and family.

Deepen your understanding of the Benedictine monastic life through the special events of the afternoon:

- Abbey Experience booth with glimpses of life in the cloister.
- Iconography exhibit in the library foyer.
- An introduction to our collection of illustrated manuscripts.
- Live music on the Hilltop lawn.
- Musical performances in the Abbey church.
- Lawn games with the monks.
- Benedictine Brewery beer and local Oregon wines.
- Time to visit the Abbey’s bookstore and coffeehouse.

The afternoon closes at 4 pm with a procession with the monks entering into the church before vespers, chanting the litany and carrying a statue of St. Benedict.

	Price	Quantity	Total
<b>Ticket</b>	\$65	Ticket, 1 registrant allowed	price \$65
Includes all festival activities and buffet picnic			
<b>St. Therese Sponsor</b>	\$1,000	St. Therese Sponsor, 1 registrant allowed	price \$1,000
Includes 4 complimentary tickets			
<b>St. Anselm Sponsor</b>	\$2,500	St. Anselm Sponsor, 1 registrant allowed	price \$2,500
Includes 6 complimentary tickets			
<b>St. Thomas Aquinas Leadership Sponsor</b>	\$5,000	St. Thomas Aquinas Leadership Sponsor, 1 registrant allowed	price \$5,000
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