

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

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### **Our Lady of the Rosary**

The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, formerly known as Feast of Our Lady of Victory and Feast of the Holy Rosary is now celebrated on October 7th in the General Roman Calendar.

According to Dominican tradition, in 1206, Dominic de Guzmán was at the Monastery of Our Lady of Prouille, in France, and was attempting to convert the Albigensians back to the

Catholic faith. The young priest had very little success until one day he received a vision of the Blessed Virgin, who gave him the Rosary as a tool against heretics.

The story of Dominic's vision was recorded by Alanus de Rupe, a 15th-century Dominican friar who is credited with promoting the Rosary among the faithful in Europe. This traditional origin for the Rosary was generally accepted, including by many popes, until the 17th century, when the Bollandists concluded the account originated with the account recorded by Alanus, two hundred years after Dominic's death. However, several popes after the 17th century, like Pope Leo XIII and Pope Pius XI, continued to attribute its origin to Dominic in official documents such as encyclicals.

### **Our Lady of Victory**

Mary had been honored in the West under the title "Our Lady of Victory" from at least the thirteenth century. Simon de Montfort, who was the 5th Earl of Leicester built the first shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Victory in thanks for the Catholic victory over the Albigensians at the Battle of Muret on September 12, 1213. In thanksgiving for victory at the Battle of Bouvines in July 1214, Philip Augustus of France founded the Abbey of Notre Dame de la Victoire, between Senlis and Mont l'Évêque.

### **Background**

In 1571, Pope Pius V organized a coalition of forces of Spain and smaller Christian kingdoms, republics and military orders, to rescue some Christian outposts in Cyprus, particularly the Venetian outpost at Famagusta which, however, surrendered after a long siege on August 1st before all of the Christian forces set sail. On October 7, 1571, the Holy League, a coalition of southern European Catholic maritime states, sailed from Messina, Sicily, and met a powerful Ottoman fleet in the **Battle of Lepanto**. Knowing that the

Christian forces were at a distinct material disadvantage, Pope Pius V called for all of Europe to pray the Rosary for victory, and led a rosary procession in Rome. Pius V instituted the feast of Our Lady of Victory in order to help commemorate the victory at Lepanto, which he attributed to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

After about five hours of fighting on the northern edge of the Gulf of Corinth, off western Greece, the combined navies of the Papal States,

Venice and Spain managed to stop the Ottoman navy, slowing the Ottoman advance to the west and denying them access to the Atlantic Ocean and the Americas. If the Ottomans had won, there was a real possibility that an invasion of Italy could have followed so that the Ottoman sultan, already claiming emperor of the Romans, would have been in possession of both New and Old Rome.

Combined with the Great Siege of Malta (1565) and the unfolding events in Morocco where the Sa'adids successfully spurned the Ottoman advances, it confined Turkish naval power to the eastern Mediterranean. Although the Ottoman Empire was able to build more ships, it never fully recovered from the loss of trained sailors and marines, and never again the Mediterranean naval power it had become the century before when Constantinople fell.

In 1572, Pope Pius V formalized the number and content of the Mysteries of the Rosary and actively promoted its recitation. In 1573, Pope Gregory XIII changed the name of the feast into Feast of the Most Holy Rosary of the B.V. Virgin Mary, to be celebrated on the first Sunday of October. Then the Dominican friar, Juan Lopez, in his 1584 book on the Rosary, states that the feast of the Rosary was offered "in memory and in perpetual gratitude of the miraculous victory that the Lord gave to his Christian people that day against the Turkish armada".

In 1671, the observance of this festival was extended by Clement X to the whole of Spain, and somewhat later Clement XI, after the victory over the Turks, gained by Prince Eugene in the Battle of Petrovaradin on August 5, 1716 (the feast of Our Lady of the Snows), commanded the feast of the Rosary to be celebrated by the universal church.

Leo XIII raised the feast to the rank of a double of the second class and he added to the Litany of Loreto the invocation "Queen of the Most Holy Rosary". On this feast, in every church in which the Rosary confraternity has been duly erected, a plenary indulgence is granted upon certain conditions to all who visit therein the Rosary chapel or statue of Our Lady. This has been called the "Portiuncula" of the Rosary. During his pontificate, Leo XIII issued eleven encyclicals about Our Lady of the Rosary and its feast.

Pius X, in 1913, changed the date to October 7th, as part of his effort to restore celebration of the liturgy of the Sundays. In 1960, under Pope John XXIII, it is listed under the title Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary; and under the 1969 liturgical reforms of Pope Paul VI, Our Lady of the Rosary is mentioned as a mandatory memorial.



## Message from the State Deputy



# Knights of Oregon—By Our Love!

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My Dear Brother Knights.

It is hard to believe it is October already. There is lots to report on and activities for us all to be involved in.

First and foremost, our Holy Father, Pope Leo has asked us to pray the rosary each day during the month of October. I know many of you already do, but if not, it's hard to think of a better habit to form. I used to pray the rosary fairly frequently, but our Past State Deputy and current Evangelical Faith Formation Director Ray Prom to thank. When he became State Deputy, he asked each of his Officers to be sure to pray the rosary daily. By the end of the first week I found myself looking forward to this time of prayer and meditation. I'll add a bit of a challenge for each of you—at least once a week, pray the rosary with someone else or better yet – give someone a rosary and teach them to pray it with you.

Secondly, a huge welcome to Oregon to our new Bishop of Baker, Bishop Hennen, a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Brother Knight. See our Worthy State Secretary Michael Pranger's article on page 19 for more information. Several of us were on hand to witness this event and say a heartfelt word of thanks to now, Bishop Emeritus Cary, who has been and always will be a huge supporter of the Knights.

Perhaps the best part of being State Deputy is being afforded the opportunity to travel the state and interact with our Brothers throughout the various districts. In addition to getting to meet Bishop Hennen, my daughter Rebcca and I were able to join PSD Ray and Tina Prom, Michael and Leslie Pranger and Duane and Junalyn Morris in working the Father Taaffe Booth at the Mt. Angel Octoberfest. We also found the time to visit the various booths run by Councils in the area. Great job done by the men (and wives who helped them)!

We were blessed with a visit from the Supreme Vietnamese Liaison Le Nguyen, who spent several days at our Lady of Lavang working with DD Tommy Nguyen and the men of that Council. We were able to join them for part of a day – and we thank you for treating us so well. I am so glad to see your Council is so vibrant.

The following week we got to see our Territorial Growth Director Bob Kish and Regional Growth Director Billy Christman take Blue Ribbons for training/recruiting sessions in Lebanon, Newport, Astoria and the Portland Metro. Thank you to our leaders for being so dedicated to Oregon and thank you to those involved in making these events a reality.

Just this past weekend was the Rosary Bowl in Salem, where the Knights, led by long-term participant Kevin Fredinburg, who played a prominent role. One highlight was a Charity Unity Fraternity Degree, bringing in 2 new Brothers. Thanks to all the Knights, too many to name, who participated.

A big shout-out to our State Life Director Kent Purdy, who answered the call to organize the Relic Tour here in Oregon. For many, in particular our Hispanic Brothers and their families, this was a very moving experience.

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I will leave most of my membership comments to our State Membership Director, Chris Cummings, but you did it – hitting our 20% quota by the end of September. This affords us a reduction in our overall quota. Echoing the sentiments of our Regional Grown Director, Billy – Can you do 50% by the end of November? We can do it! I've seen the numbers, there are Catholic men who can become members if you ask them to join. Pay particular attention to the young men age 18-25. We have seen a positive influx of new Knights from that age group. Each of your Councils should be running a membership drive in October and hopefully another before Christmas. It appears the St. Joseph Team of Officers and Directors led by Team Captain Tom Burns is cruising along over the St. Michael the Archangel team. Don't let your team captain Tommy down.

Remember Brothers, always lead with Faith First and let them know the Knights of Columbus are true Christian Men, By Our Love.

Vivat Jesus!

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### **Fraudulent Emails**

Dear Brothers;

It has come to my attention that some of you may have been receiving fraudulent emails from myself and perhaps other State Officers (I know of two others). I apologize for any inconvenience and/or confusion this may cause you.

It is hard to tell you when one of us may have been hacked or where they may have gotten hold of a state-wide list. Most of our Passwords have been changed, but unfortunately, once they get hold of a list, it is difficult to stop. A couple of things to look for:

1. Gift Cards / Money - As Knights, we contribute to a lot of things and we do send out requests for charitable giving, i.e. the most recent email on Special Olympics. We do not ask you to get random gift cards or send any one of us money directly. If it seems bogus, it probably is. If you have questions, do not reply to the email directly - Start a new email or call me directly.

2. Look for clues that indicate possible fraud. Spelling/ Grammar errors. We all make them but look for the more obvious ones.

Hover over the sender's email address. The latest one that I supposedly sent came from: [Grandknight@brainerd.net](mailto:Grandknight@brainerd.net). Hover over links to make sure they are correct. It is very easy to create a link that says [Click here to donate to Special Olympics](#) but when you hover over it, where does it actually take you? Again - Call or email if you are confused.

3. The vast majority of 'official' state business, with those particularly involving donations, will come from our Executive Secretary, Tim Grady.

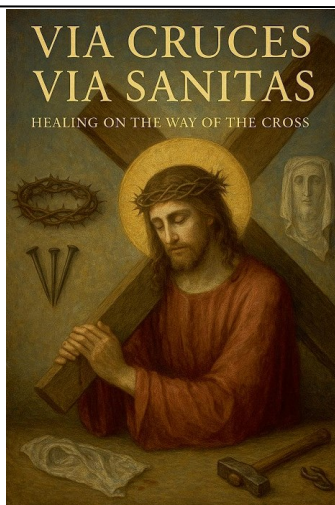
Thank you for your understanding.

Vivat Jesus!

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(This book was written by DD16 David Aguirre)

*Via Crucis Via Sanitas: Healing on the Way of the Cross invites readers into a sacred journey through the Passion of Christ, offering not only reflection but restoration. Rooted in Catholic tradition and inspired by the Stations of the Cross, this book weaves Scripture, prayer, and meditative insight to reveal how Christ's suffering brings healing to our wounds-spiritual, emotional, and physical.*

Each station becomes a moment of encounter: with Christ's pain and with our own; with His mercy, and our need for it. With theological depth and pastoral tenderness, the author guides readers to discover the hidden grace in suffering and the transformative power of walking with Jesus on the road to Calvary.

Whether used during Lent or any time of spiritual need, this book is a companion for all who seek wholeness through the cross-and healing through the Crucified.



Archbishop  
William Lori

***Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori addressed the State Chaplains during their annual meeting in New Haven***



***Faith Formation (COR)***

I wouldn't be worth my salt if I didn't put in a plug for **COR**. As you all know, there are many men's spirituality programs, and these have been around for quite a while — and they are certainly a step in the right direction. But men's spirituality is our "natural space" as Knights of Columbus.

The principal reason why Blessed Michael founded the Order was to help the men of his parish to recover their faith or to stay close to the faith at a time when they were lax in coming to Church on Sunday, often neglectful of family responsibilities, and attracted to the secret societies of the day, societies inimical to the faith. Blessed Michael was above all a parish priest who was concerned that if the faith of fathers and husbands faltered, so too would the faith of their children and young people. His pastoral concern in the latter part of the 19th century is very relatable to our pastoral concerns in the 21st century.

**COR** provides a path for men's spirituality better than anything else I've seen. It is rooted firmly in the principle of unity — one Lord, one faith, one baptism. It is rooted firmly in the principle of fraternity — it is a fraternal sharing of faith, a building of trust, a willingness to discuss what really matters at the core of our existence — *COR ad COR loquitur*. It is rooted firmly in the principle of charity — for when the truth, the depth, the beauty of God's love dawns upon us, then his love shapes how we live our vocations, how we relate to others, including fellow Knights, and how we reach out to those who are in need.

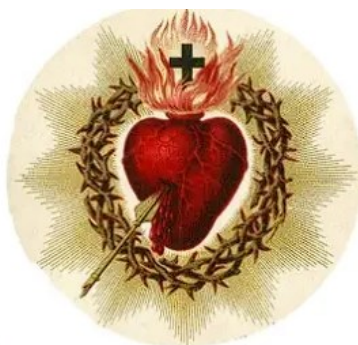
**COR** is more than instructional, important as that is. After all, even many of those in the pews are not well instructed. **COR**, while helping to address such deficiencies, helps men to allow the gaze of Christ to penetrate their hearts. The gaze of Christ reveals us to ourselves, shows us areas in our lives that need to be changed, moves us to conversion and so clears the way for the grace of the Holy Spirit to work in us. Put another way, **COR** helps men to believe in the love God has for them so that they, in turn, can be men of authentic charity at home, in their parishes, in their Councils, and in the wider community.

Maybe you've noticed an uptick, even an upsurge, of younger people who are turning to the faith, coming back to Church, many of them on college campuses but many also in our parishes. Many of them have come to see the emptiness of their own contemporary culture and the anxieties and sadness it produces in so many lives. The same is true of younger men, including recently married men, who are searching for their place at home, in the Church, and in the world. The increase in membership the Order experienced over the past year speaks to this search for truth, for meaning, for purpose. **COR** corresponds to that very real need. As chaplains, we are also pastors who care deeply about the spiritual lives of those we are privileged to serve. Your support for **COR** will greatly influence your State Deputy and officers as well as your fellow chaplains throughout your jurisdiction. It is both our past and our future: It is what drove Blessed Michael to found the Knights, and it is our mission as we look to the future in hope.

Let me say once again how grateful I am to Father Kalisch for the support he continually offers you in your roles of service and how grateful I am to all of you for your leadership and service to the Knights of Columbus. We are blessed with the leadership of our supreme knight, Patrick Kelly.

The future is bright, and God's grace is abundant. Let us seize the moment, the day the Lord has made!

*Vivat Jesus!*







## Chaplains Report

### Spiritual Accompaniment on the Final Journey

**By Fr. Jonathan D. Kalisch, O.P.**

**Director of Chaplains and Spiritual Development**

A palpable sense of Blessed Michael McGivney's presence still pervades Thomaston, Connecticut, where he was pastor from 1884 until his death in 1890. His image still greets visitors to the Thomaston Opera House, where Father McGivney directed young adults in patriotic and cultural plays, and the town proudly claims him as their own. Marriage licenses signed by Father McGivney are displayed in the city clerk's office, and pilgrims can visit the spot where his parish church and rectory once stood, though both were torn down and rebuilt elsewhere after his death.

Perhaps the most poignant memorial to Blessed Michael's priestly presence is the St. Thomas Parish cemetery. There, pilgrims can climb the hill where Father McGivney would have accompanied dozens of his parishioners on their last earthly journey. Dates on the headstones identify members of the Body of Christ who would have heard Blessed Michael preach the Gospel and received the sacraments from him. Truly, from this cemetery, the faithful witnesses of Blessed Michael await the general resurrection.

As November approaches, we should encourage our Brother Knights and their Councils to take an active part in tending graves and cleaning up local cemeteries and neglected gravesites in need of care.

BEFORE →



AFTER →



In doing so prayerfully, we not only honor those who have gone before us but also exercise a spiritual charity toward the souls in purgatory. This may provide an opportunity for catechesis on the last things and the Church's teaching about death, which can help prepare our Brother Knights for this encounter. May Blessed Michael, whose prayers often accompanied his parishioners on their final journey into eternity, continue to inspire us to lead our brother Knights into the kingdom that awaits us all.

*Vivat Jesus!*

**Vice Supreme Master Report**

Worthy Sir Knights,

Our Provincial Meeting is Saturday October 11th in Baker City. Each Assembly is invited to send their representative at their expense if they wish.

Please send in your registration to me as soon as possible. Also see updated registration form (no need to resubmit if you already did, just updated some wording choices to eliminate some ambiguity). Updated form previously sent.

**Programs:**

1. Color Guard Competition: Catholic Patriot Day November 11th. Please strongly consider having your Assembly participate.
2. Sword Drill: prepare for Catholic Patriot Day and other honor guards by practicing sword drill and color guard drill. Perform with excellence!

**Training:**

September 22nd Drill Manual Update (Updated link previously sent).

Finally, please let me know if there's anything I can do to be of assistance to you in any way. I am here at your service and I am happy to help.

Vivat Jesus!

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**QR Code To Open Fillable Form 4 For 4th Degree**

At the 3rd Degree level, we've been moving towards online membership and have a QR code to join online. While the 4th Degree is still using the Form-4, here is a way of doing it electronically. This QR Code will direct the user to an online fillable PDF of the Form-4, which candidates can fill out electronically and send to their Faithful Navigator.

Please feel free to share this with your respective areas of influence.



**Vice Supreme Master Input**

Worthy Sir Knights,

First of all, I wanted to let you all know that there still has not been a decision made yet for a new District Master in Oregon. I know all of you are undoubtedly looking forward to finding out any information available. I will share information with you as soon as I know anything.

Secondly, I wanted to share some important updates with the Oregon District.

1. Catholic Patriot Day Competition: I would like to encourage ALL Assemblies to participate in this competition. It will be completely worthwhile! All you need to do is film a team conducting a flag ceremony and create a video 3-5 minutes in length. **Submit by Nov 28th.** More info [here](#).

2. Sword Drill Practice: To prepare for this competition, I would like to encourage each District Marshal to put together a day/time to practice sword drill during the month of October. Assemblies are also invited to conduct their own sword drill practice. Flyer [here](#).

3. Exemplification of Patriotism Nov 15th: Put it on your calendar and encourage 3rd Degree Knights to advance to the 4th Degree! We are looking for your help in promoting this event! Flyer [here](#).

4. Provincial Meeting Oct 11th: Continue to encourage members to attend this Provincial Meeting in Baker City. It is a Jubilee Pilgrimage site too! This could be your opportunity to visit one of the 12 Jubilee Pilgrimage sites in the State! Register [here](#)!

Worthy Sir Knights, it is the highest honor of Knighthood to be a 4th Degree! Thank you for all you do!

**Kenneth J. Anderson**

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**Statewide Prayer List**

State Deputy  
Robert Adams

Dear Brothers:

I am pleased to reintroduce the Statewide Prayer List. Some of you may recall the dedicated work done by Andy Robinson in the past. It was great to know who needed our prayers and hopefully comforting to those receiving prayers, knowing so many Brother Knights were praying for them on their behalf.



DD16  
David Aguirre

I am grateful to District Deputy 16 David Aguirre for answering the call to take on this ministry.

David's plan is to create a fillable form that allows individual brother Knights to submit prayer requests. Once a month, these will be collected into a book of intentions, then have that book be exposed with the Blessed Sacrament. The list generated will be sent out to all via Executive Secretary Tim Grady, added to the website through Tom Radel, and included to enhance the work already being done by Tom Karl on the newsletter.

The form is currently being developed, but you may start immediately by sending in prayer intentions to David through email to [daguirre338@outlook.com](mailto:daguirre338@outlook.com) or via text to 915-443-3418.

Vivat Jesus!

Bob Adams

State Deputy, Oregon Knights of Columbus

**Preparing local Grounds For Bishop's Installation**

By: Andrew Untermeyer, GK Council 1872 Bend

**Brothers,**

On September 29th, St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Bend—home of Council 1872—had the distinct honor of Preparation and hosting the ordination and installation of Bishop Thomas J. Hennen as the Seventh Bishop of the Diocese of Baker.

In the weeks leading up to this historic event, members of our Council worked hand in hand with parish and diocesan staff to prepare the grounds, clearing brush, installing posts and setting streamers to ensure proper parking and flow for the hundreds of attendees.

On the day of ordination, 25 Knights—including our Brothers from La Pine and Redmond—faithfully carried out their duties. Together, we directed parking, welcomed guests, and served as greeters and ushers at the doors of the church. Among the many who attended were State of Oregon Knights of Columbus officers, including members of the Fourth Degree Honor Guard—whose presence brought additional honor and dignity to the celebration.

This day stands as a powerful witness to our Order's mission of service, fraternity and faith.

Vivat Jesus,

Andrew Untermeyer, Grand Knight Council 1872





## **Ordination and installation of the new Bishop of the Diocese of Baker**

BY: Francis Mohr, PSD



Bishop  
Thomas Hennen  
Baker Diocese

The ordination and installation of the new Bishop of the Diocese of Baker, Thomas Hennen, was held on Monday, September 29, 2025, at 2:00 PM Pacific Time at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Bend, OR.

Background: Pope Leo XIV accepted the resignation of Baker Diocese's previous bishop, Liam Cary, and appointed Father Thomas Hennen as the Bishop-elect on July 10, 2025.

Fr. Hennen served as a priest of the Diocese of Davenport and served as its vicar general and rector of the Sacred Heart Cathedral. He is the youngest bishop leading a U.S. diocese at age 47.

Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup> was a big day for the Parishioners of St. Francis de Sales Cathedral Parish as their newly ordained Bishop Thomas Hennen celebrated his first Mass at the Mother Church of Baker Diocese. The K.C. Council 849 and the Parish Altar Society coordinated a tasty Texas French toast, sausage, fresh fruit, juice and coffee breakfast reception as part of the welcoming for the Bishop.

During the breakfast, Deputy Grand Knight Ron Rowan gave a special welcome to Bishop Hennen. "Welcome, Bishop Hennen, to the Baker Diocese. As it said in today's responsorial psalm, *"For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides"*. We look forward to you guiding us and serving as the shepherd of the diocese."

"As our shepherd and leader, and as a token of our appreciation, we present to you this cowboy hat. It represents the culture and values that have been established in the west over the last 200 years."

### **"Welcome to beef cattle country!"**

It appears that after a few expenses, we will have about \$1,000 check to send to the Bishop to help with these expenses he needs to meet.

(photo of the Bishop receiving his gift from PSD Francis Mohr and Deputy Grand Knight Ron Rowan)



(photo of Bishop Thomas Hennen with his cowboy hat gift)



### State Secretary's October Report

Brothers,

I had the privilege of attending a rare opportunity to have experienced the ordination of our new Bishop of Baker, The Most Reverend Thomas Hennen, for the Diocese of Baker.

The photos on this page reflect my vantage point as Bishop Emeritus Liam Cary laid hands upon the newly Installed Bishop Hennen, a tradition of over 2000 years as the existing bishop transfers the responsibility for the episcopate to the new bishop.

In a two-hour Mass celebrated by Archbishop Sample, sixteen visiting bishops and the Cardinal Nuncio, who was visiting from the Vatican, filled the altar area of St Francis Church in Bend, Oregon on Monday, September 29, 2025. With an impressive 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Honor Guard lining the central aisle, and well over fifty priests joined the procession.

State and Regional K of C Leaders took the opportunity to capture a quick photo with the newly installed Bishop after his Ordination Mass. From the Left: Regional Growth Director, Billy Chrisman; State Warden, David Judy; Bishop Thomas Hennen; State Secretary, Michael Pranger; State Deputy, Robert Adams; State Advocate, Nickolas Guenther; and our Vice Supreme Master, Kenneth Anderson III.

Having taken advantage of staying Sunday and Monday nights with close friends living in Bend, just 15 minutes from the St. Francis Church, I was able to attend Bishop Hennen's Vespers in the Old St Francis church on Sunday evening after joining the other State/Regional Officers for Dinner beforehand. Following the Ordination Mass on Monday afternoon, I spent time with my friends, staying till 2:00 a.m. when I left to shuttle three different bishops to their early morning flights from the Redmond Airport. Taking advantage of the negligible traffic in the predawn hours, I was able to return home in Hillsboro by 7:30 a.m.

I want to thank State Community Director Brent Dattke as well as his regional coordinators, State Youth Director George Murphy and State Advocate Nick Guenther, for their efforts in delivering 377 cases of Coats for Kids, representing a truly incredible \$55K of donations, exceeding our 2024 state giving level by \$7K. This displays absolutely amazing generosity by our state Councils to support this incredible effort.

Well Done, Brothers !!

Thanks,

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### Coats for Kids



Congratulations, your commitment to procure more than \$55,000 of Coats for Kids is bringing 363 Cases to your Councils or groups to serve Oregonians in need of warm coats and jackets this winter!

EVERY GROUP that submitted an order ahead of our September 10<sup>th</sup> Deadline is receiving a FULL BOGO Match From Supreme. Only one Council that ordered after 9/10/25 did not receive the BOGO Match.

All orders were placed and many cases are already enroute to one of our three delivery sites.

George Murphy is coordinating Portland Metro Deliveries, Nick Guenther is handling the Willamette Valley and Brent Dattke, Central-Eastern Oregon. They each have your contact info and delivery addresses, so contact them directly for any changes or to arrange pickup/delivery details. If you have not heard from them just yet, expect a call any time.

Please be sure to send those great photographs of your deliveries to your recipients to Tom Karl who is the Editor/Publisher of the Columbian Newsletter to include in our October (if you do it by October 5th) or November Columbian Newsletter at [tkarl@charter.net](mailto:tkarl@charter.net)

Vivat Jesus,

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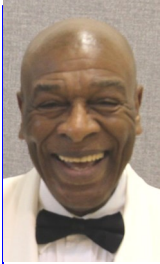
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George Murphy  
Youth Director

### Youth Director Report

Worthy Brother Knights;



We are right in the middle of delivering our Coats For Kids. A great big SHOUT OUT to Joe Fieweger and Manny Buzo for lining up an order of 88 boxes of Coats from Heidi at NW Children's Outreach and Hope's Closet. Then they added 12 boxes from Tualatin Odd Fellows and 8 boxes from Tualatin Resurrection. However I would like to THANK all of our Knights throughout the State of Oregon for their contributions—a job well done!



Next up is our annual Soccer event. District Deputies should be hosting their district meets this month (Oct) and on November 22, 2025.

Hillsboro will be hosting the State Soccer Championship. Sign in will begin at 12 Noon and Competition will start at 12:30...address is: St. Matthew 475 SE 3rd Ave. Hillsboro, OR 97123



### Please remember our Fall Programs:

1. Catholic Essay (who is your 3 favorite Popes and why) 500-750 words only.



2. Drug Abuse (poster)
3. Alcohol Awareness (poster)



4. Keep Christ in Christmas (poster)

In summary, we covered three items in this newsletter:

1. Coats for Kids
2. State Soccer Event
3. Fall Programs

If you have any questions please contact me,

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Brent Dattke  
Community Director

## **October Oregon State General Program Director Report**

### **New Programs from Supreme (as published by Supreme)**

#### **Imitating Saint Juan Diego – NEW PROGRAM!**

As Knights of Columbus, whose patroness is Our Lady of Guadalupe, we are called to be her messengers, just as St. Juan Diego was throughout his life. The appearance of Our Lady of Guadalupe to St. Juan Diego led to the mass conversion of millions of indigenous people to the Catholic Faith and continues to serve as a means of evangelization today. Councils can teach others about their lives and status as powerful intercessors by organizing a traveling image of Our Lady of Guadalupe for families, by encouraging acts of popular piety, and by sharing other devotional materials with members and their parish communities. Resources will be available in the Faith in Action section of Supplies Online soon.

#### **Holy Hour for Life with Our Lady of Guadalupe NEW PROGRAM!**

The Holy Hour for Life with Our Lady of Guadalupe calls upon Councils to organize adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and a special prayer service to ask for Our Lady's intercession for the pro-life cause. As Patroness of the unborn, Our Lady is a powerful advocate for those at-risk of abortion and all those involved in the cause of life. Through this Holy Hour, Councils and their parishes can pray for a variety of intentions such as healing from infertility, defense of the unborn, care for mothers and families, and an end to the evil of abortion. Resources will be available in the Faith in Action section of Supplies Online soon.

#### **Exciting Incentive**

Fraternal Mission will send cash prizes to qualifying Councils based on the below criteria for use toward holding a Council and/or parish event during the 2025-2026 Fraternal Year:

The top three recruiting Councils by total membership gains in each territory

The top 25 recruiting Councils by percentage of quota in each territory

To qualify, Councils must attain at least 100% of their membership quota by October 31.

### **Go for Two**

Knights who recruit two men between September 1st and December 31st, 2025, will be entered into a drawing to receive a cash prize of \$1,500! Ten second-place winners will receive a customized, K of C-branded football.

## **October 2025 Community Directors Report**

Brothers/Worthy Sir Knights

This year, Supreme had a limit of 131 cases of coats that they would match one for free with each one we purchased, as they only had \$ 300,000 to spend on this project. With that being the case, we were required to have our orders in by September 15<sup>th</sup> to receive the BOGO offer. After evaluating the orders they received by September 15th, they were able to provide us with an additional 46 matching cases. As a result, we wound up with 177 matching cases of coats. Counting the cases that were not matched, we had a total of 363 cases of coats this year—great job to all of you who had participated in this very worthy project.

I apologize that not all Councils were not able to take advantage of the BOGO offer. Due to limited availability this year, the distribution was on a first-come, first-served basis.

Next year, Councils should be prepared to have their Coats for Kids orders into the state by September 10th so that we can submit our orders to Supreme before the 15th to qualify for the BOGO offer if it is offered again next year.

Vivat Jesus,

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Matt Deppmeier  
Family Director

### Family Director

I would like to thank our Worthy State Deputy Bob Adams and Worthy State Program Director Brent Dattke for appointing me as your State Family Director for Fraternal Year '25-'26. I come to you from Council 1872 in Bend where I serve in the positions of financial secretary and membership director.

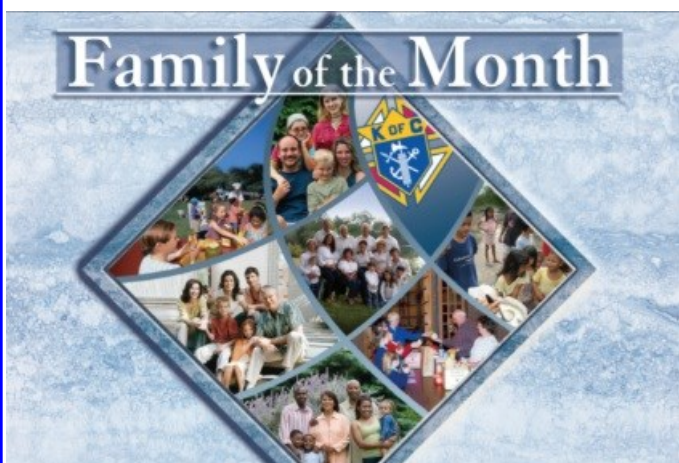
As you well know, supporting families was a primary reason for the establishment Order of the Knights of Columbus. There is no better way for your Council to highlight the importance of family than by recognizing families through one of the most meaningful and accessible programs the Knights offer—the Family of the Month program\*.

Each month, select one parish family that models Christian family values and visibly lives them every day. Recognize the family by presenting them with a Family of the Month certificate ([Certificate PDF](#)) at a Mass or other Parish event and recognize them in your parish bulletin. Report the selection of the family to Supreme ([Fraternal Programs Report Form 10784](#)) where they will be entered into a national drawing. (Each month, 100 families are selected and honored by Supreme with a framed certificate signed by the Supreme Knight himself.) Finally, report the honored family to the state by completing the Family Report Form ([State Forms – Oregon Knights of Columbus](#)).

Here in Oregon, my goal is simple: to get every Council involved. Imagine if we had 100% participation. That's not just 12 families per Council per year—it's hundreds of families across our state being lifted up, encouraged and celebrated. Think about the message that sends—not just to those families, but to the entire parish community. Together, let's build up our Church and our Order—one family at a time.

Vivat Jesus!

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\*The **Knights of Columbus Family of the Month** program recognizes a parish family each month for their outstanding contributions to the Church, Council, and community.

The award is given to families that model **Christian family values** and demonstrate commitment to nurturing the Catholic family.

Each Council establishes a committee to select a deserving family, promoting strong and vibrant family life.

The selected family is honored for their service and inspiration to the parish and community.

This program aims to strengthen family bonds and encourage active participation in church and community activities.



## **Fraternal Benefit Events (frequently asked questions)**

### **How does a Council qualify for the "Founders Award"?**

- To qualify for the "Founders' Award" a Council must promote and host two (2) **Fraternal Benefit Events (FBE)** (virtual or in person).
- **New this year:** If the GK and DGK meet individually with their agent for a personal review of fraternal benefits available to them, these two meetings will count as one of the two required FBE's.
- The Founders Award remains one of the requirements for Star Council.

### **What are the attendance requirements?**

- For Councils with 99 or fewer members, the sum of both events must equal or exceed 10 eligible attendees.
- For Councils with 100 or more members, the sum of both events must equal or exceed 14 eligible attendees.
- Eligible attendees must be "unique members" Meaning, you can't count the same person twice.
- Eligible attendees must be a member or membership eligible. Meaning, they must be male, 18 or older and a practical Catholic. Others (ladies and children) can still be present; they just aren't eligible to be reported as attending.

### **If a Council has 23 eligible attendees at their first FBE, must they still have a second?**

Yes, a Council must host a second FBE, even though they exceeded the attendee requirement.

Who can present or run our "In-person" FBE?

- Your local Field Agent and/or General Agent presents a FBE to the families of the Council and/or Parish. Work with your Priest and Field Agent to select a date and location. Advertise the event in the parish bulletin, fliers, posters, etc. The Council hosts the event. The Agent presents the FBE.  
The Council can provide refreshments for the attendees. Provide a signup sheet for all attendees.

### **How do we organize a "Virtual" FBE?**

- You should organize a virtual FBE much like the in-person FBE. Your State and/or Supreme will notify you in advance of all virtual events so you can plan for them. You should still advertise the event in the parish bulletin, fliers, posters, etc. The Council hosts the event. The FBE presenter will be virtual.  
Be sure to have a computer, workable internet, large screen, projector, and speakers (much like a movie night). The Council can provide refreshments for the attendees. Provide a signup sheet for all attendees.

### **Why do we need a signup sheet?**

- You need to track who is attending. You will need their name, email, and phone number of all those that qualify for reporting later to Supreme.
- Only report eligible attendees (see above).

### **How do we report our FBE?**

- The GK must now report the results of their FBE directly to Supreme. This can only be done using the online Form »11077.  
**DO NOT SEND MANUALLY AND DO NOT SEND TO YOUR GENERAL AGENT**
- When you complete and submit your form-11077, the GA will automatically be sent a copy, and he has the option to review and dispute your reporting.

### **Where do we find Form #11077?**

- Open Supreme's website, pick on the red "FOR MEMBERS" box.
- Scroll down and pick the blue "FORMS" box.
- Go to Council Forms.
- Scroll down and pick Form #11077 "Fraternal Benefit Event Council Report".
- Complete the "Online preferred method".
- At the bottom of the form, you must now verify your eligible attendees. You can pick the circle for "I will load an image" where you must upload your signup sheet. Or pick the circle "I will manually enter" and then enter all eligible attendees' names, email, and phone number.
- Pick the blue "SUBMIT" box and you're done.

## **Transferring an Online Member to a Local Council (frequently asked questions)**

### **I recruited a new member using the online join process, does he now become a member of my Council?**

- No, a new member who used the online join process does not automatically become a member of a local Council. You may have recruited him during a Council church drive, and he may have entered his "Preferred Local Council" number while joining, or the state may have assigned him your local Council number, but he does not automatically become part of your local Council.
- New members that use the online join process are automatically enrolled into a 5 digit "State Online Council" that starts with 98xxx. Example: California 98004, Texas 98042, Idaho 98011, Colorado 98005
- The address he entered while joining will determine what state online Council he is enrolled in, and that state will get credit for that new member.

### **What can this member do while in the State Online Council?**

- This member is now a Knight of Columbus. He can purchase our insurance products, receives a special membership card, receives the Columbia magazine, can take part in state and local activities, and can attend local Council meetings.
- Since he is not yet a member of a local Council, if he attends local Council meetings, he should be recognized as an "Online Member". He can't vote on local matters or hold any Council position.
- Currently those who joined online, joined for free for 1-year. Once they are transferred into a local Council, they could start paying those local Councils dues, but we would hope you still honor the 1-year free.



### **How long can he remain in the State Online Council?**

These members can choose to stay in the "State Online Council" indefinitely. There are many reasons why some members prefer not to transfer or take part in local Council life.. job, family, military deployment, the time commitment, only wants our quality life insurance, etc., etc.

### **How do we get this new online member transferred into our local Council?**

- When he joined online and entered his "Preferred Local Council" number, his name and all his contact information will now show on that preferred local Councils "Prospect Tab" in Officers Online. Pick on the members name and all his information will pop-up.
- The FS and GK will receive an email each time a new member enters their "Prospect Tab".
- The FS and GK have access to the "Prospect Tab" and both can make additions. Check to see if you have any online members in the "Prospect Tab" right now. you might be surprised to find several members waiting there to join your Council.

### **The transfer process**

1. Contact the online member. Call him and invite him to some of your local Council events. Get to know him. At some point, assess his interest in joining your Council and explain the benefits of being a member in your Council. Inform and instruct him on the next Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity.
2. Run him through your Council's admission committee and vote on him.
3. If he is accepted, arrange for him to take his Exemplification (live or virtually).
4. Immediately after taking his Exemplification, the FS or GK should open the "Prospect Tab" in Officers Online and enter the "Ceremonial Date" of this member and then pick the blue "Transfer" box.
5. If the member has already received his Exemplification elsewhere, on another date, then put the current date in the "Ceremonial Date" box. This way it doesn't override his initial Exemplification date.
6. In a few days the transferred online member will be removed from 98xxx and show on the local Council's roster.

### **What if there are concerns about his eligibility or he decides he doesn't want to join our Council?**

- Whether the member declined membership in your Council, or there are concerns about his eligibility or your Council didn't vote in his favor, you do have the option to reject his membership into your Council.
- Here again. The FS or GK can go the "Prospect Tab", go to this member, and pick the blue "Reject" box.
- A pop-up will appear where you can select the reason for the rejection... 1-Eligibility concerns, 2-Council incompatibility 3-Does not want to transfer.

That's basically it, Brothers. If you have additional questions, please contact your State Online Coordinator, Nicholas Guenther, [guenther51@gmail.com](mailto:guenther51@gmail.com)





Tom Burns  
DD02

### DD02 Report



A month ago Turning Point USA or Charlie Kirk was not even on my radar. I knew that students were also demonstrating against him being on campus and didn't like him any more than they liked the brave young women of Students for Life who were speaking about the evils of abortion. Often times on Catholic Universities. Nothing new!

Then came the news that Charlie Kirk was assassinated. Watching the throngs of people coming out on the streets, not only here, but also in the UK and Australia. Eulogies one after the other were memorializing him as an Evangelist and a staunch Defender of his Faith. He talked about bringing God and prayer back to our Country and our schools. Extolling Free Speech and fighting against making transgenderism normal, having men stand up to take their place as the heads of their families. Being better husbands and fathers. Treating a wife as an equal partner in marriage, each with different roles. Thousands of youth are hearing his message and turning to God. Desperate to find something upon which to hold fast.

My first thought was this guy must be a Knight of Columbus. We've been doing this for the past 134 years. "Seize the moment" gentlemen. Our youth are turning to Christ and there is none better than yourselves to show them the way.

I casually asked a pastor in my District how the OCIA is going.

He said he had a thousand people going through. I said, is this for the vicariate? No my parish, all the classrooms are full! He attributes this to the Eucharistic Revival. The past three years the Portland Archdiocese has been breaking records with converts to the Faith.

I have been successful with my recruiting by seeking out the men going through the OCIA program and telling them that "I will be contacting you after Easter".

On Palm Sunday, I call them to see if they made it through the program and complimenting them on a most successful journey. I also offer to take them out for a cup of coffee as I am very interested in hearing their path of conversion.

I have yet to be unsuccessful in bringing them into the Knights with this approach. When I hear their story, my faith is strengthened.

Tom Burns DD02  
Chairman of Council Retention  
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### **Council In Action**

By: Thomas Zahara PGK Council 115773 Florence

On Saturday September 28, 2025, at Our Lady of the Dunes Council 15773 Florence, it was a beautiful day for any outdoor activity but was equally enjoyed by the Florence Youth Soccer League and Knights Council members and wives.

Council 15773 hosted another very welcome Soccer Challenge at Miller Park and the kids and parents alike were very Thankful for our efforts. Great turnout!

Sincere Thanks to our members in the set up and participation. That's what Knights do.

Jesus Lives.



Girls 12 to 14 age group.  
Knights Soccer Ball Winner.  
Congratulations!





Kent Purdy  
LIFE Director

## **Life Director Report**

Brother Knights of the Oregon State Council,

Life Committee - Report. Hope Pregnancy Center was able to get a new ultrasound machine. Around \$15,000.00 was donated by local Councils. Supreme donated the other half. They also have a groundbreaking for a new center at 2780 Market Street NE Salem. Saturday in Eugene and Lake Oswego there will be a commemoration for the lost children of abortion. Kent Purdy spoke at the Eugene event. 40 Days for Life started on September 24th.

### **October is recognized as RESPECT LIFE MONTH**

So, why not plan some LIFE activities to observe this special month? I know Councils sometimes have difficulty meeting these requirements for the Columbian Award/Star Council. I'm here to help you meet these goals.

First of all, check with your parishes and see if any activities are planned for October. If so, support those. If not, then work with your pastor and come up with some.

### **Here's some suggestions. Click on the links for the Guide Sheets from Supreme:**

Since October is also the MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY, then why not a **Rosary for Life**?

Start a **Novena for Life**. [10622 Novena for Life GS](#)

Hold a **HOLY HOUR with Our Lady of Guadalupe** [11755 OurLady GS](#)

Participate in the **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**, the Fall Campaign of which is going on NOW. Here's a link to find out where in your area: [Prayer Vigils - Oregon Right to Life](#)

While prayer is critical to implore God for the graces to change hearts and minds, we can also TAKE ACTION. Here are some suggestions with the corresponding links for help:

**Pregnancy Center Support:** [10623 Pregnancy Support GS](#)

**Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP)** [11371 Aid and Support Guide Book](#) Supreme will match every \$500 raised with \$100 to the same organization, up to \$400 for a \$2000 donation.

Start the fundraising, with your Council AND your parish, for an **ULTRASOUND** in a local Pregnancy Resource Center (PRC) [10627-ultrasound-guidesheet.pdf](#)

If you need help with the procedures to get an Ultrasound placed, please reach out to me. We just placed one in Salem, so I am familiar with what needs to be done. The Council must raise half the cost of a new ultrasound, and Supreme will match that donation to provide the rest.

Councils need FOUR Life Activities to earn this part of the Columbian Award as part of the requirements for STAR COUNCIL. Remember the **ULTRASOUND** activity and **Pregnancy Center Support** are "Featured Programs", so doing those will count for TWO of the four. So, you get more "bang for the buck" if you do those.

The Council that raises the most funds for a Pregnancy Resource Center or for the ASAP program will also win a monetary award from the State Council!

Here's a link to find a Pregnancy Resource Center in your area [Pregnancy - Oregon Right to Life](#)

Finally, don't forget to REPORT what you do to the State Council. Go to the State Website, click on 'State Forms' (almost to the bottom of the home page), click on "Culture of Life Report Form" and fill it out and send it to me.

Or, use this link [Culture-of-Life-Report-Form-2025-261.pdf](#)

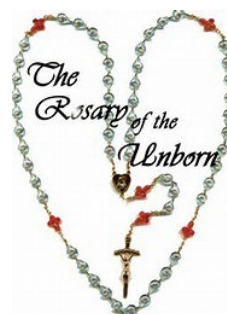
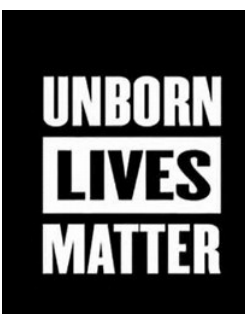
Sorry for so many links. Reach out to me if you have any problems or questions. I'm at your service!

Vivat Jesus,

SK Kent A. Purdy, State LIFE Director

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Ray Prom PSD  
Faith Director

### **Forming your heart to the Heart of Jesus Christ**

That my Brothers, is my *Elevator Speech* for the **Cor Initiative**. Forming your heart to the Heart of Jesus Christ, through the 3 basic components, Faith, Formation and Fraternity.

At its core (pun intended), the **Cor Initiative** allows a man to walk with his fellow men in his parish, on his own salvation journey. For most of us, this journey has been difficult as we try to do it alone. Imagine trying to score a touchdown when you are the only one on your team. No matter how good you are, no matter how evasive a runner, you cannot overcome the opponents battling against you.

The same thing is true in your salvation journey. You need a team. You need a game plan that motivates you and gives you a chance towards success. You need men you can rely on when your strength is waning. The leadership of the Knights of Columbus recognized that men today are struggling and have put together this remarkable program to help us all. Because, as our Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly has said, "If we get the man right, we get everything right—the marriage, the family, the parish and the community."

Imagine our lives if we were formed to the Heart of Jesus Christ. So much of the pettiness, the anger, the envy would disappear—in all of our relationships.

You need to get involved in the **Cor Initiative**.

Supreme has put together an amazing support system for any parish wanting to get started. Bible studies, videos, faith action guidebooks, everything you need to shape your technique in starting **Cor**. You don't have to do it alone. Talk to several of your friends, both Knights and not-yet-Knights. Talk to your parish priest, who maybe doesn't really have time to take on another task, but would love to have a more faithful parish.

Email me, and we can get started in time for a great Advent journey. Remember too, this is not a Council program, this is a parish wide program open to all the men in the parish.

***Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like your heart!***

Contact me to get started:

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Matthew Deppmeier  
State Family Director

### **Keep Christ in Christmas programs**

For those Councils interested in participating in one or more of the Keep Christ in Christmas programs ([KCIC Guidebook](#)) at their Parish, it is not too early to begin planning and procuring necessary materials.

One of these programs is the Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest ([PosterContest](#)) which invites children to create original artwork that reflects the message of keeping Christ at the center of Christmas.

Implementing this program through your own parish school, youth group or religious education program is a fun and easy way to put your faith into action and get youth in your community involved in their faith.

Teachers can incorporate the contest into art or religion classes. Councils should order their kits in October to be ready to present the contest by November. Posters should be completed by December 1st, and the Council judging should take place by December 31st.

Vivat Jesus!

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## **Albany Council 1577 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament**

By: tom Radel Webmaster

On September 8, 2025 the Albany Council 1577 held their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament to benefit Special Olympics Oregon at the Albany Golf Club of Oregon. There were 8 teams and 34 golfers participating in the event. There were 7 Business Sponsors and 13 in Kind Donation sponsors, including Taqueria Alonzo (owned by a member of the Knights of Council 1577) who had donated the lunch.

LouAnne Tabada, Sr. Director, represented Special Olympics at the event.

The event raised \$3,701.20 for Special Olympics Oregon.



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**Council In Action**

By: Duane Kloser Council 3484 Canby

**St. Patrick Parish Picnic 2025 in Canby – Council 3484**

The Canby Knights of Columbus organized this year's Parish Picnic on the Parish grounds.

Brother Knight Terry Prince did a fabulous job working with fellow Knights of Columbus members and other Ministries from the Church to welcome Fr. Arturo back to our Parish. After the meal prayer from Father, approximately 300 adults and children enjoyed a luncheon of barbequed chicken, pizza and hot dogs. After lunch, old and young alike, participated in games like: bingo, breaking piñatas, searching for coins/candy/gift cards in a bale of straw and soccer. Others enjoyed socializing, snow cones or their favorite ice cream bar. A fun day for all.



# Member Experience

## Interest Survey

To our new and current members, please know that we value your judgment, we appreciate your opinions, and we rely on your participation for the continued success of our council and parish. Our Knights of Columbus council conducts a variety of programs – activities where you can personally apply your talents and fulfill your ambitions. In an effort to ensure a great Knights of Columbus council experience, we ask that you complete the following survey. Thank you and *Vivat Jesus!*

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: ☐ Married ☐ Single ☐ Widower If Married, Wife's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children: Boys \_\_\_\_\_ Girls \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish/Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies/Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

### FAITH IN ACTION PROGRAMS

Please list your preferences for those Faith in Action programs you would be interested in volunteering at or attending.

FAITH	FAMILY	COMMUNITY	LIFE
<input type="checkbox"/> General Interest in Programs Designed for Faith Formation	<input type="checkbox"/> General Interest in Programs Designed to Strengthen Families	<input type="checkbox"/> General Interest in Programs Designed for Community Service	<input type="checkbox"/> General Interest in Programs Designed to Create a Culture of Life
<input type="checkbox"/> Into the Breach	<input type="checkbox"/> Family of the Month	<input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Preparedness	<input type="checkbox"/> Christian Refugee Relief
<input type="checkbox"/> Pilgrim Icon Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Keep Christ in Christmas	<input type="checkbox"/> Free Throw Championship	<input type="checkbox"/> Silver Rose
<input type="checkbox"/> Build the Domestic Church Kiosk	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Fully Alive	<input type="checkbox"/> Soccer Challenge	<input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy Center Support
<input type="checkbox"/> Rosary	<input type="checkbox"/> Family Week	<input type="checkbox"/> Helping Hands	<input type="checkbox"/> Aid & Support After Pregnancy (ASAP)
<input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Reflection	<input type="checkbox"/> Consecration to the Holy Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest	<input type="checkbox"/> Novena for Life
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<input type="checkbox"/> Sacramental Gifts	<input type="checkbox"/> Good Friday Family Promotion	<input type="checkbox"/> Global Wheelchair Mission	<input type="checkbox"/> March for Life
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<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Ultrasound
			<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

How much time do you think you can contribute to council activities?

☐ 1 hour per month ☐ 1 hour per week ☐ Multiple hours per week

What are some ideas you have for new or improved programs? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Would you be able to assist in leading any new or improved program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

What do you hope for your membership in our council? \_\_\_\_\_

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Please submit this form to your Grand Knight



*Editor's Question Of The Month*

*What Are The Seven Acts of Mercy?*

The Seven Acts of Mercy, are also known as the Corporal Works of Mercy, and are Essential teachings in Christian tradition that guide how we should treat others in need.

1. **Feed the Hungry:** Provide food to those who are in need, recognizing that hunger is a basic human issue.
2. **Give Drink to the Thirsty:** Offer water or other beverages to those who are thirsty, ensuring access to this essential resource.
3. **Clothe the Naked:** Provide clothing to those who lack adequate attire, helping to protect their dignity and well-being.
4. **Shelter the Homeless:** Offer shelter or support to those without a home, ensuring they have a safe place to stay.
5. **Visit the Sick:** Spend time with and care for those who are ill, providing comfort and companionship during their time of need.
6. **Visit the Imprisoned:** Reach out to those who are incarcerated, offering support and compassion to those often forgotten by society.
7. **Bury the Dead:** Honor the deceased by ensuring they receive a proper burial, respecting their dignity even in death.

**How many have you done this year?**





## **Membership Director Report**

Brothers, I owe you an explanation as to where I have been and why I'm not filling your inbox with excellent membership advice and information:!) Well last week the results were not in on Tuesday, so I took the week off. Tuesday is my KofC night for this report. However, NOW that you all put me to work. We had 20 new members who entered your Councils! Nice work!

This report gives all that valuable membership advice I was referring to.

Chris Cummings  
Membership Director

Please read.

**Go For 2!.....Just like Dan Campbell coach of the famed Detroit Lions!**

To properly equip and incentivize members to answer that call, a new initiative titled **Go for Two** will launch this month.

**In the coming weeks, we'll share several tools to help you and your council members "go for two," including new video assets, print material, social media assets and event ideas.**

The new **membership enrollment card**, together with church recruitment drives, will also be a key part of helping each member "go for two."

**Knights who recruit two men between September 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 will be entered into a drawing to receive a cash prize of \$1,500!\* Ten second-place winners will receive a customized, K of C-branded football.**

Knights who recruit four men in that time frame will be entered into the drawing twice.

We look forward to seeing you and your council members extend the hand of brotherhood and "go for two" this fall!

Brothers, WOW what a week. You all rallied to pull the State over the 20% mark of our annual membership quota. As a result we earned a membership quota reduction of 2.5%! Nicely done and thank you to all the Councils who participated with recruitment.

Posted below, in yellow is our standing in Division 4. We are in a good position to continue the rally but the **FIRST RUNG OF THE MEMBERSHIP LADDER HAS BEEN ACHIEVED!**

OK! Now let's talk about our next task at hand. Are you ready? We need to be at 50% by year end. Your challenge is to rally your Councils! Get the Delta Church Drives started and plan to meet your quota!. When you look at your results (and others) in the attachment the results that stand out are, how few Councils we have at 100% or greater! By year end we need 15 - 20 Councils at plan. Really not a huge lift as we have 27 Councils with at least 1 new member, just need to make it happen. Make your Council one of the exceptional Councils that is **at plan** by year end and on the way to Star Council!

### **Shout out:**

- Bend! Thank you Andy and the team bringing men to the order. You guys are a great example for the State!
- St. Philip came to play ball! 4 new members in a week! 1 more to achieve your plan and on the way to Star.
- St. Cecelia is picking up steam. Nice job with membership. I recently went to a breakfast at Council 6266 and it was terrific! Thank you!
- I met the Holy Family team at an exemplification in Oregon City on Sunday. A bunch of great guys and a couple of NICE new members! Great work
- Madam Magdalene and St. Clare—nice work putting points on the board. Keep it going.
- Mt. Angel is one of my favorite places! Nice job with a new member. There is a lot of potential in your small town. Be at plan by year's end, jus do it!

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**Division 4 Results as of 9.29 EOD:**

## Membership Results 9.30.2025

Council	New Members	% to Goal	FS	GK	DD
Bend – 1872 – St Francis	3	127%	Matthew Deppmeier	Andrew Untemeyer	Patrick Creedican
Dallas – 8129 – St Phillip	4	80%	Robert Kampmann	Gregory Fields	David Hamilton
Burns – St Cecelia – 6266	1	60%	James Cassinelli	Scott Petersen	David Judy
PDX – Holy Family – 16889	2	40%	Joseph Danna	Steve Tassinari	Michael Dec
PDX – Magdalene – 11682	1	20%	John Wynn	Dan O'Donnell	Michael McDougall
PDX – St Clare – 15485	1	20%	Erik Riechers	Donald Mey	Kevin Guenther
Mt Angel – St Mary – 1767	1	10%	Phil Gendhar	Kevin Gross	Michael Hanley

Total		9,073	2,244	2,386	142	6,687	26.30%
Arkansas	1	324	99	107	8	217	33.02%
Alabama	2	477	129	129	0	348	27.04%
Rhode Island	3	279	74	75	1	204	26.88%
Oregon	4	492	93	103	10	389	20.93%
New Hampshire	5	350	64	71	7	279	20.29%
Nevada	6	573	99	112	13	461	19.55%
Mississippi	7	351	61	62	1	289	17.66%
Oklahoma	8	559	89	92	3	467	16.46%
North Dakota	9	464	47	50	3	414	10.78%
Manitoba	10	340	32	36	4	304	10.59%
South Dakota	11	395	35	37	2	358	9.37%
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,604</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>3,730</b>	<b>18.98%</b>

**Defender of the Order:** St Joseph is playing "good ball" right now leading 57 - 29!

## AS of: 09-30-2025

District	Defender of the Order Teams	New Members Since Last Report
023	Tommy Nguyen (Captain)	1
004	Jeff Cuiper	0
005	David Hamilton	4
006	Mike Alley	3
007	Open	6
008	David Fears	2
009	Ed Dinius	5
011	Mike Swanson	0
013	Francis Mohr	2
014	Mike Dec	2
015	Jerry Burciaga	1
019	Frank Gilligan	0
020	John Snyder	2
021	Doug Whitney	0
022	Kevin Fredinburg	0
025	Mike Anley	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>29</b>



Team St Michael

002	Tom Burns (Captain)	5
001	Mike McDougal	7
003	Kevin Guenther	10
010	Pat Creedican	14
012	Mike Hahm	6
016	David Aguirre	9
017	Mike Pranger	3
018	David Judy	3
024	Chad Colombraro	0



Districts to which State Officers  
and Directors Belong

<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>Team St Joseph</b>
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Bl Michael McGivney Pray for Us!

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Cummings

Knights of Columbus Membership Director - Oregon

541.543.7596

[membership.director.or@gmail.com](mailto:membership.director.or@gmail.com)

### Membership Incentives

Dear Worthy Oregon State Districts and Councils. Please see the official 2025 – 2026 fraternal year Membership Incentives.

**All membership figures will be as stated on the Membership Director's Weekly Report & the Membership Director will be the final arbiter of any dispute that may arise.**

Each Council earns \$20/member newly initiated into a Council between Jul 1, 2025, & Sep 30, 2025.

Each Council earns \$15/member newly initiated into a Council between Oct 1, 2025, & Dec 31, 2025.

Each Council earns \$10/member newly initiated into a Council between Jan 1, 2026, & Mar 31, 2026.

Example: If a Council brought in 3 members per month for the first nine months, they could earn:  $9 \times \$20 = \$180$ , plus  $9 \times \$15 = \$135$ , plus  $9 \times \$10 = \$90 = \$405$  Total

**COUNCILS MUST BE SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM COMPLIANT ON APRIL 15, 2026, TO RECEIVE ANY MONIES.**

Payout will be confirmed and made after April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Cummings

Membership Director 2025 - 2026

**Council In Action**

By: Tom Radel, Webmaster/Council 1577

**St. Mary's of Albany Parish Picnic**

Albany Council 1577 cooked and provided food for their Parish Picnic on September 14, 2025 following the 10:30 Mass.

The Council cooked hamburgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob, chicken and prepared pulled pork sandwiches.

The Hispanic and Filipino groups also provided food for the picnic. It was fun for the entire Parish.





### District 12 Report

Given that I was preoccupied with surgery on my back, this report is relatively short. Thankfully, I could rely on District Warden Richard Huff, Council 15773, Our Lady of the Dunes, Florence to take care of my responsibilities. He travelled to Holy Redeemer to assist State Deputy Bob Adams to install Officers of Coos Council 1261 of which SD Bob Adams is a member.

Following are some images from events within District 12.

Our Lady of the Dunes Council had a soccer competition



The first winner pictured with GK Richard Huff is Jazzlyn Oakley;

The second winner shown is Zoe Gaches.



To the right are the Brother knights who assisted in this effort.  
Pictured above from left to right:



On 26 September, St Mary Parish and **Our Lady of the Dunes Council 15773** hosted Bishop Peter Smith for the celebration of the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass and the blessing of the renovated unborn monument. Four Sir Knights from **Coos Council 1995** in Bandon assisted with the honor guard. Following are some pictures:



Our Lady of the Dunes Council 15773 Knights presented a check in the amount of \$500.00 to Laura Smith who is with Friends of Florence Cancer Bus. They go to Eugene Monday thru Friday to the Cancer Center and Urology, taking patients over for FREE. They operate on Donations and grants. What a great SERVICE. Left to right in the picture is: Tom Zahara, Thomas Carson, Brian Girard, Jeff Amundson, Laura Smith, Richard Huff, Dennis Dwyer, and Noel Smith.

### **Most Holy Trinity Council 17396, Bandon**

Most Holy Trinity Council participated in the Bandon Cranberry Festival. Due to the generous donations from various vendors and Festival attendees who had purchased raffle tickets, the Council netted over \$5,000.00.

One of the recipients of this effort was the Bandon School District's Angel Clothing Closet – established to provide clothing for homeless and other needy students. In the picture on the right, Most Holy Trinity Council 17396 presents a check of \$1,000.00 to Superintendent Shauna Schmerer.





# Fall FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 18th & 19th, 2025



## Bingo

Saturday, October 18th

6:00pm - 8:30pm

Refreshments available for cash purchase.

## Sunday October 19th Events

### Theme Baskets

7:00am - 3:30pm

### Breakfast Burritos

7:00am - 10:00am

### Kids Carnival

8:00am to 2:00pm

Refreshments available for cash purchase.

### Take Out Dinners Available

11:30am - 3:00pm

\$25

### German Dinner

Dine In - 11:00 am - 3:00 pm



Gefüllter Schweinebraten  
(Pork roast stuffed with sausage)

Sauerbraten  
(Blackened Roast Beef)

Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy,  
Green Beans, Red Cabbage,  
Coleslaw, Applesauce,  
Roll and Butter, Coffee, Tea, Milk  
or Water and Dessert



TO PURCHASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE:

- Use this QR Code
- visit <https://tinyurl.com/5NCCFP25>
- Or Purchase at the Festival on the day of the event.

### TICKETS:

Adults (11 & older) \$25 Child (10 & under) \$12

For More Information



[www.stmatthewhillsboro.org/fall-festival](http://www.stmatthewhillsboro.org/fall-festival)

Email: [fallfestival@stmatthewhillsboro.org](mailto:fallfestival@stmatthewhillsboro.org)

St Matthew Catholic Church \* 475 SE Third Ave Hillsboro, OR 97123 \* (503) 648-1998



### *The Wall That Heals*

It was with great honor that our Knights of Columbus Honor Guard participated in a ceremony of remembrance at *The Wall That Heals* in Independence, Oregon, on September 19, 2025. This solemn event honored the more than 58,000 of our military members who lost their lives in Vietnam.

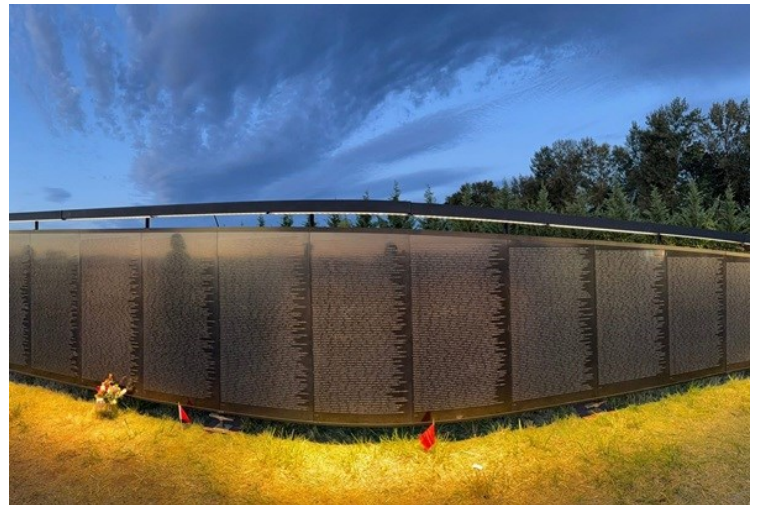
On Veterans Day in 1996, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) unveiled a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., designed to travel to communities across the United States. Since its dedication, *The Wall That Heals*® has been displayed in nearly 800 communities, carrying the Memorial's healing legacy to millions.

Bringing *The Wall* to local communities allows the souls enshrined on the Memorial to be remembered among family and friends in the comfort of familiar surroundings. The traveling exhibit has given countless veterans the strength to confront the experience of *The Wall* and begin or continue the healing process within their own communities.

The exhibit consists of two main components: a three-quarter scale replica of *The Wall* and the mobile Education Center. During the 2024 season, *The Wall That Heals* traveled nearly 20,000 miles, visiting 29 communities across the country. More than 3,000 vehicles escorted the exhibit into host communities, and nearly 200,000 visitors experienced its powerful message of remembrance and healing. Guided tours were provided to more than 20,000 of those visitors.

Blessings,

SK David Hamilton  
District Deputy, District 5  
Faithful Navigator, Assembly 4026  
Council 8129 Dallas  
Vietnam Era Veteran, Navy  
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[HamiltonRealty@yahoo.com](mailto:HamiltonRealty@yahoo.com)





Worthy Sir Knights of the Oregon District,

Please see the attached flyer, they are requesting a Color Guard for a Flag ceremony. Please RSVP to Mike McDougall at [Mikeworkprojects@aol.com](mailto:Mikeworkprojects@aol.com).

Vivat Jesus,

Duane Morris

Financial Secretary Council 1634

Faithful Comptroller Assembly 3219

Oregon State Treasurer, District Secretary for Oregon [oregondistrict4thdegree.org](http://oregondistrict4thdegree.org) [oregonkoqc.org](http://oregonkoqc.org)

**CLUB PAESANO PRESENTS**

**COLUMBUS DAY**

**A CELEBRATION OF ITALIAN HERITAGE**

**OCTOBER 11TH, 2025**

**DINNER AND SHOW FEATURING**

**THE UNCLE LOUIE VARIETY SHOW**  
[www.theunclelouievarietyshow.com](http://www.theunclelouievarietyshow.com)

**\$75 TICKETS**

A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE CLUB PAESANO SCHOLARSHIP FUND

**LOU GRECO**

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**5 COURSE DINNER BY CHEF GREG DEMAESTRI**  
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**DINNER AT 5:30 AND SHOW 8-10PM**  
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Chamber of Commerce  
and Visitors Center



*Charity, the first principle of our Order*

*My October Request*

First of all, I would like to thank all those who contributed in the past couple of months to help our State Chaplain, Fr. Anthony's building project which is to build his new church. If you haven't yet there is still time. Construction is underway, and with your help, the mortgage can be paid off in a shorter amount of time.

As school is back and running in full swing now, this month I would like to ask you to consider donating to Catholic Education. If you are like me, you would like your charitable dollars to make a difference in people's lives. There are not many undertakings that make a bigger impact on a person's life than a great Catholic education. I was fortunate enough to have a Catholic grade school in Astoria when my children were young, and perhaps the biggest impact on their lives was not the things they learned, but some things they were not exposed to as they were not in a public school. There appears to be so many distractions in public schools these days that children are not able to continue acting as children when they are exposed to what goes on in some of our public schools.

There are a number of ways you can support Catholic education through Oregon State KofC Charities. You may still contribute through our online giving to both the Diocese of Baker Catholic schools, and the Archdiocese of Portland Catholic schools. You can also contribute to the Chesterton Academy through KofC Charities. There are four great Chesterton schools: Mid-Willamette Valley, Portland, southern Oregon and central Oregon. You can also give to any Catholic school in Oregon by sending your donation to KofC Charities and listing which school you would like your money to go.

With the high cost of Catholic Education these days, every dollar you give makes a big difference in keeping our schools running. Invest in the future of the Catholic church by investing in Catholic education this year.

Thank you!

Ray Prom, PSD

Oregon State KofC Charities President

[promray58@gmail.com](mailto:promray58@gmail.com)





## Knights of Columbus CHARITABLE FUND FAITH - BASED GIVING

Worthy Brother Knights and friends,

Charity, the greatest of all virtues, is the guiding principle of our Order and the crowning glory of a Christian Knight. A Knight without charity is deemed unworthy of his high calling. Each one of us is called to charity, according to our means.

What is charity? Charity is often interchangeable with love. One of the best definitions made of love is to “will the good of another.” This means that one takes specific action to bring about the well-being of another person, even if it is at their own expense. Charity must come from the heart. Christians are not called to give meaninglessly, but to give from their hearts. When one is moved in their heart for another who is in need and this inspires them into action, their charity comes from their heart. When this happens, one truly possesses the “Heart of a Knight.”

To aid us in our quest for growth in the virtue of charity, we have at our disposal, Oregon State KofC Charities. This entity is a 501c3 organization that allows any and all to make tax deductible contributions to causes aligned with the Church and that are meaningful to us. When you donate to Oregon State KofC Charities, you join forces with other Brother Knights and friends to contribute an insurmountable quantity for the good. This also exemplifies the virtue of unity. When many join together to pool their resources, Oregon State KofC Charities is capable of giving a large amount of money to good causes. Oregon State KofC Charities is available to any and all to donate to. Please spread this far and wide.

We donate to a large variety of causes in line with the Catholic Church. This includes pro-life causes, seminarians, Catholic radio, and Catholic education. Please see the list of causes to donate to on the other side of this sheet and pick one that is most meaningful to you. If you have trouble deciding or would like your donation to go towards any fund most in need, you can choose the general fund and it will be distributed to the others according to necessity. Whichever cause you donate to, make checks payable to: **Oregon State KofC Charities.**

Thank you for your time and thank you for your pursuit of the virtue of charity. I encourage all to obtain the true “Heart of a Knight.”

Vivat Jesus!

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

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PH: 503-440-2382





### **CHARITABLE GREEN SHEET**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Council Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ General Fund Assist charitable groups at large requesting our assistance

\_\_\_\_\_ Pennies for Heaven Assist those who are entering the Seminary at Mt. Angel

\_\_\_\_\_ Bishop White Seminary Assist those who are entering the Seminary at Bishop White in Spokane

\_\_\_\_\_ Military Chaplains Fund Provide support for training of priests as military chaplains

\_\_\_\_\_ Ultrasound Initiatives Fund of ultrasound machines in Oregon

\_\_\_\_\_ Pregnancy Resource Centers/Homes Help for unwed Mothers throughout Oregon

\_\_\_\_\_ Natural Disaster Assistance Assist Food Banks and Distribution Centers during natural Disaster

\_\_\_\_\_ KBVM/Mater Dei Radio Support will help bring evangelization to the air waves

\_\_\_\_\_ Food for Families Support of families in need, food basket programs, etc

\_\_\_\_\_ Global Wheelchairs Support the wheelchair initiative

\_\_\_\_\_ Diocesan Youth Programs Assist in support of Baker and Portland Diocese Youth Programs

\_\_\_\_\_ Catholic School Assistance Support youth in Oregon so they can get Catholic education at facilities such as Chesterton Academy, Parish schools, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL GREEN SHEET CONTRIBUTIONS**



Please make checks payable to:  
Oregon State KofC Charities

Please mail checks to:  
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President, Oregon State KofC Charities, Inc.  
PO Box 369  
Warrenton, OR 97146



**Blessed McGivney Guild Chairman**

Worthy Brother Knights,

I am absolutely delighted to serve as the Blessed McGivney Guild Chairman for Oregon State.

I wish to share with each of you that the 2 Oregon Blessed McGivney Relic Tours that I participated in had a really profound impact on me. I developed a much stronger devotion to Blessed McGivney than I had before. I also developed a much deeper appreciation for him and his life. It meant a lot to me to be able to really go back to our roots in the Knights of Columbus and look at our Order through the lens of his vision.

As we progress forward with our business, in the Knights of Columbus, let us frequently look back to our roots and think about our founder. Let us ponder the amazing vision Blessed Michael J. McGivney had when he founded the Knights of Columbus.

As we conduct the business of our Order and carry out various programs and activities, let us consider if what we are doing is something that would make Blessed McGivney proud. Are we adequately carrying out his legacy? Do we remember Blessed McGivney often when conducting our business in the Knights of Columbus?

Let us also take some time to be thankful to Blessed McGivney for what he did in founding the Knights of Columbus. He has changed the lives of over 2 million men over the last century and a half. He has also changed the lives of so many others who have been impacted by the Knights of Columbus. By changing so many lives, Blessed McGivney is undoubtedly a saint. Let us take the opportunity to repay him for everything he has done for us by campaigning for his canonization.

I encourage everyone to pray through the intercession of Blessed McGivney for favors great and small and to report anything and everything to the Fr. McGivney Guild.

I will bring a little prayer table for Blessed McGivney to every State level function in which I attend. I encourage everyone to write prayer petitions every time and place them in the petition box.

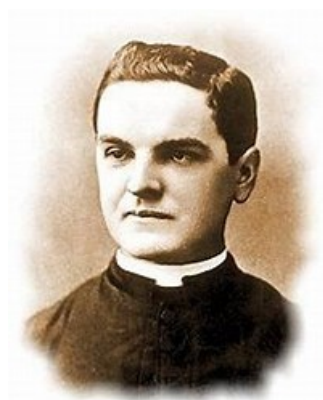
Find out more about the Blessed McGivney Guild here: <https://www.fathermcgivney.org/>

On this website, you can ask for prayer requests and also report favors. You can also join the Guild. Joining means that you get a quarterly newsletter and weekly Mass offered for the intentions of the Guild members. It is completely free!

Blessed McGivney, Pray for us!

Kenneth J. Anderson  
Oregon Blessed McGivney Guild Chairman

The Father McGivney Guild  
1 Columbus Plaza  
New Haven, CT 06510-3326





## Knights of Columbus Jubilee Year 2025 – Year of Hope



Worthy Brother Knights,

I have been asked by our Worthy State Deputy Bob Adams to carry on the Jubilee Chairman position for the remainder of this calendar year. It is an honor to be able to promote this Jubilee Year of Hope. This happens once every 25 years, so it's an opportunity that comes rarely, I encourage everyone to take full advantage of this Jubilee Year.

First of all, I wanted to share with everyone what a Jubilee Year is. A Jubilee Year is a special time in the Church's tradition encouraging holiness through acts of reconciliation and communion with our brothers and sisters. Jubilee Year 2025 will be marked by special opportunities for grace through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, local pilgrimages and the Jubilee Indulgence. A Jubilee Year happens once every 25 years.

A special jubilee plenary indulgence will be offered as a special grace during the Holy Year, freeing the faithful from the spiritual effects of all past sins. To receive it, Catholics must be truly repentant (free from all attachment from sin, including venial sin), go to Confession within about 20 days before or after, receive Holy Communion, pray for the Pope's intentions, and perform a spiritual act such as a pilgrimage to a designated pilgrimage site, charitable work, or dedicated prayer. Ordinarily, the faithful can only receive one plenary indulgence per day. However, the faithful are able to gain 2 jubilee plenary indulgences per day and the second one will be applicable to the souls in purgatory.

Message from Pope Francis: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope."

### Jubilee Pilgrimages:

I wanted to remind everyone of the **Jubilee Punchcard**. One of the primary activities and events during this Jubilee Year is making a pilgrimage to one of the pilgrimage sites designated in the Archdiocese of Portland and Diocese of Baker. If you visit 8 of the 12 sites, then you will be entered into a drawing of 1 of 2 \$100 gift cards. This is intended to be used for a dinner for 2. Photo evidence is required for each site as proof.

### Here are the Pilgrimage Sites in the Archdiocese of Portland:

Saint Mary's Cathedral – Portland  
The Grotto – Portland  
Holy Rosary – Portland  
St. Sharbel – Portland

Our Lady of Lavang – Happy Valley  
Saint Paul – Saint Paul  
Saint Paul – Saint Paul  
Saint Vincent DePaul – Salem  
Saint Alice – Springfield  
Shepherd of the Valley – Central Point  
Sacred Heart – Newport  
Saint Monica – Coos Bay

### Pilgrimage Site in Diocese of Baker:

St. Francis de Sales Cathedral – Baker City

### Works of Mercy:

In addition to pilgrimages, the Jubilee Year is an opportunity for Acts of Mercy and Charity. Help those in need by performing acts of kindness like feeding the hungry, visiting the sick, or supporting charities. These acts count when done with sincere love and repentance. The Archdiocese of Portland has identified monthly thematic events to focus on these the acts of mercy.

### Assistance to the Homebound:

If someone is unable to travel due to illness, age, or confinement, they can still receive the indulgence by praying at home, following Mass through media, and offering their struggles to God. Knights can offer assistance by serving as Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist, praying with the homebound or perhaps assisting them to follow mass by helping with their phone or computer (Or bring one with you).

### Knight Involvement:

How can the Knights be involved? Well first and foremost, you can make personal pilgrimages to various designated sites or organize a group pilgrimage. This is an opportunity for personal spiritual growth. In addition, if your Council is at a pilgrimage site or near one, work with the pastor to organize meaningful jubilee events. Get the whole district involved if possible. Consider organizing a jubilee event as a Council (include Confession, Mass and/or Holy Hour, Rosary, a meal afterwards, and a talk on the virtue of hope or history of Jubilee Years). Consider having a prayer breakfast that is Jubilee themed. Also incorporate a work of mercy corresponding to the monthly theme. Please see more info here:

<https://archdpdx.org/jubilee-year-of-hope-2025>

Thank you, Brothers. I encourage you to take full advantage of the Jubilee Year of Hope, 2025.

Vivat Jesus!

Kenneth J. Anderson  
Jubilee Year of Hope Chairman







## JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025



### Knights of Columbus Oregon State Council

**Visit 8 of 12 Pilgrimage Sites in Oregon  
in 2025 and enter into a drawing for 1 of 2  
\$100 gift cards!**

*Intended as a dinner for 2*

*Take a photo of yourself in front of the Church  
as verification*

*LET US AS KNIGHTS BE PILGRIMS OF HOPE AND  
BRING HOPE WITH US THROUGHOUT THE STATE!*



## Knights of Columbus Oregon State Council Oregon Jubilee Pilgrimage Sites Punchcard

1. St. Mary's Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.....
2. The Grotto - Portland.....
3. Holy Rosary Catholic Church - Portland.....
4. Our Lady of Lavang - Clackamas.....
5. St. Paul Catholic Church - St. Paul.....
6. St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church - Salem.....
7. St. Alice Catholic Church - Springfield.....
8. Shepherd of the Valley Catholic Church - Central Point.....
9. Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Newport.....
10. St. Monica Catholic Church - Coos Bay.....
11. St. Sharbel Catholic Church - Portland.....
12. St. Francis de Sales Cathedral - Baker City.....





## **Special Olympics Oregon**

Worthy GK's and FS's,

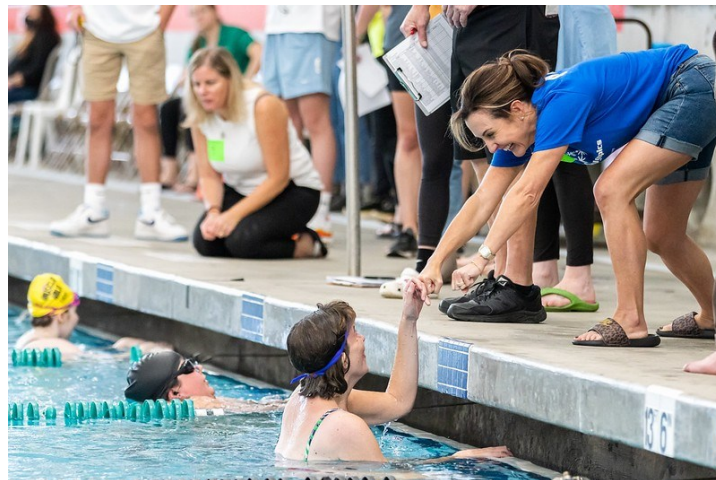
Please share this with your Council members. Special Olympics is a Featured Program for the Knights and we need to make sure our Brothers have every opportunity to support them.

### **Donate Today**

For the first time since 2015, **Fall State Games Swimming is once again coming back to Special Olympics Oregon!** This event will take place at THPRD in Beaverton on **November 22nd and 23rd.**

Our athletes have asked for it. They've trained for it. And thanks to an incredible wave of growth in our swimming programs, now is the time to bring it back, better than ever.

This isn't just a competition. It's a moment where athletes step into confidence, celebrate their abilities, and experience the power of inclusion.



**But we can't do this alone!** Bringing back this event after nearly a decade requires extra resources, such as pool rentals, some coach training, meals, volunteer coordination and so much more.

### **Will you help us bring this dream to life and help us raise \$25,000?**

Every gift, large or small, makes a difference in getting our athletes back on the blocks.

Note from Thomas Zahara PGK, who said: "Interesting that I just home from Eugene and this email just came in."

I met with Ted and Kristi Barker this morning of Eugene Springfield Special Olympics.(ESSO) and I presented them with a check which our Council 15773 raised with our first of every month Bingo games in our church hall at St.Marys Our Lady of the Dunes, Florence.

The check of those proceeds being \$674.36. They have bowling tonight and host more than 90 Special Needs people. They mentioned upcoming swimming events and how incredibly amazing that this so generous of a donation just happened to come to them now...To which we know isn't just..amazing.. It's what Our Good Lord knew all the time.

All we had to do was—Present the Check.

Vivat Jesus...

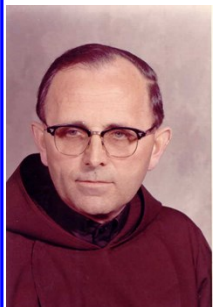
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Council 15773 Florence  
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## *State Historian Report*

By: State Historian Tom Radel

Rev. Kevin Bertram Mulligan  
37<sup>th</sup> State Chaplain of Oregon 1979-81



Kevin Bertram Mulligan was born June 15, 1922 in Dunalk, Ireland to Joseph and Margaret Watters Mulligan.

His baptismal name was Kevin and his religious name was Bertram.

He graduated from Rochestown High School and entered the Capuchin Franciscan Order on October 3, 1941 and made his Solemn Vows on October 4, 1945. He also received his college education at the University of Ireland, Cork City, Ireland, and graduated in 1945. He was ordained a priest on June 16, 1949.

In September of 1949 he was sent from Ireland to serve at St. Joseph Church in Roseburg, OR as the associate pastor. He then served as associate pastor at St. Mary's in Ukiah, CA and then Our Lady of Angels in Hermiston, OR, 1952-54. Afterward he served as Pastor at St. Aloysius in Point Arena CA, Our Lady of Good Counsel in Fort Bragg CA, St. Mary's in Ukiah CA, Our Lady of Angels in Burlingame CA, and St. Joseph in Roseburg, OR in 1974.

He then served as a hospital chaplain at the VA Hospital in Fresno, CA. He was the first Guardian of St. Francis of Assisi Friary in Burlingame, CA. In 1998 he was named Provincial Archivist for the Western America Province.

Rev. Mulligan joined the Knight of Columbus in 1953, was a charter member of Hermiston Council, and a charter member of Ft. Bragg, CA Council. He was the Oregon Knights of Columbus State Chaplain 1979-81.

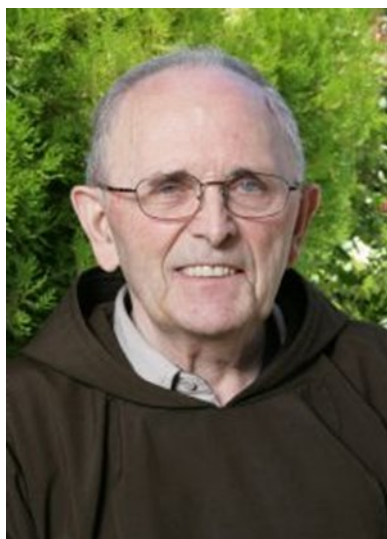
In 2007 he retired at Mercy Care and Retirement Center in Oakland, CA.

Rev. Kevin Bertram Mulligan died on October 29, 2016 in Oakland, CA. He is buried at the Capuchin Cemetery in Santa Ynez, CA.



*On his way to enter the Novitiate 1941 in Ireland*

*"There's something of God in everything and in everyone we see. I pray for the grace to see Him in others and hope they will see Him in me." Rev. Bertram Mulligan*





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

Bill Holmes, Mike Wanner's Father,  
Mark Busch, Ron Kunkel and Florence Morris,  
Duane Morris' Mother  
 Council 1634 Hillsboro

Michael Hahn, DD12  
 Council 17396 Bandon

*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

Ludwig Hitz  
 Council 1767 Mt. Angel

Roland A. Hendricks  
 Council 1577 Albany

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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.



Please direct your prayer requests to:

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Eternal rest grant unto  
 them, O Lord, and let  
 perpetual light shine  
 upon them. May the  
 souls of the faithful  
 departed, through the  
 mercy of God, rest in  
 peace. Amen.



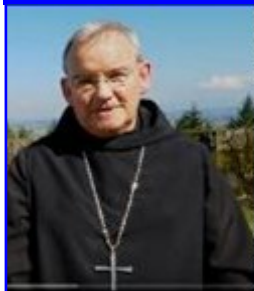
We request you also pray for all Knights, their Families, friends and all of our Police, Firefighters, Servicemen and Servicewomen, our Veterans, Ambulance personnel, Chaplains, Nurses, Doctors, Care Givers and those who minister to the needs of others—please take time out to say: “Thank You So Very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







Abbot  
Jeremy Driscoll



I am humbled by the foresight of those who have chosen to secure the future of Mount Angel Abbey and Seminary—or are thoughtfully exploring how to do so. This act of faith and trust ensures that our ministry continues to grow and flourish for generations to come.

#### Meet Sarah Jordan, Our Planned Giving Officer

To ensure your vision receives the attention it deserves, I am delighted to introduce you to Sarah Jordan, the newest member of our Development team. Sarah joins us from the Oregon Bach Festival at the University of Oregon and has already embraced the rhythm of our monastic community here on the Hilltop.



Sarah Jordan  
Planned Giving Manager



Susan Gallagher  
Planned Giving Manager

Our Planned Giving team, including Susan and now Sarah, exists to serve you as you consider your planned giving options, helping you navigate these choices with clarity and peace. Sarah and Susan are Planned Giving officers dedicated to helping you align your material blessings with your spiritual and charitable goals.

#### Partner with Us on Your Giving Journey

Sarah and Susan look forward to meeting with you to discuss how your financial goals can align with your philanthropic ones, building a legacy that reflects your faith and devotion.



In Christ,  
Victor Mitre

Executive Director of Development and Communications

On September 8, 2025, Brother Jonah (Townsen) Poissant, OSB, made his Simple Profession of Monastic Vows during Mass, which means that he promised stability, obedience, and fidelity to the monastic way of life for a period of three years. He also received a new monastic name, Jonah. Many family members, friends, and members of Brother Jonah's home parish, The Holy Redeemer in Vancouver, Washington, attended the liturgy. Please pray for Brother Jonah as he continues his monastic formation.



On September 12, 2025, Father Michael Shrum, OSB, made his Solemn Profession of Monastic Vows during Mass, which means that he made his lifelong vows of stability, obedience, and fidelity to the monastic way of life.



In addition to his family and friends, many of Father Michael's former parishioners from the Archdiocese of Seattle attended the liturgy.

Please pray for Father Michael as he assumes new responsibilities at Mount Angel, including serving as a Formation Director at Mount Angel Seminary.



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