

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

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*Christmas is an important Christian holiday marking Jesus Christ's birth, which represents hope, redemption, and God's promises.*

## *Theological Significance*

Christmas marks the **Incarnation**, the moment when God became human in the form of Jesus Christ.

This event is central to Christian theology, as it signifies God's love for humanity and His desire to be in relationship with us.

According to Christian belief, Jesus' birth fulfills Old Testament prophecies about the coming Messiah, who would then bring salvation and peace to the world.

The Gospels of Matthew and Luke narrate the Nativity story, highlighting the miraculous nature of Jesus' birth and all of its implications for humanity.



## Message from the State Deputy



# **Knights of Oregon—By Our Love!**

### By our Love. Faith First.

Dear Brother Knights,

As we are now in the first week of this peaceful and expectant season of Advent, we are reminded once again that this time is not only a countdown toward Christmas—it is an invitation. Advent calls us to slow our steps, to watch, to listen, and to prepare our hearts for Christ's coming with renewed purpose and deeper charity.

For the Oregon Knights of Columbus, this season beautifully reflects who we are and what we are called to be. Our mission has always been clear: to put **Faith First**, to serve our Church and also our communities, and to be living witnesses of Christ's love in a world that desperately needs it.

### A Season Made for Knights

Advent is a season of hope—hope that both glows and grows when we reach out to those who struggle. Whether we are supporting families in need, standing with the vulnerable, offering prayers for those who carry heavy burdens, our Order strives to live the Gospel not only in words but also in action.

This year, as we serve, let us remember that the measure of our mission is not simply some dollars contributed or boxes delivered, but in how deeply we love. Christ Himself said that the world would know His disciples through God's Love. As Knights, let us demonstrate who we are this Christmas Season "By Our Love" through our selfless acts of Charity in keeping Christ in Christmas.

### Faith First: Our Compass Through the Season

In a world filled with noise, Advent invites us into silence. In a world preoccupied with self, Advent invites us to serve. In a world that often forgets the sacred, Advent invites us to place **Faith First** once again.

As Knights, we do not walk this path alone. We walk as brothers, encouraging one another to grow in holiness, to strengthen our families, and to deepen our devotion to the Eucharist. When our faith is rooted in Christ, our charity becomes more than service—it becomes evangelization.

### A Call to Prepare the Way

Let us use these three remaining weeks to prepare the way for Christ both in our hearts and in our communities. Let every act of kindness be a lantern of hope. Let every moment of prayer be a step closer to Christ. Let every work of mercy be a true reflection of who we are as Knights of Columbus. May this Advent season renew our joy, strengthen our fraternity, and remind us that the greatest gift we can give the world is the love of Christ made visible through our actions.

### By our love, and with Faith First, we prepare for His coming.

**Vivat Jesus!**

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Supreme Chaplain  
Archbishop William E. Lori

### **DECEMBER 2025 SUPREME CHAPLAIN'S MONTHLY CHALLENGE**

**“Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” (Gospel for Dec. 7, Mt 3:10)**

In these reflections over the past year, we have meditated on the importance of our faith bearing fruit in good works.

In a way, this Gospel passage, quoting St. John the Baptist, might seem out of place during Advent. But throughout this season, we reflect not only on Christ's coming in the incarnation, but also his second coming in judgment at the end of the world. Let us pray and work to ensure we lead truly faithful and fruitful lives as disciples of Jesus.

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

This month, I challenge you to spend some time reflecting on the four last things — meaning death, judgment, heaven and hell — to better prepare yourself for eternity.

### **Questions for Reflection:**

Do I live with my sights set on heaven? Am I aware of the reality of hell? Do I live my life so as to be prepared for my death and judgment?



### **Director of Chaplains and Spiritual Development**

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

Advent and the Christmas season are special times when the spiritual and pastoral engagements of our brother Knights often radiate throughout their communities. Whether it is raising funds and distributing coats through Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids, preparing holiday groceries for the poor and elderly, decorating around the church, assisting with *posada* celebrations, manning the parking lots or ushering on Christmas Eve, brother Knights invariably take an active part in the life of their parishes during these days.

The flurry of Council activity is fitting when we recall that Blessed Michael McGivney received the graces and charisms of his priestly office — which would sustain his “love of the heart of Jesus” for the remaining 13 years of his life — on Dec. 22, 1877. Speaking of St. Joseph's disposition to trust, Pope Francis reminded us in *Patris Corde*, “God always finds a way”.

The creative courage at the heart of all fatherhood is brightly on display amid the on-going tragedy of the Russian war in Ukraine. Our brother Knights, with the help of your donations, provide coats, hugs and scholarships to orphans of the war and host Christmas dinners for mothers and children whose fathers have died. May of these examples spur us on to meet the real needs around us and to intercede for the true peace that only Christ can bring.

Wishing you all a fruitful Advent preparation and a blessed Christmas season!

*Vivat Jesus!*







Fr. Anthony Ahamefula  
State Chaplain

## State Chaplain Report

Dear Brother Knights,

December is busy. You feel it everywhere: deadlines at work, school events, shopping, parish activities, Council commitments, family expectations. It's very easy, even for men of faith, to come to the end of December exhausted, having done many good things, but realizing we barely made room in our hearts for what Christmas is actually about.

Yet the Church, in her wisdom, gives us three great feasts this month that can steady us and re-center us:

- the Immaculate Conception (December 8),
- Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12),
- the Nativity of the Lord (December 25). Together, they form a path through Mary to Jesus.

As Knights, we have a special relationship with Our Blessed Mother. These feast days are not just dates on a calendar, they are invitations, especially to us as men, husbands, fathers, and spiritual brothers, to remember who we are and whom we serve.

### Immaculate Conception: A Call to Purity and Courage

On December 8, we honor Mary, conceived without sin. From the first instant of her existence, God preserved her from the stain of original sin so that she could be a worthy dwelling place for His Son. That's a profound mystery, but it's also deeply practical for us.

We live in a world that bombards us with impurity, distraction, and compromise. Many of you carry many hidden burdens: temptations of the internet and media, stress, anger, resentment and discouragement. The Immaculate Conception reminds us that God's grace is not weak. It is stronger than sin. Mary is the proof.

As Knights, we are called to be men of clean hearts. Not perfect men, but men who let God fight for us, heal us, and purify us. I invite you to make a good confession before Christmas. If you're a husband and father, invite your family: "Let's all go to confession before Christmas." Lead not just by words, but by example. Renew a quiet commitment to guarding what you look at, what you listen to and what you allow into your home. Ask Our Lady, "*Mary, conceived without sin, help me to be the man God is calling me to be pure, courageous and whole-hearted.*"

### Our Lady of Guadalupe: A Mother Who Draws Us Close

On December 12, we celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and Mother of the unborn. She appears not as a distant queen, but as a tender mother, standing with the poor, the vulnerable, the indigenous, the forgotten. She says to St. Juan Diego, and to each of us: "Am I not here, I who am your mother?"

For many of you, this December is not just busy, it's heavy. Some of you are worried about money. Some are carrying grief or illness. Some are anxious about children, grandchildren, or a struggling marriage. Some feel spiritually dry or far from God. Our Lady of Guadalupe reminds us that we are not alone. Mary is close to the "Juan Diegos" of our life, the ones who feel small, inadequate or unseen. As Knights, we are called to be her instruments of comfort and protection, for defending life, strengthening families, standing by those who are afraid or alone.

This December, take one evening, even just 15–20 minutes, to pray the Rosary (or even one decade) as a family. If your family is not used to praying together, keep it simple. Let your children or grandchildren see you with a rosary in your hand. Yes, that silent witness plants deep seeds.

Ask Our Lady of Guadalupe: "*Mother, show me who in my Council, parish, family or community who may need a small word of encouragement, a visit, a phone call, or an act of mercy, and give me the courage to do it.*"

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**Christmas: The Incarnation in the Middle of Real Life**

On December 25, we kneel before the manger and contemplate the unimaginable: **God becomes man**. Not in ideal conditions. Not in comfort and ease. He comes into poverty, inconvenience and uncertainty. Mary and Joseph are tired, displaced, pushed to the margins, yet that is where Christ chooses to enter.

That means something important for you as a Knight and as a man. You don't have to "get your life perfectly together" for Christ to come. He wants to enter the real circumstances of your life, your messy schedule, your imperfect family, your job stress, your fears and even your faults.

Christmas is not a sentimental story. It is a resolution of love in the concrete details of your daily life.

Many of you work hard to provide for your families. That is noble. But your wife and children also need to have your spiritual leadership. Lead grace before meals. Suggest Mass attendance. Offer to pray for them and with them.

Remember who you are. In the midst of December's busyness, I want you to remember that you are sons of the Father, and also brothers in Christ, sons of Mary, Knights of Columbus, who are shaped by Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Through the intercession of Our Lady, may you become ever more the men God created you to be.

Be assured of my prayers and my blessing,

Vivat Jesus

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**Notice For GK's/FS's****Supreme Notice Annual Audit**

Based on the changes noted below, Councils are now required to **submit only one annual audit due August 15:**

Resolution 402 was passed by the delegates of the 2025 Supreme Council Meeting in Washington, DC which changed Section 145 of the Charter Constitution and Laws, to require the Board of Trustees to "audit the accounts of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer and report thereon annually to their Council, according to rules set by the Board of Directors."

Subsequently, the Board of Directors voted that these audits are to be based on the period from July 1 to June 30, with the Annual Audit Report due to the Supreme Council on August 15. This change [takes effect for the 2025-2026](#) Fraternal Year, meaning that **no Council audit is required for February 2026** and the next council audit is due August 15, 2026.

Additional information and resources related to the revised online Annual Audit Report will be released via all fraternal channels in January. We are pleased that this change will save our fraternal leaders countless man-hours.



## **The Northwestern Patriot**

**Archbishop Francis Norbert Blanchet 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Province**

December, 2025

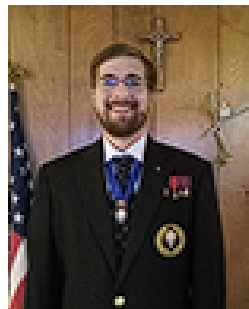


### **Highlights**

- From the Vice Supreme Master
- Important Dates
- Upcoming Events
- Important Programs
- Important Announcements
- Words of Inspiration

### **Star Assembly Requirements:**

- New Member Intake Goal of 6%
- [Civic Award](#) (6/30)
- Enter ["To Be a Patriot"](#) competition (5/31)
- [Report of Officers](#) #186 (7/1)
- [Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity](#) #1728 (1/31)
- [Annual Assembly Audit Report](#) #1315 (8/1)



### **From the Vice Supreme Master**

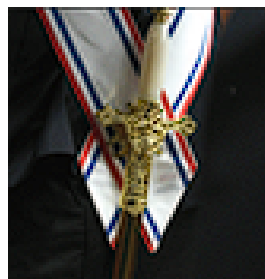
Worthy Sir Knights,

December is here, this is the last month of the calendar year and the first month of the new liturgical year! Advent is a time of preparation. We should prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. We need to prepare our hearts for His first coming, 2,000 years ago, His coming now, in the Most Holy Eucharist, and His second coming, a day not known to us.

This is a time when we seek to do good for others and give gifts to others. We want to lift the hearts of others to God by making a positive impact in their lives. In the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree realm, we have some shining examples available. If you or your assembly is looking for an opportunity to give a special gift this Christmas, you could donate to one of the following: Warriors to Lourdes or Military Chaplain Scholarship Fund. For \$3,000, a veteran could go on the Warriors to Lourdes pilgrimage and it could change their life! Make a difference this Christmas!

I would also like to invite each district to consider holding a *"Sir Knight Before Christmas"* membership special by holding an Exemplification of Patriotism at a reduced initiation rate (\$60 instead of \$90).

Continue to be devoted to God, our country, and our Order. Inspire growth in virtue among those in the civic sphere and be good role models this Christmas. Remember, it is an honor to be a Knight, but to be a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Sir Knight is the "Highest Honor of Knighthood!" Vivat Jesus!



### **Important Dates**

Dec 8 – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception \*  
 Dec 12 – Our Lady of Guadeloupe  
 Dec 25 – Solemnity of Christmas \*  
 Jan 1 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God \*  
 Jan 6 – Solemnity of Epiphany  
 Jan 11 – Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord  
 Jan 19 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day



### **Upcoming Events**

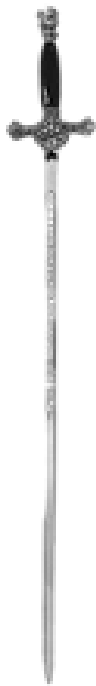
Mid-Year Meeting – Washington – Dec 5-7  
 Mid-Year Meeting – Idaho – Dec 5-7  
[Catholic Men's Conference – Salem, OR – Dec 6](#)  
[Exemplification of Patriotism – Dallas, OR – Dec 14](#)  
 Mid-Year Meeting – Oregon – Jan 2-4



### **Important Programs**

#### ***Warriors to Lourdes***

Do something very special for a veteran who has served their nation; help them join militaries from over 40 nations on a pilgrimage like no other – Pilgrimage to Lourdes! Link [here](#)



## Important Programs (cont'd)

### *Fr. McGivney Military Chaplain Scholarship*

Help support men who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood specifically in the military! Info [here](#)

### *Christmas Caroling*

Make an impact in the civic sphere by lifting the hearts of men to God through song and Christmas caroling! Go caroling together as an assembly, bring hot chocolate!

## Important Announcements

### *Host an Exemplification of Patriotism:*

In order for the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree to grow, we need councils/assemblies to host Exemplifications. Please consider hosting one in your area!

### *Do as much as possible ONLINE:*

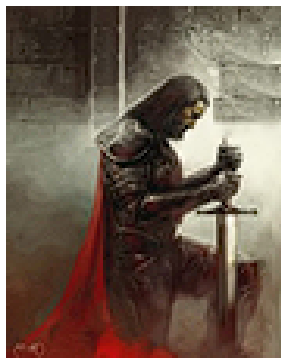
Doing things *online* such as forms (through member management, via email, etc) will enable 4<sup>th</sup> Degree business to be conducted much faster.

*Communication is VERY important, please communicate regularly with your fellow 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Officers!*

## Words of Inspiration

### *Why become a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member?*

Joining the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree completes your journey in knighthood. It is an honor to be a Knight! In medieval times, knights were looked up to and revered as heroes and examples of exemplary virtue. As a Knight of Columbus, we bear that same honor. In our honored Order, we have 4 Degrees of Knighthood. Therefore, the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree is the "highest honor of knighthood!" Become a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member and achieve this highest honor!



### Archbishop Blanchet Homily Video



## Knights of Columbus

4<sup>th</sup> Degree

*The highest honor of Knighthood!*

## The Northwestern Patriot



### Upcoming Trainings:

### Important Links:

[The Catholic Patriot: November, 2025](#)

[Fraternal Leader Advisory #136](#)

Supreme website:

[kofc.org](#)

Archbishop Blanchet Website:

<https://oregondistrict4thdegree.org/archbishopblanchetprovince/>

[4<sup>th</sup> Degree Leader Resources](#)

Washington State Website:

[kofc-wa.org](#)

Oregon State Website: [oregonkofc.org](#)

Oregon 4<sup>th</sup> Degree District Website:

[oregondistrict4thdegree.org](#)

KofC Uniform Supply Store:

[kofcuniform.com](#)

~~Knightsgear~~ [knightsgear.com](#)

The English Company:

[kofcsupplies.com](#)

Assembly Forms: [here](#)

### Membership Dashboard:

Provincial Goal: 59/371 (15.90%)

Washington Western District Goal: 18/144 (12.5%)

Oregon District Goal: 24/100 (24%)

Idaho District Goal: 9/66 (13%)

Washington Eastern District Goal: 8/61 (13%)





Knights of Columbus  
**CHARITABLE FUND**  
FAITH - BASED GIVING

Worthy Brother Knights and friends,

Today (Tuesday) is "Giving Tuesday", the annual day dedicated to giving back to the community by donations to some charity. As Knights, we have every day of the year as "Giving Tuesday" since one of our foundation principles is **Charity**. Today I would like to send out a reminder as sometimes with busy schedules we lose track of things. As you may know, this Fraternal Year, Oregon State K of C Charities is designating specific charities each month to focus our attention and our contributions.

This December, I would like everyone to remember the great need our communities have with food security and make food banks the emphasis. One special program is the Christmas Food Baskets that Coos Council 1261 does each year. They raise tens of thousands of dollars and feed huge numbers of people each December. That is already a designated line item for our charities accounts and you are invited to aid in this endeavor. Or perhaps you would prefer your local St. Vincent de Paul or parish food bank to contribute money to. You can do that directly or if you like, send your check to our State Charities with instructions to pass it along to your preferred food pantry.

You may ask why you would send the funds to the state first. A couple of great reasons. First, your local food bank may or may not be a 501(c)3. Our State Charities is a 501(c)3, and your donation can be tax deductible. Secondly, all donations received are reported to Supreme to help maintain the tax exempt status of the Order.

Any money received this month not designated specifically will be given to Oregon Food Bank, to help the hungry in our communities. With Thanksgiving still fresh in our minds, let's remember the less fortunate this month and be generous as God is generous with us.

Thank you and God Bless.

Vivat Jesus!

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

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### **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

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## **Oregon Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation (DEFF)**

### **Advent Novena Prayer**

Now that the season of Advent is upon us, we're preparing our homes and our hearts for Christmas and the birth of Jesus. A lot of us are looking for a little something extra for Advent. If you think about it, it should be thought of as a Lent-like preparation. The short days and dark nights help us to slow down and reflect about all the important things in life, God, our family, our friends and parishes. Perhaps you're looking for a prayer life boost, something to inspire you this season.

Our State Deputy, Bob Adams thought that we could use a little praying and reflection that focuses on the importance of being Knights of Columbus. I know being an active Knight changed my life for the better, and the Brother Knights that I have met over the many years have impacted my life by their faith and their generosity. I know deep in my heart that our parishes would not be what they are in Oregon without Knights of Columbus, and I wish every Catholic man could share many of the experiences and the blessings that I and so many others have received through this organization.

To that end, Oregon has put together a St. Nicholas Novena. It can be prayed at any time during Advent, but especially from Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, (the Feast Day of St. Nicholas) to Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> (Gaudete Sunday), a total of nine days. Don't worry if you get a late start, you can always catch up. You can pray it at your Council meetings or you can just pray it throughout December, to help remind yourself of the reasons that you are a Knight. Share it in your parish bulletin to get others thinking about the Knights of Columbus. Then have a conversation later this month with men that you think would make great Knights.

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### **St. Nicholas Advent Prayer**

Dearest St. Nicholas, we come to you in our humility to ask your intercession for our needs. Your generosity and kindness in your lifetime invites us to implore your favor now. Your life was the embodiment of what the Knights of Columbus aspires to be, so we seek to model our lives after you.

You were most known, as are we, for your Charity and for your defense of the Faith. You are the patron Saint of charitable fraternities, and so we have a spiritual connection to you and with you.

As we enter this time of Advent, the preparation for the birth of our Savior, we ask that you aid us inviting men to live their lives as you did. With Faith and Charity as our cornerstones, open the hearts of Catholic men to unite with us in following the two principal commandments, love of God and love of our neighbor. With your divine intercession, we can give more men the gift of living their lives with the intent in which they were created; to be better husbands, better fathers, better followers of Jesus Christ.

Leave us not as spiritual orphans but remember our intentions in your heavenly abode.  
Amen

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### **Merry Christmas to All!**

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### **Intentions: From Membership Director**

*I pray your Knights of Columbus Council be active and fruitful in good works for your parish, Love of your Parish Priest and Feltly to our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*May the spirit of evangelization through recruitment be prosperous! As iron sharpens iron, men need the brotherhood with other Catholic men to sharpen their skills in preparation to stand in the breach for our Lord.*

*God bless you, your family, your Council and parish.*

Amen

Bl Michael McGivney Pray for Us!

Vivat Jesus!

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Dave Judy  
State Warden

### State Warden Report

Worthy Brother Knights,

Overall, we are still missing required Forms cut-off dates.

I am tracking the 185 and 365 forms. These reports were due July one. Please contact me and I can help you get and complete these files.

I am not going to list Councils by Number, but an email was sent via blind copy to those Councils that I show are missing one or both of these forms.

Unfortunately, if your Council has not filed your 185 (Officers chosen report) I may be sending the list of missing forms to the wrong GK and FS. If you do receive the email and you are not the current GK or FS please forward it to your current GK and FS with a cc copy to me [djknight14802@comcast.net](mailto:djknight14802@comcast.net) and our Executive Secretary (Tim Grady) [tgrady309@gmail.com](mailto:tgrady309@gmail.com)

Thank you.

If you are having Problems filling out or sending your forms, please contact your District Deputy for assistance.

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### Council In Action

By: Eric Watje, DGK Council 14802 Beaverton.



Over the past year, the Knights at Holy Trinity parish in Beaverton OR, Council 14802 helped at the Hillsboro and McMinnville air shows as community projects.

We had 20-30 volunteers who helped with setup & tear down of chairs, tables, and escorting people to their assigned areas.

For this effort the council received \$5,000 dollars. This will be used to support parish, Knights and community projects. The photo is the Holy Trinity Knights representatives receiving their “Outstanding Community Volunteer Group” award during the Oregon air show committee’s Halloween themed awards party.

Council 14802 Knights and wives also helped out at the November regional Special Olympics swim meet held in Beaverton OR.

The Holy Trinity team helped with timing, cheering, scoring and escorting athletes. They all had a great & rewarding time helping at this event.





Kent Purdy  
Life Director

### **Life Director Report**



LIFE

Brother Knights,

For this month, I'd like to continue describing in detail some more of the LIFE activities that Supreme recommends, to help your Councils meet the requirements for the Columbian Award.

First of all, we have a new activity, called the **'Gospel of Life'**. This is a "featured activity", which means that this activity will earn TWO of the four required LIFE activities.

### **Featured Program Requirements:**

Organize a study group using the **Gospel of Life Study Guide (#614)** OR organize an event featuring a pro-life speaker. While the program can take place at any time of the year, consider the weeks preceding national, state or local marches for life, during 40 Days for Life and Life Chain campaigns, and during Respect Life Month (October, United States), National Family and Life Week (varies in May, Canada) and the International Day for the Unborn Child (March 25).

### **Action Steps:**

1. Coordinate this with your pastor
2. Either organize a study group or if you already have a COR group, incorporate this study into your COR meetings
3. Order the materials, such as the booklet **Knights of Columbus Evangelium Vitae Study Guide (#614)** and/or **The Fifth Commandment: Moral Issues of Life and Death (#127)**. These are available from the "supplies" website online. Use the order number to find them quickly. These booklets can be the basis for your group study.
4. Coordinate with local Pro-life groups to **invite a speaker** to talk to your Council or parish. If you choose this option, advertise the event ahead of time, encourage the Council to attend and wear KC apparel, and use it as a recruiting opportunity with informational materials available and at least one member ready to sign up new members online. Order the booklets above to hand out to the attendees. Also, you might order the following to have on hand... **#4237 - Gospel of Life Prayer Card and . #11915 - Gospel of Life Brochure**
5. Lastly/and don't forget... Immediately after your event is finished, complete the Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784) to get credit for the event.

For further reference, here is a link to the Guide Sheet: [11756 3-25 ProVida GS](#)

Another activity that Councils can do to meet the LIFE activity requirements is the **"Sacramental Gifts"** activity. This involves giving a gift to families that have a new baby or are having their infant (or adult for that matter) baptized. You can give a rose and/or give the baptismal pins and the accompanying cards.

You can get these cards from me. Just let me know how many cards and pins you would like and I'll send them to you. Text, call or email me and I'd be happy to mail them to you. I have a large supply available.

I'll mention one more LIFE activity for this month, and that is the [\*\*HOLY HOUR WITH OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE\*\*](#). This may be of special interest to Councils that have parishes with a significant Hispanic community.

This too is a **"featured activity"**, so Councils that perform this activity can earn 2 of the 4 required LIFE activities for the Columbian Award.

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This program may be offered at any time of year. However, days in October (Respect Life Month) or Marian Feast Days such as the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec. 12) are recommended.

### Action Steps:

1. Contact your pastor to get permission and coordinate the time, etc. for the Holy Hour.
2. Order supplies, which include the Holy Hour for Life Booklet (#11887), and posters (#11889 Vertical or #11888 Horizontal)
3. Consider showing, in advance of the Holy Hour, the short video "Our Lady of Guadalupe: The Woman of the Eucharist" with your Council and parish. This film is available on YouTube or the kofc.org website.
4. Advertise in parish bulletins, social media and Council newsletters for several weeks before the event.
5. As always, use this event as an opportunity for new members. A Knight should open or close the event and also willingly share information about the Order. Encourage men to join and sign them up online right then and there.
6. Don't forget to **submit form #10784** to get credit for the event.

For your reference, here is a link to the Guide Sheet for this activity: [11755 OurLady\\_GS](#)

I hope this helps your Council in being active for the Culture of Life and for fulfilling the Columbian Award requirements for Star Council.

Vivat Jesus,

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### Council In Action

By: Andrew Untermeyer, GK Council 1872 Bend

With Father Victor's guidance, members of Council 1872 have once again come together to build our annual Nativity scene at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. This simple act of service is a beautiful reminder of who we are as Knights—men of faith, unity and quiet dedication to our parish community.

Thank you to all who lent their time and hands to help bring this cherished tradition to life.

Andrew Untermeyer  
Grand Knight Council 1872  
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[Council 1872](#)  
<https://www.bendknights1872.org>







Ray Prom  
Faith Director

### Faith Director

### Pray for our priests

Brothers,

December is one of the busiest months of the year for our priests, and very wearying especially for the many priests who are the sole priest of their parish. This month they will have the Advent Masses in addition to the Christmas Masses that fall in the middle of the week. Add to that the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe and it all can get overwhelming for our priests.

Below is a prayer for priests that I am asking all of us to pray this month to help them with their vocational challenges. Remember, without priests there is no Catholic Church, and without the Church, there is no Knights of Columbus.

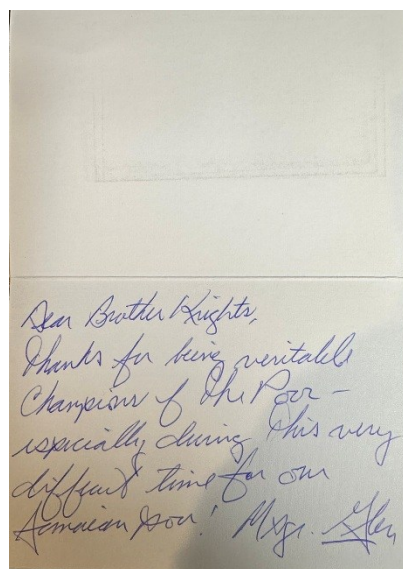
O Almighty, Eternal God, look upon the face of Your Son and for love of Him, who is the Eternal High Priest, have pity on your priests. Remember, O most compassionate God, that they are but weak and frail human beings. Stir up in them the grace of their vocation which is in them by the imposition of the bishop's hands. Keep them close to You, lest the enemy prevail against them, so that they may never do anything in the slightest degree unworthy of their sublime vocation.

O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests; for your unfaithful and tepid priests; for your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for your tempted priests; for the lonely and desolate priests; for your young priests; for your dying priests; for the souls of your priests in purgatory. But above all, I commend to You the priests dearest to me, the priest who baptized me, the priests who have absolved me from my sins, the priests at whose Masses I have assisted and who have offered me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion, the priest who have taught and instructed me or helped and encouraged me, and the priest to whom I am indebted in any other way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen  
Cardinal Richard Cushing

Thank you from the Diocese of Mandeville Jamaica

Brothers, as you may recall, in November our "Charity of the Month" was focused on the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica, the area hit hardest by Hurricane Melissa. A few days ago we received a *Thank You* card from the priest in charge of raising funds for the Diocese. Thanks to all that contributed. To date we have sent the Diocese just under \$5,000, that will go a long way towards helping this poor Diocese. You can still contribute at any time to this cause, and Oregon State K of C Charities will forward your contribution to them quickly. God Bless the Knights of Columbus!





Brent Dattke  
General Program  
Director



## **Oregon State General Program Directors Report**

### **New Faith in Action Programs**



**Eight new Faith in Action programs** have been released as part of our efforts to welcome more men into the Order and better serve the spiritual and material needs of their families and communities. These programs fall under the Order's existing categories of Faith, Family, Community, and Life and give Councils new opportunities to engage their parishes. While these programs appeal to all councils, no matter their demographics, their unique strength lies in their ability to unify diverse parish communities through prayer and service, especially those parishes with Hispanic Catholic cultures and traditions.

#### **Community**

##### **Celebrating Our Catholic Heritage**

[www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/community/celebrating-catholic-heritage.html](http://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/community/celebrating-catholic-heritage.html)

##### **Bright Futures**

[www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/community/bright-futures.html](http://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/community/bright-futures.html)

#### **Faith**

##### **¡Viva Cristo Rey!**

[www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/faith/viva-cristo-rey.html](http://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/faith/viva-cristo-rey.html)

##### **Imitating St. Juan Diego**

[www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/faith/imitating-saint-juan-diego.html](http://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/faith/imitating-saint-juan-diego.html)

#### **Family**

##### **Remembering Our Faithful Departed**

[www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/family/remembering-our-faithful-departed.html](http://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/family/remembering-our-faithful-departed.html)

##### **Quinceañera Support**

[www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/family/quinceanera-support.html](http://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/family/quinceanera-support.html)

#### **Life**

##### **Holy Hour for Life with Our Lady of Guadalupe**

[www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/holy-hour-for-life-with-our-lady-of-guadalupe.html](http://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/holy-hour-for-life-with-our-lady-of-guadalupe.html)

##### **Gospel for Life**

[www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/gospel-of-life.html](http://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/gospel-of-life.html)

Vivat Jesus

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FAMILY



COMMUNITY

**Youth Director Report**

George Murphy  
Youth Director

Worthy Brother Knights,

A team of Knights from Milwaukie, Tualatin, Christ The King, and Hillsboro met at The NW Clinic for Women in Tualatin, they were led by Joe Fieweger in off-loading 214 boxes of Coats For Kids for Metro. Our State delivered a total of 363 boxes of coats. I would like to give a great big shout out to all of our State Officers, District Deputies, Directors, and Knights. Thanks to all of you for a job well done. This is another record for this year.

Also, we completed our Soccer Championship at Council 1634 in Hillsboro and the Champions' scores have been forwarded to Supreme.



Please remember our fall Programs that are in progress as we speak:  
All of these programs are due back to me by December 31, 2025.

Each of us can use The Christmas Break to complete these programs.

The very last Youth Program will be The State Basketball Championship in March 2026. Our Councils should be hosting their local event during January 2026 and our District Deputies should be hosting District events during February 2026. I will host The State Championship in March 2026, date TBA.

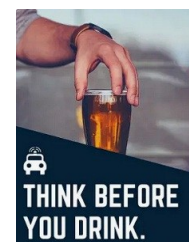
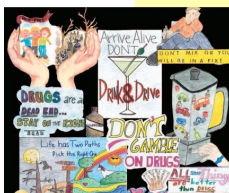


I would like to wish everyone a Very Joyous Christmas and The Happiest of New Years. In summary we have covered:

Coats for Kids                      Soccer Championship                      Fall Programs                      Holidays Greetings

Please remember our Fall programs:

1. Catholic Essay (Who are your 3 favorite Popes and why) 500-750 words (poster)
2. Keep Christ in Christmas (poster)
3. Drug abuse (poster)
4. Alcohol Awareness (poster)



Please send all Fall Program material to me by December 31st.

In summary, we covered Coats for Kids, State Soccer Championship and Fall programs.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thanks in advance.

George E. Murphy S.Y.D.  
(503)703-7671 [gemurphy42@gmail.com](mailto:gemurphy42@gmail.com)

A photo honoring John Krautscheid's funeral held this past Wednesday. He was 91 years old and a Knight for 71 years.  
(He also helped start the youth programs in Hillsboro)







Tom Burns  
DD02

### [News from District Two](#)

District Two Councils are focusing on raising Ultrasound Machines this Advent Season. And what better time to raise funds to prevent abortions. Advent is not only a preparation to Hail our Savior into the World, it also follows his Mother as she journeys through her pregnancy.

With the encouragement of my friend Ed Andelino, we took the step of doing a bottle drive. I was surprised how easy it went. Raising 20-25 thousand dollars is a bit intimidating, so we looked for alternatives. After consulting with State Deputy, Bob Adams, I discovered we could partner with Councils that already have a Clinic approved and send our total contribution to them, through the States Charitable account, earmarking funds to augment that Council or District's project.

The best part of this idea is that we now can show **UNITY** with our brother Knight's. With this accomplished, we can report to our parishioners who donated and inform them that through their generosity we were able to put a machine in (name the clinic). By acknowledging that successful drive, people will feel good about their contributions immediately. It also makes it easier to conduct future drives as they see their investment now rather than dragging out a campaign for perhaps years.

Other than that, it seems like we too are struggling with garnering new members. We have been discussing several ideas to generate recruitment. The candidates in OCIA understand they must wait until Easter, to join the Council but, there really is no reason that you cannot ask them to help you with a fund raiser now.

Have a Blessed Christmas and look to break records in recruitment in 2026!

Vivat Jesus

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### [What does the Bible say about the three wise men \(Magi\)?](#)



It is a common misconception that the wise men visited Jesus at the stable on the night of His birth. In fact, the wise men came days, months, or possibly even years later. That is why [Matthew 2:11](#) says the wise men visited and worshiped Jesus in a house, not at the stable.

We know that the magi were wise men from "the East," most likely Persia, or modern-day Iran. This means the wise men traveled 800 to 900 miles to see the Christ child. Most likely, the magi knew of the writings of the prophet Daniel, who in time past had been the chief of the court seers in Persia. [Daniel 9:24-27](#) includes a prophecy which gives a timeline for the birth of the Messiah. Also, the magi may have been aware of the prophecy of Balaam (who was from the town of Pethor on the Euphrates River near Persia) in [Numbers 24:17](#). Balaam's prophecy specifically mentions a "star coming out of Jacob."

The wise men were guided to look for the King of the Jews by a miraculous stellar event, the "Star of Bethlehem," which they called "His star" ([Matthew 2:2](#)). They came to Jerusalem and asked concerning the birth of Christ, and they were directed to Bethlehem ([Matthew 2:4-8](#)). They followed God's guidance joyfully ([Matthew 2:10](#)). When they arrived in Bethlehem, they gave costly gifts to Jesus and worshiped Him. God warned them in a dream against returning to Herod, so, in defiance of the king, they left Judea by another route ([Matthew 2:12](#)).

So, the magi were men who 1) read and believed God's Word, 2) sought Jesus, 3) recognized the worth of Christ, 4) humbled themselves to worship Jesus, and 5) obeyed God rather than man. They were truly wise men!

### **Exemplification of Patriotism**

Worthy Sir Knights of the Oregon District,

Continuing the theme from last year—with a Knight before Christmas—this year the Oregon District is promoting A Sir Knight before Christmas.

On Sunday December 14th at St Philip's in Dallas Oregon, we will be holding a special Exemplification of Patriotism following a Charity, Unity and Fraternity (CUF) Exemplification.

As a special promotion, the cost of becoming a Sir Knight will be \$60 instead of the standard \$90.

We are hoping to bring as many 3rd Degree Members to Full Knighthood as a 4th Degree Sir Knight.


Vivat Jesus,

Duane Morris  
Financial Secretary Council 1634  
Faithful Comptroller Assembly 3219  
Oregon State Treasurer  
District Secretary for Oregon  
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[oregonkofc.org](http://oregonkofc.org)

**A Sir Knight Before Christmas**  
**Exemplification of Patriotism**

**Blessed Father Michael McGivney**

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



**KNIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS**  
We believe  
Become who you were born to be!

**Where**  
**St. Philip Catholic Church**  
825 SW Mill St  
Dallas, OR 97338

**When**  
**Sunday Dec 14, 2025**

Mass: 10:00am  
CUF Degree 11:30am  
Patriotic Degree 1:30pm

Registration for CUF at 11:00am  
Registration for 4th Degree at 1:00pm

Fellowship & Refreshments  
between degrees and light meal  
after 4th Degree

### **For The Grand Knight/Financial Secretary**

Our U.S. Supplies Online vendor SLWM has rebranded under the name Supply Logic and their new email domains will have supplylogic.com in them.

Please note that the new customer service email for Supplies Online is [customerservice@Supplylogic.com](mailto:customerservice@Supplylogic.com). Emails sent to the old SLWM address will be forwarded for a brief period of time to ensure there are no disruptions.

Please note this only applies to the US Supplies Online store; there have been no changes to our Canadian vendor.



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### **November Cemetery Prayer Service**

On Saturday November 8th, 2025, the 4th Degree performed a Cemetery Prayer Service at St. Paul Cemetery in St. Paul, OR, right in front of the resting place of Archbishop Blanchet, the namesake of the 4th Degree Province.

This service served threefold purposes: to gain a plenary indulgence for the souls in Purgatory by praying for the dead, pay tribute to veterans with Veteran's Day coming up soon, and to conduct a dignifying Flag Ceremony. It was a very meaningful event that accomplished these goals.

(video for Flag Ceremony coming soon)

### **Kenneth J. Anderon**

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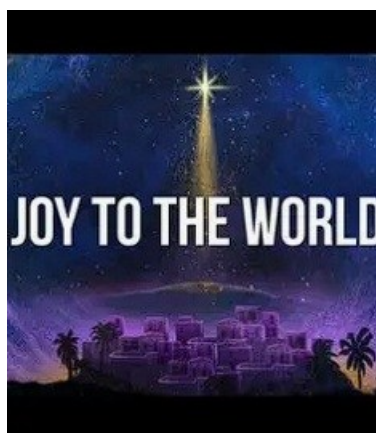
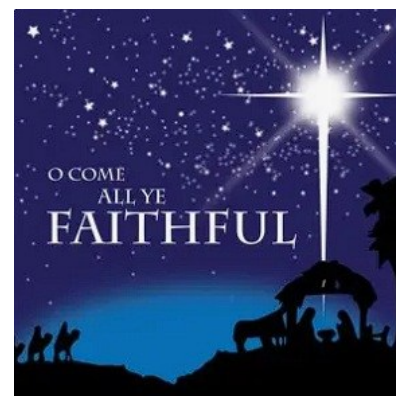




**Council In Action****Canby Knights of Columbus 2025 Christmas Social – Council 3484**

On Friday evening December 2nd, the Canby Knight of Columbus held their annual Christmas social. The Canby High School Cantalinas, directed by Brooks Gingrich, put on a great performance for the Knights, their families and the families of the 26 members of the group. This was the 1<sup>st</sup> of 17 times they will perform over the next two weeks for organizations in the local area and Portland. It's an honor for the Canby Knights to support the arts at the High School.

It was great to have them perform true spiritual Christmas carols, with the audience participating in 4 popular Christmas songs. Grand Knight, Paul Wieck, presented a thank-you gift to Brooks after the performance to help cover some of the travel expenses.



***K of C Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in Mexico City***

Council 3818 of Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Lake Oswego invites you to join your Brother Knights on a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City **October 15 - 20, 2026**. We are partnering with 206 Tours for this Pilgrimage. This pilgrimage is open to all and you do not need to be a Knight to attend.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patroness of the Knights of Columbus and of the Americas.

The package includes Round Trip Airfare as well as hotel accommodation and the site visits. Please see website for details and to register. <http://www.206tours.com/philbarr>

Phil Barr, Group Leader  
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(See next page for more information)

**Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe · Teotihuacan ·**

**Blessed Miguel Pro—Santo Domingo Church ·**

**Blessed Conchita Cabrera · Puebla ·**

**Church of Tulpetlac ·**

**Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

On this six-day Catholic pilgrimage you will bask in the beauty of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, at the foot of the hill where Our Lady appeared to Saint Juan Diego. You will have the opportunity to celebrate Mass and pray at one of the holiest sites in the Western Hemisphere! You will visit other sites in Mexico City like the tomb of Blessed Miguel Pro and see the extraordinary Mesoamerican pyramids in the city of San Juan Teotihuacan. You will also spend a day in beautiful Puebla to see the incorrupt body of Blessed Sebastian of Aparicio, Santo Domingo Church, and local markets famous for their colorful pottery. Join us and soak in the stunning culture and faith surrounding the most well-known Marian apparition!

Also at this time, and going on this trip, is our State Chaplain and Spiritual Director Fr. Anthony Ahamefule.



**FR. ANTHONY AHAMEFULE**  
**MEXICO PILGRIMAGE**  
**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**



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Our Lady of the Lake Knights of Columbus Council #3818

Pilgrimage to

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**October 15 - 20, 2026**

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**Group Leader:  
Phil Barr**



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### About This Pilgrimage

#### **Your Trip Includes:**

- Round-trip airfare
- Prepaid airline seats
- Airport Taxes and Fuel Surcharges
- Accommodations in first class, centrally located hotels:
  - 5 nights: October 15 - 20: Hotel Barcelo Reforma, Mexico City
- Breakfast and Dinner daily
- 4 Lunches
- Transfers as per itinerary
- Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
- Wireless headsets where needed
- Assistance of a professional local Guide
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Tips to Hotel Staff and Restaurants
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person)
- Flight bag & travel documents

#### **Sample Daily Itinerary:**

- Day 1 | Thursday, October 15: Depart and Arrive in Mexico
- Day 2 | Friday, October 16: Mexico City: Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe - Teotihuacan
- Day 3 | Saturday, October 17: Mexico City: Blessed Miguel Pro–Santo Domingo Church-Blessed Conchita Cabrera
- Day 4 | Sunday, October 18: Mexico City – Puebla – Mexico City
- Day 5 | Monday, October 19: Mexico City: Church of Tulpetlac - Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Day 6 | Tuesday, October 20: Return Home

\*206 Tours Disclaimer: Though every effort will be made to follow the itinerary, it should be considered as an indication, rather than a contract of places to be visited. Occasionally local religious holidays, national days, weather, traffic conditions and other events may necessitate changes in the sequence of visits or the missing of certain visits.

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#### **Not Included:**

- Meals not mentioned, Luggage Fees associated with your Flight(s), Tips to your Guide & Driver.

#### **Optional:**

- Travel Protection, Cancel for any Reason Waiver



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### State Family Director Report



Matthew Deppmeier  
State Family Director

The news of the suspension of SNAP benefits for needy families that occurred during the recent federal government shutdown reminds us of the many people in our communities who rely on help to provide sufficient food for their families. A Knight's program that strives to help address this need is:

- [The Food for Families program](#)
- [\(10511 Food for Families Trifold\)](#)
- [\(10610 Food for Families GS\)](#),

These are designed to ensure that as few people as possible go to bed hungry each night. Since the launch of the program in 2012, Councils have donated millions of dollars and millions of pounds of food to soup kitchens, food pantries and food banks throughout the United States and Canada.

Councils are encouraged to participate by raising funds and collecting food donations. Three members of my local Council typically pick up between 5,000 and 10,000 lbs. of donated food each month from Costco, Fred Meyer, Safeway and also a donation bin at our Church and deliver the food to our local St. Vincent de Paul food bank.

For every \$500 donated or 1,000 pounds of food contributed, the Supreme Council provides a \$100 rebate to the Council, up to a maximum of \$500 per Council per Fraternal Year ([10057-food-for-families-report-form.pdf](#)).

This incentivizes Councils to engage actively in their communities and support those in need. Additionally, participation in the Food for Families program by Councils collecting a minimum of 1,000 pounds of food and contributing at least 100 man-hours counts towards the Columbian Award



Vivat Jesus!

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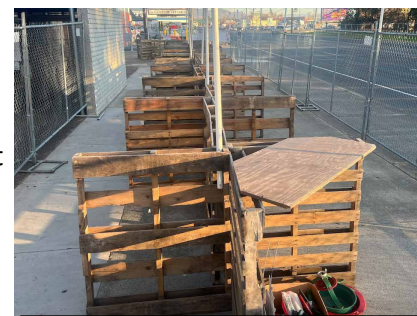
### **Council In Action** **The Story Behind the Story**

In the 1990's, St. Vincent de Paul sold trees from an old garage that once stood on its Pacific Highway property.

For several years, Knights of Columbus joined men and women parishioners and St. Vincent DePaul volunteers, to help staff the tree lot.

In 2004, the Knights took over responsibility for selling trees and since that time. The Knights have annually staffed the project with half the profits earmarked for St. Vincent de Paul charities.

This year's *Keep Christ in Christmas* tree sales, had begun this year on the day after Thanksgiving. This remains the Council's most important annual fund raiser.



*Empty carrels await the arrival of trees..  
These were assembled in the fog on the  
Saturday after Thanksgiving by a sturdy  
group of Knights,*

### **Council In Action**

St. Mary's Parish, along with Knights' Council families, Florence Food Share and their recipients extend sincere thanks to all who helped with the Thanksgiving food donations for Florence area families on November.

The Knights delivered a total of 776 pounds of food this week for the Florence Food Share Program. "Give, and it will be Given Unto You".. Luke 6:38





### Assembly In Action

On November 11, 2025, seven members of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Assembly 3248 were actively involved in a Veterans Day Community Event at Town Center Memorial Park in Wilsonville, Oregon.

The event was hosted by the Korean War Veterans Association-Oregon Trail Chapter. Event coordinators invited the Assembly to help with set-up, supply and manage two hydration stations, distribute event Programs and provide assistance to attendees as necessary.

The annual Veteran's Day event is enthusiastically supported by community leaders, businesses, and residents. The Veterans Day event was punctuated with a flyover by the West Coast Ravens Flight Team.

Assembly 3248 continues to strive to be visible and active in the community!

Vivat Jesus.

SK Manny Buzo, Faithful Navigator

Assembly 3248

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Vision – Inspire – Visibility – Actions – Trust





### **Council In Action**

By: Duane Kloser, PGK Council 3484

### **2025 Fall Festival – Canby Council 3484**

The Canby Knights of Columbus held their annual Fall Festival in the gym at St. Patrick's Church on Sunday afternoon, October 26<sup>th</sup>. This fun event required many volunteer hours from Brother Knights and spouses, along with many others from the parish, including more than 25 youth. Brother Knight John Rector and his wife Jenifer did a great job planning and organizing this event.

On Saturday morning, several Knights and youth cleaned over 50 pumpkins for the kids to carve. A big thanks goes out to Jodi Pattershall for coordinating the decorating of the gym on Saturday morning, which included Brother Knights and many youth volunteers.

On Sunday, young and old alike participated in pumpkin carving, soccer kick, cake walk, face painting and best of all, enjoying a free lunch and treats like caramel apples.

**Below are a few pictures from the event**





**Council In Action****Hillsboro Council 1634  
received Star Council for  
Fraternal Year 2024-2025**

District Deputy Michael Pranger presented Past Grand Knight Mario Ramos the plaque at a recent Business Meeting.

**Brother Larry Blanc receives  
his Honorary Life Membership  
Card from Grand Knight Bill  
Krautscheid****Hillsboro Council donated 120  
coats to St Matthew's  
St Vincent de Paul Conference**

## 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Crab Feed and Auction

### Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>



**6:00 pm Cost: \$45 per person**

**Note: First drink included in the price of meal.**

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

**Location -- St. Matthew Parish Hall**

We have room for 196 participants invite a friend or two.

**Seats must be reserved by January 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Call Duane Morris @ 503-709-4858**

or Send an e-mail to [finsec1634@gmail.com](mailto:finsec1634@gmail.com)

Proceeds benefit our Youth Scholarship Program, which helps graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders attend Catholic High Schools and our Coats for Kids Program.



Hillsboro Council  
#1634

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





Chris Cummings  
Membership Director

### Membership Director Report

Worthy Brother Knights,

Happy Advent! This is truly a remarkable time of year to embrace our Catholic faith and evangelize through the Knights of Columbus. I am proud to be a Knight and wear my badge on Sunday with my chin held high.

This week I have a condensed message to share. While the State did add a few members, none of those members were exemplified into a Council. As a result, there are no changes from last week and no "shout out" to those who added new members. No new members in a week has become a rare event for Oregon. The challenge for us as Knights of Columbus, whether you are at quota or not, is to add new members immediately with urgency! I really am confident we can get back on track with a push but first, join me in prayer!

#### Let us Pray:

- Thanks to our worthy Faith Director, Ray Prom, for the excellent Novena Prayer!
- Beginning December 6th - December 14th the Oregon State Council will be hosting a Novena to St Nicholas
- Attached is the Novena prayer (next page)
- Oregon State Executive Secretary Tim Grady will send a unique message to be prayed each day for 9 days beginning Dec 6th.
- Oregon State Officers will add a message of intentions to each day of the Novena

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER!

#### Defender of the Order:

- DD's press your Councils for more.

One month away from the winter meeting. Please make sure to register. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone.

002	Tom Burns (Captain)	12
001	Mike McDougal	8
003	Kevin Guenther	14
010	Pat Creedican	15
012	Mike Hahm	12
016	David Aguirre	11
017	Mike Pranger	4
018	David Judy	7
024	Chad Colombraro	0
Districts to which State Officers and Directors Belong		
Total		83



Team St Joseph

AS of: 12-02-2025		
District	Defender of the Order Teams	New Members Since Last Report
023	Tommy Nguyen (Captain)	1
004	Jeff Cuiper	12
005	David Hamilton	5
006	Mike Alley	4
007	Open	8
008	David Fears	6
009	Ed Dinius	14
011	Mike Swanson	1
013	Francis Mohr	3
014	Mike Dec	3
015	Jerry Burciaga	1
019	Frank Gilligan	0
020	John Snyder	6
021	Doug Whitney	1
022	Kevin Fredinburg	0
025	Mike Anley	5
Total		70



Team St Michael



**Council In Action**

By: PGK Thomas Zahara

November 11, 2025

St. Mary's Knights from Council 15773 in Florence participated in the annual Veterans Day Parade through Florence Old Town. Beautiful weather prevailed as the crowds lined the streets showing their patriotism with waving flags and cheers. There were Four Knights' trucks of Red, White and Blue all decorated with American and Military regalia and were all in line as so many children held "Thank You for your Service" signs and "God Bless America" signs. Yes. And He does.



**Conference Call December 19th**

Worthy Sir Knights of the Oregon District,

Please see the below email from our Worthy Vice Supreme Master on the rescheduled Conference call which will now be on December 19th at 7pm via Microsoft Teams.

Kenneth Anderson  
Vice Supreme Master

Vivat Jesus,  
Duane Morris  
Financial Secretary Council 1634

Faithful Comptroller Assembly 3219

Oregon State Treasurer

District Secretary for Oregon

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From: **Kenneth Anderson** <[kennethandersoniii@gmail.com](mailto:kennethandersoniii@gmail.com)>

Date: Mon, Nov 3, 2025 at 10:01 AM

Subject: Oregon 4th Degree District Leaders Conference Call 11/19 at 7pm

To: Duane Morris <[dlmorri@gmail.com](mailto:dlmorri@gmail.com)>

Worthy Sir Knights,

After talking with a few people, we have decided to reschedule the conference call to **Wednesday December 19th at 7pm**. This is because most Councils have their meetings during the first half of the month and particularly on Tuesdays. This is for all 4th Degree leaders. This includes: Marshals, Faithful Navigators, Faithful Comptrollers, Degree Team Members, and any other members who play some active leadership role in the 4th Degree.

The purpose of this meeting is to have some general idea sharing for the 4th Degree in Oregon, get to know each other better, and discuss any issues, challenges, etc. We will also pass down any relevant information to everyone. This will also be an opportunity for the assemblies in Oregon to get to know the Vice Supreme Master better as well.

We look forward to seeing you there.

**Microsoft Teams** [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 241 887 677 297 9

Passcode: Uw7AX9Et

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For organizers: [Meeting options](#)

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# 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.....

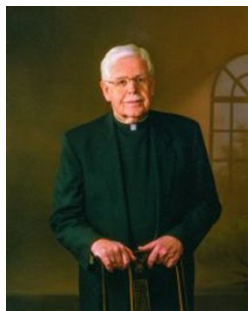




## *State Historian Report*

By: State Historian Tom Radel

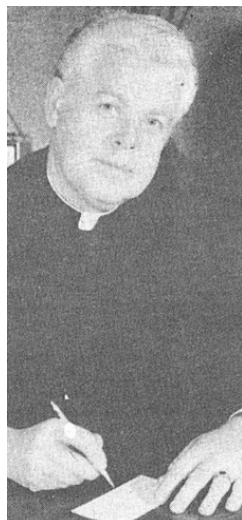
### Rev. Monsignor Charles Patrick Taaffe 40<sup>th</sup> State Chaplain of Oregon 1985-1987



Charles Patrick Taaffe was born December 13, 1926 in Portland, OR to Arthur and Anna Willis Taaffe and raised in Portland, Salem and Corvallis.

He recognized a call to the priesthood early in life and attended college at Mount Angel Seminary. He finished his theological studies at St. Edward Seminary near Seattle and was ordained in 1955 in Portland to the priesthood by Archbishop Edward Howard.

In the 1960s, Rev. Taaffe completed post-graduate coursework in art at Oregon State University and Linfield College. Then Rev. Taaffe pastored at St. Thomas More in Portland, Queen of Peace in Salem, St. Rose and Our Lady of Victory in Monroe and Harrisburg, St. James in McMinnville, St. Edward in Keizer and St. Mary in Shaw



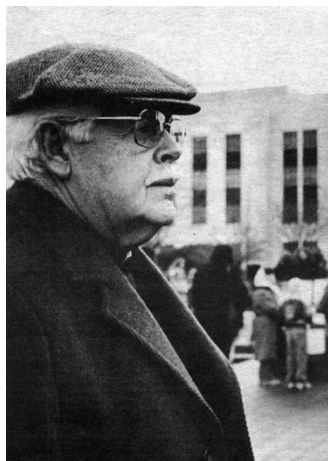
Rev. Taaffe 1955

Rev. Monsignor Taaffe began the Father Taaffe Foundation by opening the St. Brigid Home in a rented house on St. Patrick's Day in March of 1975 in Keizer, OR for pregnant teenage girls. He started the homes in part because of his great love for his own mother. By 1990, Rev. Taaffe had realized that many more teenage mothers were keeping their babies and that there was a need for more homes where young mothers could learn skills to help them succeed as single mothers. He established two more homes in the Salem area for teen moms: St. Monica in 1991 and St. Teresa in 1998. Since then, Msgr. Taaffe's homes have welcomed more than 1,000 women.

Rev. Taaffe received a Lumen Gentium award from Mount Angel Seminary, its highest honor, which is a Distinguished Service Award from the City of Salem and the Papal Medal, Benemerenti. He was made a Prelate of Honor by Pope Benedict. Blanchet High School in Salem, OR named its new chapel after him.

Rev. Taaffe was the Oregon Knights of Columbus State Chaplin **1985 –87, 1989 –91, Co-Chaplin with Most Rev. Kenneth Steiner 1991 –93, 1997 – 2001, 1999-2001, Honorary State Chaplain 2001 –03.**

Rev. Monsignor Taaffe retired in 1997.



*"I don't know why God called me to this, but I am so grateful if I've had a little part in saving even one baby." Rev. Charles P. Taaffe, 1991*

Rev. Monsignor Charles Patrick Taaffe died on July 10, 2009 at Maryville Nursing Home in Beaverton, OR.

He is buried at the St. James Cemetery in McMinnville, OR.



Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen.

### SICK AND DISTRESSED

Bill Holmes, Mike Wanner's Father,  
Mark Busch, Ron Kunkel and Florence Morris,  
State Treasurer Duane Morris' Mother

Council 1634 Hillsboro

Tim Grady

Council 7246 Newport

Kathryn Gilligan

Wife of DD07 Frank Gilligan

Council 1598 The Dalles

*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

John Krautscheid

Earnest Sandoval

Father of SK/FN Eric Sandoval  
 Council 1634 & Assembly 906 Hillsboro

Charles Robert "Chuck" Wert

Council 1577 Albany

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or via text to 915-443-3418

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.

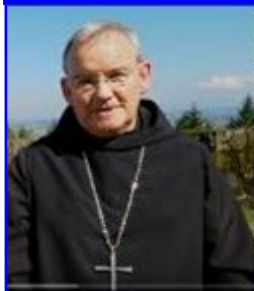


We request you also pray for all Knights, their Families, friends and all of our Police, Firefighters, Servicemen and Servicewomen, our Veterans, Ambulance personnel, Chaplains, Nurses, Doctors, Care Givers and those who minister to the needs of others—please take time out to say: "Thank You So Very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



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