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**HAVE A BLESSED NEW YEAR!**

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SOLEMNITY OF

THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

*Pray for Us*

*Mary*



*State Deputy*  
Robert Adams  
Council 1261  
North Bend

*State Chaplain*  
Fr Anthony Ahamefule  
Council 17396  
Bandon

*Imm. Past*  
*SD/Charities President*  
Kenneth Anderson  
Council 15605  
Tigard

*State Secretary*  
Michael Pranger  
Council 1634  
Hillsboro

*State Treasurer*  
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Council 1634  
Hillsboro

*State Advocate*  
Nicholas Guenther  
Council 3591  
Tigard

*State Warden*  
David Judy  
Council 14892  
Beaverton

*Executive Secretary*  
Tim Grady  
Council 7246  
Newport

## State Deputy Report

Dear Brother Knights:

Happy New Year to you and yours. As we step into this new year, we are reminded that every new beginning is a gift from God—an opportunity to renew our commitment to Him, to our families and to our Order.

This year brings fresh possibilities for recruitment, for strengthening our programs and for offering faith-filled events that invite men to encounter Christ more deeply through the Knights of Columbus. When we put **Faith First**, everything else finds its proper place.

This past weekend, we held our Mid-Year meeting with the District Deputies, Directors, Insurance Agents and Officers. St. Rita's Council did a wonderful job of hosting us. We were treated to an inspiring message of Love and Faith by Father Tetzl, Pastor of St. Rita's. He reminded us that our faith cannot be hidden. It is meant to be lived, shared, and seen through our love and actions, living up to the words "They will know we are Christians by our Love.

In our parishes, communities and Councils, let us be visible witnesses of Christ's love—men who lead with humility, serve with joy and invite others to walk alongside us. May this be a year where we grow not only in numbers, but in holiness, unity and charity. As always, we will shine in these times **by our Love**.

Vivat Jesus!

Bob Adams  
State Deputy, Oregon Knights of Columbus.

## Safe-Environment Compliant

Dear Brother Knights:

It pains me to actually have to write this message. We have numerous individuals and Councils that are NOT Safe-Environment Compliant. This needs to change! We are seeing/hearing several reasons for this, including: Not turning in the 365 Form, which lists the individuals in the required positions, Councils turning in the names, but not following through to make sure the individuals actually completed the training/background checks, and sadly, others simply refusing to do the required training.

*Effective Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, any Brother Knight, including officers, in the role of Program Director, Community Director, and/or Family Director, who is not Safe-Environment compliant, will be removed from that role.*

The State Officers and District Deputies, in particular our State Advocate, Nick Guenther, stand ready to assist all Councils and individuals in meeting this requirement. Please reach out to any of us with your questions or requests for assistance.

Please note that any Council that is not Safe-Environment Compliance is NOT eligible to be a Star Council. In addition, any Council that is not compliant as of April 15, 2026, is NOT eligible for the new member recruitment incentives that have been running since July 1.

Not only is this required, but it is the right thing to do. Lets make sure we wrap this up by 2/9. Thank you.

Vivat Jesus!

Bob Adams  
State Deputy, Oregon Knights of Columbus.

# Passing of Rev. Terry James O'Connell

## 54<sup>th</sup> State Chaplain of Oregon 2009-11



Terry James O'Connell was born July 19, 1954, in Minot, ND to Earl and Myrtle Annell O'Connell.

When Terry was 9 years old, the O'Connell family moved to Salem, OR where he graduated from McNary High School in 1972.

Terry went to the University of Oregon and graduated in 1978 where he earned a double major: BS in Psychology and Social Work.

After graduating college, Terry enlisted in the Navy as a vocational counselor. He moved up the ranks and became a Navy Officer Billet – Electrical Officer on the USS Nicholson, DD 982. He went all over the world, including Persian Gulf with the Middle East Force amid the Iran-Iraq War's "Tanker War" phase, Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, the Gulf, Guantanamo Bay, Barcelona, Spain, Mediterranean and Caribbean just to name a few.

Terry was honorable discharged on June 3, 1986, at PSD NETC Newport, Rhode Island. After he disembarked in Rhode Island, 30-40 fellow military personal rode bicycles across the United States. The group saw major sites, celebrated birthdays together, camped in every state, and even created their own song. Slowly people diverted from the group as they hit their home state. The last 10 Pacific Northwestern riders ended up in the Ogle's backyard in Beaverton, OR for a night.

The next phase of Terry's life involved the Catholic Church; Terry enrolled at the University of Portland while living at the St John Vianney House of studies pursuing pre-theological studies from 1986, then received a "pastoral year" placement 1989-1990 at St Anne Parish in Gresham, OR.

For one summer, Fr. Terry signed up for a mission in Mexico, he left not knowing any Spanish and was assigned living arrangements with a local family. There he became fluent in Spanish, culture, and found a love in culinary arts.

He started his seminary journey in 1989 at Mt Angel Seminary and was ordained a Catholic Priest on September 5, 1992, at St Mary's Cathedral in Portland, OR along with Bishop Liam Cary.





In order of priestly ordination, he served at: Sacred Heart – Medford, Mission Santo Niño de Atocha Guantanamo, Cuba, St. Monica - Coos Bay, St. James – McMinnville, Good Shepherd – Sheridan, St. Michael - Grand Ronde, St. Peter – Newberg and St. Juan Diego – Portland.

Fr. Terry was the second permanent pastor at St Juan Diego in Portland, OR between 2013-2021.

During that time, he started the Spanish Mass for the parish in July 2014 and started the planning and funding of a new community building. Unfortunately, he never saw the hall completed.

Fr. Terry was forced into retirement after a life altering stroke in 2021. Then, his health declined and other serious health issues became prominent.

His final residence was an adult foster home in Beaverton, OR.

Rev. O'Connell was the Oregon Knights of Columbus State Chaplain 2009–11.

Rev. Terry James O'Connell died on November 10, 2025, at an adult foster home in Beaverton, OR from Congestive Heart Failure.

*"You really came to know who you were supposed to be as a priest by helping people in desperate situations." Rev. Terry O'Connell, October 13, 1995*



Ray Prom PSD

## Cor

What is Cor? Well, here is your elevator speech, if anyone asks.

**Cor is forming the hearts of men into the Heart of Jesus**

Cor is not a *"program"*. Cor is not an *"activity"*.

**Cor is a Mission!** A mission has importance, it has meaning, it has determination. Jesus himself gave us this mission.

**Matt. 28:19 "Go therefore, and make disciples"**

*What are you waiting for?*

Contact me for more information:

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## **State Secretary Report**

Oregon State KofC Leaders,

We need your help to CLEAN UP this list of online Knights caught in digital limbo.

At the Mid-Year Mtg this past weekend, I promised to forward the most recent list of PENDING Knights. Attached is this list of men that already used the online KofC.org/Join site to become Knights. The problem is that none of them responded to the emails from Supreme asking them to Confirm their Joining request. The most likely situation is that the Supreme email went to their Spam or Junk Folder and by now has now been deleted. I used this information to send text messages to each one and have yet to see a response from any on this list.

I ask each DD, GK or FS to scan down this list to find your council(s) and make EVERY ATTEMPT to reach out to these "almost" Knights. I had about a 10% success rate in reaching men who DID want to Join and their names have been removed from this newest listing.

If the man IS ready to join, please advise him to send an email to: [emembership@kofc.org](mailto:emembership@kofc.org) with the following verbiage:

"My name is (First & Last Name) with Tracker ID (Per Listing) and wish to Confirm my desire to join the Knights of Columbus"

Make sure they use the EXACT SAME email as found on the listing in order for Supreme to match the one in their system.

If the email is incorrect, please have them add a notation of what the incorrect email was.

I ask you inform them to cc you on their email to Supreme so that you too will receive Supreme's verification of acceptance.

If for any reason, you discover the man is now no longer interested in joining, PLEASE send a different Email as follows:

As the (Your Position, First & Last Name) of (Council #), I have verified that (Man's First & Last Name) with Tracker # (Per Listing) is no longer interested in Confirming membership in the Knights of Columbus and ask that his name be removed as a Prospective Knight.

I ask you to cc EITHER email to [Guenther51@gmail.com](mailto:Guenther51@gmail.com) to ensure that our Worthy Online Membership Director Nick Guenther is kept informed so he can monitor this list and remove those requests as they occur.

Vivat Jesus,

Mike Pranger  
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TrackerID	First Name	Last Name	DOB	Email	Cell Phone	Council	1st Email
569450	Roberto	Zarate	4/30/1971	Franciscozarate1998@gmail.com	541-944-6423	1594	8/17/2025
523264	Jose de Jesús	Núñez	3/24/1976	solocondios2403@gmail.com	541-261-2468	1594	4/6/2025
440926	Luis	Chávez	6/11/2004	Chavezsilvaluis88@gmail.com	541-864-0116	1594	9/11/2024
614688	Arnoldo	Ramirez	1/17/1977	emarti20@me.com	971-241-5480	1623	11/29/2025
524674	Ramon	Cisneros	8/31/1971	Cisne.hern@gmail.com	971-254-7044	1634	4/10/2025
425707	Jose Yail	Gutierrez	8/15/2001	yailgtzm@icloud.com	971-865-9035	1634	7/14/2024
453876	Jesus	Arizmendi	1/1/1969	Arizmendijesus81@yahoo.com	541-216-3623	1656	10/13/2024
606212	Roberto	Concepcion	2/9/1986	roberto@4mountains.us	458-256-8512	1872	11/9/2025
282498	Ralph	Sundstrom	3/29/1954	ralphgordon80@gmail.com	971-381-9823	2325	4/20/2023
437912	Jesus	Rojas	2/17/1976	Jesurojasmartinez1994@gmail.com	503-453-7954	3179	8/31/2024
486528	Pinto	Akkara	2/28/1986	pintodavis@gmail.com	513-746-5131	3219	1/5/2025
541182	Raul Orneles	Guzman	10/17/1970	Guzmanjennefer008@gmail.com	971-377-4434	3378	5/24/2025
341952	Joseph	Sawyer	5/8/1950	joesawyer1950@gmail.com	503-708-3347	3378	11/14/2023
500366	Reyes	Martinez Mateo	1/8/1976	Martinez.reyes7576@gmail.com	503-750-2289	3591	2/9/2025
500353	Erick	Reyes	2/16/2002	Erickreyesmartinez2002@gmail.com	503-442-3976	3591	2/9/2025
451407	Rene	Castaños	3/21/1970	Benedicto.rene70@gmail.com	503-807-6847	3591	10/6/2024
266916	Richard	Grady	12/28/1941	sherryi.grady@yahoo.com	541-589-2869	5003	2/27/2023
289999	Ernesto	Esquivel	12/10/1976	erniesq125@gmail.com	503-586-8840	5060	5/17/2023
574548	Colin	Coupons	1/25/1961	colincoupons@gmail.com	503-380-7890	6266	8/31/2025
358408	Frank	Gutierrez	6/8/1947	mrfrankg@hotmail.com	503-888-7747	6266	1/10/2024
273221	Fernando	Rodriguez	5/30/1966	fernando.rodriguez@lamresearch.com	971-506-1805	6266	3/17/2023
341886	Jose	Ramirez	3/11/1954	gmoramirez018@gmail.com	541-460-1638	7223	11/14/2023
341880	Leonardo	Olivera	2/20/1983	oliveraleonardo99@gmail.com	541-460-2907	7223	11/14/2023
341875	Erick	Lopez	3/16/1988	erickhl88@icloud.com	541-777-7991	7223	11/14/2023
597266	Frederick	Dyson	6/17/1944	Frederickgarydyson@gmail.com	541-351-5509	7246	10/19/2025
285482	Elcodoro	Rubio	4/1/1975	leorubio0401@gmail.com	971-361-0834	7729	5/1/2023
525100	Myron	Trembely	4/27/1961	mtrem1672@gmail.com	503-572-4854	7828	4/11/2025
489001	Sean	Garland	8/26/1995	pdxgarland@gmail.com	503-254-7130	7828	1/12/2025
478875	Andrew	Talamantes	9/28/2000	Talamantesandrew26@gmail.com	503-999-9246	7828	12/11/2024
476246	Logan	Ajifu-Santos	11/2/2006	i.l.ajifusantos@gmail.com	503-209-1640	7828	12/6/2024
468666	John	Jefferies	1/27/1997	jpefferies54@gmail.com	971-710-4442	7828	11/19/2024
455994	Pham	Mac	5/26/1978	macpham2011@gmail.com	503-327-9287	7828	10/17/2024
550460	Emmanuel	Nila	7/28/1986	Ttaylor.Nila@bastyr.edu	323-605-9753	9263	6/19/2025
510314	Roman	Witiuk	12/25/1954	bonniiewitiuk@gmail.com	503-851-9086	9263	3/6/2025
364937	Martin	Lavin	10/2/1962	radmartin2000@aol.com	925-324-3614	9932	2/27/2025
538450	Broderick	Ziegle	6/27/1984	broderickziegle@gmail.com	971-267-8532	10594	5/18/2025
616127	Gurme	Gurme	10/15/1993	jiga.gurme123@gmail.com	971-340-0041	13700	12/3/2025
555372	Lenorad	Kirk	2/28/1981	Lkirk99@gmail.com	503-564-7236	13700	6/28/2025
493522	Jose	Flood	1/3/1972	hozf@yahoo.com	714-235-7388	13851	2/26/2025
547826	Ken	Jacks	5/19/1966	kayakwantobe@yahoo.com	503-708-2824	15605	6/11/2025
321259	Patrick	Keep	1/29/1958	pskeep@comcast.net	971-330-3370	15605	9/14/2023
618356	Michael	Wanner	6/16/2003	feymantler@gmail.com	503-899-2753	15640	12/10/2025
606378	Shaen	Caporgno	2/18/1974	5419916754@vzwpx.com	541-991-6754	15773	11/10/2025
584536	Adam	Ortega Vargas	10/31/1972	ortegascoating@msn.com	503-572-8454	16482	9/28/2025
584542	Jaime G	Ramos	6/5/1980	jaime@ramosinc.co	971-219-2044	16482	9/27/2025
584541	Eden J	Reyes	8/8/2001	edenreyesevan@gmail.com	971-329-3751	16482	9/27/2025
549172	Gregorio	Chanocua	3/10/1999	gregorychanocua@gmail.com	503-954-7078	16482	6/15/2025
582573	Juan Antonio	Gomez Morales	2/18/1966	jgomez86q@gmail.com	503-999-2985	16934	9/19/2025
573145	Josue	Morones Meza	8/5/1985	Joshumeza37@gmail.com	971-239-6883	16934	8/27/2025
391403	Moises	Torres	8/4/1972	borellana19@gmail.com	541-371-1594	17495	4/10/2024

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391407	Carlos	Pelayo	7/17/1990	carlospelayo154@gmail.com	541-812-1788	17495	4/10/2024
391405	Gerardo	Medel	8/8/2005	gerardomedel824@gmail.com	541-701-1258	17495	4/10/2024
381160	Miguel	Montelomgo	8/1/1986	montelongomiguel21@yahoo.com	541-561-4280	17495	3/12/2024
530574	Miguel	Giavaria	11/25/2002	migl.vidrio@gmail.com	541-360-1455		4/27/2025
524630	Roberto	Cervantes	7/8/1982	roberto.cervantes@kofc.org	541-840-2284		4/10/2025
508760	Dean	Guyer	2/5/1988	deaneguyer@gmail.com	574-286-8083		3/2/2025
508289	Justin	Shaw	1/12/1976	Mariposas77@yahoo.com	971-218-9790		3/1/2025
451072	John	Camahan	4/3/1946	john.camahan@comcast.net	541-619-7080		10/4/2024
446770	Timothy	Ritter	10/4/1957	rittertim913@gmail.com	503-364-1228		9/25/2024
441824	Adrian	Tapia	6/7/1996	Adrianlptr07@gmail.com	503-926-1955		9/12/2024
369388	Dwayne Keith	Pine	2/22/1977	dpine7777@icloud.com	503-351-9906		2/10/2024
359040	Jesus	González	6/6/1997	Chuyhg_@hotmail.com	503-754-0501		1/13/2024
344888	Mike	Tigu	1/13/1973	marinekasparian@yahoo.com	971-570-1587		11/26/2023
293243	Oscar	Polo	4/8/1961	poloor.q@gmail.com	503-807-9514		5/30/2023
262984	Lee	Tracy	12/3/1974	Lee4Sales@gmail.com	360-601-7843		2/15/2023

### **Worthy District Masters, State Deputies, Former Vice Supreme Masters, and Newsletter Editors,**

Let's hold a Province-wide conference call to discuss membership growth strategies for the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. We'll discuss challenges and barriers to members joining as well as ideas that will lead more men to want to join the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. This will be an open forum and will include idea sharing. It is open to District Masters, Former District Masters, Former Vice Supreme Masters, Faithful Navigators, and any other leaders in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree who would be interested in attending this meeting.

The meeting will be Thursday January 29th at 7pm PST. Worthy District Masters, can you share this with your districts?

Here is the registration link: [https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1746988&tp\\_key=65b2d81c86](https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1746988&tp_key=65b2d81c86)

Vivat Jesus!

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

### **Join the meeting now**

Meeting ID: 224 062 029 324 94

Passcode: QD3Wu7sE

For organizers: [Meeting options](#)

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*"But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" Luke 1:43*

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## **Life Director Report**



Brother Knights of the Oregon Council,

Happy New Year!

It was a great meeting in Portland this past weekend. Thanks to the State Leadership and St. Rita's Council for putting it on! The one-year-old St. Rita Council knocked it out of the park!

At the meeting we were given a compilation of the "brainstorming" that was done at the Summer Meeting regarding activities that Councils could do and what was working for them.

I've attached a picture of the compilation, (next page) so that your Councils can peruse that and see what might work for them.

Let me know if you have any further questions or need any clarification about these possible activities.

This month, I would like to talk about a couple of things your Councils can do to be active in our mission to foster a "Culture of Life".

**There is a LIFE NOVENA coming up from January 16th through 24th, from the USCCB.** The prayers for this Novena are available at this website: [www.respectlife.org/prayers](http://www.respectlife.org/prayers) You can **sign up to get daily text message or email reminders** during the Novena. Then, click on the "9 days for Life" line, next click on the "Novena" tab to get info about the Novena, or the "Resources" tab to get printable copies of the daily web pages.

Please get this information to your Councils and ask them to sign up for the Novena. This is an easily accomplished activity you can do towards the Columbian Award/STAR Council.

**Another item for this month is the "ACE WINGS" program.** This is where your members can "earn their WINGS" by accomplishing 10 Life activities during a 12-month period with 7 of the 10 must be for the Unborn. Those Councils that are doing the "40 Days for Life" campaign can accomplish this easily, by praying at an abortion clinic for each week of the 40 days. There's 6 or 7 activities right there.

To find the **application for the ACE WINGS award**, go to the State Website, [www.oregonkofc.org](http://www.oregonkofc.org) and scroll down to "State Forms". Then, scroll down to the bottom of that page and find the **RED TAB** that says, "Pro-Life ACE WINGS program". Clicking that tab will bring up the ACE WINGS application.

**Send those completed forms to me** and I will send you the ACE WINGS to award your members that have been **Pro-Life WARRIORS!**

**One more item I'd like to address is REPORTING.**

Many Councils don't know that they need to **complete a Form 10784 for EACH activity they do**, in any of the four "Faith in Action" categories. If you don't complete this form, you may not get credit for it when you report it on the Columbian Award application (SP-7). This form is available online. **Go to the Supreme website ([www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)) and in the search box, put in "10784". That is the easiest way to get you to the form.**

The member completing the form must first put in his Membership Number and last name. Then, the online form to complete will be sent to his email address.

It's an EASY form to complete and takes just a few minutes.

**Councils need to also report their activities to the State Council.** This too is easy and takes just a few minutes. Go to the State Website ([oregonkofc.org](http://oregonkofc.org)) and scroll down to the bottom, where you find the tab **"State Forms"**. Under **"Report Forms"**, click on **"Culture of Life Report form"**. You can download the form to complete each month. Then email the completed form to me, the State Life Director.

This is what we base the State Awards at the State Convention on. **Please get someone in your Council to complete these forms each month to tell the State Council what you are doing.** Only 15 or so Councils in the State are doing this every month. That's only about 16% of all Councils. We can do better than that!  
Thank you!

Vivat Jesus, Brothers!

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Life
Coordinate ORTL with many councils
Novena for Life
Rosary for Life Monthly
Send out mass notices of Rally for Life at abortion clinics
Support ASAP
Baby Bottle/Diaper Drives
40 Cans for Life (Food)
Baby Showers for expectant mothers
Add Life Messages to Holy League men's conference
Field of Crosses
Volunteer and provide supplies at crisis pregnancy centers
Praying with young women choosing life
Fundraising for expanded post birth services for parents and children
Get whole district involved in an event
More Support for Fr. Taaffe's Homes
Ultrasound program
Visit Shut-ins and lonely parish members, bring sacraments
Monuments to Unborn at Church
Essay and Poster Contests in CCD classes
Baby bottle fundraiser
Continuous bottle/can collection to raise money monthly
Become as visible as the anti-life crowd
County Fair presence
Pro-life billboards
Gift cards to new/expectant moms
Elderly/Hospital Ministry
Participate in local Life Chain Sunday
Tootsie Rolls for Special Olympics
Bags of needed items for the homeless
Christmas Food Baskets
Local Clothing Closet

### **Installation of new District Master David Hamilton**

On December 14th at St Philip Catholic Church in Dallas Oregon, Worthy Vice Supreme Master Kenneth Anderson installed the new District Master of Oregon David Hamilton just prior to an Exemplification of Patriotism for 4 new Sir Knights. During the Installation District Master David Hamilton was presented with his Jewel of Office, Beret Patch and the District Sword.



**SK David Hamilton**  
Oregon District Master



## Membership Director Report

Brothers, I am excited to announce our first 2 Star Council of 25/26 year, 13700 St Joseph the Worker in Portland! A big shout out and thanks to the men of the Council and DD Tom Burns! My first question to everyone else is, how about you? Make your Council great again!

### Shout Out:

CONGRATULATIONS Council 13700 for reaching 2 STARS! Thanks to Travis and the team for being the first to cross the "next level"! Total new Members 11

- Bend keeps Kicking Butt! Total new members 18 and on their way to 2 Star!
- Medford is coming alive by adding another 2 men approaching Star Council - Total new members is 7
- K Falls! NICE WORK! Adding 4 new men in a week. RINSE REPEAT! Total new members 5
- St Mathews! Home of the state meeting adding a new member bringing their total to 2 for the year
- Hermiston added 1 new member coming off the bench to score a bucket - Need more!

Thanks to all Councils who have been active in membership the past few weeks, I appreciate all your efforts.

### Membership Results 12.17.2025

Council	New Members	% to Goal	FS	GK	DD
13700 – St Joseph the Worker – PDX	2	220%	Reuben Rengel	Travis McKinney	Thomas Burns
1872 – St Francis of Assisi – Bend	2	164%	Matthew Deppmeier	Andrew Untermeyer	Patrick Creedican
1594 – Sacred Heart Medford	2	78%	Richard Moyer	William Bumgardner	Edward Dinius
2255 – Sacred Hear/St Pius – Klamath Falls	4	56%	Stanley Pence	Stephen Camarlinghi	Michael Swanson
3999 – Our Lady of Angels – Hermiston	1	20%	Chris Moon	Mark Gomolski	Jose Burciaga
1634 – St Mathews – Hillsboro	1	20%	Duane Morris	William Krautscheid	Michael Pranger

### Defender of the Order:

- DD's I really need your help to motivate your Councils at plan for the year
- Team St Joseph 98 leading St Michael 82

Bl Michael McGivney pray for us!

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Cummings

Knights of Columbus

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002	Tom Burns (Captain)	16
001	Mike McDougal	12
003	Kevin Guenther	17
010	Pat Creedican	18
012	Mike Hahm	12
016	David Aguirre	11
017	Mike Pranger	5
018	David Judy	7
024	Chad Colombraro	0
Districts to which State Officers and Directors Belong		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>98</b>
006	Mike Alley	4
007	Open	10
008	David Fears	6
009	Ed Dinius	16
011	Mike Swanson	5
013	Francis Mohr	3
014	Mike Dec	3
015	Jerry Burciaga	2
019	Frank Gilligan	0
020	John Snyder	8
021	Doug Whitney	2
022	Kevin Fredinburg	0
025	Mike Anley	5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>82</b>



Team St Joseph



Team St Michael



### Mid-Winter State Meeting

On Friday night, January 2, 2026 session, Immediate Past State Deputy Ken Anderson presented the Star District Awards to the following District Deputies.

All Star District - District 1 -  
Michael McDougall



Star District - District 2 -  
Thomas Burns



Star District - District 3 -  
Kevin Guenther



Star District - District 6 -  
Kent Purdy



Star District - District 8 -  
David Fears



Star District - District 18 -  
David Judy



Star District - District 21 -  
Douglas Whitney



Worthy IMPSD Kenneth Anderson also  
presented two awards for Membership Promotion  
- Top Gun -



### **Wives At Mid-Winter State Meeting**

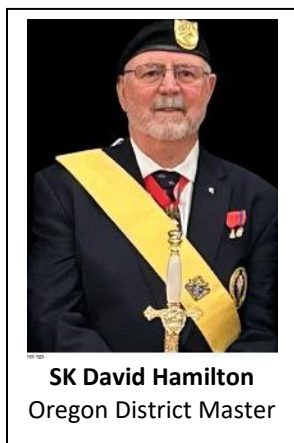
Saturday morning, we were led in a scripture reflection called “Lectio Divina” by Teresa Adams.

Saturday afternoon, we had a quilting activity and were led by Amy Din (her husband Greg Din is a member of council 1634 in Hillsboro).



## **Honor Guard Request**

Worthy Sir Knights of the Oregon District



On November 16, we lost a longtime member of the Knights of Columbus and a member of our Assembly, Sir Knight Bob Cassidy. Bob was a Korean War veteran and an active member of Canby Council 3484. He faithfully served our Order and his community for many years.

We have been requested to provide an Honor Guard for his Funeral Mass at **All Saints Catholic Church**, where Bob raised his children. The church is located at **3847 NE Glisan Street, Portland, OR 97232**, on **Saturday, January 10**.

- **Rosary:** 10:30 AM
- **Funeral Mass:** 11:00 AM
- **Honor Guard Arrival Time:** 10:00 AM

I spoke with a representative from the parish office, who shared that All Saints does not currently have a Knights of Columbus Council, although one has been discussed in the past. This is an opportunity for the Knights to demonstrate our unity, patriotism, and commitment to supporting our members, their families, and the parish community.

Please make every effort to attend and honor Sir Knight Bob Cassidy and his family.

**Dress:** Color Corps regalia or dark suit

Please let me know if you plan to attend.

God Bless,

**Tony Davis** Color Corps Commander

Knights of Columbus

4th Degree Assembly 1606

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**Blessings,**

**SK David Hamilton**

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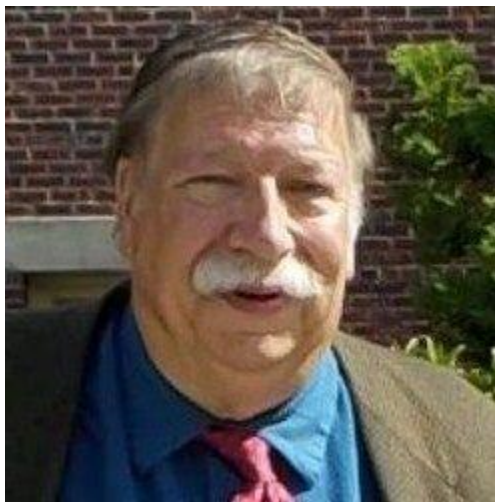
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**In Memoriam**

**Sir Knight Patrick Parson**



Brothers,

I am sorry to inform you that our Brother, Sir Knight Patrick Parsons of Albany Council 1577 and Assembly 906 has passed away. His lovely wife Teresita posted on Facebook that Pat, her loving husband and best friend had entered Heaven. Anyone who knew Pat and Teresita could feel the love between them whenever they were together.

Pat was the State Life Chairman for many years and you could always see he and Teresita together at multiple Support Life events all over the state. They LIVED their belief in life and the support of the Catholic Church.

Patrick even had a YouTube channel called Catholic Perspective by Patrick Parson . His description of the page told you what kind of faith he had.

*"Christ has called us to be lights in a world of darkness This channel is one attempt to follow that call from a Catholic layman's perspective on a number of subjects."*

He had over 200 videos explaining many aspects of our Catholic faith and great videos of all of the mysteries and decades of the Rosary as well as novenas and the Life of Christ.

He lived his beliefs out loud. His Facebook page was a mixture of posts of the many wonderful trips he and Teresita would take interspersed with numerous posts about the various rallies and outreach events they attended in support of Life. He was unapologetic in his views on abortion but could talk with anyone and remain calm and rational regardless of how others reacted.

He will be dearly missed by all of us who knew him but we can be comforted knowing that he is in Heaven with our Lord. Please keep Teresita, Albert, Jorge and Carolina in your prayers.

Tim Grady  
Executive Secretary  
Oregon State Council  
Knights of Columbus  
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(Color Guard/funeral information continued next page)



**Funeral Mass for Past State Life Director Sir Knight Patrick Parson**

**Sir Knights,**

There will be a Rosary and Funeral Mass for **Past State Life Director Sir Knight Patrick Parson** on **Wednesday, January 7th** at **OLPH (St. Mary's – Albany)**.

- **Rosary:** 10:30 AM
- **Funeral Mass:** 11:00 AM

We respectfully request that all members of the **Honor Guard** please be present by **10:00 AM** if possible.

I will be there before 10:00 to assist with coordination.

Thank you for your support and service as we honor our departed brother.

**Blessings,**

**SK David Hamilton**

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Throughout his life, Patrick dedicated himself to serving others, whether it was through his work with the Boy Scouts, volunteering at local churches, or reaching out to help the homeless in our community. His generosity and kindness touched countless lives, and he always put the needs of others before his own.

# Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

## 20\_\_ Individual Member Worksheet

### INSTRUCTIONS TO FINANCIAL SECRETARIES/FAITHFUL COMPTROLLERS/BURSARS

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

Located on the lower portion of this page are individual Member Worksheets to assist you in determining the number of hours of volunteer service expended by members during 20\_\_.

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

### COUNCIL HOURS

#### Faith Activities (where applicable) Hours of Service

a. Refund Support Vocations Program	
b. Church Facilities	
c. Catholic Schools/Seminaries	
d. Religious/Vocations Education	
e. Prayer & Study Programs	
f. Sacramental Gifts	
g. Miscellaneous Faith Activities	

#### Family Activities (where applicable)

a. Food for Families	
b. Family Formation Programs	
c. Keep Christ in Christmas	
d. Family Week	
e. Family Prayer Night	
f. Miscellaneous Family Programs	

#### Community Activities (where applicable)

a. Coats For Kids	
b. Global Wheelchair Mission	
c. Habitat for Humanity	
d. Disaster Preparedness/Relief	
e. Physically Disabled/Intellectual Disabilities	
f. Elderly/Widow(er) Care	
g. Hospitals/Health Organizations	
h. Columbian Squires	
i. Scouting/Youth Groups	
j. Athletics	
k. Youth Welfare/Service	
l. Scholarships/Education	
m. Veteran Military/VAWS	
n. Miscellaneous Community/Youth Activities	

#### Life Activities (where applicable)

a. Special Olympics	
b. Marches for Life	
c. Ultrasound Initiative	
d. Pregnancy Support	
e. Christian Refugee Relief	
f. Memorials to Unborn Children	
g. Miscellaneous Life Activities	

#### Other Fraternal Commitments (where applicable)

Visits to the Sick	
Visits to the Bereaved	
Number of Blood Donations	
Hours of Fraternal Service to Sick/Disabled Member and their Families	

TOTAL

### ASSEMBLY HOURS

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## ***The Northwestern Patriot***

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

**January, 2026**



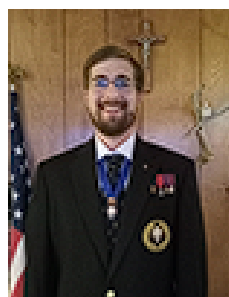
### ***Highlights***

- 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,

Happy New Year! We are now half-way through this Fraternal Year and there are lots of incredible things we can accomplish together. We are here to serve our parishes and our country. Let us always be ready to do what we can. January is the month of the Holy Name of Jesus. This is a great opportunity for us Sir Knights to remember that we serve Him as our King.

Perhaps assemblies can do a Novena to the Holy Name of Jesus or regularly play the Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus together. In addition to this, January is the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, which was overturned. This is a month where it is most appropriate to advance the cause for life, especially in the civic sphere. Let us stand fervently for life always. The big federal holiday this month is Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday. Let us remember to always treat one another with dignity and respect as God would want us to. Let us also remember to turn the other cheek when we are persecuted as Christ has taught us.

Don't forget to check out the Archbishop Blanchet webpage for good program ideas for your assembly. Are you looking for an opportunity to gain more energy and momentum? Check out that page and see some good ideas. Patriotic Rosary is also a always good option. Also remember that this is a good time for membership growth in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Ask someone to become a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Sir Knight this month.

Continue to be devoted to God, our country, and our Order. 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**

- 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 – Oregon – Jan 2-4
- National March for Life – Washington, DC – Jan 23
- West Coast Walk for Life – San Francisco, CA – Jan 24
- Exemplification of Patriotism – Wilsonville, OR – Jan 24



### **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](#)

### *Holy Name of Jesus Devotion*

During the Month of the Holy Name of Jesus, conduct either a novena or litany for the Holy Name of Jesus.

## 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: December, 2025](#)

[Fraternal Leader Advisory #138](#)

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: 76/371 (20.49%)

Washington Western District Goal: 34/144 (23%)

Oregon District Goal: 25/100 (25%)

Idaho District Goal: 9/66 (13%)

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



## ***Oregon State KofC Charities***



One of the images that comes to mind with a new year is the cartoon of the baby, recognizing a fresh start, a new beginning. Each child born into this world has that also. A new beginning, a glorious addition to our world.

With that in mind, I have designated the *Charity of the Month* for January to be our **Homes for Mothers**, where mothers get the assistance they need to get a great start for raising their babies. You may designate your donation to go to your local pregnancy resource center, a local Maternity assistance home or the fund in general - which is titled on our *Green Sheet* - “**Unwed Mothers, Right to Life**”.

Either way, you will know that you will be helping a baby get a fresh start on a new year, and what better way to celebrate. God Bless!

Vivat Jesus

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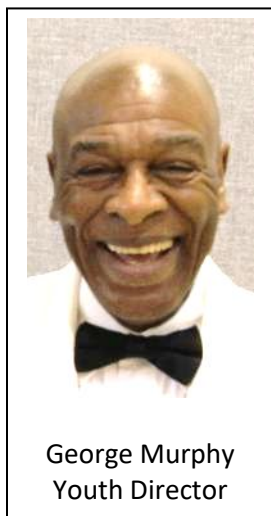
## **CHARITABLE GREEN SHEET**

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**

## **Youth Director Report**



Worthy Brother Knights:

We are halfway through our Fraternal Year and starting a new calendar.

We just completed our Winter Meeting at the State level in Portland at St. Rita Catholic Church.

First item of business is our Basketball Hoop Shoot. All participating Councils should host their local hoop shoot contest sometime during January 2026.

Then, our District Deputies should be hosting their District competition sometime during February 2026.



Finally, I will host the State competition sometime during March 2026. Location and date to be determined later. The State competition sign-in will start at 12 Noon, followed by player participation at 12:30 p.m.

Each participant must have taken 25 free throws at the local or district level and must have the original score sheet with them. All of our state's Fall programs have been completed at this time.

## **Coats For Kids**

Statewide, we gave away 363 boxes of Coats For Kids, with 12 coats in each box.

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

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## **Intentions**

**By: Executive Secretary Tim Grady**

We know that membership in the Knights can tremendously improve our relationship with God, our Priests, and each other. One thing I think we often overlook is the security we get with our membership.

I was in the insurance industry for over 25 years and I can tell you that nothing I had available for my customers could beat the products and security provided by the Knights insurance program. We should be approaching every young Catholic man from the standpoint of providing the security his family needs by joining the Knights and taking advantage of the products they offer. We do them all a huge disservice by not taking the time to point this out.

Father McGivney formed the Knights for just this purpose but I think we tend to focus more on getting members to be active in the Council and participate in our programs and don't spend enough time thinking about how we can protect members of our parish for their lifetime and for their families.

We can't expect the Field Agents to do it all. We are the first line of contact for these men. Once we bring them in the Field Agents can then do their job but the prospective members need to know what is available to help them make their decision to join.

## **St. Nicholas 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 invite 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







Oregon District Master

## **District Master David Hamilton Introduction** **New District Master for Oregon**

Worthy Sir Knights,

My name is Sir Knight David Hamilton, and it is a profound honor to serve as the new District Master for Oregon within the Archbishop Blanchet Province. I am deeply grateful for the trust and confidence that has been placed in me, and I approach this responsibility with a heart full of hope for what we can achieve together.

This is a moment of tremendous possibility for our District. As we continue strengthening our 4th Degree assemblies, renewing our commitment to unity, and proudly upholding the cherished principle of the Fourth Degree—Patriotism—I believe we stand on the threshold of a brighter and more vibrant future. The challenges before us are opportunities for growth, and the work we do as Sir Knights has the power to bring lasting good to our parishes, our families, and our communities.

My hope is that every Sir Knight throughout Oregon feels not only welcomed and valued, but inspired—encouraged to deepen his faith, to step into leadership, and to carry out the charitable and patriotic mission of our Order with renewed enthusiasm. Together, we will support our clergy with devotion, uplift our communities with compassion and action, and build a strong, unified brotherhood that reflects the very best of the Knights of Columbus.

I am genuinely excited for the journey ahead and humbled to walk alongside such dedicated Catholic men. With God's grace and with the strength we draw from one another, I am confident that our District will continue to flourish. Thank you, and I look forward with hope, gratitude, and determination to serve each of you in the months and years to come.

As we celebrate this joyful Christmas season, I extend my warmest wishes to each of you and your families for a very Merry Christmas and a blessed and prosperous New Year. May the joy of Christ's birth fill your hearts, your homes, and your gatherings with peace, hope, and renewed faith.

Please know that you are in my prayers, along with your loved ones, as we reflect on the true meaning of this holy season and look ahead to the coming year with gratitude and purpose. I am deeply thankful for your continued dedication, patriotism, and faithful service to the Church, our Order, and our communities.

Once again, thank you for all that you do. May God bless you abundantly this Christmas season and throughout the New Year.

**Blessings,**

**SK David Hamilton**

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### **Council In Action**

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 chairs, tables, and escorting people to their assigned areas. For this effort the Council received \$5000 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 at the Oregon air show committee Halloween themed awards party.



Council 14802 Knights and wives helped 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.



### **Silver Rose**

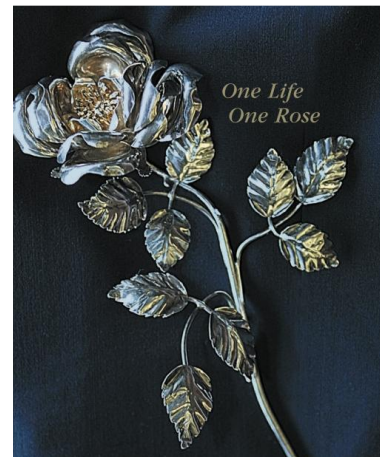
This request is to identify which Districts and Councils would like to host the Silver Rose this year as it passes through Oregon from June 21st to July 18th, 2026.



Based on interest I will create a path for this year to follow and get to as many areas of the State as possible. If we miss some this year, we will do our best to get to you in 2027.

### **Here is the Ask**

If you could let me know your **Location/Council/Parish** interest and provide an appropriate **contact name, email and phone number** to work with. I will then create a draft path and schedule for the 2026 Oregon Silver Rose Program.



I look forward to hearing back from many of you by **March 1st**. I will then create an initial draft path and schedule for the 2026 Oregon Silver Rose Program to share for comments. See some history of this program below. Do not hesitate to contact me. Thanks.

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Financial Secretary Council 11109, Independence OR  
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## *Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose Story*

In 1960 a group of Knights of Columbus Squires from Monterrey Council in Mexico wanted to do something special in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. They invited Squires from Laredo, Texas to London, Ontario, Canada to join in running a rose from Canada, across the US and transferred at the International Bridge in Laredo, Texas. In June 1960, a live rose was blessed by Bishop John Cody in London, Ontario and the rose started on its journey. There were adorations and Rosary recitation along the way. It was a memorable success!

The Squires involved wanted to do it again in 1961. Instead of a live rose, a silver rose, made by a jeweler in Monterrey, Mexico was used. In 1990, Supreme Knights of Columbus, Virgil C. Dechant, initiated the Silver Rose Pilgrimage as a Supreme Program. In 2001, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson viewed this Pilgrimage "as a perfect symbol that not only honored Our Lady of Guadalupe as Patroness of all the Americas but also reaffirms the Order's dedication to the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death."

What began in 1960 as a single route from Canada to Mexico evolved and currently there are eight separate routes. The Silver Rose Pilgrimage in the Western U.S. begins in Alaska, journeys through, Hawaii, Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Nevada, California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Mexico. It arrives with the other seven roses at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12th.

*"Our Lady of Guadalupe. Pray for us"*





### **Council In Action**

By: GK Mark Gromolski Council 3999 Hermiston

On Saturday evening December 13<sup>th</sup>, two of our Council members, Robert Longoria who is our Deputy Grand Knight and Brother Landon Vandehey, were installed by Bishop Thomas Hennen as acolytes for Our Lady of Angels parish in Hermiston.



### **Council In Action**

By: SK/FS Ronald Bernt Council 2439 Sublimity

Mass and procession celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Conception in Stayton. The three Sir Knights were Mike Alley, John Etzel and myself. Have a blessed and Merry Christmas.

Three Sir Knights from Archbishop Howard Assembly 900, in Salem OR had the honor of participating in a procession and Mass at Immaculate Conception Church in Stayton OR. We were celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The 4th Degree Knights served as an Honor Guard for the occasion.

Vivat Jesus!  
Fraternally,

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## **Council In Action**

By: Duane Kloser, PGK Canby Council 3484

### **2025 Canby Tree Lighting – Canby Council 3484**

The Canby Knights of Columbus participated in the annual Canby Tree Lighting event at Wait Park on Friday, December 5th. This event, organized by the local Canby Community, brings together thousands from the surrounding communities to enjoy a great evening to celebrate the Christmas Season. Three groups played music before the parade. The parade started at 6:00 pm and was followed by the tree lighting ceremony and Santa Claus talking to the children. Several other churches and groups from the Canby Community participated.

Ten Brother Knights and spouses served 35 gallons (700 cups) of hot chocolate and hot apple cider, **free of charge**, to everyone coming out on a very windy, but dry December night. Sir Knight Greg Perez did a great job as the MC for the event. Donations were given to Jamaican Hurricane Relief. This is one of the few ways the Knights of Columbus give back to the community for supporting them in other fund-raising events, like their annual charity auction and crab dinner.

A big thanks to Sir Knight Duane Kloser for organizing this event.

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



### **Simbang Gabi**

Holy Trinity, Beaverton was honored to host Archbishop Sample for the annual Commissioning Mass marking the ceremonial beginning of Simbang Gabi [**Simbang Gabi** (Evening Mass) is one of the most important and popular Filipino traditions. It is during these nine evening liturgies that Filipinos come together to prepare for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to celebrate our values of family, hospitality, and deep faith. It is also a time to reach out to everyone who may need fellowship, hope, and love]. Parish leaders from across the Archdiocese brought their parols (Christmas lanterns) to be blessed and commissioned to share the Light of Christ with their local communities during the Novena.

Parishioners Joined together in the Church on Sunday, December 14th for the Rosary at 2:30pm and Mass at 3:00pm, followed by a reception in the Cafeteria. Then, from December 15-23, parishioners were invited to gather in the Church each evening at 6:30pm for the Rosary, followed by Mass at 7:00pm, except on: " 12/17 (Wednesday) — Rosary at 6:30pm, Mass at 7:00pm in the Cafeteria " 12/20 (Saturday) — Rosary at 5:00pm, Mass at 5:30pm in the Church A reception was held in the Cafeteria following the final Mass on Tuesday, December 23rd. All were warmly invited to experience this joyful Christmas tradition! Learn more online at [h-t.org/simbang-gabi](http://h-t.org/simbang-gabi).



### **Council In Action** **Children's Christmas Party**

Council 1634 Hillsboro, with 16 Knights and their families, enjoyed the Children's Christmas Potluck on Sunday, Dec 7th, when Santa presented gifts to 25 children that sat and visited with him. Special thanks to State Warden Dave Judy for ensuring Santa arrived as planned at 3:00 pm after all had enjoyed a wonderful meal.



### **Special Olympics Check Presentation**

On December 23, 2025, the Albany Council 1577 presented Special Olympics with a check for \$3,051.20 from the proceeds made at the Council's Golf Tournament held in September 2025.



Pictured: Gary Haworth FS, Special Olympics Reps: Kelli McDowell, Bill McDowell, Dillon Yzaguirre, Rachel Sullivan, Jim McDowell Treasurer

#### **A Prayer for Hope in the New Year**

*Heavenly Father,*

As the sun rises on this new year, I lift my heart to You with gratitude for the gift of life and the promise of fresh beginnings.

When the days ahead feel uncertain, let Your light guide my steps.

When my spirit grows weary, renew my strength with Your peace.

Fill my heart with hope that outshines fear, and faith that overcomes doubt.

Help me to see Your goodness in every season, and to share kindness wherever I go.

May this year be a journey of growth, grace, and unshakable trust in You.



### **Council In Action**

By: Joseph Schaecher FVSM

### **Council 1594 - Celebrating Our Knight & Family of the Year 2025**

It is with great joy and gratitude that I share this year's Fraternal Year recognitions for Council 1594 Rogue River.

The attached photos are from the awards presentation at our annual Knights of Columbus Christmas Party with Catholic Daughters Court 1800 — a night that was, once again, a great success. It was wonderful to see so many Brothers and families gathered together in celebration.

Please join me in congratulating PGK Michael Pitts, who has been named Knight of the Year. Michael's steady presence, generosity of time, and quiet leadership are a blessing to our Council and our parish. His faith-in-action is a true witness to what it means to serve Christ through fraternity.

I am also pleased to announce Mark Kantor and family as our Family of the Year. Their devotion to parish life at Sacred Heart Catholic Church and their commitment to Council 1594 reflect a lived faith that strengthens our entire community.

A special word of thanks to PGK Dennis and Becky Kantor for graciously accepting the award on behalf of Mark and the family. Please extend our congratulations and gratitude to them as well.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the evening such a joyful and meaningful gathering.

Both of these recognitions are richly deserved. Michael, Mark, and the Kantor family lead not by spotlight, but by example — through faith, service, and love for the Church. We are better as a Council because of their witness.

Vivat Jesus,  
SK William W Bumgardner





*St. Mary  
Our Lady of the Dunes  
Knights of Columbus*

**" In Solidarity With Our Priests" 2025 A Year in Review**

Brothers and Friends In Christ,

Once again Council 15773 has accomplished the goals set forth, focusing on Charity to our Parish, its members and our Community. Those goals could not have been met had it not been for your support. Sincere thanks to all who participated in reflecting the Mission of Knights of Columbus everywhere. As we have done in previous years this review highlights some of the many hours given in many ways. **January of 2025** continued the Monthly First Tuesday Free Lunch Soup Kitchen at the Methodist Church. Our Council represents St. Mary's with this Ministry which has been part of our giving back to the community since 2016. Our service to those in need along with a kind word is what Knights do. Our First Friday Bingo fundraiser continues. It is a significant part of meeting goals. The Monthly First Thursday COR Bible Program Fellowship has guided us Spiritually.

**February 2025** Once again we participated in the Lane County Special Olympics Polar Plunge. With donations of support for our dip into the cold Willamette River 33-degree water we raised over \$2100.00 from parishioners, family and friends.

February also gave us time to Thank the Parish with a Valentines Day Dinner which was very much appreciated by our Pastor and parishioners.

**March thru June** continued with monthly activities. April included the 40 Cans for Lent Florence Food Share Collections, totaling 615 pounds. The Youth Soccer Challenge at Miller Park was praised by parents, kids and youth league staff and we had fun hosting the event as well.

Knights Ladies Chocolate Easter Egg sales raised \$500.00. A Knights Candy give-away fundraiser at Safeway raised an additional \$355.00 for Lane County Special Olympics.

Fundraising also was accomplished with a Knights Rummage Sale, with over \$1000.00 in sales.

A Father's Day Beef Raffle in June was also a very successful fundraiser. Thank You Richard for your kind donation of the 10-pound packages of locally raised beef. **July thru September** In the Fall, Lady Knights made their tasty Jams. Always enjoyed by parishioners. Thank You ladies for your hard work picking all those blackberries and plums.

After months of discussion and planning, the Monument to the Unborn was installed.

On August 31st, the Monument was Blessed by Archbishop Peter Smith.

The Assembly Honor Guard present for this occasion. Beautiful Monument. Very Well done.

**September thru December** Labor Day weekend, another Special Olympics Safeway Candy fundraiser. The ongoing Aluminum Can Recycle Program has been an incredible fundraiser. Thanks to Dennis Lestanguet who needs to be mentioned for the collecting, sorting and delivering. We delivered 35 pounds of aluminum can tabs to the McDonald House in Springfield. Council and Assembly members also drove their trucks in the Annual Veterans Day Parade displaying American and Military Flags and Knights of Columbus Council door signs. In 2025, a total of over \$5400.00 was donated to local charities and others because of your hard work.

They include. Friends of Florence Cancer Van, Food Backpacks for Kids, Habitat for Humanity, Caring Pregnancy Center, Helping Hands Coalition, Lane County Special Olympics, St. Judes Hospital, Siuslaw Outreach Services, Tunnels to Towers, Wounded Warrior Project, Coats for Kids, Florence and Mapleton Food Share, Parish Toiletry Bags Ministry, St. Vincent DePaul Ministry and the Mount Angel Seminary.

**We are the Clay, You are the Potter, We are the Work of your Hands. Isaia 64:7**

Sincere Thanks to all who have both helped and supported our goals. God Bless you in this New Year.

### *Sir Knights Honor Veterans at Cemetery*

In Southern Oregon, the Eagle Point National Cemetery hosts a Quarterly Ceremony for Veterans who have passed.

Generally, the veterans who are honored do not have families nearby. This last quarter of 2025, there was one lone widow who was presented a flag and shell casings from the gun salute.

Assembly 905 Medford was present for the honorable ceremony, led by Faithful Navigator Dr. Doug Smith and accompanied by Former District Deputy Larry Mullaly and Jahn Enger. Both Dr Doug Smith and Jahn Enger are veterans themselves, so the ceremony was particularly close to their hearts.

Just a few days prior to this ceremony, the annual Wreaths Across America program had over 410 individual wreaths that were placed at the grave sites. Volunteers from across the Valley came out for the placement of the wreaths.

If you are interested in supporting Veteran Ceremonies, please check with your local 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly for details.

Former Vice Supreme Master  
Joe Schaecher



## *Sir Knights Celebrate the Gift of Life*

By: PVSM Joseph Schaecher

Sir Knights from Assembly 905 have once again provided important support for the annual fundraising event for The Pregnancy Center in Medford with the theme "Celebrate the Gift of Life".

After arriving and praying with the staff and keynote speaker Stephen Holland, the Sir Knights set out to welcome all attending guests. Led by Faithful Navigator Dr. Doug Smith, guests were escorted through the food line and then assisted to their tables.

This year's guest speaker was Steven Holland—a music recording artist, passionate worship leader, motivational speaker, and founder of Broken Not Dead Ministries. Steven's incredible life story includes topics such as sexual violence, intellectual disabilities, homelessness, and navigating foster care and adoption systems. His testimony of redemption and hope was truly inspiring and motivated all who listened.

The Pregnancy Center in Medford is a long-time ministry of the Rogue Valley Knights of Columbus members from Ashland, Medford and Central Point, who have also provided three Ultrasound machines in the past.

To learn more about The Pregnancy Center please visit: <https://www.tpcpartners.us/sponsorship>





**Council In Action**  
**Central Point Council 11258**

**APPRECIATION WELL DESERVED**

Christmas tree sales are our most important fund raiser for charities, but the weather and long- hours are not friendly. Among the Knights and volunteers who participated were:

Leo Aukusitano	Shan Ortega	Ralph Browning	Randy Sargenti
Ed Dinius	Don Senestraro	Kevin Fecteau	Doug Smith
Gary Goldman	John Stillman	David Guzman	Paul Sternenberg
David Knouff	Daniel Wyatt	Mike Masters	Desi Zamudio
Bill Morse	Kevin Noble	St. Mary's Volunteers	



*Our bold but cold warriors: Randy Sargenti and Paul Sternenberg flank two hardworking students from St. Mary's High School.*



### **Council In Action**

During December, three Officers from St John Paul the Great Council 8355, Seaside, presented a check for One Thousand dollars to the Director of the Coast Pregnancy Clinic in Astoria, Trudy Brawley. The Council has supported the clinic for a number of years with annual donations.

The clinic's mission is supporting pregnant young women with ultrasound examinations, information & education while also providing funds for the clinic to purchase clothing items for babies as well as diapers, cribs, strollers - all at no charge.

Presenting the check are (left to right) GK Dave Hurley, Trustee Dave Stimac, & FS Steve Wilcox who, with his wife, is also a volunteer at the center.

Fraternally,

Dave Hurley, Grand Knight  
[hurley\\_dw@hotmail.com](mailto:hurley_dw@hotmail.com)



### **State Historian Report**

By: State Historian Tom Radel

# Rev. Cosmas P White

## 41<sup>st</sup> State Chaplain of Oregon 1987-89



Cosmas P. White was born January 6, 1929, in New York to Francis and Marie Masterson White. After attending Catholic grade and high schools in New York he served in the Army from 1946 to 1947. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Fordham University before moving to Los Angeles to work there.

Cosmas entered Mount Angel Seminary in 1953, began his Novitiate in 1956, was professed a monk of Mount Angel Abbey in 1957, and was ordained a priest on May 11, 1961. Following his ordination, Rev. Cosmas served faithfully in a number of assignments that included teaching and administering at two high schools. He spent five years at Ascension Priory after which he began his years of very active pastoral work at Sacred Heart Church in Tillamook, St. Agatha's Church in Portland for 21 years, St. Paul's Church in Silverton, and finally at Mount Angel Towers.

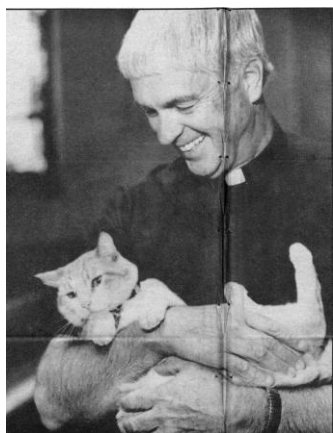


Rev. White was the Oregon Knights of Columbus State Chaplain 1987–89.

Rev. Cosmas celebrated fifty years as a priest in 2011. When his health started to decline, he was cared for by his fellow monks and by the health care staff of Mount Angel Abbey. Two days before his death, Abbot Jeremy anointed Rev. Cosmas with the whole community present. He opened his eyes joyfully in recognition of the presence of the praying community, and, though unable to speak at the end, he expressed his "Amen" to the prayers by squeezing the Abbot's hand.

Rev. Cosmas P. White died on April 27, 2017, at the Mount Angel Abbey in Saint Benedict, OR. He is buried at Mount Angel Abbey Cemetery, Mount Angel, OR.

*"It's not the Church's truth that attracts people to it. It's not hierarchy, it's certainly not dogma. People are most often brought to the church through the love of another Catholic."*  
Rev. Cosmas White, 1984, Portland, OR



### [Assembly In Action](#)

Assembly 905 Shepherd of the Valley Medford



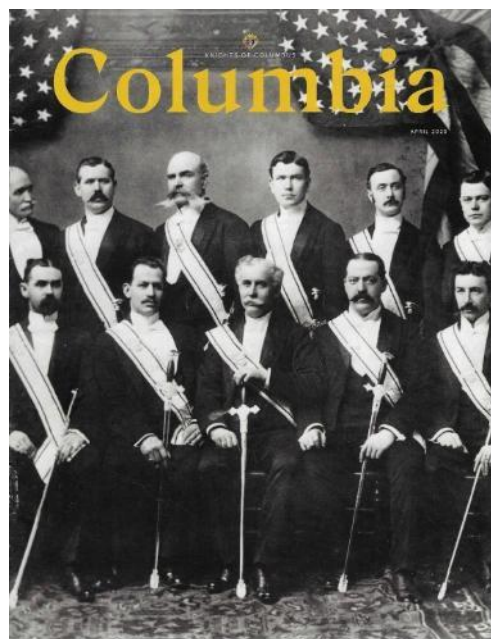


On the evening of December 11th, Shepherd of the Valley Church was full to almost overflowing. Against a background of joyful singing, six Knights of Columbus in their blazers, berets, and flashing silver swords, escorted an image of the Madonna to its shrine. They were incidental elements to a much larger spectacle of flowers, lights – and dancers.

As the prayer service began, 40 young dancers, wearing sequined, gold- fringed crowns and maroon scapulars over white shirts, pants, and shoes, formed a double line across the front of the sanctuary.

Their dance that was performed had been adapted for Mexican Indians by Jesuit missionaries. It traces back to medieval Spanish line dances. But it also incorporated elements from earlier indigenous traditions. The dancers carried three-foot long sticks or “sonajas” housing tin rattles, and were accompanied by three musicians, each beating a small hand drum and simultaneously playing a primitive two-holed flute. All of these elements were combined in a remarkable tribute to the Virgin.

#### *4th Degree Photo from 1900 recreated – Then and Now*



1900



2025

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 and Florence Morris,  
State Treasurer Duane Morris' Mother**

Council 1634 Hillsboro

**Tim Grady**

Council 7246 Newport

**Matt Sekreta, Rich Thelen, Julie Wertepny, Rudy  
Wertepny, Don Nadeau, Tracy Davy, Jerry Pendzick,  
John Plunkett and Ed Daniels**

Council 11258 Central Point

*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!*

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### **IN MEMORIAM**

**SK Ron Kunkel  
John Krautscheid  
Earnest Sandoval**

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

**SK Bob Cassidy**

Council 3484 & Assembly 1606 Canby

**SK William "Bill" McGuigan**

Council 1430 & Assembly 3258

**Sister of Pat Yung**

Council 9257 Milwaukie

**SK Patrick Parson**

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**Teresa Baehr**

**Daughter of Deceased Knight Bob Baehr**

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Let us keep in mind and prayers all those  
Brother Knights and/or members of  
Knights' families who have gone before us.  
*No member nor their family members  
should ever be forgotten.*



We request you also pray for all Knights, their Families, friends and all of our Police, Firefighters, Servicemen and Servicewomen, our Veterans, Ambulance personnel, 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 those whose lives have been lost and disrupted due to illness.**

**This we ask through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen!**







Abbot  
Jeremy Driscoll



Mount Angel Abbey has received a grant of \$10 million from Lilly Endowment Inc. to help establish a new, large-scale national mentorship training initiative for the *Program of Priestly Formation, 6<sup>th</sup> ed.* Mount Angel Seminary (MAS), an apostolate of Mount Angel Abbey, will lead the effort in partnership with collaborating institutions.

The project is being funded through Lilly Endowment's Pathways for Tomorrow Initiative. This initiative is designed to help theological schools across the United States and Canada prioritize and respond to the most pressing challenges they face as they prepare pastoral leaders for Christian congregations now and into the future. The grant to Mount Angel Abbey is one of 45 that was approved in this competitive round of funding to support theological schools as they lead large-scale collaborations with other seminaries, colleges and universities, and other church-related organizations.

Abbot Jeremy Driscoll, Abbot and Chancellor of Mount Angel Abbey and Seminary, expressed the significance of the award, stating, "For nearly 140 years, our monastic community has operated the Seminary as our primary apostolate, forming priests for many dioceses in this country who are prepared for the ever-changing demands of pastoral ministry. We joyfully accept this award which allows us to continue this important work of priestly formation and to bring it to a new level, and I am confident in Fr. Eirvin's leadership as he guides us through the development and implementation of this initiative."

This collaborative endeavor prepares pastoral leaders at the foundational level: by forming the mentors who form them. This integrated mentorship model ensures that priestly formation does not end at ordination but culminates in the Vocational Synthesis Stage, newly mandated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in the *Program of Priestly Formation, 6<sup>th</sup> ed.*

"As we prepare the next generation of priests for a changing world, equipping them for leadership, administration, and relational demands is vital for the success of parish life," said Very Rev. Jeff Eirvin, President-Rector of Mount Angel Seminary. "Through the generosity of the Lilly Endowment and collaboration with multiple other seminaries and ministries nationwide, Mount Angel Seminary is excited to lead a new initiative that equips mentor priests to confidently accompany new clergy through a healthy integration into parish ministry, setting a solid foundation for the rest of their lives."

Lilly Endowment launched the Pathways for Tomorrow Initiative in 2021. Since then, it has provided grants totaling more than \$700 million to support 163 theological schools in efforts to strengthen their own educational and financial capacities and to assist 61 schools in developing large-scale collaborative endeavors.

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