

# The Columbian® Newsletter

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**Ash Wednesday** is a holy day of prayer and fasting in many Western Christian denominations. It is preceded by Shrove Tuesday and marks the first day of Lent: the seven weeks of prayer, fasting and almsgiving before the arrival of Easter. Ash Wednesday may also be observed by Christians of the Catholic, Lutheran, Moravian, Anglican (Episcopalian), and United Protestant denominations, as well as by some churches in the Reformed, (including certain Congregationalist, Continental Reformed, and Presbyterian churches, Baptist, Methodist and Nazarene traditions.

Ash Wednesday is traditionally observed with fasting and abstinence from meat in several Christian denominations. As it is the first day of Lent, many Christians begin Ash Wednesday by marking a Lenten calendar, praying a Lenten daily devotional, and making a Lenten sacrifice that they will not partake of until the arrival of Eastertide.

Many Christians attend special Ash Wednesday church services at which churchgoers receive ash on their foreheads or the top of their heads, as the wearing of ashes has been a sign of repentance since biblical times. The imposition of ashes is typically done with the sign of the cross, signifying that the recipient is a follower of Jesus. Ash Wednesday derives its name from this practice, in which the words accompany the placement (imposition) of ashes, "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or the dictum "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. The ashes are prepared by burning palm leaves from the previous year's Palm Sunday Celebrations.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and our need for the love and forgiveness shown to us in Jesus Christ. I invite you, therefore, in the name of Christ, to observe a Holy Lent, by self-examination and penitence, by prayer and fasting, by practicing works of love, and by reading and reflecting on God's Holy Word.

The Eastern Orthodox Church does not, in general, observe Ash Wednesday. Instead, Orthodox Great Lent begins on Clean Monday and followed by Sad (Sorrowful) Wednesday. There are a relatively small number of Orthodox Christians who follow the Western Rite. These do observe Ash Wednesday, although often on a different day from the previously mentioned denominations, as its date is determined from the Orthodox calculation of Pascha, which may be as much as a month later than the Western observance of Easter.



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Council 17396  
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*State Secretary*  
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## State Deputy Report

Dear Brother Knights:

It is hard to believe that Christmas is already behind us and that the holy season of Lent is now upon us.

We are blessed to be experiencing strong membership growth across our state, with recent membership drives in Prineville, Madras, Central Point, Hermiston and other areas bearing great fruit. This is a testament to the strength and dedication of the Knights of Columbus—truly an amazing Order.

Let us continue to bring in new brothers, not only to strengthen our Order, but to welcome them into a fraternity firmly rooted in faith, devoted to family and committed to serving our communities. During this most holy season of Lent, let us shine brightly and make our presence known. May we boldly shine the light of the Knights of Columbus throughout Oregon.

This is also the time to submit your selections for Lady of the Year, Knight of the Year and Family of the Year. Every Council should be submitting nominations in each of these categories. I know that within your Council are members who quietly and faithfully serve the Lord. Dig deep, reflect prayerfully and submit your thoughtful nominations to recognize those who live out our mission through humble service.

It is also time to make plans for the Oregon State Convention to be held in Hillsboro May 1-3. The convention committee has been working overtime to ensure this year's convention is rooted in faith and fraternity, with lots of social interaction to be enjoyed by all. Please be sure to do your best to join us in this faith filled event.

Vivat Jesus!

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## Oregon Right to Life

This month, I had the great opportunity to meet with members of Oregon Right to Life—individuals who are doing remarkable work to protect the unborn and to uphold the dignity and sanctity of all human life, from conception to natural death. Their commitment is a powerful witness in today's world. As members of the Knights of Columbus, let us never forget this all-important mission, and let us continue to stand firm in defense of life through our faith, our actions and **by our love.**

Brothers, I am so pleased to hear of all the work you are doing to support Pro Life activities, from the protection of the unborn to preserving Death with Dignity. I implore you, please, please, continue these efforts. Especially in our state, we NEED the Knights of Columbus to preserve these rights.



State Deputy Bob Adams updates Oregon Right to Life on Pro-Life activities throughout Oregon at a recent Open House in Coos Bay, Oregon

February 2026,

## Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori challenges Knights



**"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me."** (Gospel for Feb. 1, Mt 5:11)

In the next verse, Jesus continues, "Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you" (Mt 5:12b). His words imply that his disciples are prophets in their own right, following after the prophets of old. Indeed, as his disciples, we become priests, prophets and kings by virtue of our baptism. In our prophetic role, we are called to speak God's truth even when it is unpopular in the eyes of the world.

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

This month, I challenge you to learn more about the Church's teachings on one or two contemporary issues that you are concerned about, so that you can better defend the truth when an opportunity arises. Look to the Catechism of the Catholic Church and booklets from the Order's Catholic Information Service ([kofc.org/cis](http://kofc.org/cis)) as resources.

### **Questions for Reflection:**

Do you shy away from speaking the truth because you fear opposition or repercussions? Does your silence on issues of faith or morals sometimes give others the false impression of agreement? How do you make sure you are respectful and charitable to others when speaking the truth?

## How To Renew The Faith In Your Council

**By Fr. Jonathan D. Kalisch, O.P.**  
**Director of Chaplains and Spiritual Development**



How engaged is your Knights of Columbus Council in the faith lives of the men of your parish? As we prepare for the Lenten season, and to welcome newly catechized members of the Body of Christ through OCIA, it is the perfect time to launch a faith formation component in your local Knights of Columbus Council. As you no doubt are aware, there are a great number of videos, Catholic Information Service booklets, Bible studies, and Cor materials that have been produced by the Knights of Columbus and can be seamlessly woven into the normal program activity of your Council.

A simple way to begin is to work with your grand knight or his designee to organize a viewing of one of the videos on the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council YouTube page, and then lead a short discussion about the video, concluding with some intercessory prayer around the topic. Many of the videos would also make a compelling showing in a parish hall during a Lenten fish fry, parish day of reflection, or men's retreat. The K of C-produced Bible study Men of the Word — or new Cor materials on the life of Blessed Michael McGivney or a topic of your choice — would also make an excellent way to start or enhance a Cor session for all the men of your parish.

Each state Council has a designated state Cor facilitator who could also be invaluable should you desire further assistance to get Cor training for your local Council leaders or to talk through ideas you may have, given the dynamics of your parish. All of this will likely require your pastoral participation to at least encourage a new foothold of the faith in your Council. It is also likely that the men of your Council want to go deeper but may just need your assistance. It's 2026: Let's ensure that every man who comes to a Knights event leaves with a deeper knowledge of his faith, an encounter with the Body of Christ, and an opportunity to pray with another.

*Vivat Jesus!*

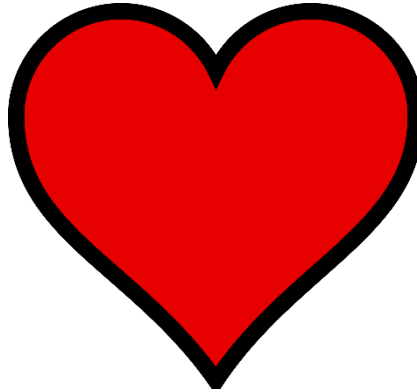


Ray Prom PSD

**Cor**

## **February-Valentines-Hearts-Cor**

(Latin for heart)



See how they connect.

February is the BEST month for thinking about Cor!

I can help. Call or email me

Ray Prom, SD

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Brent Dattke  
Program Director

### **General Program Director Report**

Annual State awards submittals are due by March 1<sup>st</sup> to be considered for awards presented at the State Convention.

The three council divisions have been restructured for balanced councils and fairer competition. Division I has 30 councils; Division II and Division III have 29 councils.

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## **Life Director Report**



Kent Purdy  
Life Director

Brother Knights of the Oregon Council,

**Dove Medical Center in Eugene has asked for help from the Knights in placing a new ULTRASOUND MACHINE in their clinic.**

I have requested help for this from the Eugene area Councils, and some have responded, however we could still use more help for getting us up to \$15,000 mark, which is half of the required amount.

The clinic has been given Archdiocesan approval and we are now waiting on Supreme to give its approval for their half of the contributions.

**In the meantime, if any Oregon Council has any funds designated to help place ultrasounds, we could use your assistance.**

Please make checks out to "Oregon KofC Charities" and designate on the memo line of the check "Dove Medical Ultrasound". Please also put a note in the envelope that it is for this ultrasound.

Mail checks to: Duane L. Morris, Treasurer  
Oregon KofC Charities  
727 SE High St.  
Hillsboro, OR 97123

Councils that assist in raising funds for placing this ultrasound can use this as a Culture of Life Activity.

I'd like to talk about another activity that is in the Culture of Life category, and that is **SPECIAL OLYMPICS**.

This month there will be a fundraiser for Special Olympics that most of you have probably heard of, and that is the **Polar Plunge**.



There will be several "plunges" in Oregon this month:

- **Feb. 7th Eugene** at Maurie Jacobs Park
- **Feb. 14th in Salem** at Illahee Hills Country Club Pool, and
- **Feb. 14th in Corvallis** at Crystal Lakes Sports fields/Willamette Boat Landing
- **Feb. 21st in Portland** @ Willamette Park Boat Ramps
- **Feb. 20-21 in Portland**, also at Willamette Park, is the **SUPER PLUNGE**, which is absolute craziness.  
See website below for details.
- **Feb. 28th in Bend** @ Riverbend Park, and
- **Feb 28th in Medford** at Rogue Valley Country Club Pool

Registration starts at 9:00 AM at all these locales, and there are other fun activities in many.

Go to [polarplunge@soor.org](mailto:polarplunge@soor.org) for more information or if you have questions.

[Polar Plunge Locations | Special Olympics Oregon](#)

If none of these dates or venues fit... DIY by having your own council's Polar Plunge. See details under "DIY Plunge" at the website above.

For the Special Olympics activity, councils that either contribute 200 hours (Knights and family members) OR donate at least \$2000 can receive TWO credits for the Columbian Award in the LIFE category.

One more note. For councils that are doing the "Sacramental Gifts" activity and using the Baptism Pins and cards, this is to let you know that I am out of the pins but working on getting more. I'll get them out to you as soon as I get them.

Please, Brothers, **keep praying for God's grace to come upon women in crisis pregnancies, that they may CHOOSE LIFE.** Offer up your sacrifices, sufferings, Rosaries, and Mass Intentions for this cause.

Vivat Jesus, Brothers!

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## **Membership Director Report**

Brothers, this month we have two items worth showing you.

First, let's talk about color! Yes, color! My entire life has been involved with color so I will share just a bit of Blue. We added several new "Leaders in Oregon" over the past couple of weeks. You guessed it, the Leaders in Oregon are found in blue! You can view your Council status on the worksheet sent to you earlier.

Leaders are Councils with at least 1 new member but not at goal. There is now a total of 20 Councils in the Leaders category. I am asking all the Leaders to schedule church drives and get up to plan by the end of February, you can do it! You have already begun the journey, finish the race!

### **Shout Out For January 27th:**

- WE HAVE 1 NEW ACE COUNCIL (300% to plan) St Joseph the Worker, Council 13700 in District 2 in Portland! Well done Travis and team!
- Really awesome to see our St Joseph Spanish brothers in Salem add 6 new men! Excellent work!
- Medford just 1 more to be at plan! When your reach plan don't stop! Can you add a few (10) more?
- Florence checking in with a couple. Always a reliable Council doing great work on the coast.
- Mt Angel my favorite town in Oregon! Nice work with a new member.
- Albany with no DD adding a new man, Nice!
- Thank you Christ the King for not giving up! There are more men to recruit in your parish
- It's always good to see Hood River on the board. It would be nice for you to be at plan by year end.
- Thanks to all who participated in recruitment over the past 2 weeks

Membership Results 1.27.2025

Council	New Members	% to Goal	FS	GK	DD
13700 - St Joseph the Worker - PDX	+4	300%	Reuben Rengel	Travis McKinney	Thomas Burns
16934 - St Joseph - Spanish - Salem	+6	120%	Eliseo Lemus	Brandy Velasco-Ceja	Jeffrey Cuiper
1594 - Sacred Heart - Medford	+1	89%	Richard Moyer	William Bumgardner	Edward Dinius
5511 - Star of the Sea - Florence	+2	80%	Doug Barrett	Michael Juster	Michael Hahn
1767 - St Mary - Mt Angel	+1	30%	Phil Gendhar	Kevin Gross	Michael Hanley
1577 - Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Albany	+1	27%	Gary Haworth	Thomas Radel	Vacant
9257 - Christ The King - Milwaukie	+2	25%	Joseph Keller	Ross Connor	Michael Dec
7292 - St Mary - Hood River	+1	20%	Eric Walker	James Dummer	Francis Gilligan

Membership Results 2.4.2026

Council	New Members	% to Goal	FS	GK	DD
1872 - Bend - St Francis of Assisi	1	173%	Matthew Deppmeier	Andrew Untermeyer	Patrick Creedican
1594 - Medford - Sacred Heart	2	111%	Richard Moyer	William Bumgardner	Edward Dinius
3999 - Hermiston - Our Lady of Angels	4	100%	Chris Moon	Mark Gomolski	Jose Burciaga
15773 - Florence - Our Lady of the Dunes	1	80%	Dennis Lestanguet	Richard Huff	Michael Hahn
2325 - Oregon City - St John the Apostle	4	63%	Mark Welters	Damien Brooks	Michael Dec
1623 - McMinnville - St James	1	63%	Douglas Young	Richard Owens	David Hamilton

Second item is for February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Brothers, thanks to all of your efforts we had a decent week of recruitment. A total of 13 members were brought in at the council level. We had a couple of Councils get on the board for the first time and a couple of Councils reach 100% and become Champions! Thanks to all who helped recruit new members. That said, the harvest is great and the workers are few! It's vital our Council and District leaders keep advocating for church drives to bring new members into the order. Please make that happen!

### **Shout Out For February 4th:**

- Bend continues to lead the State with 19 new members so far this year! Well done!
- Medford was able to reach 100% and represent Southern Oregon
- Hermiston! Nice!
- Florence needs 1 more to be heading for another Star Council

- Oregon City! My new Council put serious points on the board and is closing in on Star! Nice work Damien
- Mac! great to see you back on the leaderboard.
- Keep up the good work and as always thank you for your hard work and dedication to KofC!

### Defender of The Order January 27th:

#### St Joseph leads by 10!

002	Tom Burns (Captain)	20
001	Mike McDougal	12
003	Kevin Guenther	18
010	Pat Creedican	18
012	Mike Hahm	15
016	David Aguirre	12
017	Mike Pranger	7
018	David Judy	7
024	Chad Colombraro	1
Districts to which State Officers and Directors Belong		
<b>Total</b>		<b>110</b>



**Team St Joseph**

#### St Michael is closing the gap!

AS of: 01-27-2026		
District	Defender of the Order Teams	New Members Since Last Report
023	Tommy Nguyen (Captain)	1
004	Jeff Cuiper	19
005	David Hamilton	5
006	Mike Alley	4
007	Open	11
008	David Fears	8
009	Ed Dinius	17
011	Mike Swanson	5
013	Francis Mohr	3
014	Mike Dec	5
015	Jerry Burciaga	3
019	Frank Gilligan	1
020	John Snyder	8
021	Doug Whitney	4
022	Kevin Fredinburg	0
025	Mike Anley	6
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>



**Team St Michael**

### Defender of The Order February 4th

*We have a real race! Team St. Joseph is nearly overtaking Team St. Michael! Who will win?*

002	Tom Burns (Captain)	20
001	Mike McDougal	12
003	Kevin Guenther	18
010	Pat Creedican	19
012	Mike Hahm	16
016	David Aguirre	12
017	Mike Pranger	7
018	David Judy	7
024	Chad Colombraro	1
Districts to which State Officers and Directors Belong		
<b>Total</b>		<b>112</b>



**Team St Joseph**

AS of: 02-04-2026		
District	Defender of the Order Teams	New Members Since Last Report
023	Tommy Nguyen (Captain)	1
004	Jeff Cuiper	19
005	David Hamilton	6
006	Mike Alley	4
007	Open	11
008	David Fears	8
009	Ed Dinius	19
011	Mike Swanson	5
013	Francis Mohr	3
014	Mike Dec	9
015	Jerry Burciaga	7
019	Frank Gilligan	1
020	John Snyder	8
021	Doug Whitney	4
022	Kevin Fredinburg	0
025	Mike Anley	6
<b>Total</b>		<b>111</b>



**Team St Michael**

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Pray for us!

Vivat Jesus!

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## *January 2026 Successes Across the Oregon District*



**SK David Hamilton**  
Oregon District Master

### Worthy Sir Knights of the Oregon District

As we begin a new year, I am grateful for the strong momentum and renewed enthusiasm shown throughout the Oregon District during the month of January. The dedication of our Sir Knights has been evident in every corner of the District, and it is truly encouraging to see our Fourth Degree continuing to grow in faith, patriotism and fraternity.

January was highlighted by well-attended exemplifications, demonstrating that our Assemblies remain committed to welcoming new Sir Knights into the Fourth Degree. These ceremonies were conducted with dignity and reverence, thanks to the hard work of our Color Corps members, degree teams and host Assemblies. Your professionalism reflects positively on the Order and leaves a lasting impression on our candidates and their families.

In addition, many Assemblies stepped up in service this month, providing honor guards for parish events, funerals, special Masses, and civic celebrations. Your visible presence at these events is a powerful witness to our principles and a reminder of the important role the Fourth Degree plays within our parishes and communities.

I would also like to commend the cooperation and communication shown among Faithful Navigators, Assembly Officers, and District leadership. This teamwork has been key to the successes we've seen and sets a strong foundation for the months ahead.

As we move forward into the new year, let us continue building on this positive energy—supporting one another, strengthening our Assemblies and living out the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Thank you for all that you do for the Order, the Church, and our communities. May God bless you and your families.

Vivat Jesus

Blessings,

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Archbishop Blanchet 4th Degree Province  
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## **The Northwestern Patriot**

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

**February, 2026**

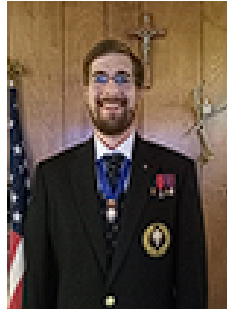


### **Highlights**

- 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,

The month of February is now here! We have some big Federal holidays this month. Abraham Lincoln's birthday is February [12<sup>th</sup>](#). George Washington's birthday is February 22<sup>nd</sup>. In between the two is the observance of President's Day, which falls on February 16<sup>th</sup> this year. This month is a great opportunity for your assembly to hold a Presidents Prayer

Breakfast. Simply gather at a Parish Hall or restaurant side room (depending on the size of the group and bandwidth to put on an event), enjoy a hearty breakfast, read some Scripture on government and leaders, discuss some leadership traits of past presidents like Washington and Lincoln, and pray some prayers for our country and current leaders that they may adhere to God's ordinances in leading this country.

We also need to focus some efforts on membership growth. March is coming up and is a great month for membership efforts. Work with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree councils in setting up Church Drives and recruit alongside them. Attend CUF Degrees and pitch the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree the newly invested 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knights. I personally filled out my 4<sup>th</sup> Degree form on the car ride home from my 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Exemplification.

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. Many of these programs can be done with a small group and require minimal effort, particularly the Patriotic Rosary. These are great programs to engage struggling assemblies.

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**

Feb 2 – Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord  
 Feb 12 – President Lincoln's Birthday  
 Feb 14 – St. Valentine's Day  
 Feb 16 – President's Day  
 Feb 18 – Ash Wednesday  
 Feb 22 – Washington's Birthday



### **Upcoming Events**

Feb 21 – Western Washington Biennial Meeting



### **Important Programs**

#### ***Presidents Prayer Breakfast***

As an Assembly or 4<sup>th</sup> Degree District, hold a Presidents Prayer Breakfast in a Parish Hall or Restaurant side room! Read some Scripture on government and pray for our leaders!



## Important Programs (cont'd)

### *Prayer, Fasting, and Abnegating for America*

This year for Lent, consider participating in the 3 pillars as an Assembly for America, that our country may adhere to God's Law.

### *Color Corps Drill Training*

Schedule a sword drill training to prepare for the Color Guard Competition! See [here](#)!

## 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: January, 2026](#)

[Fraternal Leader Advisory #140](#)

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: 90/371 (24.26%)

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

Oregon District Goal: 26/100 (26%)

Idaho District Goal: 10/66 (15%)

Washington Eastern District Goal: 20/61 (32%)



## Oregon State KofC Charities



Ray Prom PSD

Brothers, so what do you think of when February comes around? Valentine's Day? With hearts and Cherubs?



I think about the little baby angels and my mind goes to the Guardian Angels. This month is the perfect time to donate to our Ultrasound program through Oregon State KofC Charities. You can donate to the State Ultrasound fund, or you can help Keizer Council in their efforts to fund an ultrasound machine. Just give us your preference when you make your donation. No donation is too small! Even \$5, multiplied by the over 8,000+ members of Oregon Knights of Columbus, will make a huge impact.



Remember too that if you feel called to make a large gift, our state charities is a 501 (c) 3 and is tax deductible. You can't get that just by donating to your local Council.

What better way to show love this Valentine's Day than to help women make the right choices, starting with an ultrasound...that you helped purchase.

Vivat Jesus!

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President, Oregon State KofC Charities



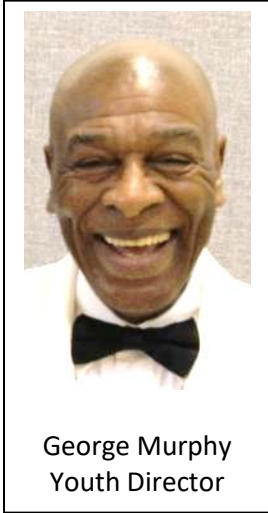


## **CHARITABLE GREEN SHEET**

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:

First item of business is our State Basketball Hoop Shoot Championship. All Councils should have completed their local events during January 2026.



Our District Deputies should be hosting their competitions during February 2026. I will host the State Championship on March 21st, 2026

Sign-in is at 12 Noon, participation begins at 12:30 PM.

Holy Family Parish

7525 SE Cesar E Chavez Blvd

Portland, OR 97202

State District Deputies and Council Youth Directors please inform your Councils that each participant **MUST MUST** have the original SCORE Sheet that's signed by a parent and **MUST MUST** have SHOT 25 free throws at the Council or District level to qualify for the State competition. Please note the time and the location of this important event.

All of our Fall Programs have been completed and the winners have been forwarded on to Supreme.

Now is a good time to start raising funds for Coats for Kids. This past year our State gave away 363 boxes of Coats. Thanks to everyone who participated.

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

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FAITH



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LIFE



Worthy Sir Knights of the Oregon District,

My name is Aubrianne Trout and I am the Director of Outreach of Hope's Garden Maternity Home! Over the past month, Hope's Garden has had the pleasure of getting to know over a hundred Knights in the Portland metro area. And now, through this letter, I am so thankful to get to speak to all Knights of Oregon at once!

It is clear that the Knights of Columbus are warriors in the fight for babies and their moms, so we think you will be thrilled to know about a new ally in the fight for life: Hope's Garden Maternity Home.

Hope's Garden Maternity Home opened its doors almost exactly a year ago and is the only maternity home in all of Clackamas County. Hope's Garden is a family-style residence program for pregnant women fleeing domestic violence or homelessness. From Biblical mentorship to GED acquisition and job placement, to nutrition and parenting classes, to counseling and more, we are here as a holistic resource for pregnant moms in need. Our program residents live for free in our beautiful Milwaukie home during their pregnancy and for two whole years after the birth of their baby. And as the moms learn life skills, their babies are protected from trauma and abuse and can grow in safety and overflowing attention and love.

Hope's Garden is not a patchwork solution. Hope's Garden is a comprehensive, multi-year, life-transformation program. We are an essential resource that not only affirms the value of life, but provides the practical, daily support that makes choosing life possible. It is a ministry after God's own heart.

We have so enjoyed speaking to a number of Councils in the Portland area about our work and we would love to get to know more! The newly forged partnerships between Hope's Garden and the Knights of Columbus have left us feeling so encouraged that, through your help, God will provide for Hope's Garden in ways "abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Ephesians 3:20). I don't think we can even imagine the fullness to which God will grow our friendship!

Thank you for your steadfast advocacy for the most vulnerable, and for your kindness and support of us already! Would you please join me in prayer for Hope's Garden? And would you please prayerfully consider both how you personally, and how the Knights as an organization, can come alongside Hope's Garden in this life-saving mission? We are always thrilled to share more about our beautiful ministry and further brainstorm partnership opportunities, so please feel free to reach out. I truly look forward to meeting more of you, face- to-face, soon.

Blessings,  
Aubrianne Trout  
Director of Outreach  
Cell: 503-706-6069  
Hope's Garden Maternity Home  
[GrowingHopesGarden.org](http://GrowingHopesGarden.org)





## Convention 2026

### Are You Ready?



Knights Leaders of Oregon,

On behalf of your State Officers and the 2026 Convention Committee, please find attached the key documents for your dissemination amongst your Council members. Please also share the information about the Convention book ads and make sure the Ladies Event Information makes it into the hands of your Knights' spouses. Take special note of the deadlines for the committee assignments & credentials requirements, the hotel lodging reservations and meal & embroidered polo shirt selections.

Michael Pranger  
State Secretary

Our Ladies Silent Auction needs your Theme Baskets to provide proceeds for area ASAP non-profits saving the lives of the unborn and supporting their mothers. Ladies also have some great opportunities for activities in the area and to join their Knights for some of our sessions. New this year is an event we call "Brunch with our Bishops" on Friday morning after the 8:15 daily mass and 9:00-10:00 Holy Hour celebrated by Archbishop Sample and Bishop Hennen. Skip breakfast for a chance to meet our shepherds in person and eat some wonderful food prepared by our St Matthew Altar Society members.

The links listed at the bottoms of most of the Registration Documents are now LIVE and ready to accept your payments. The QR Code included on the pages dedicated to the Convention Booklet Advertisements has been active for several days. Please give our worthy Webmaster a day or two for these same documents to appear on the [oregonkofc.org](http://oregonkofc.org) State Website.

As the Convention is here in the Tri-County Metro Area around Portland, we are sincerely hoping that since many of you may not require lodging, you will make the day trips to participate in the fraternal brotherhood which is ours to share with other Knights in the State. Hillsboro Council 1634 welcomes the Convention after a 14-yr hiatus and hopes you will enjoy this one as much as any previous opportunity you may have had. Even if you are not selected as a voting delegate, come for the fellowship and in particular our delicious dinners. Friday is a Hawaiian-Themed BBQ Chicken Dinner (or scrumptious Veggie Burger) and Saturday will be a formal banquet offering Spring Salmon or a Thick-cut NY Steak. YUM !!

Our Necrology Mass will be incorporated into the regular 5:30 St Matthew Saturday evening vigil service, so you will be more than welcome to join us afterward for our Awards Banquet and Hospitality at the lobby of our anchor hotel, the Holiday Inn on Alcolek Drive in eastern Hillsboro, near Cornelius Pass Rd. Hope to see all of you who can!!

Vivat Jesus,

Michael Pranger  
State Secretary  
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118<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention  
Convention Committee Assignments**



January 31, 2026

**COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS - 118<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION - HILLSBORO  
May 1st - May 3rd, 2026**

Council Delegates are on a five year rotation

\*\*\* Meet during the Convention

AUDIT ***		BUDGET		RESOLUTIONS	
CHAIRMAN	Michael Pranger, SS	Duane Morris, ST		Nick Guenther, SA	
ADVISOR	Duane Morris, ST	Bob Kish, PSD		Ron Boyce, PSD	
1st Delegate	Astoria 01307	1st Delegate	Dallas 08129	David Hamilton	DM
1st Delegate	Scappoose 03302	1st Delegate	Albany 01577	Ken Anderson	VSM
1st Delegate	Eugene, St Paul 10838	1st Delegate	Eugene, St Mary 01430	Tom Burns	DD
1st Delegate	Portland, St Juan Diego 15729	1st Delegate	Lincoln City 09529	1st Delegate	Portland, St Rita 18663
1st Delegate	Portland, Cathedral 15295	1st Delegate	Gresham 03179	1st Delegate	Central Point 11258
ALTERNATE	1st Delegate Sublimity 02439	1st Delegate	Grants Pass 03157	1st Delegate	Eugene, St Jude 17442

CREDENTIALS ***		MILEAGE & PER DIEM		CONVENTION PLANNING	
CHAIRMAN	Michael Pranger, SS	David Judy, SW		Duane Morris, ST	
ADVISOR	Nick Guenther, SA	Kenneth Anderson, VSM		Robert Adams, SD	
1st Delegate	McMinnville 01623	1st Delegate	Portland, St Agatha 07388	1st Delegate	Medford 01594
1st Delegate	Gervais 05842	1st Delegate	Florence 15773	1st Delegate	Hillsboro 01634
1st Delegate	Salem, Queen of Peace 09263	1st Delegate	Salem, St Vincent 05060	1st Delegate	Redmond 03635
1st Delegate	Oregon City 02325	1st Delegate	Silverton 05416	1st Delegate	Newport 07246
1st Delegate	Portland, St Rose 17536	1st Delegate	Tualatin 13851	1st Delegate	Hermiston 03999
ALTERNATE	1st Delegate Tigard 03561	1st Delegate	LaGrande 09442	1st Delegate	Klamath Falls 02255

PUBLICITY		FRATERNAL		TELLERS ***	
CHAIRMAN	Mark Gallant, Publicity Chair	Joe Schaeffer, FVSM		Matt Deppmeier, Family Director	
ADVISOR	Tom Karl, Newsletter Editor	Kent Purdy, Life Director		Sidney Thiel, PSD	
1st Delegate	Newberg 09602	1st Delegate	Sandy 18062	1st Delegate	Grandon 17396
1st Delegate	The Dalles 01598	1st Delegate	Beaverton, St Cecilia 08266	1st Delegate	Burns 05003
1st Delegate	Portland, St Therese 07828	1st Delegate	Milwaukee, John the Baptist 03378	1st Delegate	Prineville 03299
1st Delegate	Aumsville 08270	1st Delegate	Sherwood 09137	1st Delegate	Keizer 10504
1st Delegate	Portland, Madeleine 11682	1st Delegate	Portland, St Clare 15485	1st Delegate	Aloha 16482
ALTERNATE	1st Delegate Madras 07223	1st Delegate	Woodburn 02831	1st Delegate	Cottage Grove 03154

SEMINARY/CLERGY ASSISTANCE		ECCLESIASTICAL GREETINGS		WARDEN'S ASSISTANTS ***	
CHAIRMAN	David Judy, SW	Ray Prom, Faith Director		Lawrence Blanc, DW17	
ADVISOR	Fr. Anthony Ahamefula, SC	Fr. Anthony Ahamefula, SC		David Judy, SW	
1st Delegate	Salem, St Joseph 01748	1st Delegate	Milwaukee, Christ the King 09257	1st Delegate	Lebanon 03154
1st Delegate	Mt Angel 01767	1st Delegate	Portland, Holy Rosary 15605	1st Delegate	Happy Valley, LaVing 15263
1st Delegate	Portland, St Pius X 12856	1st Delegate	Canby 03484	1st Delegate	Baker City 00849
1st Delegate	Springfield 04067	1st Delegate	Portland, St Joseph 13700	1st Delegate	Coos 01261
1st Delegate	Portland, Holy Family 16809	1st Delegate	Monroe 16326	1st Delegate	Roseburg 02039
ALTERNATE	1st Delegate Wilsonville 15640	1st Delegate	Brookings 05511	1st Delegate	Independence 11109

GOOD OF THE ORDER ***		CONVENTION COMMITTEE ***		GUARDS ***	
CHAIRMAN	Kenneth Anderson, IPSD	Michael Pranger, SS		George Murphy, Youth Director	
ADVISOR	Ron Boyce, PSD	Robert Adams, SD		Brent Datta, Program Director	
Sid Thiel PSD, Francis Mohr PSD		David Judy	SW	1st Delegate	Beaverton, Holy Trinity 14802
Bob Kish PSD, Pat Roe PSD		William Krautscheid	GK	1st Delegate	Lake Oswego 03818
Michael Adams PSD, Jim Gay PSD		Nick Guenther	SA	1st Delegate	Molalla 03509
Bill Kast PSD, Kim Gey PSD		Robert Adams	SD	1st Delegate	Corvallis 01785
Ray Prom PSD, Dominic Worsowicz PSD		Duane Morris	ST	1st Delegate	Pendleton 01673

**ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE ALTERNATES**

1st. Delegate	Ontario 01656	1st. Delegate	Seaside 06355	1st. Delegate	Salem, San Jose 18934
1st. Delegate	Tillamook 02171	1st. Delegate	Sweet Home 08324	1st. Delegate	Boardman, Nuestra Senor 17495
1st. Delegate	Hood River 07292	1st. Delegate	PDX, St Peter 10884	1st. Delegate	Veneta 17584
1st. Delegate	Portland, St Anne 07729				





by Robert Adams



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## Oregon State Council 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention 2026 Credentials Letter



January 28, 2026

Host: Hillsboro Council 1634 St Matthew Catholic Church 476 SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Hillsboro, OR May 1 Thru May 3, 2026

Worthy Grand Knights and Brothers:

Our State Convention date is soon approaching so it is time to send out these credential forms with enough time for you to vote for your delegates and return the Credentials Form **BEFORE APRIL 11<sup>th</sup> !!**

You should be voting on your Delegates at either your February or March Business Meeting so this information needs to be in the hands of your Grand Knight and Financial Secretary **IMMEDIATELY!!** If this information has come to the wrong email address because you have changed your Financial Secretary recently, OR the email address is wrong, promptly contact Michael Pranger, your State Secretary, to provide him the information on the new FS.

**APRIL 11<sup>th</sup> is the Deadline** for USPS Mailing OR Emailing the accompanying Credentials Form **WITH** Proper Signatures and the Crimped Seal of the Financial Secretary as noted on the face of the form.

Per our By-Laws, ANY COUNCIL, not in good standing, **will not** receive their allotted Per-Diem (\$25/day) OR their Two-Way Travel Mileage (\$0.30/mile) for either delegate which may attend the convention. To be in good standing, the Council **must be current** with all State Assessment Statements which were issued via email to the FS of Record on January 14, 2026. While any member in good standing, with a valid and current traveling card is permitted to attend, they will not receive reimbursement to the Council from the state for Per-diem or Mileage if the council's State Dues are not brought current before the convention. History has shown that some lagging Councils have arrived at the convention with their Assessment Check in hand, but please do not cut it that close.

If you are unable to mail/email an embossed copy of the form, PLEASE bring it with you **IN-PERSON** to the convention, but please inform the State Secretary of your intent ahead of time. We cannot allow any delegates to participate in any voting activity without properly submitted credential forms, as will be verified by the Credentials Committee prior to any balloting taking place. Delegates or Alternates **MUST** be Third-Degree members.

While it's common a Council will send its Grand Knight and Financial Secretary as their two Delegates, all Councils are encouraged to send other men or officers as alternates, to get a feel for the camaraderie and fraternal brotherhood shared with other members around the state. With Hillsboro located in the Tri-county Metro Area, we hope to draw in many men who may just want to "drive over and check it out". We will have the country store available with lots of Knights Gear that you can take home with you.

As we have produced the form as a Fillable PDF, our preference is for you to type in the names and address of the Delegates & Alternates OR ask someone with good penmanship to fill it out. Forms without BOTH the GK & FS Signatures will be rejected. If I can be of any assistance or provide any further information, please give me a call at 503-522-9522. Contact the Hotels **BEFORE March 31<sup>st</sup>** for Lodging !!

Vivat Jesus,  
Michael Pranger  
Oregon State Secretary

**To Meet Our Deadlines Please RSVP EARLY !!**



Michael Pranger



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## Oregon State Council 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

2026 Official Credentials Form



January 31, 2026

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We, the undersigned, Grand Knight and Financial Secretary of \_\_\_\_\_ Council,  
Number \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby certify that the following delegates and alternates have been duly  
elected and are qualified to represent our Council at the 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Oregon State Convention  
Meeting in Hillsboro, Oregon, May 1st – May 3rd, 2026.

DELEGATE 1: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

DELEGATE 2: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATE 1: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

ALTERNATE 2: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Given under our hand and seal of the Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grand Knight

\_\_\_\_\_  
Financial Secretary

Council  
← Seal

☐ Copies to Delegates and Alternates

☐ Mail Embossed Copy to:

OR

☐ Email Embossed Copy

Michael Pranger  
Oregon State Secretary  
2841 SE Brian St  
Hillsboro, OR 97123-7059

**Must be received  
by April 11, 2026**

Michael Pranger  
Oregon State Secretary  
michaelpranger@live.com





by David W Judy



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**Oregon State Warden**



**January 19, 2026**

Worthy Clergy, Dignitaries, State Officers, Directors & Chairmen, Past State Deputies, District Deputies, Delegates & Guests

The chart below shows the most direct “one-way” mileage from your Home Council’s City to the Convention Council City according to Google maps

According to the bylaws, delegates in attendance at the State Convention meeting shall be allowed mileage at the rate of thirty cents per mile each way by the most direct route from their home council city to the convention city and a per-diem of \$25.00 per day for each day of actual attendance at the meeting. For delegates, checks will be mailed to your home council Financial Secretary. All others attending under official business will have checks mailed to their homes. I would ask that you ensure the Financial Secretary’s address in the latest State Directory is correct to prevent delays in reimbursement.

### COMMITTEE TO REVIEW THE MILEAGE CHART AT THE STATE CONVENTION

Vivat Jesus,  
David W. Judy

Albany	83	Corvallis	75	Keizer	43	Newberg	21	Sherwood	18
Aloha	7	Cottage Grove	141	Klamath Falls	292	Newport	108	Silverton	52
Astoria	83	Dallas	53	La Grande	281	Ontario	394	Springfield	120
Aumsville	70	Eugene	123	Lake Oswego	27	Oregon City	33	St Benedict	49
Baker City	325	Florence	185	Lebanon	91	Pendleton	228	Sublimity	70
Bandon	259	Gervais	36	Lincoln City	83	Portland	18	Sweet Home	106
Beaverton	10	Grants Pass	258	Madras	138	Prineville	167	The Dalles	102
Bend	189	Gresham	37	McMinnville	31	Redmond	164	Tigard	19
Boardman	184	Happy Valley	36	Medford	284	Roseburg	188	Tillamook	62
Brookings	355	Hermiston	206	Milwaukie	24	Salem	58	Tualatin	23
Burns	303	Hillsboro	0	Molalla	48	Sandy	47	Veneta	135
Canby	38	Hood River	84	Monroe	111	Scappoose	21	Wilsonville	28
Central Point	282	Independence	57	Mt Angel	47	Seaside	68	Woodburn	42
Coos Bay	236								



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## Oregon State Council 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

### State Deputy Welcome Letter



January 28, 2026

Host: Hillsboro Council 1634 St Matthew Catholic Church 476 SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Hillsboro, OR May 1 Thru May 3, 2026

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Bob Adams

State Deputy, Oregon Knights of Columbus

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## Oregon State Council 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

Convention Committee Invitation



January 30, 2026

**Host: Hillsboro Council 1634 St Matthew Catholic Church 476 SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Hillsboro, OR May 1 Thru May 3, 2026**

Worthy Clergy, Visiting Dignitaries, State Officers, Directors & Chairmen, Past State Deputies, District Deputies, Council Delegates, Ladies & Guests

**Hillsboro Council 1634** proudly invites you to the 118th State Convention being held May 1-3, 2026, at our home parish of St Matthew as we will celebrate our 114th year as a Knights of Columbus Council.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** Come to the 8:15AM Friday mass, celebrated by Portland Archbishop Sample and concelebrated by recently ordained Bishop Thomas Hennen from the Diocese of Baker. After the Holy Hour following the mass, come to the convention hall across the street to enjoy a new experience we call "Brunch with Our Bishops", meeting and greeting our shepherds in person. Come enjoy a light breakfast, fellowship and share experiences with the men who lead our spiritual communities.

**History:** St Matthew Parish was founded in 1902, and Archbishop Alexander Christie selected the name St Matthew, the tax collector turned gospel writer, as Hillsboro is the Washington County Seat, where taxes are collected. 1634 was the 11<sup>th</sup> council chartered by the Knights of Columbus in Oregon. Unique in our state, we serve five other parishes in Washington County, including St Alexander (Cornelius), St Anthony of Padua (Forest Grove), Visitation (Verboort), St Francis (Roy) & St Edward (North Plains).

**Facilities:** The St Matthew Parish Hall is the primary site of the 118th Convention, located due east across the street from the church, more than large enough to accommodate 200+ convention attendees for masses during the weekend. It routinely accommodates 250+ attendee events such as funerals and our School's Auction, the Parish Fall Festival and the end of Year Holiday Bazaar. With a full-length covered breezeway on the sheltered south side of the building, queuing for long lines will be easily accessible for all patrons, in particular those needing ADA access. For those that have not visited our Columbus Hall since the last convention in 2012, review the renovated basement which we use for our meetings, shared with Assembly 1292. The building is a community resource, rented out for baby showers, birthday parties, folk dancers, scouting and OCIA education classes to name a few.

**Lodging:** A short 10-15-minute drive from our campus, we have secured 3 sister hotels, the Holiday Inn (**Our Primary Hotel**, on Alocek Dr), Springhill Suites (**Our Pet-Friendly Hotel**, on Butler St) and Courtyard by Marriot (**Our Overflow Hotel**, on Stucki Pl) which offer four-star accommodations. Addresses for the Hotels are included on the Meals & Events Document included with this memo.

**Travel:** Located in Downtown Hillsboro, travel opportunities abound. MAX Light Rail Transit via the SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Transit Center Station places you just 3 blocks from the church. Commercial Plane Reservations should arrive at PDX or privately into the Hillsboro Airport. We expect many in the Metro Area will forgo a hotel room given the church is usually a 45-minute drive or less from most of the Portland Metro Area. We do hope you enjoy some fraternal fellowship on Friday & Saturday evenings at the Holiday Inn Lounge.

**Amenities:** Being in downtown, it's an easy walk to many sites. A 20+ Cart Vendor Food Court is just one block from the parish campus with a generous indoor seating area. One of the oldest Saturday Markets in the state is just a 3-block walk as well as many craft and curio shops along Main St. The Knights Gear Store will be on-site with plenty of KofC Items to select.



by Robert Adams



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## Oregon State Council 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

### State Deputy Welcome Letter



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## Oregon State Council 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

### Summary Agenda



January 24, 2026

**Host: Hillsboro Council 1634 St Matthew Catholic Church 476 SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Hillsboro, OR May 1 Thru May 3, 2026**

#### THURSDAY – April 30, 2026

6:00pm - 8:30pm Dignitary's Dinner – Clergy, State & Supreme Officers, and Convention Committee at Prime Time Restaurant

#### FRIDAY – May 1, 2026

7:00am - 8:00am Breakfast – In the Hotel or on your own  
8:00am - 4:00pm Men's Registration – St Matthew Catholic Church Parish Hall  
8:00am - 4:00pm Ladies Registration – St Matthew Catholic Church Parish Hall  
8:15am - 9:00am Mass – St Matthew Catholic Church – Confessions after Mass  
9:00am - 10:00am Holy Hour – St Matthew Catholic Church  
10:00am - 12:00pm Free "Brunch with our Bishops" – St Matthew Parish Hall  
12:00pm - 12:15pm Archbishop Sample's Welcome Remarks & Opening Blessing  
12:15pm - 12:30pm Delegates Re-enter Convention Space for Voting Strength  
12:15pm - 4:30pm Ladies Activities – St Matthew Parish Hall  
12:30pm - 4:30pm Call to Order – First Business Session – St Matthew Parish Hall  
1:30pm - 4:00pm Ladies Excursion – Winetasting @ Oak Knoll Winery  
6:00pm - 9:00pm Hawaiian-Themed Dinner/Dance – St Matthew Parish Hall  
Social at 6:00...Dinner at 6:30...Awards at 7:30...Dancing at 8:00  
9:00pm - Lights Out Hospitality at Holiday Inn Lounge

#### SATURDAY – May 2, 2026

7:00am - 8:00am Breakfast – In the Hotel or on your own  
8:00am - 2:00pm Men's Registration – St Matthew Catholic Church Parish Hall  
8:00am - 2:00pm Ladies Registration – St Matthew Catholic Church Parish Hall  
8:30am - 9:00am State of the State Address with Ladies – St Matthew Parish Hall  
9:00am - 3:30pm Ladies – Morning activities & Restaurant Lunch w/Speaker  
9:00am - 9:15am Delegates Scan into the Convention – St Matthew Parish Hall  
9:15am - 4:00pm Call to Order – 2nd Business Session – St Matthew Parish Hall  
11:45am - 12:15pm Men's Lunch – St Matthew Catholic Church Parish Hall  
4:30pm - 5:30pm Confessions prior to Mass  
5:30pm - 6:30pm Formal Necrology Mass - St Matthew Catholic Church  
6:30pm - 9:00pm Formal Banquet and Major Awards – St Matthew Parish Hall  
Social at 6:30...Flag at 6:45...Dinner at 7:00...Awards at 8:00  
9:00pm - Lights Out Hospitality at Holiday Inn Lounge

#### SUNDAY – May 3, 2026

7:00am - 8:30am Breakfast – In the Hotel or on your own - Early Checkout  
8:30am - 9:00am Men Scanning into the Convention - St Matthew Parish Hall  
9:00am - 11:00am Call to Order for Final Session w/Ladies – St Matthew Parish Hall  
11:00am Adjourn and normal Hotel Checkout  
1:00pm Late Hotel Checkout for State Officers

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**Prime Time Restaurant**  
4450 Pacific Ave  
Forest Grove, OR 97116  
503-357-3684

**St Matthew Catholic Church**  
475 SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave  
Hillsboro OR 97123  
503-648-1998

**St Matthew Parish Hall**  
318 SE Oak St  
Across 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave from Church  
Access from Oak St for ADA  
& VIP Parking Limited Access

**Friday AM General Parking**  
Along 3<sup>rd</sup> St or south of Hall,  
Not in the School yard

**Holiday Inn - Primary Hotel**  
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by Michael Pranger



**Knights of  
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## Oregon State Council 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

**Meals, Events and Hotels**



January 24, 2026

Host: Hillsboro Council 1834 St Matthew Catholic Church 478 SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Hillsboro, OR May 1 Thru May 3, 2026

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**Friday 8:15 AM Mass** (Ladies and Men) St Matthew Catholic Church; **Holy Hour 9:00AM – 10:00AM**

**Celebrant:** Archbishop Alexander Sample, **Con-Celebrant:** Bishop Thomas Hennen, Baker Diocese

**Friday 10AM – Noon “Brunch with our Bishops”** (Ladies and Men – No Charge) Delegates, Guests and Parishioners are invited to the Parish Hall to visit with our Oregon Bishops and enjoy brunch.

**Themed Silent Auction Baskets** (ALL Councils) Delegates, please ask your councils to provide a Basket to be auctioned by the Ladies to raise funds for local area Pregnancy Centers. Your basket should be something YOU would like: Wine, Gift Cards, Food, Tools, Automotive, Books, etc.

**1:30 Friday Ladies** - \$15 Oak Knoll Wine Tasting **OR** Making Decade-style Mini-Rosaries (Pay \$5 at Activity)

**6:00 Friday Dinner - Hawaiian Themed BBQ & Dance** in the Parish Hall w/Hula Dancers & Musicians Bring your Grass Skirts & Floral Shirts w/Social Time before Dinner at 6:30 & Council Awards @ 7:30. We will open the Dance Floor at 8:00 for an Hour of Authentic Hawaiian Dancers & Ukulele Music.

**Prepaid Cost is \$35 apiece and includes 2 Drink Tickets for Beer, Wine, Soda, Punch or Water.**

24-Hr Marinated BBQ Grilled Chicken Half, Fried Rice w/Mixed Vegetables (no meat), Cole Slaw w/Pineapple Chunks & Kings Hawaiian Rolls w/Butter. Hand-Made Delicious Desserts & Baked Goods.

**OR** Vegetarian Burger w/Grilled Pineapple Slice, Red Onion, Lettuce & Teriyaki Sauce on Brioche Bun

**Friday & Saturday After Dinner Hospitality** (Ladies and Men) At the Holiday Inn Hotel Lounge Area

**Saturday & Sunday Breakfast** (Ladies and Men) At the hotel or on your own

**9:00 Saturday in Ladies Meeting Space** - Create “Blessing Bags” & enjoy Social Time

**11:45 Men’s Saturday Lunch Buffet** (Ladies Eating for \$20 apiece @ a Restaurant w/Guest Speaker)

**Prepaid Cost is \$25 apiece & includes Soda, Punch or Water:** Enjoy a wide array of meats, cheeses, breads, fresh vegetables, fruit, Tossed Salad & Dressings, Reser’s Salads, Chips and Cookies.

**4:30 to 5:30 Confessions** Available Prior to Mass

**5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Necrology Mass** (Ladies and Men in Formal Dress) At St Matthew Church

**6:30 Saturday Awards Banquet** in Parish Hall w/Social Time, 6:45 - Flag Ceremony, 7:00 Dinner

**Prepaid Cost is \$60 apiece and includes 2 Drink Tickets for Beer, Wine, Soda, Punch or Water.**

Spring Salmon or Thick-Cut NY Steak, Roasted New Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables, Roasted Beet Salad or Tossed Garden Salad w/Rolls & Butter. Hand-Made Delicious Desserts & Baked Goods.

**9:00 – 11:00 Sunday Morning** (Ladies and Men) Enjoy a Late Breakfast before the Final Session

**11:00 – Adjourn**

Coffee, juice, soda, water, fruit & chips are available during weekend work sessions

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## Oregon State Council 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

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January 26, 2026

Host: Hillsboro Council 1634 St Matthew Catholic Church 478 SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Hillsboro, OR May 1 Thru May 3, 2026

#### Saturday morning May 2nd

7:00 – 8:00 Breakfast at the hotel or on your own

8:00 – 2:00 Ladies Registration open – Parish Hall

8:30 – 9:00 State of the State Address with your Knight – Parish Hall

9:00 Create “Blessing Bags” in the Ladies area of the Parish Hall along with social time

#### Saturday afternoon May 2nd

11:30 Create carpools to Copper River Restaurant in Hillsboro for lunch.

Our speaker will be Chris Hart representing Birthright of Hillsboro

2:00 Free time in the Ladies area of the Parish Hall OR

a possible walk/hike at one of our local parks (weather permitting).

#### Saturday evening May 2nd

5:30 – 6:30 Formal Necrology Mass with your Knight – St Matthew Church

6:30 – 9:00 Formal banquet and Major awards – St Matthew Parish Hall

6:30 – Social

6:45 – Flag Ceremony

7:00 – Dinner – (Fr Taaffe donation cards/envelopes will be on each dining table,

Josh Graves, representing Fr Taaffe homes will be a speaker)

8:00 – Awards

9:00 – Hospitality space open at the Holiday Inn Hotel lounge area

#### Sunday morning May 3rd

7:00 – 8:30 Breakfast in the hotel or on your own (you may wish to check out early at this time)

9:00 – 11:00 Call to Order for Final Session with your Knight – Parish Hall

11:00 Meeting is Adjourned

We look forward to seeing you at the Convention!

We thank you in advance, for joining us the first weekend of May, for fellowship and hospitality!

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# Knights of Columbus Oregon State Council 118<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention

***"Called to Serve"***



May 1-3, 2026  
St Matthew Catholic Church  
475 SE 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave  
Hillsboro, OR 97123



## Convention Ad Booklet

### Program Booklet Advertising Order Forms

Worthy Grand Knights, Faithful Navigators, Brother Knights All –

Hillsboro Council 1634 led by State Secretary Mike Pranger is planning the 2026 Convention in May, including the convention program book with advertising. As has been mentioned previously, the financial success of the convention is directly related to the sales of advertisements for the program booklet.

If the councils help with just two ads each (one from the council, one from a business) the funds raised would allow the convention committee to help cover anticipated costs.

Please be sure to use the correct form for the business ads – there are separate pages for the business ads. Please use the Council/Assembly order form only when submitting an ad for the council/assembly.

We would very much appreciate the money coming in for the council & assembly ads early!

For those councils/assemblies that haven't budgeted for this expense, one possibility would be for individual members to donate towards the cost of the ad and mention them in the ad itself (thanking them by name). This would have no impact to the council/assembly's bank balance, and would still allow for recognition of every council & assembly. You decide how your space is used.

This is an excellent way to publicize your major council & assembly fund raisers like Crab Feeds.

## Vivat Jesus!



# Knights of Columbus

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## Council \ Assembly Convention Ad Form

Pricing options:

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Hillsboro, OR 97123

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## Convention Ad Booklet

**Dear Hillsboro and Surrounding Area Business Owners:**

**RE: Program Advertising – Knights of Columbus 118<sup>th</sup> Oregon State Convention May 1-3, 2026**

On May 1-3, 2026, approximately 200 members of the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization, will come from all corners of Oregon to meet in Hillsboro for our 118<sup>th</sup> Annual State Convention. Oregon's 9,500 Knights of Columbus volunteer their time and talents to improve hundreds of communities in Oregon, helping people of all races and creeds who are in need.

Spouses and families of the Knights will also be in Hillsboro for the weekend, and as they will not be involved in meetings, they will be free to explore our fine city and surrounding area. We encourage all Knights and their families to stay an extra day or so and enjoy some of what the area has to offer.

A 24-page 8.5" x 11" *convention program* will keep the delegates on schedule and feature welcoming correspondence from various dignitaries. About 2/3 of the convention program is reserved for sponsored advertisements from businesses like yours. A Knights of Columbus State Convention program ad is an effective, inexpensive way to let convention delegates and their spouses know about your business. One idea for businesses would be to create a coupon that would provide a free appetizer or other item that can be redeemed with a entree purchase or offer a certain percentage off of the total. Revenue from ads and direct donations will be used to cover printing costs and to offset convention expenses.

### **Ad Prices**

Full Page - \$100.00    Half Page - \$50.00    Quarter Page - \$25    1/8 Page - \$12.50

We must receive your ad order by April 1, 2026 to meet our printing deadline.

Having the final copy in earlier is strongly encouraged.

Please email your ad copy and camera-ready art to:

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NOTE: In most places where it requests you to click on a link, the link will not work in this newsletter. Please go to the state website and find those pages with the links there.



Fr. Umingli Tetzl  
Pastor St. Rita

## **By Our Love – Put Faith into Action**

Message at the Mid-Winter meeting January 2026

### **I. Greeting**

Good evening, Brothers.

It is a joy to be with you tonight as we gather as Knights, as disciples, and as men striving each day to live our faith with integrity. The theme that brings us together - “By Our Love” - is not only the title of a hymn based upon the anthem, “They’ll know we are Christians;” it is the measure

Jesus gives to the world for recognizing His followers. Love is not an optional part of discipleship. It is our very identity.

Tonight, as we reflect on what it means to be known by our love—in our families, in our parishes, in our communities—let us invite the Lord to open our hearts, strengthen our fraternity, and renew our mission as Knights of Columbus.

### **II. Prayer**

Let us place ourselves in the presence of God.

*Loving and gracious God, You have called us by name and gathered us as brothers in faith. As we begin this time together, we ask You to send Your Spirit upon us - to steady our hearts, to clear our minds, and to awaken within us the fire of Your love. Lord Jesus, You told Your disciples that the world would know them by their love - not by power, or success, or status - but by a love that reflects Your own: steadfast, courageous, and merciful. Make us instruments of that love. Strengthening the bonds of charity, unity, and fraternity among us. Help us to see You in the people we serve, to honor You in the sacrifices we make, and to build a community where every person is treated with dignity. Holy Spirit, guide every word spoken tonight and every work we undertake beyond these doors. May what we do here renew our commitment to the Gospel of life, justice, and compassion. Bless this gathering, bless our families and those who support our mission, and bless the communities that look to us for leadership and hope. May all we say and all we do bear witness to Christ— so that others may know we are Christians by our love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **III. Introduction**

I want to begin with a personal word. Some of you know that I officially became involved with the Knights of Columbus in 2013 during my pastoral year at St. Mary’s in Albany. But in truth, my first encounter with the Knights happened much earlier—back in my youth in the Philippines. As a young man, I got acquainted with the Squires - young men filled with faith, energy, and purpose. I witnessed their enthusiasm (young as they were) in serving as Squires. I also encountered Knights who were deeply involved in parish life, men who showed up, men who served quietly, men whose faith was not confined to Sunday but shaped their entire lives.

I think especially of one Knight, Mr. Dominong. I saw him always present at church events, always doing something, and always with his uplifting smile. He never preached a homily, but he lived one every day. His faith was visible – in his generosity, his consistency, his love for others. Long before I understood theology or vocation, I learned something essential from him: faith that is real always shows itself in love. That example stayed with me, and it still does.

### **IV. Faith Into Action: Love That Leads**

While our theme tonight is “By Our Love,” those words naturally lead us to another essential expression: faith put into action.

In his time as Successor of Peter, Pope Leo reminded the Church that love for the poor is not an optional extra - it is a hallmark of authentic faith. In another moment, he said that “when our dialogue is lived out in actions, a powerful message resounds.”

In other words, faith is never meant to be stagnant. It is not meant to remain hidden behind closed doors. It is meant to be lived - shared, never forced; witnessed, never imposed. It is meant to be a light in the darkness, but never a blinding light. The Christian faith, by its very nature, demands expression. It is a call to radical servanthood.



Yet we also know the reality of human nature. Original sin has a way of creeping in. Faith can sometimes become a pathway not to service, but to power. Leadership can slowly shift from responsibility to privilege. This is a real and constant temptation - for priests and religious, and just as much for lay leaders.

We should not be surprised by this. Even Christ Himself was tempted with power in the desert. If the Son of God was tempted in this way, then surely we will be as well.

But Jesus shows us something radically different. Again and again in the Gospels, He teaches that true power is found not in dominance, but in humility; not in status, but in generosity; not in control, but in obedience - even obedience to the Cross.

In one word: love.

It is the love of Christ - not prestige, not recognition, not influence - that must guide our actions, our words, our decisions, our hopes, and our prayers. Faith put into action is always at the service of the Kingdom, never at the service of our ego. And this brings us directly to who we are as Knights of Columbus.

## V. What Makes the Knights Different

The Knights of Columbus is, at its heart, a charitable organization. But we all know this: there are hundreds - if not thousands - of charitable organizations in the world. So, what makes the Knights different?

The answer is simple, and profound: the claim of the Gospel upon our lives.  
We are caregivers but not merely caregivers. We are Christians.  
We are not social workers. We are Christians living the social teaching of the Church.  
We are not simply generous people. We are Christians living out charity in the name of Christ.

When faith is truly alive, it always moves toward love. And when faith is truly put into action, it always becomes self-giving love - love that does not count the cost, love that does not interrogate but invites, love that opens its arms to the lonely, heals the wounded, and gently guides those who feel lost.

And this love is not theoretical. It is concrete. It is lived every day - here in our Archdiocese and throughout the world - by the Knights of Columbus.

It is seen in love for the homeless and the poor. In care for the single parent. In compassion for the grieving widow. In support for the youth group that can't quite get to World Youth Day on the proceeds of a bake sale. In helping the elderly couple who can no longer rake their leaves. In standing beside priests who are stretched thin and carrying heavy burdens. This is what it means to love locally. This is what it means to lead with faith first.

## VI. Conclusion: Putting Faith First

I want to close where I began - back in my childhood in the Philippines. In my first-grade classroom, there was a simple poster on the wall that read: "Put God first, and everything will fall into place."

Those words spoke to me then, and they still speak to me now. I am not suggesting that faith makes life easy. I am not saying that those who struggle are somehow failing to put God first. But I do believe those words offer us an invitation tonight.

Brothers, we are called - here and now to put faith first. And when we do, it will rightly order everything else. It will remind us who we are. It will challenge us when we are tempted by comfort or control. And it will demand of us what Christ always demands: to love.

My brothers, thank you - for living your vocation of love. Thank you for leading with faith first. For by your love, we have seen Christ alive in our midst.



## **Council In Action**

By: Tim Grady, Executive Secretary

Mike Alley, District Deputy for District #6 was awarded his “ACE Wings Award” at the Winter meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Rita's in Portland. This award is for participating in a total of 10 Culture of Life activities.

Seven of the 10 need to be specifically for the Unborn.

Mike participated in the “40 Days for Life” campaign in Salem in front of the Planned Parenthood clinic, as well as many other Life activities. Congratulations, Mike!



## **Knights of Columbus Oregon State Council**

### **Pro-Life ACE Wings Program Pro-Life without Apology, without Compromise, without Exception**

Oregon first heard about the Pro-Life ACE Wings Program from the Knights of Columbus Texas State Council. Upon hearing about it, Oregon decided it was a good idea to start up this program as well.

When a member of the Knights of Columbus participates in 10 public pro-life events within one full year, he earns his wings. At least 7 out of 10 activities must deal with the unborn. A particular activity may be done multiple times (praying outside an abortion clinic for 10 times will count for 10 credits). A candidate for the Pro-Life ACE Wings will fill out the application listing each activity he has completed within a full year, have his Grand Knight sign it, and have the State Life Chairman and State Deputy sign it. Upon obtaining all signatures, either the District Deputy or Grand Knight will officially award the recipient at the next Council meeting. The date of the 10th listed activity must be less than one full year after the 1st listed activity.

Replacement ACE Wings may be purchased for \$7. Priests and Bishops are automatically eligible for the ACE Wings without the application.

Some activities will qualify for multiple activities.

See below: **National March for Life in Washington, DC** – seven activities: attend the National March for Life in Washington, DC and earn 7 credits towards the ACE Wings.

State March for Life – four activities: attend the March for Life in Oregon (or any other State) and earn 4 credits towards the ACE Wings.

All other activities count as 1 credit towards the ACE Wings.

Below are some examples:

- Attend a Pro-Life Mass (40 Days for Life Mass for example)
- Pray outside an abortion clinic
- Public Pro-Life Rosary/Novena
- Public viewing of a Pro-Life movie (Unplanned, October Baby, etc)
- Attend a Pro-Life dinner/banquet (for a Pregnancy Resource Center, Pro-Life organization, maternity home, etc)
- Attend a Pro-Life conference/workshop
- Silver Rose Event Other activities that don't necessarily deal directly with the unborn:
- Special Olympics • Volunteer at Veteran's Hospitals, nursing homes, hospice, etc
- Any other activity that upholds the dignity and sanctity of life

### ***Ace Wing's Recipient Application***

Knight (name): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
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### ***Pro-Life Activities***

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On my honor as a Knight of Columbus, I do hereby certify that the information listed here is correct and accurate and that I have indeed taken the stand to honor life.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Knight Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit this form to [State Life Director Kent Purdy at Rphpurdy@protonmail.com](mailto:Rphpurdy@protonmail.com)

State Life Director Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

State Deputy Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Council In Action**

By: Andrew Untermeyer, Grand Knight Council 1872 Bend

Father Victor, along with former Worthy Grand Knight Tom Andrade and Knights from Bend Council 1872, joined by their families and friends, came together to assemble tamales as part of a new fundraising effort—the Tamale Sale which was held on January 11th.

With a message displayed on the St. Francis of Assisi signboard reminding parishioners of the event, the Knights also took orders after Masses over the course of several weeks, while offering an online order-and-pay option through our website. The result was a tremendous success, with more than 1,000 tamales sold.

This effort is a wonderful example of our Council working together in faith, family and service, and I am grateful to everyone who helped make this fundraiser such a success.





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January 9, 2026

Brother Knight Duane Morris  
727 SE High Street  
Hillsboro, OR 97123

Dear Hon. Brother Knights of Oregon,

Thanks again for being veritable Champions of our Poor in the hills and bush of Jamaica, especially in the aftermath of Hurricane Melissa's catastrophic destruction.

We have many of our church buildings without roofs. Some were decimated. One of our clinics was completely destroyed. More importantly, many of our poor who live in dirt floor, leaky, dilapidated shacks, are now without any semblance of shelter. So, we have many more of those little cottage homes to build, and gift to our poor as a hand up out of destitution. With that said, your Dec. 4, 2025 gift of \$584.93, and your Dec. 23, 2025 gift of \$55 is a huge blessing to our poor!

So, know of our deep gratitude for caring! Knights like you are the real missionaries that transform the lives of our poor! You really are!

A Servant of the Poor,

Reverend Glen Paul Baptiste  
Co-Director of Mission Awareness  
Dioceses of Montego Bay AND Mandeville



## **District Deputy Report**

### District 12 Report (DD Mike Hahn)

The past two months have been kind of quiet in the Councils within the District or at least so it seems on the surface.

**Coos Council 1261 (Coos Bay/North Bend)** closed out the year with a 169% of their quota and once again they had a very successful Christmas Basket program distributing over 1,000 packages to needy families. Past Grand Knight Mike Main has headed up this program for at least as many of the years that I have been in the area. With the help of several other Knights including our current State Deputy, as well as Mike Taylor who writes the Grant applications and FS Bruce Lum who organizes the help groups and finances.

One also has to recognize Grand Knight Joel Reyna who along with several other St. Monica parishioners joined the Council. They bring fresh energy into to the Council and are to be commended for their efforts.

**Joseph Sidle Council 5511 (Brookings)** had to deal with some unfortunate and sad circumstances, four of their Brothers – several of them leaders of their Council – had to be suspended. Despite all this, the Council flourished. At their first meeting in January, Past Grand Knight Michael Juster and Deputy Grand Knight Doug Barrett as well as several others stepped up the challenge. Brother Michael Juster was elected Grand Knight and Brother Doug Barrett was nominated and selected Financial Secretary – two very crucial positions as all of us know. With the District Deputy and Sir Knight Frank Roeder present, the Council brought in three Brother Knights and only need one more to attain their quota. FS Doug Barrett assured me that he had already found one candidate who is currently in O.C.I.A. They also are having an upcoming breakfast. This all speaks to the Council's resilience. I, as their District Deputy, am proud to have them in my District.

**Our Lady of the Dunes Council 15773 (Florence)**. Grand Knight Richard Huff and his Council have been busy as well. The Council continues to be highly active in the community, Brother Richard Huff not only took on the additional work of District Warden (DW), but he also took on the position of Faithful Navigator (FN) of the Assembly, when this position was vacated on the departure of Sir Knight Jeff Amundsen who moved to the Eastern side of the Cascades. They also brought on three new members and the Grand Knight is confident the Council can bring on board a couple of additional candidates. Their monthly Bingo continues to help the local community. Every month the Council donates to a local charity. They also continue to meet on a monthly basis for COR.

Their latest Bingo resulted in a \$500.00 check to the Helping Hand Coalition of Florence as the picture below shows.

(Left to right: Trustee Noel Smith, Lecturer Dennis Dwyer, and Grand Knight Richard Huff present a check to a representative of the Helping Hands Coalition of Florence)



[Most Holy Trinity Council 17396 \(Bandon\).](#) Under the leadership of Grand Knight Frank Roeder continues to provide for the church and the community. They assisted Council 1261 in the Christmas Basket Program and delivered several baskets to needy families within the Bandon area who were unable to make the drive to Coos Bay. They also donated \$1,000 toward the Christmas Basket program, \$500 for a Brother Knight who is nearing his temporary diaconate and provided monetary support to a Brother Knight, from Joseph Sidle Council, who operates a school for the poor in Honduras. Additionally, the Council committed \$13,000.00 for a Stained-Glass Window. Grand Knight Frank Roeder aside from his many other 'projects' is the construction manager for the new church, which is progressing nicely. He also helps me as the District Warden for the most southern coastal area so that DW Richard Huff does not have to travel over 170 miles, one way. The Council also started the COR initiative and already had their second meeting. The Council appreciates the support of the Council chaplain Father Anthony Ahamefule. Below is a picture of the new Holy Trinity Church in progress (if you happen to visit Bandon and partake in a Mass, which is currently held in the parish hall, don't hesitate to inquire - I think the parish can still use some donations for the building.)





## **Council In Action**

By: Thomas Zahara, PGK Florence Council 15773



Brothers,

Our Lady of the Dunes Council is hoping to better get the word out of our participation in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge. I really appreciate any help with our very invigorating Ministry. Thank You.

January 17, 2026

In January 2025 the annual Special Olympics Polar Plunge Fundraiser was held on the Willamette River in Eugene. Our Florence Knights Council participated, bravely, with three members. Along with several hundred other brave souls, our brief "Plunge" in the 30-degree Willamette, venturing out about 100 feet at just chest high depth, raised funds which help many people with learning and physical disabilities in Lane County communities.

Our Council raised \$2,000.00 last year. The smiles of those kids and adults were worth every shiver and goosebump. The first Saturday in February we will again participate and ask for your help in this Ministry as it is.

Please click on and open the Special Olympics Oregon Website(SOOR) at:  
[2026 Eugene Polar Plunge - Campaign](https://support.soor.org/event/2026-eugene-polar-plunge-campaign)

Once appearing, scan own to Donate Now. Then type in Knights in the Team Name Box.

Knights of Columbus will show. Click on that. After that, fill in appropriate boxes.

If you are interested in still joining us for this worthy endeavor, just give us a call.

Again. Thank You And God Bless..

<https://support.soor.org/event/2026-eugene-polar-plunge/e734385>

### Event Details

9:00AM-9:30AM: 5K Registration open

9:30AM: 5k run starts

9:30AM-10:45AM: Plunge Registration open

10:45AM: Costume Contest & Opening Ceremonies

11:00AM: Plunge Begins!



## **Council In Action**

By: Joseph Keller Council 9257 Milwaukie

On the weekend of February 14 -15, the Council is conducting a Coat and Blanket Drive. We'll collect coats and blankets and donate them to a local agency supporting the poor and those in need. Please bring your donations to the Christ The King (CTK) Parish Center prior to any Mass that weekend.



During Lent, the Council will be promoting the 40 Cans for Lent at Christ the King and encouraging donations to St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP). We also need Knights to wait outside the church before Mass and offer to help parishioners carry their donations to the barrels in church. Then, at the end of Mass, look for a SVdP volunteer and ask if they want help transporting the donated food to the pantry. Please support this activity. We include this as

a major aspect of our Food For Families program, which provides us with a refund from Supreme enabling us to donate to SVdP (\$500 this past year).

As a reminder: The Red Cross blood drive will be on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Please note that the new times are 1:00pm to 6:00pm.



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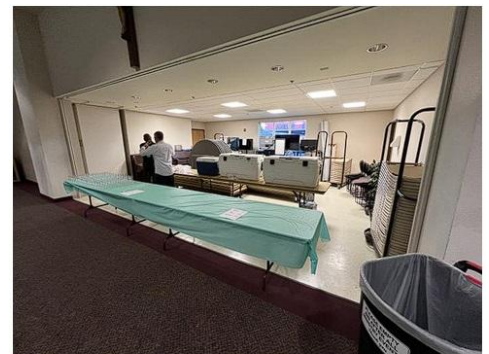
### ***55<sup>th</sup> Annual Crab Feed & Auction***

On Friday January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Hillsboro Council held their 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Crab Feed at the St Matthew Parish Hall. With over 130 people in attendance, we were able to raise just under \$6500 for Scholarships for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders that plan to attend a Catholic High School and \$1000 for Coats for Kids. (Sorry, no photos attached).



Don & Dave Herinckx cooking and cleaning crab

Photos from last year's event



Bro. George Murphy and Bro. Ray Rivera setting up the Bar area



Bro Larry Klimek helping with the cooking



## State Historian Report

By: State Historian Tom Radel

### Rev. James Matthew Crunican 44<sup>th</sup> State Chaplain of Oregon 1993-94



James Matthew Crunican was born December 27, 1934, at his grandmother's home in Roy, OR to Justin and Helen Herb Crunican.

He graduated from Forest Grove High School Class of 1953. In 1954 he moved with his parents to Forest Grove, OR. James entered Mt. Angel Seminary in 1954 and he graduated in 1959 with a BA in Philosophy and received his theology studies at St Thomas Seminary, Kenmore WA.

He was ordained for service in the Archdiocese of Portland by Archbishop Edward Howard in 1963. After ordination and a summer assignment at St. John Fisher Parish, Portland, he was assigned as associate pastor at St. Alice Parish, Springfield, where he served from 1963 to 1970. In 1970 he spent a year as associate pastor of St. Helen Parish in Junction City. In 1971, he was assigned as associate pastor at St. Matthew Parish, Hillsboro, where he served until 1977. In February of 1977, he was appointed pastor of St. Frederic Parish, St. Helens, OR, and then in 1987 he was appointed pastor of both Good Shepherd Parish, Sheridan, and St. Michael's Parish, Grand Ronde.

In 1981 Rev Crunican started to take pep pills to keep his energy up. The habit seemed harmless at the time but quickly ravaged him. He spent two weeks in a hospital to break the dependence.

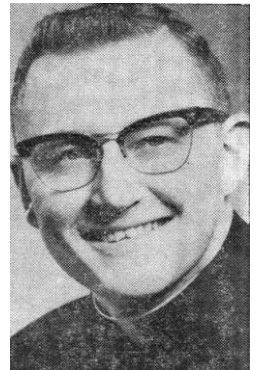
Rev. Crunican was the Oregon Knights of Columbus State Chaplain 1993–94.

In 1996 Rev. Crunican was involved in an automobile crash near the St Johns Bridge. Rev. Crunican, who suffered only sore muscles after tangling with a tractor trailer, was on his way home to Grand Ronde after attending a funeral in St. Helens.

Rev. Crunican retired for medical reasons in 1998.

Rev. James Matthew Crunican died on November 4, 2007, in Portland, OR.

He is buried at the Visitation Cemetery, Verboort, WA.



*"There's so much more beauty in being filled with life  
and maybe being crushed once in a while,  
than to have no life, to be dead."  
Rev. James Crunican, March 1991,  
Grand Ronde, 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 and Florence Morris,**  
**State Treasurer Duane Morris' Mother**  
 Council 1634 Hillsboro

**Tim Grady**  
 Council 7246 Newport

**Ed Daniels, Tracy Davy, Gary Miller, Larry Mullaly,**  
**Don Nadeau, Jerry Pendzick, John Plunkett, Matt**  
**Sekreta, Doug Smith, Rich Thelen, Julie Wertepny,**  
**Rudy Wertepny**  
 Council 11258 Central Point

**Dan Neal**  
**John Snyder**  
 Assembly 2251 Portland

**PSD and PGK Kim Oey**  
**PGK Lester Tengsico and wife Chin**  
 Council 9257 Milwaukie

**Kathryn Gilligan**  
 Wife of DD Frank Gilligan

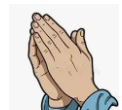
**IN MEMORIAM**

**Rich Heinichen**  
 Council 8129 & Assembly 4026 Dallas

**David Thompson**  
 Council 7246 Newport

**John Harshberger**  
 Council 1577 Albany

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



*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 need your Mercy. Let the warmth, peace and healing power of Your Spirit fill all of us now with Your life and love. We also ask for your favor for those who have gone before us.*

**Please direct your Prayer or In Memoriam notification to:**  
**DD16 David Aquirre daquirre338@outlook.com or via text to 915-443-3418**

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 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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- With an invitation to the Abbot's appreciation event
- In the Abbey Foundation Annual Report (unless you request anonymity at any time)
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- By receiving the Legacy Newsletter, mailed twice a year

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