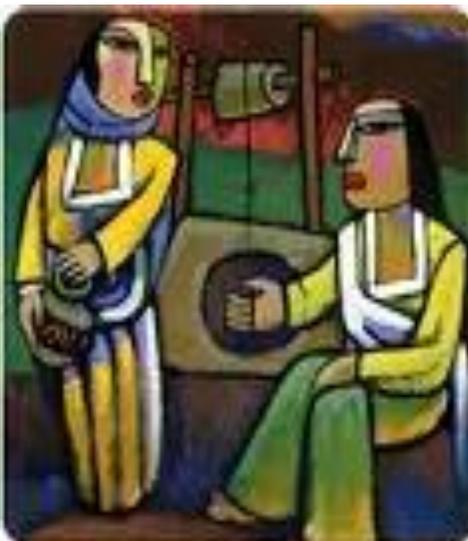


Weeks 1 & 2

The Unexpected Teacher

"Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the Kingdom of God without being born from above."

– John 3:3



Weeks 3 & 4

The Unexpected Healer

"God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth."

– John 4:24



Weeks 5 & 6

The Unexpected Savior

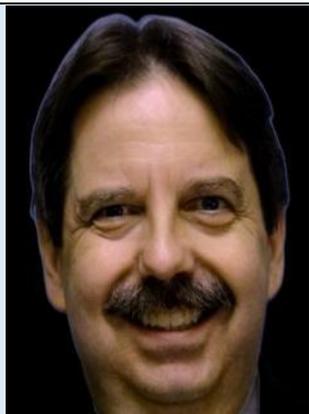
"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live.'"

– John 11:25



State Deputy Report March 2026

Faith First – By Our Love



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My Dear Brother Knights in Oregon:

As we enter deeply into the holy season of Lent, the Church calls each of us to a time of prayer, sacrifice and charity. This sacred season invites us to renew our relationship with Christ and to reflect on how we live our faith in our daily lives. For us as Knights of Columbus, Lent is also a powerful reminder of our mission—to serve God, our Church and our neighbors with faithful hearts and willing hands.

Across the great state of Oregon, our Brother Knights are living this mission in inspiring ways. Many Councils are helping lead the faithful in Stations of the Cross, leading COR and Lenten Prayer groups to guide parishioners in prayerful reflection on the Passion of Our Lord. Others are organizing and volunteering at fish fries or simple suppers, creating opportunities for fellowship while supporting parish and charitable activities. Still others are reaching out to those most in need—feeding the hungry, supporting local food banks and offering assistance to struggling families in their communities.

These acts of service are more than programs or activities; they are visible signs of our faith in action. They demonstrate the strength of an Order that places **Faith First** and lives out our calling as Catholic men. When we serve our parishes, care for the poor, and stand together in brotherhood, we reflect Christ's love to the world around us.

Our theme for this Fraternal Year reminds us of a simple but powerful truth: the world will know us **By Our Love**. During this Lenten season, may our words, our actions and our service clearly show that love. Let us continue to support our priests, strengthen our parishes, invite new men to join our Order and bring hope to those who need it most.

Two other things to draw your attention. First, our 118th State Convention Meeting is around the corner – May 1st – 3rd in Hillsboro. All Councils should have already or be very close to selecting their delegates – but remember – All Brother Knights in Good Standing are invited and encouraged to attend. Please take a look at the website for more details. I'd also be remiss if I didn't discuss our membership. As our Worthy Membership Director, Chris Cummings has pointed out, we have had some gains in the last few weeks, but we still have a long way to go to get into the "Green". Please try to remember that men are hungry for the strong faith formation that we as Knights of Columbus can provide them and their families. Lent is a great time for recruiting, and please don't forget to speak with those joining the church at Easter. Now is the time to speak with them.

Thank you, Brother Knights, for the many ways you serve throughout Oregon. Your dedication to faith, family and community continues to make a profound difference.

May this Lenten journey draw each of us closer to Christ as we prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter.

Vivat Jesus!

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March 19, 2026
Solemnity, Saint Joseph

Mr. Robert C. Adams Jr.
State Deputy of Oregon
Knights of Columbus

Worthy State Deputy and dear Brother Adams:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Knights of Columbus and myself, I extend greetings to you and all my brother Knights and their families in Oregon.

As a result of your tireless service and dedication throughout this fraternal year, the Knights of Columbus continues to rise to new heights, fulfilling the mission set for us by Blessed Michael McGivney.

Last year marked a significant milestone for the Order's growth. I am pleased to report that in 2025 over 101,000 men joined our ranks as new brother Knights. This represents the strongest year of growth since World War I. In our time, just as in the early 20th century, men are yearning for authentic Catholic brotherhood. Thanks to the genuine Christian witness that each of you live in your councils and communities new men continue to join our Order!

This past October, in observance of the Jubilee Year of Hope, the Board of Directors had the honor of representing you at the Vatican, meeting with Pope Leo XIV for the first time. The Holy Father expressed his appreciation for the Order's work upholding the sanctity of human life and our assistance in restoring the artistic wonders of St. Peter's Basilica. I know that all brother Knights join me in saying that we look forward to continuing our service as the strong right arm of the Church under Pope Leo XIV's spiritual leadership, as we have done in Rome and around the world for more than one hundred years.

In July, the United States of America will celebrate its 250th anniversary. Fittingly, this celebration takes place one year after the Order's commemoration of the 125th anniversary of the Fourth Degree. In recognition of America's semi-quincentennial, our bishops will consecrate the nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus — a devotion that was also close to the heart of Blessed Michael McGivney. Providentially, this historic event will help promote the Order's own efforts to increase devotion to the Sacred Heart through our ongoing Pilgrim Icon Program. The more we welcome our Lord to rule as king of our hearts and our homes, the more our nation will grow and flourish.

Brother Knights, while you prepare to undertake your convention deliberations, I ask that you seek more fervently the intercession of Blessed Michael McGivney, as you join Knights across the world in praying for his canonization. Thank you and *Vivat Jesus!*

Fraternally,

Patrick E. Kelly

[This Month's Challenge March 2026](#)



Supreme Chaplain
Archbishop William Lori

Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go to die with him.”
(Gospel for March 22, Jn 11:16)

Look at the bravery of Thomas! Jesus had just announced his intention to travel to Judea, where he had narrowly escaped getting stoned to death. Given the potential danger ahead, Thomas seems prepared for martyrdom. Later, of course, he and the other disciples would flee as Jesus was arrested, and Thomas would doubt reports of Jesus’ resurrection. As fallible humans, our strength and resolve sometimes collapse into weakness. May we always seek the courage to follow Jesus faithfully, even when the going gets tough. !

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, as we continue through Lent, I challenge you to pray the Stations of the Cross each week in your parish community, with your family or individually — with the intention of receiving the courage to suffer for Christ. A good resource is the Catholic Information Service booklet *The Way of the Cross: Traditional and Modern Meditations* (kofc.org/shopcis).

Questions for Reflection:

Are you a good disciple of Christ? How can being a Knight of Columbus help prepare you to take up your cross and follow him? Are you willing to suffer for your faith if called upon?



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

In this holy season of Lent, Pope Leo XIV invites us to enter into a time of conversion through a special emphasis on listening and fasting. In his [2026 message for Lent](#), Holy Father writes: “Lent is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the center of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life.”

Pope Leo emphasizes that putting God in the center of our lives involves a process of conversion that begins with listening to the Word of God and the truth of reality in our lives. He reminds us that God himself hears the cry of the poor, as seen in the encounter with Moses at the burning bush (Ex 3:7). The pope encourages us to fast this Lent so as to align our desires with God’s: “In order to foster this inner openness to listening, we must allow God to teach us how to listen as he does.” Fasting can free us from complacency, increase our desire to be in relationship with God and help us to do the good before us.

In his message, Pope Leo invites the faithful to especially abstain this Lent from giving voice to words that offend and hurt others: “Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgment, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves.” This cultivation of kindness and respect in our language should also apply to our interactions on social media, in the workplace, and in political debates. The pope reminds ecclesial movements — like the Knights of Columbus — of our shared responsibility to journey together this Lent, remaining attentive to the word of God, responding to the cry of the poor and fasting for the sake of sincere conversion.

Knights of Columbus chaplains play a key role in encouraging brother Knights to respond to this Lenten invitation. By sharing the local and ecclesial dimensions of the need for justice and reconciliation, you can raise their awareness and invite them to respond to the real needs of their community. In this way, councils may become more attentive to the least among us and thereby hear the Word of God crying out. May we, along with our brother Knights, respond to the call of Pope Leo: “Let us strive to make our communities places where the cry of those who suffer finds welcome, and listening opens paths toward liberation, making us ready and eager to contribute to building a civilization of love.” May you have a blessed Lenten journey.

Vivat Jesus!



State Secretary
Michael Pranger

Nudge, Nudge - 40 Councils STILL OWE their 2026 Assessments



Worthy GKs & FSs of our 85 Active Councils,

Thank You, thank you, to the 45 Councils that have already sent in your State Assessments mailed since January 14th. You can skip the rest of this memo.

Special thanks to the three Councils that brought themselves current by paying their past dues and to the one Council that overpaid and now has a credit for 2027.

To the other 40 Councils, I know many of you may have just conducted your first meeting since the mailing, so I hope you are working with your Treasurers to issue those checks that are crucial to operating our State. I would really like to not have to send Second notices. Eight Councils are still in arrears for a year or more. I need to hear from you.

Please, please, if your Council is struggling with your finances, CALL ME sooner than later. Your State Council can be very forgiving, but we can only help if you engage. We have worked with Councils that need to address members who are no longer active and stopped paying their dues to your Council. Let's talk. We have ways to help you with this long-standing problem, but unless you reach out, we cannot help.

Vivat Jesus,

Mike Pranger
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Honor Guard request

For Encarnación (Chon) Flores De La Rosa, Jr. Chon was a 4th degree Knight from Saint Cecilia's. It would be nice to have four Honor Guard Knights.

Here are the details:

Encarnación (Chon) Flores De La Rosa, Jr.

Monday, March 9, 2026

St. Cecilia Catholic Church

5105 SW Franklin Ave

Beaverton, OR 97005

10:00am Viewing 10:30 am Rosary* 11:00 am Mass* 12noon Reception

2:30pm Interment at Gethsemani Catholic Cemetery 11666 Stevens Rd. Happy Valley, OR 97086

(about 45 min drive from the church).

*The Mass will be live-streamed

THE KC HOLY ROLLERS
~The only Knights of Columbus Band on the Planet~



The KC HOLY ROLLERS is the only Knights of Columbus Band on the planet. Featuring professional musicians and talented amateurs from the Knights of Columbus, it is led by internationally renowned singer and recording artist, Tony La Stella. This creates a Top-Level Music Experience for Dancing and Listening pleasure. The KC HOLY ROLLERS play Classic Rock & Roll intermixed with Country, Latin & Sinatra tunes.

The KC HOLY ROLLERS may be able to perform FREE at your charity event, assisting charitable causes in the community which support KC values. The band can bring its own gear and sound system for local engagements.

The KC HOLY ROLLERS have already performed at prominent charitable, private, corporate and public events throughout the Pacific Northwest. They are available for bookings in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, British Columbia and across the USA. For out-of-town shows they ask for expenses to be covered

The KC HOLY ROLLERS may also be hired to play for Private Parties, Corporate events or Public Performances. For those professional appearances, a competitive quote can be provided.

In addition to classic Rock and Roll, Tony La Stella with members of the KC HOLY ROLLERS may be engaged to perform "Specialty Shows," including an Italian Show, Frank Sinatra Tribute and James Bond Theme Show.

To inquire on Booking the KC HOLY ROLLERS, please contact Past State Deputy, Patrick Maloney at Patmkofc@yahoo.com or call **(206) 930-2859**



Ray Prom PSD

Cor

Now is a very acceptable time! 2 Cor. 6:2

Brothers, this Bible verse is a call to action. It means that God is behind our actions and God will bless our actions. Think about that for just a second.

I don't know if you have experienced this wonderful phenomenon yet, but I have seen reports from Oregon and literally from all over the world. People are joining the Catholic church at unprecedented rates. This year in the Archdiocese of Portland, the number of people joining the Church is 25% higher than last year, and even higher than that over the past decade. In my little parish in Astoria, we have seen our OCIA group increase from an average of 3 in years past to **over a dozen this year.**

God is working, and we need to get involved.

Now is a very acceptable time! Parishes everywhere are working hard to instruct all these people aspiring to join the Catholic Church, but sometime after Easter, when their OCIA groups stop meeting, they are going to be on their own. **That's where the Knight of Columbus can help!**

The Cor Initiative, or as I like to call it, *The Cor Mission*, is the perfect instrument to help the men joining our Church, to continue their Salvation pathway. It is our obligation, as Catholic leaders, to help them on their journey. Think of the *Parable of the Sower*. The seeds that fell on the rocky path. These are our OCIA people. Right now, they are on fire with the Holy Spirit, but in a couple of months, they are going to need our help. They are going to need some fertile soil. They are going to need Cor. And so many are couples who are joining the Church. As our Supreme Knight says, if we get the man right, we get the marriage right.

Now is a very acceptable time! Right now, during their formation, is when we need to lay the groundwork for Cor, so the OCIA men have something to fall back on post-Easter season. Don't put this off for another month. Talk to the men in your Council, talk to your parish priest. Call or email me and I will be glad to come to your Council meeting or help you meet with your pastor. We are all in this journey together.

Now is a very acceptable time. Now is the Day of Salvation!

Ray Prom Oregon Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation (Cor)

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Duane Morris
District Secretary for Oregon



Worthy Sir Knights of the Oregon District,

Please see the below Honor Guard requests for the Cathedral as per Father Randy Hoang. The next one will be for the Chrism Mass on Thursday March 26th at 5pm. **Note the change of date and time for this year.**

Vivat Jesus,

Duane Morris
Financial Secretary Council 1634
Faithful Comptroller Assembly 3219
Oregon State Treasurer
District Secretary for Oregon
oregondistrict4thdegree.org
oregonkofc.org

Hi Ken (Anderson), the following are some opportunities:

1. Chrism Mass: March 26, at 5pm.
2. Diaconate Ordination: June 6, at 11am
3. Corpus Christi & Consecration to Sacred Heart of Jesus & Eucharistic Procession: June 7, at 2pm Mass, 3:30 Procession.
4. Priesthood Ordination: June 20, at 11am

Fr. Randy Hoang

Priest Secretary, Office of Archbishop Sample
Assistant Director, Office of Divine Worship

Additionally

Worthy Sir Knights of the Oregon District,

Please see the link below to DonorBox for registration and optional purchase of lunch for the Oregon District Biennial Meeting on March 28, 2026. This is now the preferred method of registration for delegates and guests. I have arranged for the St Matthew Altar Society to provide the lunch with a cost of \$10. It will include a sandwich with a choice of lunch meats, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, chips, potato salad, and a cookie. Drinks will be coffee, water and punch.

Here is the link to register - <https://donorbox.org/events/909118>

Please pass this registration link to your Assembly Delegates

Exemplification of Patriotism

**Blessed
Father
Michael
McGivney**

Where

**Old Our Lady of Lavang
Catholic Church**

5404 NE Alameda St.
Portland OR 97213

When

Saturday Mar 14, 2026

1:00pm Registration for 4th Degree

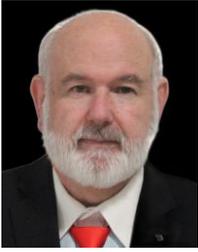
2:00pm 4th Degree Exemplification

5:00pm Mass

6:30pm Banquet

Contact: District Secretary, Duane Morris
dlmorri@gmail.com or 503-709-4858 to
sign up.

RSVP/Vocations Chairman Report



David Judy
RSVP/Vocations
Chairman

Brothers,

If you are still looking to Support a Seminarian in the current Fraternal year **Please Contact me.**

Once the seminarians begin summer assignments it is hard to track financial support. All Financial support goes to the Seminary who then gets it to the Seminarian. If the Seminarians are not present at the seminary those funds could be delayed in reaching the Seminarians.

Easter is just around the corner; what a better time to Contact your Seminarians with a small financial gift. Also, words of encouragement and a thank you for their "Yes" to God's call are good ideas. This is not restricted to those in training. Have you thanked the Priests, Deacons, and other religious in your Community lately?

Please continue to pray for Vocations.

Blessings,

David Judy
RSVP/Vocations Chairman

Vice Supreme Master Addition

I just wanted to give a special plug for participating in honor guards for the Chrism Masses. These are big, massive events that you don't want to miss. Almost all the priests from each Archdiocese/Diocese attend with the Archbishop/Bishop. It is an incredible site to see all those priests processing in together. As the Knights of Columbus and particularly the 4th Degree, we are here to serve our priests and bishops. So, I would therefore like to make an extra special encouragement for all 4th Degree Sir Knights in uniform to participate in the honor guard for these Masses. If there are only a select handful of honor guards that one would want to participate in, this is one of them.

The Chrism Mass honor guard is a CAN'T MISS event for a 4th Degree in uniform.

Here's the schedule of Chrism Masses that I could find from websites in the Province:

Chrism Mass Diocese of Yakima – March 24th at 7pm
Chrism Mass Diocese of Baker – March 26th at 11am
Chrism Mass Archdiocese of Portland – March 26th at 5pm
Chrism Mass Archdiocese of Seattle – March 26th at 7pm

In solidarity with our priests,

Kenneth J. Anderson

Knights of Columbus
Archbishop Blanchet 4th Degree Province
Vice Supreme Master
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The Northwestern Patriot

Archbishop Francis Norbert Blanchet 4th Degree Province

March, 2026



Highlights

- From the Vice Supreme Master
- Important Dates
- Upcoming Events
- Important Programs
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- 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,

Welcome to the month of March! March is the month of St. Joseph with his Feast Day on March 19th! I personally have a strong devotion to St. Joseph. He is a role model as a man of profound virtue, hard work, family life, and so many other incredible aspects. He is also a role model of patriotism as he was obedient to the decree of Caesar Augustus to register in their place of ancestry. I would encourage all assemblies to incorporate a devotion to St. Joseph during this month. There are several other important events this month, including St. Patrick's Day on March 17th, Medal of Honor Day on March 25th, and Founder's Day on March 29th. These are all prime opportunities for the 4th Degree to get involved. Have a special Mass and Honor Guard for these big events. Chrism Masses are also coming up, so let's show our support for our priests and bishops at these events.

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

Check out the Archbishop Blanchet [webpage](#) for good [program](#) ideas. Many of these programs can be done with a small group with 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 4th Degree Sir Knight is the "Highest Honor of Knighthood!" Vivat Jesus!



Important Dates

- Mar 15 – American Legion Birthday
- Mar 17 – St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 19 – Solemnity of St. Joseph
- Mar 25 – Solemnity of the Annunciation
Medal of Honor Day
- Mar 29 – Founder's Day
Vietnam War Veteran's Day



Upcoming Events

- St. Patrick's Day Parades (see appendix for details)
- Chrism Masses (see appendix for details)
- Mar 21 – Exemplification in Boise, ID
- Mar 28 – Oregon Biennial Meeting in Hillsboro, OR



Important Programs

Medal of Honor Day Celebration

As an Assembly or 4th Degree District, hold a special Mass with honor guard to honor all Medal of Honor recipients, particularly priests as discussed in the Exemplification!



Important Programs (cont'd)

Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving 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.

St. Joseph Lily Staff Novena

This is the ideal St. Joseph devotion for the steadfast 4th Degree Knight! As the 4th Degree takes up the sword, look to St. Joseph's example of taking up his weapon!

Important Announcements

Host an Exemplification of Patriotism:

In order for the 4th 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 4th Degree business to be conducted much faster.

Communication is VERY important, please communicate regularly with your fellow 4th Degree Officers!

Words of Inspiration

Why become a 4th Degree member?

Joining the 4th 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 4th Degree is the "highest honor of knighthood!" Become a 4th Degree member and achieve this highest honor!

[Archbishop Blanchet Homily Video](#)



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The highest honor of Knighthood!

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Upcoming Trainings:

Important Links:

[The Catholic Patriot: February, 2026](#)

[Fraternal Leader Advisory #142](#)

Supreme website:

kofc.org

Archbishop Blanchet Website:

<https://oregondistrict4thdegree.org/arc/blanchetprovince/>

[4th Degree Leader Resources](#)

Washington State Website:

kofc-wa.org

Oregon State Website: oregonkofc.org

Oregon 4th 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: 94/371 (25.34%)

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

Oregon District Goal: 30/100 (30%)

Idaho District Goal: 10/66 (15%)

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



By: PSD Kenneth Anderson

March is dedicated to Saint Joseph. This month is significant in the Catholic Church as it contains the primary feast day for St. Joseph, which falls on March 19.

March is associated with themes of renewal and growth, reflecting the transition from winter to spring, and St. Joseph is recognized as the patron of the Catholic Church, the sick, and a holy death.

I personally have a very strong devotion to St. Joseph and am always very excited to celebrate his feast days! I wanted to promote a St. Joseph devotion/prayer program within the 4th Degree and wanted it to be relevant to the 4th Degree. I thought to myself about what we could do. I then considered that the 4th Degree is geared in a more prominent and tangible way than the rest of the Order towards taking up the sword and standing guard. We take an active role in guarding those around us: our priests and bishops, fallen brothers, relics of the Church, and the Most Holy Eucharist. The sword is a symbol of protecting what is important to us while being grounded in virtue.

What aspect of St. Joseph in his life points the most directly towards this part of our mission as Knights of Columbus 4th Degree members? It is his protection of the Holy Family. Though we use the ceremonial sword of the 4th Degree, he used his staff, portrayed by tradition as having lilies blossoming from it. This lily staff is rich with symbolism as it reflected the character of the one who carried it. I believe that we, as 4th Degree Knights, would benefit greatly in our commitment to standing with dignity in our honor guards with swords held high by reflecting on the life of the "First Knight of Our Lady" and the staff that he carried.

The novena is too long to be put into the Columbian but look for it in a separate email from our Executive Secretary Tim Grady or online at our Oregon KofC website.

I would like to encourage each of you to pray the novena, especially from March 10-18, leading up to his Feast Day on March 19th. Please also share this novena with all other 4th Degree Knights that they might be able to pray it as well.

Here is the link for the novena.

<https://oregondistrict4thdegree.org/StJosephLilyStaffNovena.pdf>



Chris Cummings
Membership Director

Membership Director Report

Brothers,

A little secret, today my report is due to the state for the Convention.

As I wrote the report today, I reflected and read my report from last year. Well, we are behind our own number from last year. However, there is still time to get back on track and be heading to the winner's circle.

Collectively we have added 297 new members to the Order as of today.

The top 18 Councils have delivered 153 of those new members!

Thank you!

Brothers, I really need every Council's help in reaching out to prospects and adding new men to the order. Our future Council leaders need your work today so they can thrive tomorrow!

Make it happen and have a great weekend!

Shout Out

- Mt Angel! One of my favorite places on earth. Thanks for the bucket off the bench! +2
- Albany! Always good to see you on the leaderboard from the grass seed capital of the world. Do you have any more men to add? I could use your help!
- Milwaukie, welcome back! Great to see you on the leaderboard and I encourage you to keep recruiting to be at plan. You have a history of high performance.

To all who asked another man to join, my heartfelt thanks! Let's keep the Membership train on the tracks. Have a great recruitment month of March!

Membership Results 2.28.2026

Council	New Members	% to Goal	FS	GK	DD
1767 – St Mary's – Mt Angel	2	50%	Phil Gendhar	Kevin Gross	Michael Hanley
1577 – Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Albany	1	36%	Gary Haworth	Thomas Radel	Vacant
3378 – St John The Baptist – Milwaukie	1	20%	Brian Bergquist	Daniel McKenna	Michael Dec

Defender of the Order:

- St Michael is starting to pull away as we round the 4th turn of the race. Will this be a Secretariat moment?
- Common team St Joseph! Don't give up!

AS of: 02-28-2026		
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	15
008	David Fears	10
009	Ed Dinius	22
011	Mike Swanson	5
013	Francis Mohr	3
014	Mike Dec	11
015	Jerry Burciaga	8
019	Frank Gilligan	4
020	John Snyder	8
021	Doug Whitney	5
022	Kevin Fredinburg	0
025	Mike Anley	10
	Total	131
		Team St Michael



002	Tom Burns (Captain)	22
001	Mike McDougal	12
003	Kevin Guenther	18
010	Pat Creedican	24
012	Mike Hahm	16
016	David Aguirre	12
017	Mike Pranger	12
018	David Judy	7
024	Chad Colombraro	1
	Total	124
		Team St Joseph



Remember to register for the State Convention

Bl Michael McGivney Pray for us!

Vivat Jesus

Chris Cummings

Knights of Columbus

Membership Director - Oregon

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MEMBERSHIP

[Be Grateful this Lenten Season](#)



Brothers,

I would like to offer a suggestion to every Council to consider this Lenten Season. Be grateful for the blessings we receive in our parishes, especially for the efforts of our parish priests. The Lenten/Easter season is especially busy for our pastors, with OCIA meetings, penance services, and extra confession times. Let us show our appreciation for their work by a bit of generosity on our part.

As a Council, to show your appreciation, Invite them to lunch, invite them to your house for dinner or offer to take them to their favorite restaurant. This small act on the part of the Council will be very much appreciated by your priest who sometimes feels the weight of the world is on his shoulders. Don't delay, plan for it today.

And you can report it on your Faith Reporting Form as a bonus!

God Bless you in this Lenten Season!

Ray Prom
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[March Charity of the Month](#)

Brother Knights,

March is the month of a lot of activities in our Catholic schools. Sporting events are going on almost every evening, CCD and youth groups are in full swing.

To assist in all of this, I would like Councils and individuals to consider contributing, through our Oregon State KofC Charities *Green Sheet*, to the **Diocesan Youth Programs**.

This line item on our *Green Sheet (on the next page)* helps both the Archdiocese of Portland and the Diocese of Baker to fund their youth programs. We often forget about how important it is to be a part of the formation of our youth. A small effort now can have a big impact on the lives of our youth.

Please consider where you want to put your almsgivings this Lenten season, and keep in mind this often forgotten but very necessary mission.

God Bless you this Lenten Season!

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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**



Matt Deppmeier
Family Director

[Family Director Report](#)

Participation in Good Friday services at most parishes is low, despite the central role that Christ’s passion and death play in our Catholic faith. Good Friday is a time of deep reflection, prayer, fasting and repentance. It is also the only day in the liturgical year when the Mass is not celebrated, emphasizing the sorrow and mourning of the Church as it remembers Christ’s death.

A Family Activity supported by Supreme that serves to address this lack of participation is the Good Friday Promotion ([Good Friday Family Promotion | Knights of Columbus](#)). Good Friday falls on April 3rd, so while it is quickly approaching, there is still time to encourage participation in Good Friday services through a promotional campaign. At the very least, Knights can set an example in their parish by attending Good Friday services with their families this year and working with their pastor to encourage increased parishioner involvement at these liturgies in the coming years.

After your Council participates in the Good Friday Family Promotion, report it to Supreme online via Form 10784 and report it on your monthly Oregon State Family form ([Family-Report-Form-2026-2027.pdf](#)) which should be emailed to me at kofc1872matt@gmail.com. Participation in the promotion can also count as a program accomplishment on your Columbian Award application.

Vivat Jesus!

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by Michael Pranger

Host: Hillsboro Council 1634



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May 1 Thru May 3, 2026

Youth Director Report



George Murphy
Youth Director

Worthy Brother Knights:

It's hard to put into words the many thanks to our Brother Knights and Councils, but I will try.

Again, this year we set new records in providing warm Coats for Kids. We were able to give away 363 boxes of coats which contained 12 coats per box.



Many Councils and Knights participated, but some of our outstanding Knights doing all this work are Manny Buzo and Joe Fieweger - they placed orders for 84 boxes of coats. I also thank Kent Purdy, Nick and Kevin Guenther, Subhuti Lichman and D.D. Dave Judy. A special thank you to G.K. Bill Krautscheid for showing up in a 4-ton box truck, which we used to deliver 150 boxes of coats. Also, thanks to State Secretary Mike Pranger for ordering all of those coats. If I missed any Knight or Council, please let me know and they will be added in a special addition.



Holy Family will host The State Free Throw Championship, with sign in at 12 noon and participation will begin at 12:30 pm on Mar 21st, 2026. To qualify, all participants must have the original score sheet from their Council and must have completed 25 free throws at the Council or District level, as well as the sheet must be signed by a parent. You can continue to qualify until the day before the Championship. Just as an **F.Y.I.** There will be no food allowed in the Gym this year due to the floor being refinished. A special shout out to Holy Family for hosting.

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

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Brent Dattke
State Program and
Community Director

[March 2026 Program Director Report](#)

Supreme will implement the Coats for Kids BOGO program again this year; it will be similar to last year, with a limited number per jurisdiction. Oregon will most likely have a limit similar to last year. The **orders must again be submitted to Supreme by August 15th**, which means we will need to have **orders into the State by August 12th** to have them compiled and assigned delivery points before we can submit our orders.

There is a great deal of valuable training online at kofc.org/training that includes:

- Into the Breach - The Gospel of Life
- Cor Session Guides
- Vivat Jesus Spiritual Planner 2026

This is just to mention a few. I highly recommend checking out all of the learning opportunities on the website.

Viva Jesus,
Brent Dattke
State Program Director

[March 2026 Community Director Report](#)



The total breakdown for the 2025 Coats for Kids program was as follows:

Total cases that Oregon distributed was 376

370 Cases of 12

6 Cases of 24

The total coats given out by Oregon were 4,584

Great job, everyone. Let's see if we can beat that this year.

Viva Jesus,
Brent Dattke
State Community Director



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LIFE

Council In Action

By: Thomas Zahara, PGK Council 15773 Florence



January 17, 2026

In January 2026 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 helped many people with learning and physical disabilities in Lane County communities.

Our Council raised over \$2,000.00 last year. The smiles of those kids and adults were worth every shiver and goosebump. The first Saturday in February we participated again.

Please click on and open the Special Olympics Oregon Website(SOOR) at: [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..



(Continues next page)

A Chilling Exercise In Raising Donations

An expose' of a Polar Plunge kind of day...
I believe the adage goes, "And a Good time was had by All"...
And in spite of a little bit of discomfort...yeah...it was fun...



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[Rogue Valley Knights Take the Plunge](#)

By: Joe Schaecher

The Southern Oregon Polar Plunge was not without her Knights on hand from Councils 1594 (Medford), and 11258 (Central Point) and Assembly 905.

Planning started months ago with Joe Schaecher on the steering committee with local law enforcement and other community leaders.

On plunge day, Amy's Kitchen soup, and delicious Rolls from Great Harvest were carefully prepared by Richard Moyer, Don Zimmerer, Kathy Schaecher and Sandy Dinius.

While the soup was getting hot, the 5K Run kicked off with Logan Bell and Curt Shenk trotting on the path at Rogue Valley Country Club in Medford. Curt is not just a Knight but also our Sacred Heart Catholic School Principal.

Then our Nations Colors were brought in by Joe Schaecher (Former VSM), Ed Dinius (Marshal), Matt Sekreta (CCC), Jahn Enger, and Javier Andrade.

Then the big event as team members raised \$1,375. Logan Bell, Jahn Enger, Curt Shenk, John Tamminga, jumped into the cold water (Joe Schaecher helped raise money but did not jump).

Overall, the Southern Oregon Plunge raised \$58,800 with fundraising continuing through the end of March 2026.

Thanks to all who gave of the time, talent, and treasure to benefit the Special Olympics in Oregon.

(Sorry, no photos were provided)



[Provincial initiatives](#)

Here are a few Provincial initiatives. Can you all help promote these within your sphere of influence?

1. [St. Joseph Lily Staff Novena](#) March 10-18 (encourage all Knights to pray it)
2. Medal of Honor Day (March 25th) and Founders Day (March 29th), consider holding an event between those two days commemorating one or both (with a Mass or social, etc)
3. 250th Anniversary of US Provincial Exemplification June 13th - promote this and encourage as many people to attend as possible (flyer below)
4. Ask District Deputies, Grand Knights, and Faithful Navigators to really promote the upcoming Exemplifications (especially 250th Anniversary). Here's a list of upcoming exemplifications:

- March 14 – Lavang (Portland, OR)
- March 21 – St. Marks (Boise, ID)
- April 11 – Tacoma, WA
- April 11 – Tri-Cities (WA)
- April 18 – Medford, OR
- April 25 – Cottonwood, ID
- May 16 – Caldwell, ID
- June 13 – Provincial Exemplification in Vancouver

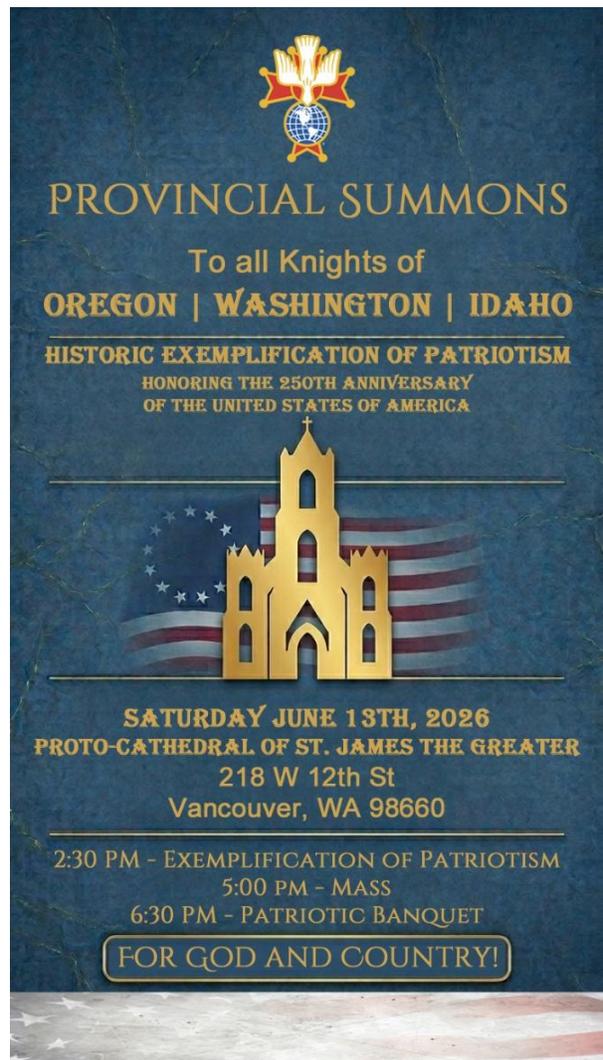
Thank you all for all your hard work and effort.

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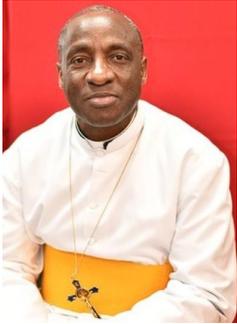
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Council In Action

Submitted by: Chris Erno Council 11258 Central Point

Passing the HAT - a Knights of Columbus Tradition

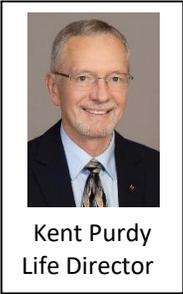


In the course of Fr. Silverino Kwebuza's priestly ministry, he has founded or aided schools serving thousands of Ugandan students. At our upcoming March 3rd Council Meeting, we will be passing the hat to collect donations to assist with a new and pressing project.



BRIGHT STAR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN

Shown above are the children of Bright Star Primary school in Fr. Silverino's home village of Rushebeya, Uganda. The school's recent performance in national exams has led to a surge in student body enrollment from 280 to 395 students. With not enough classrooms available the directors of the school have decided to purchase large meeting tents to serve as classrooms. The complete project, including benches and desks will cost \$6500 and donations are welcome.



Kent Purdy
Life Director

[Life Director Report](#)

This month, I'd like to remind all of you to include in your **personal prayers, rosaries, Mass intentions, and sacrifices**: An end to legalized abortion. That women who find themselves in crisis pregnancies be given the GRACE to CHOOSE LIFE for their unborn child. For the financial and emotional support for mothers who choose life For Pregnancy Resource Centers (PRCs) and homes for unwed mothers and the dedicated professionals that staff them.

Please MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the **MARCH FOR LIFE** for Oregon on **Saturday, May 30th**, at the State Capitol. Pro-Life speakers will address the crowd, starting at 2:30 PM, with March for Life to follow.

The March For Life used to be in January but was moved to May to commemorate the sad fact that Oregon was one of the first states to legalize abortion (on May 22, 1969) even before the Supreme Court's *Roe vs. Wade* decision. May is likely to be much better weather than January as well.

The March for Life is a "featured activity" for the Culture of Life, so Councils can receive TWO credits for the Columbian Award by meeting these guidelines: **For two program credits toward the Columbian Award** – Coordinate a minimum of 25 participants for a national, state or local March for Life or rally; charter a bus; or organize a local march or rally. Report activity using the Fraternal Programs Report Form (#10784). Councils bringing in a minimum of 25 participants (not only Knights, but family members, parishioners, etc.) to the March for Life will receive two program credits.

[Start planning NOW!](#)

The 40 Days for Life Campaign is continuing through March 29th. If you haven't already been joining with other Knights and concerned Catholics and Christians at Planned Parenthood or other abortion clinics in your area to pray for their closure and an end to abortion, it's not too late. See www.40daysforlife.com for details. Donations are gratefully accepted here as well.

["Abortion Providers Appreciation Day" Protest Rally:](#)

On **March 10th**, at 12:00 noon at the State Capitol, please consider joining a **rally in protest** of Governor Kotek's disgraceful proclamation declaring March 10th as "abortion provider appreciation day". Our Archbishop protested last year's rally in writing, but that didn't stop the Governor from doing it again this year. Here's the details from Past Life Director Eric Walter: Please join us for a peaceful demonstration at the Oregon State Capitol on Tuesday, March 10th. This is a workday during lunch hour and an excellent opportunity for our state leaders and our community to see there are citizens in Oregon who do not support this disgrace. We need a large turnout to surround the state capitol on the public right-of-way. Please invite as many people as possible including your families and offer carpooling for those who need transportation. Protest signs will be handed out at the event, but please feel free to bring your own pro-life signs as well.

[Protest Abortion Provider Appreciation Day](#)

At: **Oregon State Capitol**
Loc: **900 Court St. NE, Salem, OR 97301**
Date: **Tuesday, March 10, 2026**
Time: **12:00 Noon**

This rally would also qualify as a LIFE activity!

Keep praying for LIFE!

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State Historian Report

By: State Historian Tom Radel

Rev. James Matthew Crunican 44th 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.

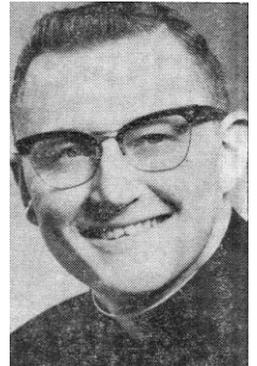
Rev. Crunican was the Oregon Knights of Columbus State Chaplain 1993-94.

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

**Mark Busch, George Murphy's sister Linda Mora
Florence Morris, Duane Morris' Mother,
Henry Stadleman and Rich Purinton**

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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



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- By receiving the Mount Angel Letter magazine, mailed three times a year
- By receiving the Legacy Newsletter, mailed twice a year

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