

# The Columbian® Newsletter

Serving The Oregon Councils of the Knights of Columbus

The Monthly Newsletter of the Oregon State Council of the Knights of Columbus

Vol 122 Nbr 11

May 2026

Page 1

## *Prayer to Mother Mary on Mother's Day*

Blessed Mother Mary, On this special day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you — the most loving and faithful mother of all.

You who carried the Light of the World in your womb, teach us to carry love, patience, and kindness in our hearts. Wrap your gentle mantle around every mother today —those who rejoice, those who grieve, and those who long to be mothers.

Intercede for them, that they may find strength in trials, peace in uncertainty, and joy in everyday moments of love. Guide us to cherish and honor our own mothers, and to live with the same humility, courage, and faith you showed.

Mother Mary, pray for us, that our homes may be filled with compassion, our families with unity, and our hearts with the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.



## State Deputy Report May 2026

My Dear Brother Knights.

What an incredible blessing it was to gather together for our Oregon State Convention. The fraternal spirit, faith and enthusiasm on display throughout the weekend truly reflected the very best of the Knights of Columbus in Oregon.

A special and heartfelt thank you goes to our Worthy State Secretary, Michael Pranger, and his outstanding convention team. Their countless hours of preparation, attention to detail and dedication ensured a smooth, meaningful and enjoyable convention for all who attended. From the business sessions to the liturgies, fellowship, and banquet, their hard work was evident everywhere. We are deeply grateful for their service to Oregon Knighthood.

One of the greatest joys of the convention was the opportunity to recognize so many deserving Councils, families, youth, clergy and Brother Knights during our Awards Banquet.

The stories of charity, faith, unity, and fraternity taking place throughout Oregon are truly inspiring. Whether large or small, every act of service matters and it was an honor to celebrate the tremendous work being done across our jurisdiction. Oregon Knights continue to live our theme, "By Our Love," each and every day.

Our State Convention once again demonstrated the incredible generosity of Oregon Knights and their families through the tremendous support shown for our charitable causes, including the Father Taaffe Homes, Pennies for Heaven and Special Olympics. Thank you to the many individuals, Councils, and Assemblies whose donations and participation made such a meaningful impact.

A very special recognition also goes to the wonderful ladies in attendance. Not only did they brighten the entire convention with their presence and support, but their efforts in helping raise funds for our charities were truly remarkable.

We also extend our sincere gratitude to Tay Mohr for once again donating her beautiful, handcrafted quilt and to Sir Knight John Pavik of Molalla for his extraordinary donation of handcrafted Adirondack chairs, complete with ottoman and side table. Both contributions generated significant support to further the compassionate mission begun by Father Taaffe.

As we now turn toward the close of the Fraternal Year, we have approximately seven weeks remaining and it is important that we finish strongly — especially in membership growth. Many Councils are within reach of earning the prestigious Star Council Award but still need to complete important requirements such as Safe Environment compliance and Fraternal Benefits Events.

Please do not wait until the final days of the year. If your Council needs assistance, guidance or support, reach out to any of your State Officers. We are here to help you succeed and want every Council possible to cross the finish line successfully.

(Continued next page)



*State Deputy*  
Robert Adams  
Council 1261  
North Bend

*State Chaplain*  
Fr Anthony Ahamefule  
Council 17396  
Bandon

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

*State Secretary*  
Michael Pranger  
Council 1634  
Hillsboro

*State Treasurer*  
Duane Morris  
Council 1634  
Hillsboro

*State Advocate*  
Nicholas Guenther  
Council 3591  
Tigard

*State Warden*  
David Judy  
Council 14892  
Beaverton

*Executive Secretary*  
Tim Grady  
Council 7246  
Newport

Additionally, next weekend, May 15–17, your State Deputy is available to assist Councils with membership drives anywhere in Oregon. I already have the materials prepared and would be honored to help your Council recruit the next generation of Catholic gentlemen and families into our Order. If your parish or Council is interested, please reach out as soon as possible so we can coordinate.

Brothers, thank you for all you continue to do for your parishes, communities, families, and our Order. Let us continue to put Faith First and show the world that “they will know we are Christians by our love.”

Vivat Jesus!

Bob Adams  
State Deputy, Oregon Knights of Columbus.  
[radams7383@aol.com](mailto:radams7383@aol.com)  
PH: 541-404-5905

---



Supreme  
Chaplain  
Archbishop  
William Lori

### ***This Month's Challenge May 2026***

Jesus] said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”  
(Gospel for May 24, Jn 20:21)

Jesus sends us into the world, just as the Father sent him. Jesus had a sacred, divine mission — to proclaim the Good News of salvation and build the kingdom of God — and we are commissioned to do likewise. As his faithful disciples, we continue his saving mission on earth, consistent with our state of life. We are not just “receivers” of the Gospel; our mission is to bear witness to the Good News in word and action, living the Gospel through our example and outreach to others.

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

This month, I challenge you to take a few minutes each morning and prayerfully ask Jesus how you can use your gifts for his mission, and set one clear, specific resolution (large or small) for what you will do on that particular day.

### ***Questions for Reflection***

How seriously do you take this mission that Christ has given you? What specifically has Jesus sent you into the world to do? How can you live out this mission in the workplace, in your family life, and through your participation in the Knights of Columbus?



FAITH

COMMUNITY

FAMILY

LIFE



In the [Litany of Blessed Michael McGivney](#), we invoke his prayerful intercession as one “devoted to the Sacred Heart,” along with the title “son of the Immaculate Heart.” As the joint feasts of the hearts of Our Lord Jesus and our Blessed Mother Mary approach, it is fitting for us to encourage deeper devotion under their protection among our brother Knights and their families.

Having studied under the French Sulpician Fathers in the seminary, Blessed Michael would have been familiar with devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Additionally, he may have encountered stories of the heroic life of St. Jean Vianney, whom Pope Pius XI declared venerable in 1874, and whose apt description of the priesthood as “the love of the Heart of Jesus” may have inspired Blessed Michael’s own priestly zeal. Certainly, Father McGivney promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart, giving the convicted murderer Chip Smith an image that became a source of healing grace and conversion in the young man’s life.

Indeed, in the pastoral preparations Father McGivney made for the 110th anniversary of the independence of the United States in 1886, his love of the Sacred Heart was further revealed. The financial ledger at St. Thomas Church in Thomaston details Father McGivney’s thrifty spending as pastor from 1884 to 1890. An 1886 expense that stands out amid the ordinary parish outlays for heating oil, candles and so forth was the purchase of a statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This extraordinary expenditure shows the importance Blessed Michael placed on instilling devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus among his new parishioners.

As the bishops of the United States prepare to consecrate the country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus this June, let us imitate Blessed Michael McGivney’s love of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Every brother Knight should participate with his family in the consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary and seek to enthrone these images in his home. May Blessed Michael, who found such solace in the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, intercede for all of us in every pastoral need. *Vivat Jesus!*

# Oregon KofC Convention 2026



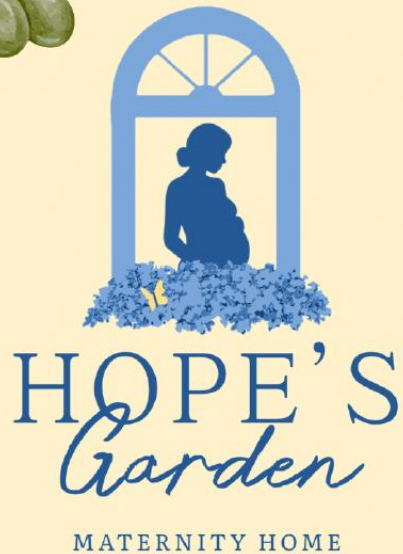




More convention photos can be found on the State website [kofc-or.org](http://kofc-or.org) under archives.



## A LOCAL REFUGE




Hope's Garden is a family-style, residential program where pregnant women experiencing homelessness and domestic violence come to find rest, peace, love, and a future filled with HOPE.

As the only maternity home in Clackamas County, we provide critical, transformational care to moms and their babies.

[www.growinghopesgarden.org](http://www.growinghopesgarden.org)



## MORE THAN A HOUSE



Hope's Garden provides free housing for vulnerable moms during their pregnancy and for two years after the birth of their baby.


Through Biblical mentorship and life-skills training, we give pregnant mothers the opportunity to become the women of God He has called them to be, allowing their babies grow and thrive in love, safety, and stability.

**JOIN US AT OUR OPEN HOUSE  
FOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!**

Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm-3:00pm

Come and see the life-saving impact we make together

Please RSVP to Aubrianne at 503-706-6069  
(Milwaukie address sent upon RSVP)



## **TO BE A PATRIOT**



Flying the flag, singing the national anthem, taking an active interest in the history and destiny of one's country. These are some of the ways we show love and respect for our country. There are others, though, and that's what the Fourth Degree awards program, **TO BE A PATRIOT** is about.

Since the turn of the century, members of the Fourth Degree of the Knights of Columbus, "the patriotic degree," have combined their Catholic heritage with their love of country and sponsored and participated in a variety of interesting patriotic programs and activities. **TO BE A PATRIOT** has been established to recognize these programs.

### **COMPETITION**

Have a competition to determine the **best patriotic programs** during a given fraternal year will be held on the District and Provincial levels of the Fourth Degree. To enter the competition, each **Assembly must submit a report on their single best patriotic activity on form #TBP-2 to THE MASTER.**

**The Master will then judge the entries and select the top activity in his District. The District winners will then be submitted to the Vice Supreme Master. After selecting a top winner in his province, each Vice Supreme Master should submit the entry form to the Supreme Master. Every entry will then be reviewed by a committee appointed by the Supreme Knight and Supreme Master. Winners will be announced by the Supreme Master's office.**

### **DEADLINES**

ASSEMBLIES — Original entries must be submitted **TO THE MASTER by April 30.**

MASTERS — Select top entry from district and submit **to Vice Supreme Master by May 15.**

VICE SUPREME MASTERS — Select top entry from province and submit **to Supreme Master by May 31. Any entries after May 31 will not be eligible.**

**GUIDELINES** Listed below are some suggested guidelines for Masters and Vice Supreme Masters to use when selecting the top activity in the **TO BE A PATRIOT** program.

**1.** The award is based upon a **single patriotic project or activity** conducted by an Assembly during the fraternal year.

#### **2. BASIS FOR JUDGING**

- Does the program truly exemplify the virtue of patriotism?
- How many members participated in the program? What percentage of the entire membership participated?
- What were the benefits of the program? How did the results affect the community at large?
- How original was the program?
- How was the program publicized and how effective was the publicity?

# TO BE A PATRIOT ENTRY FORM 20\_\_\_\_ - 20\_\_\_\_

Due By: MAY 31

FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR:

ASSEMBLY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

(town/city)(state/province)

The information which follows describes our assembly's patriotic program and serves as our entry Supreme Council's TO BE A PATRIOT awards contest.

Date project conducted: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Number of Assembly members participating in the project: \_\_\_\_\_

Percentage of Assembly members participating in the project: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of man hours expended in the project: \_\_\_\_\_

In the space provided, describe briefly how this project exemplifies the virtue of patriotism.

---

---

---

---

---

On a separate sheet, describe the program in more detail. Explain how the program was conducted from start to finish and include relevant information about publicity, member participation and the overall import of the project to the community, the intended recipients or audience and the assembly. (Photos, news clippings, scrapbooks, letters, testimonials, etc., may be included with this reporting form.)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Faithful Navigator)

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Master)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Vice Supreme Master)

MAIL ORIGINAL TO: Master KEEP A COPY IN ASSEMBLY FILE



# The Northwestern Patriot

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

May, 2026

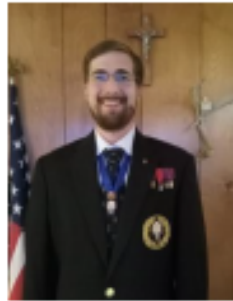


## Highlights

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

## Star Assembly Requirements:

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



## From the Vice Supreme Master

Worthy Sir Knights,

Happy May! May is the Month of Mary and also the month of Memorial Day. These provide a couple of big opportunities for the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Honor our Mother Mary and also honor those who have fallen in battle. Consider holding a prayer service at a cemetery this month and honor both. A Patriotic Rosary will do exactly that.

The main thing I want to stress and emphasize in this newsletter is the upcoming *250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United States Provincial-wide Exemplification of Patriotism!* I want to ask everyone to make an extra special effort to promote this event far and wide! I ask all Masters, State Deputies, District Deputies, Faithful Navigators, and Grand Knights to also take an active role in promoting this. Bring it up at upcoming meetings and encourage members to attend. ALL are invited to attend and we will want plenty of personnel to serve in the honor guard! You don't want to miss this historic occasion!

Don't forget to submit your forms! The Civic Award is coming up due very soon! Also please submit past-due forms as well (186, Audit, Fraternal Survey, etc). Reminder that these are required for Star Assembly.

Supreme has requested that we focus particularly on the Military Chaplain Scholarship Fund and Patriotic Prayer Service at cemeteries for Memorial Day during April and May. Let's make these meaningful programs and impact others in profound ways.

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 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Sir Knight is the "Highest Honor of Knighthood!" Vivat Jesus!



## Important Dates

- May 1 – Feast of St. Joseph the Worker
- May 10 – Mother's Day
- May 14 – Solemnity of the Ascension
- May 24 – Solemnity of Pentecost
- May 25 – Memorial Day
- May 31 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

## Upcoming Events

(see appendix)



## Important Programs

### *Patriotic Prayer Event – At Cemetery*

During the Month of May, in honor of Memorial Day, please consider holding a patriotic prayer service at a cemetery. Please see guidance from Supreme here.





## Important Programs (cont'd)

### *Military Chaplain Scholarship*

For the months of April and May, Supreme has requested that we focus particularly on the Military Chaplain Scholarship Fund. Info [here](#).

### *Sword Drill Practice/Training*

With State Conventions and the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exemplification coming up, now is a great time to hold some Color Corps Drill Training! Flyer [here](#).

## Important Announcements

### *Supreme Website Updated:*

Supreme updated their website and moved the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree information. Leader resources can be found [here](#) and forms found [here](#).

### *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: April, 2026](#)

[Fraternal Leader Advisory #146](#)

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: 102/371 (27.49%)

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

Oregon District Goal: 38/100 (38%)

Idaho District Goal: 10/66 (15%)

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



**Kenneth J. Anderson**  
Vice Supreme  
Master

## [Vice Supreme Master Report](#)



Here is the Master's Mid-Month Message for April:

1. [I am introducing the Provincial-wide Grand Knights and District Deputies Challenge!](#) It is quite simple: I personally believe that anyone who serves as Grand Knight or especially District Deputy should be 4th Degree. While it's not an official requirement from Supreme, I think it's important for higher offices to be aware of 4th Degree events, initiatives, and to have a personal vested interest in the 4th Degree. They will be in much more of a position to promote the 4th Degree for their Councils and they will take upon themselves "the Highest Honor of Knighthood." Therefore, if anyone is currently sitting in a Grand Knight or District Deputy position who is not yet a 4th Degree, let's challenge them to attend the 250th Anniversary Exemplification and become 4th Degree. Perhaps it would be a nice gesture for a Council to offer to pay the initiation fee for their Grand Knight or District Deputy. Having personally served both positions in the past, I can attest to the fact that it's a lot of work and effort. Many are unwilling to step up to those positions. Therefore, it could be a nice gesture from the Council to thank these men for stepping up to these positions by offering to cover their initiation fee.
2. [Honor guard personnel lists:](#) Does your 4th Degree District have a list of everyone in the District who has the 4th Degree uniform and participates in honor guards? It would be good to make sure there is such a list and that it's regularly updated. This will ensure that all honor guard personnel are aware of upcoming honor guards and we can maximize our turnouts.
3. [Swords and baldrics:](#) There are lots of 4th Degree swords and baldrics floating around out there in various Councils and Assemblies that might just be sitting around unused. Let's also put together a memo inviting members/councils/assemblies to donate/sell swords to an inventory (or keep an inventory themselves). This will help provide potential future honor guard personnel with resources without needing to pay for it themselves. Keep in mind, though, that some swords may be blessed or touched to relics, etc, which means that they cannot be sold, but can be given as gifts to future honor guard personnel. We also want to be careful not to pressure or force anyone to give up a sword if they're holding onto it as a token. This would just be voluntary.
4. I'd also like to [encourage the District Masters and State Deputies to actively work together](#) and collaborate so that the 3rd and 4th Degree can work hand-in-hand. I'd like to ask the 3rd Degree Officers (SDs, DDs, GKs,) to be advocates of the 4th Degree and encourage members to become 4th Degree. I'd also like to encourage the 4th Degree Officers (DMs, FNs) to make sure 3rd Degree needs are met (honor guards at State Conventions, Silver Rose, similar events/programs, membership drives, etc). Please let me know if there are any other ideas on how we can mutually support each other.



5. I'd like to continue to encourage [District Masters to meet periodically with the Faithful Navigators](#) via conference call and make that a priority. This will make sure they are aware of important upcoming events and help encourage them to promote the 4th Degree in their area.

6. [Don't forget about Star Assembly and the forms.](#) We still have some forms past-due for the 4th Degree (officer reports, audits, fraternal surveys).

7. I'd like to continue to [ask all Officers in the 3rd and 4th Degree to promote the 250th Anniversary Exemplification.](#) Ideally, I'd love to see this get brought up at each Council meeting and Assembly meeting between now and the day of the event. The 250th Anniversary of our Nation is a HUGE achievement and is therefore something we should celebrate with as much pomp and circumstance as we can muster. So please continue to encourage all leaders in the 3 states to promote this event.

Thank you all for everything you do. Let me know if there's anything you need or anything I can do to help.

Vivat Jesus!

*Kenneth J. Anderson*  
Knights of Columbus  
Archbishop Blanchet 4th Degree Province  
Vice Supreme Master  
[kennethandersoniii@gmail.com](mailto:kennethandersoniii@gmail.com)  
(541) 602-0249  
11863 SW Greenburg Rd Apt 8  
Tigard, OR 97223



*"The Highest Honor of Knighthood!"*



## [District Master Report](#)

Worthy Sir Knights,

There will be a Patriotic Rosary on May 16th, at Willamette National Cemetery, from 10:00am to Noon. [See details on page 21 of this newsletter.](#) Hope to see a lot of Knights at this event. Faithful Navigators, reach out to the Grand Knights of your Councils and let them know about this.



Please see the link in this email for The Catholic Patriot. There is a lot of great information in it, and there are some highlights about our Archbishop Blanchet 4<sup>th</sup> degree Province. <https://conta.cc/42o1U31>  
There is still time to register 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Knights, who want to become Sir Knights, for the 250<sup>th</sup> Birthday of our Nation Patriotic Exemplification, which is being held in Vancouver, Washington, on June 13th.  
Get them registered now!

### [Additional](#)

I want to thank all of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights who attended the State Convention. I am pleased that I was accepted by all as the new District Master of Oregon. I had a lot of great conversations with many of you. A special thank you to all who participated in the Color Corps and Honor Guard. We had 21 Knights in uniform for the Friday morning Mass, and 17 for the Saturday Mass, and The Presentations of the Flag were done with dignity.

I plan to have some training in various places throughout the state in the near future for Color Corps/Honor Guard. I look forward to working with everyone. If any Assembly would like training, please contact me. There is a training scheduled on May 22nd at St Rose of Lima in Portland at 6:30 pm.

Thank you again for your support and participation.

God Bless, Vivat Jesus.

Richard Huff  
District Master, Oregon District  
Archbishop Blanchet 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Province  
[rhufflog@yahoo.com](mailto:rhufflog@yahoo.com)  
PH: 541-999-2015



### [Wearing the beret](#)

#### Key positioning details

- **Headband placement:** Align the leather or fabric edge binding so it forms a horizontal line across your forehead, no more than 1 inch above your eyebrows
- **Flash alignment:** The beret's flash (insignia patch) should be centered directly above your left eye
- **Drape direction:** The excess fabric should be pulled down and to the

## PURGATORY PRAYER CARD

BY: Michael Flynn/Kent Purdy

Councils think about doing this as a FAITH activity and at the same time rescue Poor Souls from Purgatory.

What is involved is described on the card...the gaining of a Plenary Indulgence, and then a request to the Lord that this indulgence be applied to a Poor Soul.

This can be a family member or friend, or the Lord or Our Lady can decide who to save from suffering.



### HOW TO OBTAIN A PLENARY INDULGENCE

#### I. Complete ANY one work:

- **ADORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
for at least 30 minutes -or-
- **PRAY THE ROSARY IN A**  
church, family, religious community -or-
- **READ THE SACRED SCRIPTURES**  
for at least 30 minutes

#### II. Complete ALL actions:

1. **RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION**  
same day you completed a work above
2. **PRAY FOR THE POPE'S INTENTIONS**  
same day you completed a work above
3. **INTEND TO APPLY THIS INDULGENCE**  
to release a soul from Purgatory
4. **GO TO CONFESSION**  
monthly (per Vatican directive)
5. **BE DETACHED FROM ALL SIN**  
including all venial sin

#### A PLENARY INDULGENCE . . .

- releases a soul from Purgatory
- 1 may be gained each day

PRAYERS FOR DEPARTED SOULS  
PO Box 516  
St Benedict, Oregon 97373

COPYRIGHT 2002

*With Ecclesiastical Approbation*

**PURGATORY**

I TOO USED TO BE WHERE YOU ARE...  
...YOU SHALL SOON BE WHERE I AM

MOTHER	HUSBAND
FATHER	WIFE
SON	DAUGHTER
BROTHER	SISTER
FRIEND	ENEMY
GRANDPARENTS	GRANDCHILD
NEIGHBOR	PARISHIONER
PRIEST	PASTOR
	NUN

MANY MORE SOULS WAIT  
FOR YOUR PLENARY INDULGENCE...

EACH DAY YOU CAN RELEASE  
**A SOUL FROM PURGATORY**

## [Mass of Candidacy](#)

Worthy Sir Knights,

Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree members are invited to participate in an upcoming **Mass of Candidacy** at St. James Catholic Church.

This Mass will recognize two seminarians from Mount Angel Seminary who are formally declaring their intention to pursue the priesthood. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Alexander K. Sample of the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon.

Fourth Degree Knights are respectfully asked to assist in the **procession before and after Mass**.


 **Date:** May 17

 **Mass Time:** 12:00 PM

 **Please arrive by:** 11:30 AM

 **Location:**

St. James Church  
1145 NE First St  
McMinnville, OR 97128

 **Contact:** Marcus Moran  
503-577-7654

Many of us have had the honor of participating in these events before. Your presence helps show our support for these men discerning the priesthood.


Please share this invitation with any Sir Knights in the McMinnville area.

Thank you, everyone.

**Blessings,**

**SK David Hamilton**  
**Oregon District Master (12/25-3/26)**

Former DD, District 5  
Past FN, Assembly 4026  
Past Treasurer | Trustee  
Council 8129 Dallas Oregon  
Vietnam Era Veteran, U.S. Navy

 503-837-9309

 [HamiltonDavid232@gmail.com](mailto:HamiltonDavid232@gmail.com)

**General Program Director Report**



General Program Director  
Brent Dattke

Supreme has increased our BOGO limit this year from 131 to 190. Let's take advantage of those 59 extra cases and use every bit of our allowed amount. All orders must be submitted to Mike Pranger by August 15, 2026, to be eligible for the BOGO offer.

Like last year, it's on a first-come, first-served basis. If we exceed the maximum amount Supreme allows us, the orders we first receive will get the BOGO deal.

Brent Dattke  
State Program Director  
State Community Director  
District Marshal

**Coats for Kids Order Form**



Knights of Columbus Oregon State Council  
**2026 Coats for Kids Order Form**  
**ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026**



**MAIL Payment AND THIS FORM to:** State Secretary -  
Make Checks payable to: Oregon State Knights of Columbus

**Michael Pranger 2841 SE Brian St, Hillsboro, OR 97123**  
503-522-9522 michaelpranger@live.com

Council #:	<input type="text"/>	Council City:	<input type="text"/>	<b><u>DELIVERY STREET ADDRESS</u></b>
Contact:	<input type="text"/>	Deliver to:	<input type="text"/>	
Phone:	<input type="text"/>	Address:	<input type="text"/>	
Email:	<input type="text"/>	City, State, Zip:	<input type="text"/>	

**Supreme Match for 2026 is Limited to 190 Cases !!** Please **PRINT** Clearly

**Due to price increases per case and since Supreme has limited their matching funds to \$300K, Oregon will be limited to a One-for-One Match for only our FIRST 190 Cases Ordered.**

Coats Per Case	Size/Sex	Cost Per Case	Qty of Paid For Cases	Cost x Qty	Matching Cases Qty	Paid Plus Matching Cases
12	Toddlers	\$ 283.38		\$ 0.00		0
12	Child Boy	\$ 283.38		\$ 0.00		0
12	Child Girl	\$ 283.38		\$ 0.00		0
12	Youth Boy	\$ 283.38		\$ 0.00		0
12	Youth Girl	\$ 283.38		\$ 0.00		0
12	Teen Boy	\$ 340.24		\$ 0.00		0
12	Teen Girl	\$ 340.24		\$ 0.00		0
12	Adult Men	\$ 340.24				
12	Adult Women	\$ 340.24		\$ 0.00		0
24	Lt Wt Boy/Man	\$ 380.80		\$ 0.00		0
24	Lt Wt Girl/Woman	\$ 380.80		\$ 0.00		0
			0	\$ 0.00	0	0

**If a check cannot be mailed WITH this Order, email THIS FORM TO: [michaelpranger@live.com](mailto:michaelpranger@live.com) and Arrange for Payment NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 15, 2026**

<b>Total # of Paid Cases</b>	<b>Total Amount to be Paid</b>	<b>Total # Matching Cases</b>	<b>Total # of ALL Cases</b>

**Back side of this form has detailed information regarding specific coat/jacket sizes per case**

### COAT INFORMATION

We offer three different prepackaged size categories for purchase by your council:

<i>Child Prepack (12 coats) – kindergarten through second grade</i>	<i>Youth Prepack (12 Coats) – second grade through eighth grade</i>	<i>Teen Size Prepacks (12 Coats)</i>																												
<table style="width: 100%;"> <tr><td><b>Boys</b></td><td><b>Girls</b></td></tr> <tr><td>(4) 4</td><td>(4) 4</td></tr> <tr><td>(4) 6</td><td>(4) 5/6</td></tr> <tr><td>(4) 7</td><td>(4) 6X</td></tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Price \$283.38 per box</p>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>	(4) 4	(4) 4	(4) 6	(4) 5/6	(4) 7	(4) 6X	<table style="width: 100%;"> <tr><td><b>Boys</b></td><td><b>Girls</b></td></tr> <tr><td>(2) 8</td><td>(4) 7/8</td></tr> <tr><td>(2) 10/12</td><td>(4) 10/12</td></tr> <tr><td>(5) 14/16</td><td>(4) 14/16</td></tr> <tr><td>(3) 18</td><td></td></tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Price \$283.38 per box</p>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>	(2) 8	(4) 7/8	(2) 10/12	(4) 10/12	(5) 14/16	(4) 14/16	(3) 18		<table style="width: 100%;"> <tr><td><b>Boys</b></td><td><b>Girls</b></td></tr> <tr><td>(2) Small</td><td>(2) Small</td></tr> <tr><td>(2) Medium</td><td>(4) Medium</td></tr> <tr><td>(4) Large</td><td>(4) Large</td></tr> <tr><td>(4) X-Large</td><td>(2) X-Large</td></tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Price \$340.24 per box</p>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>	(2) Small	(2) Small	(2) Medium	(4) Medium	(4) Large	(4) Large	(4) X-Large	(2) X-Large
<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>																													
(4) 4	(4) 4																													
(4) 6	(4) 5/6																													
(4) 7	(4) 6X																													
<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>																													
(2) 8	(4) 7/8																													
(2) 10/12	(4) 10/12																													
(5) 14/16	(4) 14/16																													
(3) 18																														
<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>																													
(2) Small	(2) Small																													
(2) Medium	(4) Medium																													
(4) Large	(4) Large																													
(4) X-Large	(2) X-Large																													

<h4 style="text-align: center;">New Toddler Size</h4> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr><th style="background-color: #f00; color: white;">Toddler Size Prepacks (12 Coats)</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">Unisex</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">(2) 12 M</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">(2) 18 M</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">(2) 2T</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">(3) 3T</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">(3) 4T</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Price \$283.38 per box</p>	Toddler Size Prepacks (12 Coats)	Unisex	(2) 12 M	(2) 18 M	(2) 2T	(3) 3T	(3) 4T	<h4 style="text-align: center;">Adult Size</h4> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr><th style="background-color: #f00; color: white;">Adult Size Prepacks (12 Coats)</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">Women Only</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">(2) Small</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">(3) Medium</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">(3) Large</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">(2) X-Large</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">(1) XX-Large</td></tr> <tr><td style="text-align: center;">(1) XXX-Large</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: center;">Price \$340.24 per box</p>	Adult Size Prepacks (12 Coats)	Women Only	(2) Small	(3) Medium	(3) Large	(2) X-Large	(1) XX-Large	(1) XXX-Large
Toddler Size Prepacks (12 Coats)																
Unisex																
(2) 12 M																
(2) 18 M																
(2) 2T																
(3) 3T																
(3) 4T																
Adult Size Prepacks (12 Coats)																
Women Only																
(2) Small																
(3) Medium																
(3) Large																
(2) X-Large																
(1) XX-Large																
(1) XXX-Large																

### LIGHTWEIGHT COATS FOR WARM CLIMATES

Lightweight coats are available for those areas with mild winters. Each case will contain 24 coats.

Light weight Prepack (24 Coats)																							
<table style="width: 100%;"> <tr><td><b>Boys</b></td></tr> <tr><td>(2) 4</td></tr> <tr><td>(2) 6</td></tr> <tr><td>(2) 8</td></tr> <tr><td>(2) 10/12</td></tr> <tr><td>(2) 14</td></tr> <tr><td>(2) 16/18</td></tr> <tr><td>(2) Adult Small</td></tr> <tr><td>(4) Adult Medium</td></tr> <tr><td>(4) Adult Large</td></tr> <tr><td>(2) Adult X-Large</td></tr> </table>	<b>Boys</b>	(2) 4	(2) 6	(2) 8	(2) 10/12	(2) 14	(2) 16/18	(2) Adult Small	(4) Adult Medium	(4) Adult Large	(2) Adult X-Large	<table style="width: 100%;"> <tr><td><b>Girls</b></td></tr> <tr><td>(2) 4</td></tr> <tr><td>(2) 6</td></tr> <tr><td>(2) 7/8</td></tr> <tr><td>(2) 10/12</td></tr> <tr><td>(2) 14</td></tr> <tr><td>(2) 16</td></tr> <tr><td>(2) Adult Small</td></tr> <tr><td>(4) Adult Medium</td></tr> <tr><td>(4) Adult Large</td></tr> <tr><td>(2) Adult X-Large</td></tr> </table>	<b>Girls</b>	(2) 4	(2) 6	(2) 7/8	(2) 10/12	(2) 14	(2) 16	(2) Adult Small	(4) Adult Medium	(4) Adult Large	(2) Adult X-Large
<b>Boys</b>																							
(2) 4																							
(2) 6																							
(2) 8																							
(2) 10/12																							
(2) 14																							
(2) 16/18																							
(2) Adult Small																							
(4) Adult Medium																							
(4) Adult Large																							
(2) Adult X-Large																							
<b>Girls</b>																							
(2) 4																							
(2) 6																							
(2) 7/8																							
(2) 10/12																							
(2) 14																							
(2) 16																							
(2) Adult Small																							
(4) Adult Medium																							
(4) Adult Large																							
(2) Adult X-Large																							

## [Life Director Report](#)



Kent Purdy  
Life Director

Brother Knights of the Oregon Council,

Congratulations to the State Leadership for a well-run and very informative State Convention. A special thank you to St. Matthew Parish and Council 1634 for hosting the event.

At the Convention, I talked about a couple of things that I want to communicate here as well.

**First of all, we currently have EIGHT requests for ultrasound machines from Pregnancy Resource Centers in various places statewide. These include Salem, Corvallis/Albany, Lincoln County (Newport) 2 machines, Grants Pass, Eugene, Portland and Sandy.**



**These machines are on the "front lines" of our fight to change hearts and minds** regarding abortion. We have had many testimonies from the dedicated nurses at Pregnancy Resource Centers that when a woman that is considering abortion SEES HER BABY in the ultrasound image, she rarely goes through with it and instead lets her baby live!

**Only four of these eight are fully funded at the local level.** For these four machines, we are now awaiting approval from the Supreme Board that oversees funding for the Ultrasound Initiative for their matching grant.

We need more help in getting the **funding** for the other four ultrasound machines.

**I'm asking Councils statewide to consider holding a fundraiser of your choosing to raise funds to help us get these ultrasounds placed.**

**This can count for a Culture of Life Activity.**

The funds can be sent by check, made out to "Oregon KofC Charities".

Please **signify on the check and with a note that the funds are for the Ultrasound Initiative.**

You can also use the KofC Charities Charitable "Green Sheet" if you prefer.

Please mail checks to: Duane L. Morris Treasurer  
Oregon State KofC Charities  
727 SE High Street Hillsboro, OR 97123

Secondly, at the Convention I passed along a specific request from Oregon Right to Life that **they want Knights of Columbus members for crowd control at the Oregon March for Life on Saturday, May 30th, at the Oregon State Capitol in Salem.**

For those Councils that are planning to attend this event, **please contact Robert Young, Community Outreach Specialist** at ORTL and volunteer to help them monitor the crowds there. The idea is to have some "eyes" on the event to notify the authorities present (with provided walkie-talkies) if anything is going on about which they need to be aware.

***We are not asked to get involved, but just to oversee the event.***

Contact Robert Young at 503-463-8563 or email him at [robert@ortl.org](mailto:robert@ortl.org).

We are approaching the end of the Fraternal Year, on June 30th. For those councils that have not completed their Culture of Life activities, **please consider this one from the Oregon Right to Life.**

**ORTL is conducting a "Diaper Drive" to help expectant mothers at Pregnancy Resource Centers. They gave a set goal of sending 30,000 diapers to these expectant mothers.**



Here is a link to participate in the Diaper Drive: [Diaper Drive - Oregon Right to Life](#)

If your Council donates \$500, send a copy of your cancelled check to Supreme for an additional \$100 via the ASAP program by using this online application form:

[ASAP Grant Request Application | Knights of Columbus](#)

Supreme will match each \$500 donation with an extra \$100, up to a maximum of \$400 additional donation.

Let me know if you have any questions on this.

Also, let me know if you need ideas for completing your **four Culture of Life activities** for the Columbian Award. Use this link for an overview of suggested activities and information on how to do them...

[Overview Resources - Faith in Action | Knights of Columbus](#)

I am here to help councils in being active in our mission to protect the right to life from conception to natural death.

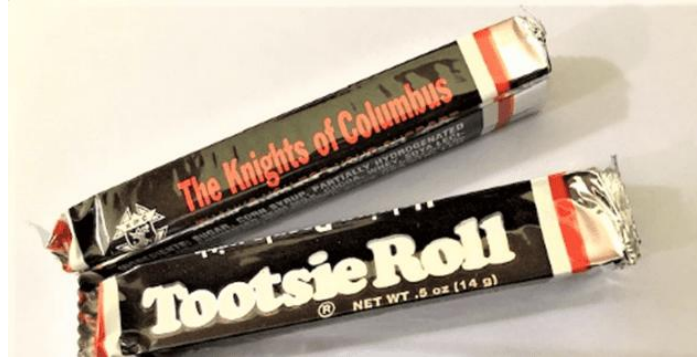
Vivat Jesus!

Kent Purdy

SK Kent A. Purdy, State LIFE Director  
15987 Gescher Lane SE  
Sublimity, OR 97385-9404  
[Rphpurdy@protonmail.com](mailto:Rphpurdy@protonmail.com)  
503-881-1244

## Council In Action

On Good Friday and Holy Saturday, Newberg Council 6602 held our annual Tootsie Roll fundraising effort to raise money for Special Olympics. This year, we raised \$5,000 in donations and presented a check to Special Olympics of Yamhill County on April 26th.



The picture below is from that presentation, with Grand Knight Dwayne Melancon on the far left presenting the check and Deputy Grand Knight Kyle Kappahn in support on the far right.



This is one of our favorite fundraisers because we are out in the community at several stores, standing alongside Special Olympics athletes. It is particularly rewarding to see how the athletes engage with us, and the community. They appreciate the effort that we go to as Knights to support their activities, and we appreciate the opportunity to serve this worthwhile cause.

## Council In Action

Council 1594 Rogue River in Medford

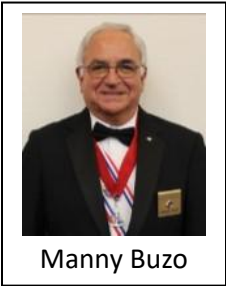
On Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, a much desired, and long-awaited Knights Free-throw competition was hosted by members of Council 1594. Council members Mitch Fessler and Norm Hetzel organized the first (to the best of everyone's memory) Council 1594 Free-throw competition. In partnership with Sacred Heart Catholic School, the competition had 64 participants. The team is ready to run next year's competition in time for shooters to qualify for the state shoot.

Past Grand Knight Michael Pitts  
Tallying Shots.



Council members Curt Shenk  
(Principal) and Mitch Fessler  
(Teacher) congratulating winners.





Manny Buzo

## The Patriotic Rosary for the Consecration of Our Nation

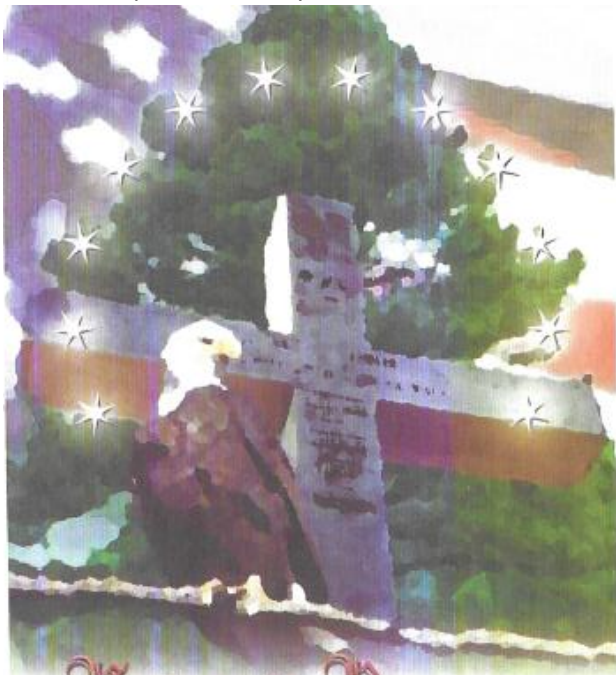
Archbishop Fulton John Sheen Assembly 3248 has extended an invitation for all Knights and their families to pray "The Patriotic Rosary for the Consecration of Our Nation" at Willamette National Cemetery on **Armed Forces Day**, Saturday, May 16, 2026, from 10am to Noon. (Please see the attached invitation)

The Patriotic Rosary invokes the Virgin Mary's intercession for the healing and protection of the nation, especially during times of crisis. In light of current events, the Patriotic Rosary is especially relevant since it asks for God's guidance over elected officials, government branches, and citizens alike to seek divine assistance in restoring our country to its foundational values. The virtue of patriotism is exemplified by gathering to pray the Patriotic Rosary on the hallowed ground of Willamette National Cemetery on **Armed Forces Day** and dedicating the Rosary to the men and women who have and are putting themselves in harm's way to protect and defend our Constitutional Republic since the birth of our nation 250 years ago as **ONE NATION UNDER GOD**.

Vivat Jesus.

SK Manny Buzo  
Faithful Navigator  
Assembly #3248  
503-680-9720  
[mbuzo@msn.com](mailto:mbuzo@msn.com)

Vision – Inspire – Visibility – Actions – Trust



## Patriotic Rosary™

**BUS TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE:** A 50-passenger bus will be in the lower parking lot of Resurrection Church (21060 SW Stafford Rd, Tualatin) DEPARTING at 9:30AM and RETURN by 12:30PM. SEATS ARE ON FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS. COST: \$7.00 per person accepted at time of boarding. Leave a message at 503-656-4138 with your name, phone # and number of seats needed not later than Monday, May 11. **IMPORTANT:** If less than 40 seats are reserved, bus will need to be cancelled and riders will be notified.



Knights of Columbus  
**FOURTH  
DEGREE**  
*Patriotic degree of the Order.*

~ **SAVE THE DATE** ~

All Knights and parishioners are invited to join  
Archbishop Fulton John Sheen Assembly #3248  
in praying

### THE PATRIOTIC ROSARY FOR THE CONSECRATION OF OUR NATION

**DATE:** Saturday, May 16, 2026- Armed Forces Day

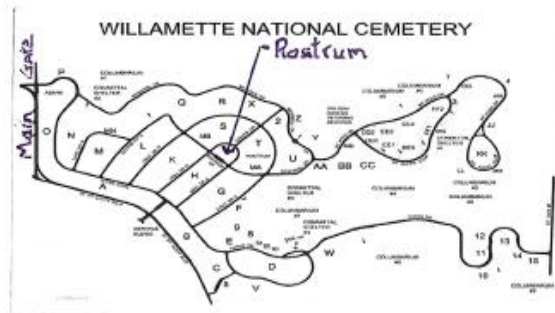
**TIME:** 10am To Noon

**LOCATION:** The Rostrum – (at the base of Flagpole)

Willamette National Cemetery

11800 SE Mount Scott Blvd

Happy Valley, OR 97086





## Membership Director Report

Brothers, welcome to convention week. Just to make it exciting, attached are the latest results for membership. The bottom line is we need 81 to reach our Circle of Honor goal!

The good news is we have 2 months to recruit 81 men. Might I say this is an all hands on deck mission to make this happen!

**Shout Out:** We have added 27 since my last report, WOW!

- Congratulations to Travis and the team at St Joseph the Worker for achieving 5 STARS!

Very Nice!

- Well done Matt, Andrew and the team in Bend for a 3rd consecutive year of outstanding results! 264%
- Thank you Holy Redeemer for supporting your very own Worthy State Deputy! 200%

There are too many to thank and I will see you in person at convention. So, to all who have supported membership THANK YOU!


Membership Results 4.30.2026

Council	New Members	% to Goal	FS	GK	DD
13700 – St Joseph The Worker – Portland	6	500%	Reuben Rengel	Travis McKinney	Thomas Burns
1872 – St Francis of Assisi – Bend	1	264%	Matthew Deppmeier	Andrew Untermeyer	Patrick Creedican
1261 – Holy Redeemer – Coos Bay	1	200%	Bruce Lum	Joel Reyna	Michael Hahn
1594 – Sacred Heart – Medford	2	144%	Richard Moyer	William Bumgardner	Edward Dinius
9137 – St Francis – Sherwood	1	140%	Timothy Mixdorf	Adolf Eppich	Douglas Whitney
1634 – St Mathews – Hillsobro	4	120%	Duane Morris	William Krautscheid	Michael Pranger
2939 – St Joseph – Roseburg	4	120%	Robert Cotter	Robert Fischer	David Fears
3378 – St John The Baptist – Milwaukie	1	120%	Brian Bergquist	Daniel McKenna	Michael Dec
5060 – St Joseph – Salem	1	100%	Neil Mahonet	Arturo Mendoza	Jeffrey Cuiper
18663 – St Rita – Portland	3	80%	Jairo Hernandez	Nicolas Abrantes	Thomas Burns
3591 – St Anthony – Tigard	1	20%	Steven Root	John Bucsek	Kevin Guenther
17396 – Most Holy Trinity – Bandon	1	20%	John Phillingane	Francis Roeder	Michael Hahn
3636 – St Thomas – Redmond	1	17%	Sean McLane	Wade Watkins	Patrick Creedican


**Defender of the Order:**

- Well Done Tom Burns and Jeff Cuiper for leading your teams in total membership gains!

AS of: 04-30-2026		
District	Defender of the Order Teams	New Members Since Last Report
023	<b>Tommy Nguyen (Captain)</b>	2
004	Jeff Cuiper	30
005	David Hamilton	6
006	Mike Alley	5
007	Open	15
008	David Fears	17
009	Ed Dinius	27
011	Mike Swanson	5
013	Francis Mohr	6
014	Mike Dec	18
015	Jerry Burciaga	9
019	Frank Gilligan	4
020	John Snyder	11
021	Doug Whitney	10
022	Kevin Fredinburg	1
025	Mike Anley	11
	<b>Total</b>	<b>177</b>
		<b>Team St Michael</b>

002	<b>Tom Burns (Captain)</b>	37
001	Mike McDougal	14
003	Kevin Guenther	19
010	Pat Creedican	34
012	Mike Hahm	20
016	David Aguirre	15
017	Mike Pranger	19
018	David Judy	10
024	Chad Colombraro	1
Districts to which State Officers and Directors Belong		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>169</b>
		<b>Team St Joseph</b>



Bl Michael McGivney Pray for us!

Vivat Jesus!

Chris Cummings  
 Knights of Columbus  
 Membership Director - Oregon  
 541.543.7596  
[membership.director.or@gmail.com](mailto:membership.director.or@gmail.com)





**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**



George  
Murphy

## Youth Director Report

Worthy Brother Knights:

Springtime is for growth and that is what the Knights are looking forward to.

The Oregon Knights just re-elected all of our State Officers at the State Convention hosted by Council 1634 in Hillsboro OR. The next thing

That happened was all of our Poster Winners were awarded \$50.00 each. Congratulations to them. Supreme announced they would continue the 2 for 1 Coats for Kids program.

Councils now is the time to start projects to earn money for Coats for Kids.

1. Hosting a breakfast
2. Hosting a fish fry
3. Hosting a Tamale Sell
4. Selling Cords of Wood

### Catholic Essay Contest

Maria Silic 8th grade  
Council 14802 Beaverton

Cory Poland 8th Grade  
Council 14802 Beaverton

Sam O'Mahony 9th Grade  
Council 15485 Portland

Alex Smith 9th Grade  
Council 12656 Cedar Mills

### Poster Winners

Louise Corbett Grade 3  
Council 1577 Albany

Maggie Corbett Grade 6  
Council 1577 Albany

Eisley Schott Grade 4  
Council 2439 Sublimity

Audrey Koehnke Grade 8  
Council 2439 Sublimitg

In our next youth Report we will have information about Summer fun time.

Thanks to everyone for your participation.

Thanks in advance if you have any questions please contact me.

George E. Murphy S.Y.D. (Oregon State Youth Director)  
1969 SE Gail CT  
Hillsboro, OR 97123  
[gemurphy42@gmail.com](mailto:gemurphy42@gmail.com)  
(503) 703-7671



## **A PARISH THAT KEEPS ON GIVING**

There is an often overlooked element in Terry Mark's classic photo, shown above, of a rainbow flowing from Shepherd of the Valley Church. The picture, reminding us of the heavenly graces in which we share, also shows the nitty-gritty of Christian life. To the left of the entry is the St. Vincent DePaul truck, a sure sign that parishioners and Knights of Columbus are gathering food that day for poor and needy families.

Throughout the year the spiritual and the corporal works of mercy marvelously mingle in our faith community. At right bottom Knights busily label hundreds of plastic bottles for this years Respect-Life Baby Bottle Boomerang in which hundreds of parishioners will contribute spare change and dollars and help young mothers bring their infants to term The synergy of parishioners and knights joined in service of others is a wondrous sign of how blessed we truly are!



## [Council In Action With Video](#)

I wanted to share a project with you both that we recently completed at Sacred Heart Parish here in Medford.

Earlier this year, Knights of Columbus Council 1594 undertook a Flagpole Memorial Project as a visible expression of our commitment to faith, life, and country. The project centered around the installation of a 25-foot American flagpole, along with surrounding landscape improvements, creating a lasting focal point on the parish grounds.

While the effort was coordinated through Bumgardners Landscape, it was very much a Knights-led initiative at its core. Dozens of Brother Knights participated in the planning, fundraising, coordination, and material procurement that brought this together.

Through that collective effort, the project was fully funded in just two weeks, and the installation of both the flagpole and landscape improvements was completed over the course of approximately 2.5 days, with final completion on March 26, 2026.

What makes this project especially meaningful is its purpose. Sacred Heart Parish has been officially recognized as a memorial site for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children (September 12). The flagpole and surrounding area will now serve as a place for prayer, reflection, and remembrance for the unborn, as well as a symbol of unity within the parish community.

It's a simple installation on the surface, but it represents something much bigger—men coming together, each contributing their time and talents, to create something lasting and meaningful for the Church and the community.

For a better sense of the project and the final result, I've included a short video below that helps tell the story:

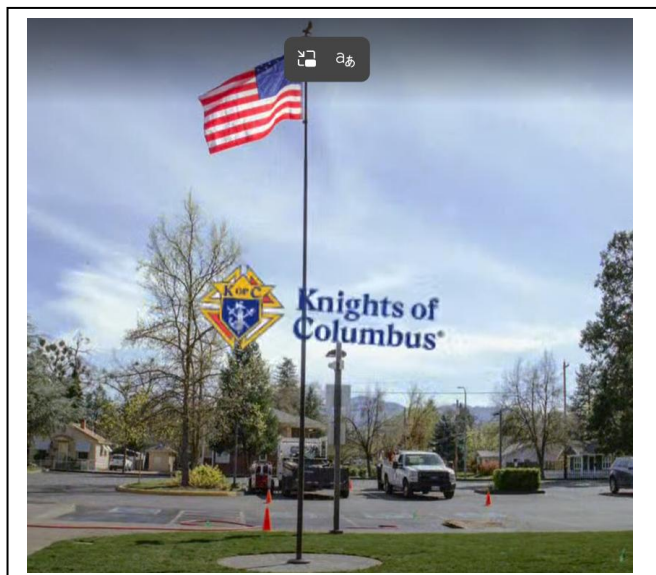
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/5wpwFXvzrhrYgnhMA> (To see video, left click over the hyperlink and right click to open).

We're very proud of what the Council was able to accomplish together and grateful to be part of something like this.

If either of you have any questions or would like more details, I'd be happy to share them.

Vivat Jesus,

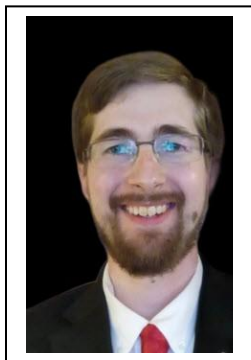
**Grand Knight**  
SK Bill Bumgardner  
Council 1594  
541.261.6913  
[1594kofc@gmail.com](mailto:1594kofc@gmail.com)



**District Master Richard Huff and his first class of Nine New Sir Knights**



## [Corpus Christi Mass – June 7th](#)



Worthy Sir Knights,

Archdiocese will Celebrate Semi the U.S. quincentenary (250 Years) on Corpus Christi Sunday.

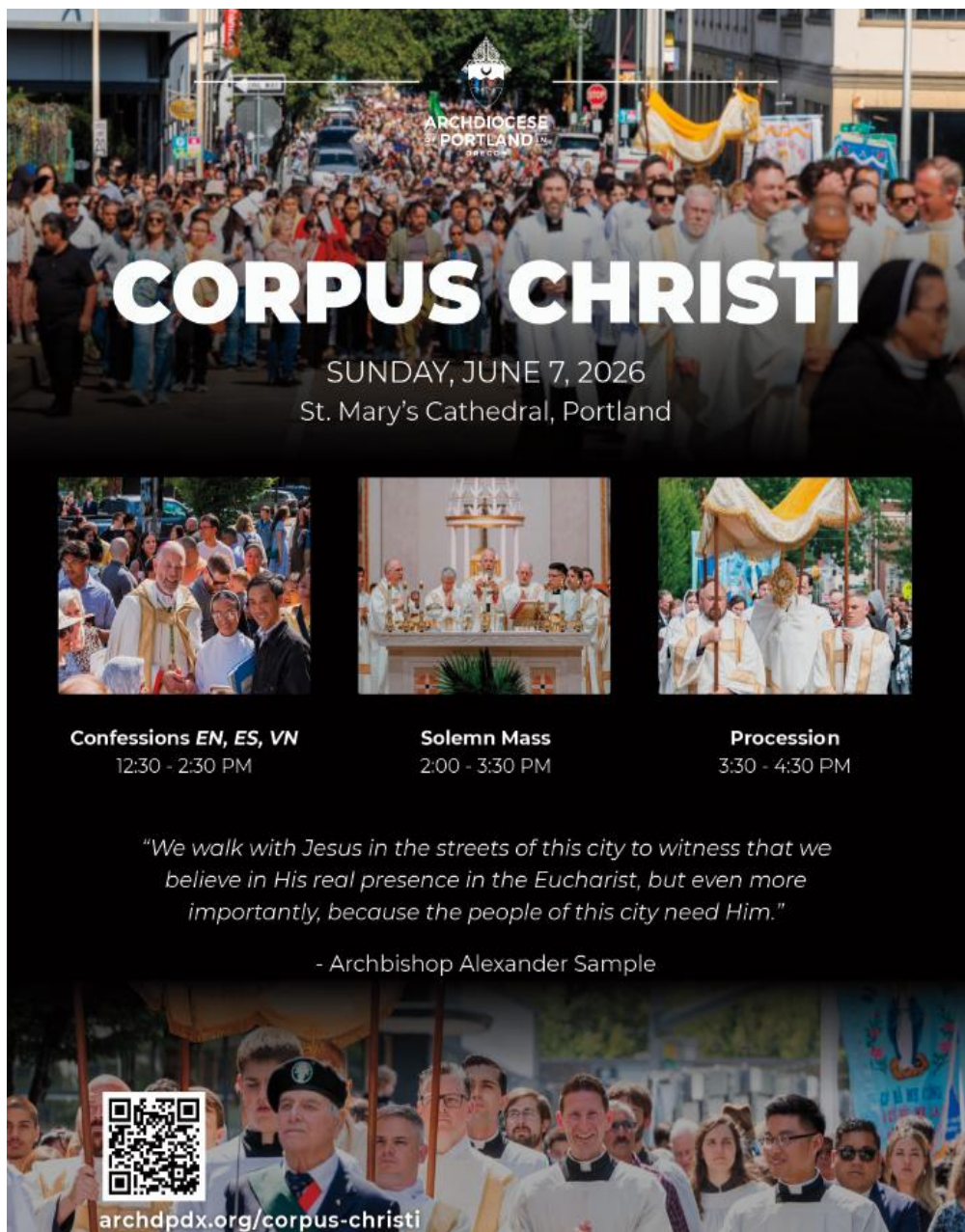
Archbishop Sample is going to celebrate Mass at the Cathedral in Portland at 2:00 PM on Sunday June 7th. Immediately following will be a Eucharistic Procession through Portland in honor of Corpus Christi. Furthermore, in honor of the Centennial Year of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland, Pope Leo XIV has granted Archbishop Sample to give a special blessing to all in attendance at this event! This is going to be a MASSIVE opportunity that you will not want to miss!

I am calling upon ALL 4th Degree Sir Knights in uniform to be in attendance at this event. We would like to have as large of an honor guard as possible for this. Note that many of us (me included) have various commitments and involvements in our own home parishes. However, this event is scheduled such that it is not at the same time as most Masses at our parishes. Therefore, I would like to ask everyone to make an effort to attend.

I will see you all there.

Vivat Jesus!




**Kenneth J. Anderson**  
Knights of Columbus  
Archbishop Blanchet 4th Degree  
Province Vice Supreme Master  
[kennethandersoniii@gmail.com](mailto:kennethandersoniii@gmail.com)  
(541) 602-0249



ARCHDIOCESE OF PORTLAND


# CORPUS CHRISTI

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026  
St. Mary's Cathedral, Portland

 <b>Confessions EN, ES, VN</b> 12:30 - 2:30 PM	 <b>Solemn Mass</b> 2:00 - 3:30 PM	 <b>Procession</b> 3:30 - 4:30 PM
---	--	--

*"We walk with Jesus in the streets of this city to witness that we believe in His real presence in the Eucharist, but even more importantly, because the people of this city need Him."*

- Archbishop Alexander Sample



[archdpdx.org/corpus-christi](http://archdpdx.org/corpus-christi)

## State Historian Report

By: State Historian Tom Radel

### Rev. Robert Treat Van Sickler

#### 45<sup>th</sup> State Co-Chaplain of Oregon 1994-95



Robert Treat Van Sickler was born May 18, 1928, in Seattle, WA to Donald and Pricilla Treat Van Sickler.

He was ordained late in life after a career as a forester. He served in the military, was a licensed pilot, a ham radio operator and military chaplain for the air force. Robert was a lieutenant colonel in the Civil Air Patrol, serving as chaplain in various places in Oregon.

He had three children with Gertrud Stecher – Christina, Peter and Michael.

He was ordained a priest on January 6, 1993.

Rev. Van Sickler served as a priest in the Baker Diocese at St. Elizabeth Parish in John Day, OR until 2006. He would put 200 miles on his car every Sunday visiting the parish's missions in the area. He then served in the Archdiocese of Portland as priest in-residence at St. Charles Borromeo, Portland, OR.

Rev. Van Sickler was a 4th degree member of the Knight of Columbus and worked as the Oregon Knights of Columbus State Co-Chaplain 1994–95 with Rev. Gregory Gage.

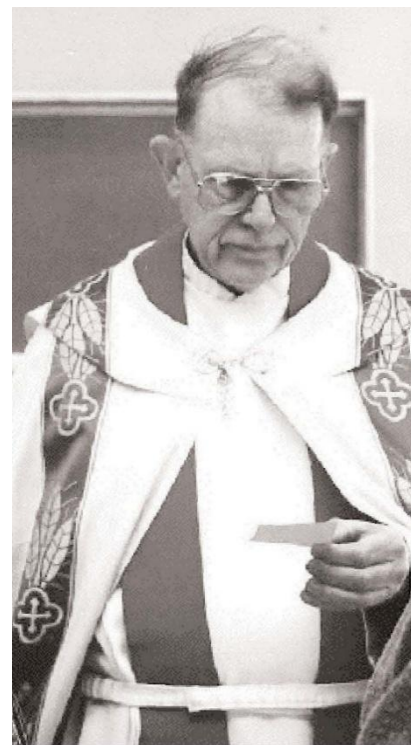
Rev. Robert Treat Van Sickler died on February 18, 2011, in Salem, OR of complications associated with a stroke.

He is buried at the Deschutes Memorial Gardens, Bend, OR.

Gertrud died in 2015.



*"If you're going to say something that moves the people, you have to move yourself first." Rev. Robert Van Sickler, 1996, John Day, OR*



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!

**SICK AND DISTRESSED**

**Mark Busch, Ron McDonald, George Murphy’s sister  
Linda Mora, Florence Morris-Duane Morris’ Mother,  
Henry Stadleman and Rich Purinton**

Council 1634 Hillsboro

Sir Knight John Philingane  
Council 1261 Coos & Assembly 1995

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Dionisio Terrado**

Council 1634 Hillsboro

**SK John Garcia**

Council 7246 & Assembly 0903

*Let us pray:*

*O Heavenly Father, God of Love, You gave us Your Son Jesus to be not only Physician of our souls but also Healer of our bodies and minds. Lord Jesus, We turn to You in this time of illness. Please come to us now and lay Your healing hand on us and all who are in need of your Mercy. Let the warmth, peace and healing power of Your Spirit fill all of us now with Your life and love. We receive You, Lord Jesus!*



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.

**For All Sick and Distressed/In Memoriam Requests**

**Please direct your Memoriam notification to:**

**DD16 David Aguirre**  
**[daguirre338@outlook.com](mailto:daguirre338@outlook.com)**  
**or via text to 915-443-3418**

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.



Abbot  
Jeremy Driscoll



We pray that you are experiencing the joy and peace of the risen Christ with your family and friends this Easter season. To share in the celebration, we hope you have the chance to listen to Abbot Jeremy’s homily from the Paschal Vigil [here](#).

As many are thinking about taxes this time of year, it is not too early to begin looking ahead and considering ways to plan wisely for the future. Thoughtful charitable giving can be one way to support the mission you care about while also offering potential tax benefits. We invite you to visit the [“How to Give”](#) page on our Planned Giving website to see different kinds of charitable gifts, especially trusts, which offer tax benefits and savings. We invite you to come to the Hilltop or [follow on livestream](#) to celebrate the Class of 2026 at Mount Angel Seminary on Saturday, May 9.



Bishop Frank Schuster, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Seattle, will be the celebrant and commencement speaker. The Baccalaureate Mass will be at 8 am in the Abbey church followed by the Commencement Exercises at 10 am.

Please pray for all our graduates as the Lord sends them from Mount Angel Seminary to serve the Church in the Western United States and beyond.

The Oregon Knights of Columbus Columbian Newsletter© is published **MONTHLY** and can be found online at the Oregon Knights of Columbus website [KOFc-OR.ORG](http://KOFc-OR.ORG).

**Submissions are due to the Editor by the 5th of each month.**

**Editor and Publisher: Tom Karl, [tkarl@charter.net](mailto:tkarl@charter.net)**

**Editorial Staff: State Deputy Robert Adams, [radams7383@aol.com](mailto:radams7383@aol.com)**

