

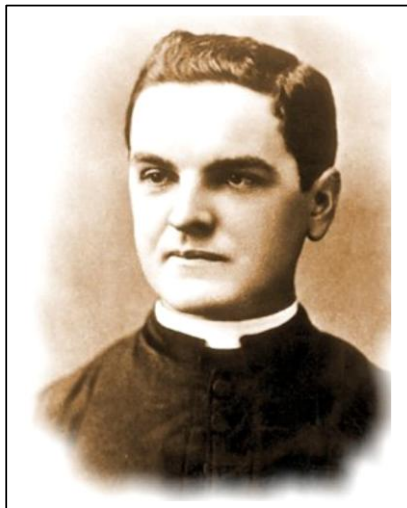
# The Columbian® Newsletter

## Serving The Oregon Councils of the Knights of Columbus

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### *Our Beginnings – A History Refresher*

#### *Michael Joseph McGivney*

(August 12, 1852 – August 14, 1890)

He was an American Catholic priest based in New Haven, Connecticut. He founded the Knights of Columbus at a local parish to serve as a mutual aid and insurance organization, particularly for immigrants and their families.

#### *Early life*

He was born to Irish immigrant parents, Patrick and Mary (née Devine) McGivney. He was the eldest of 13 children, six of whom died in infancy or childhood. His father worked as a molder in a Waterbury, Connecticut, brass mill. Michael attended the local Waterbury district school but left at 13 to work in one of the brass mills in the spoon-making department.

#### *Studies*

In 1868, at the age of 16, Michael entered the Séminaire de Saint-Hyacinthe located in Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec, Canada. He continued his studies at Our Lady of Angels Seminary, near Niagara Falls, New York<sup>[3]</sup> (1871–1872) and at the Jesuits' St. Mary's College, in Montreal, Quebec. While in seminary, he and other seminarians formed a baseball team. Individually, Michael McGivney was found to be a "naturally talented ball player." Unfortunately, he had to leave the seminary, returning home to help finish raising his siblings after his father's death in June 1873. McGivney later resumed his studies at St. Mary's Seminary, in Baltimore, Maryland where he was ordained a priest on December 22, 1877, by James Gibbons, Archbishop of Baltimore at the Cathedral of the National Shrine of the Assumption.

Learning from his own experience, McGivney recognized the devastating effect on immigrant families of the father and wage earner's untimely death. Many Catholics were still struggling to assimilate into the American economy.

On March 29, 1882, while an assistant pastor at Saint Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, with a small group of parishioners, as a mutual aid society, to provide financial assistance, in the event of the men's deaths, to their widows and orphans. The organization developed as a fraternal society. McGivney was also known for his tireless work among his parishioners.

McGivney spent seven years at St. Mary's, then became pastor of St. Thomas Church in Thomaston in 1884. He died from pneumonia at the age of 38 in Thomaston on the eve of the Assumption in 1890.

The Knights of Columbus was among the first groups to recruit blood donors, with formal efforts dating to 1937 during the Great Depression. As of 2025, the Knights of Columbus (KOC) has over 2.2 million members worldwide [Wikipedia+1](#). This figure includes Catholic men from more than 17,000 local Councils across the globe, including over 400 on college campuses.

## State Deputy Report August 2026

Photos taken during Supreme Convention in Denver Colorado August 2026



*State Deputy*  
Robert Adams  
Council 1261  
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I am currently at the Supreme Convention in Denver, Colorado with my wife Teresa and our delegates and wives.

Whereas I do not have time available to go over the many things we have discussed and learned during this first week of August, I will soon post material to our state website and include other items in next month's Columbian Newsletter.

This has been a very uplifting and energizing period in our lives, and I can't thank our God enough for all the graces and abundance of goodness he has showered upon the Knights in Oregon.

Please continue seeking out those Catholic gentlemen who are not currently Knights and invite them to join our Order.

Yes, one man can make a difference and that man may be you or it may be the new member you bring into our membership.

Vivat Jesus!

Bob Adams  
State Deputy, Oregon Knights of Columbus.

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## **Parish Roundtables**

A Knights of Columbus roundtable is a smaller specialized group, within the Council, which focuses on specific interests or activities. These roundtables allow members to come together for focused discussions, service projects or social events related to a particular need.

Parish Roundtables are a great way to help the Council Knights work closer with the various parishes they serve. Many times the meetings can help the pastor make efficient use of his time by being able to focus on events specific to his parish. Although it is always great to have your priest involved in a roundtable, it is not required that he attend all the meetings. What is required is (a) Making him aware that you would like to have a roundtable in his parish and (b) The Roundtable Coordinator meet with him before the meeting to find out how best the Knights can serve the needs of the parish.

Roundtables are also a great way to serve as a developmental tool for potential future Councils or simply a way to bring similar groups of people together. Examples would be a Vietnamese or Hispanic Roundtable or perhaps a young adult roundtable. A roundtable is also the logical choice from which to launch membership drives or the parish.

Many of you have had roundtables for many years, but the attached form needs to be submitted annually, typically by the Grand Knight. Please take the time to fill out the form and submit it using the instructions on the 2nd page. It only takes a few minutes. Please direct any questions to either me or the State's Roundtable Coordinator Duane Morris.

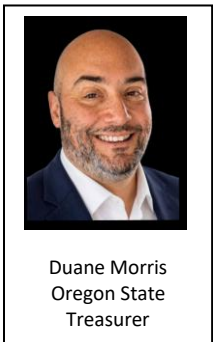
Vivat Jesus!

Bob Adams  
State Deputy, Oregon Knights of Columbus

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## **Supreme Per Capita**



Worthy Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries,

I wanted to send a reminder about July 2026 Supreme Per Capita assessments that would have been included with the last statement from Supreme, which was made available June 30th.

The Financial Secretary needs to go into the Reports tab of Officers Online and pull up the last Council Billing Statement (dated 06/30/26). That statement will include the Per Capita assessments that need to be paid to Supreme.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Vivat Jesus

Duane Morris  
Oregon State Treasurer  
District Secretary for Oregon  
[oregonkofc.org](http://oregonkofc.org)



Supreme Chaplain  
Archbishop William Lori

### **Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge for Cor August 2026**

This month, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori challenges Knights to study the life and example of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, whose feast day is August 13. Use the Blessed Michael McGivney *Cor* Session Guide (freely available at [kofc.org/shopcis](http://kofc.org/shopcis)), noting in particular how Father McGivney always sought to align his will with that of God.

#### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1) Open with the Sign of the Cross and a brief prayer.
  - 2) Re-read the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge with the challenge that was lived during the previous month.
  - 3) Open the floor for discussion on what it was like to try and live the previous month's challenge.
- Every month has a number of Questions for Reflection that may help facilitate discussion. Attendees who did not undertake the previous month's challenge can still participate in the discussion.
- 4) When finished with the discussion, read the Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge for the next month to prepare participants for the new challenge they will strive to live.
  - 5) Close by asking if there are any intentions and end with a brief prayer.
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### **Director of Chaplains and Spiritual Development**

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

The days of August remind us of why we accompany our brother Knights of Columbus. The Aug. 4 feast of St. Jean- Marie Vianney brings to mind his beautiful description of the ministerial priesthood as "the love of the Heart of Jesus." On this feast of the universal patron of priests, I invite you to join in a nine-day novena ending on the vigil of the Aug. 13 feast of Blessed Michael McGivney. The following day, Aug. 14, we celebrate the heroic gift of self-made by St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe, who exchanged his life for that of a married man at Auschwitz, the Nazi German concentration camp in Poland. The celebrations of the Assumption and the Queenship of Mary remain beautiful occasions to rededicate our vocations under the Blessed Virgin Mary's maternal care. The feasts later in the month — St. Monica on Aug. 27, St. Augustine on Aug. 28 and the Beheading of St. John the Baptist on Aug. 29 — prepare us for the singular work ahead: leading those we serve to encounter Christ.

This month also marks the centenary of the beginning of the Cristero War in August 1926, when many priests and laymen, including at least six Knights of Columbus chaplains, were martyred for the faith amid the Mexican government's persecution of the Catholic Church. The Knights of Columbus in Mexico played a heroic role during those dark days, and their story is worth learning about and sharing with those you serve.

In addition, this September marks the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. More than 40 brother Knights lost their lives that day, and their sacrifice is commemorated in a permanent memorial — accompanied by a special exhibit in honor of the anniversary — at the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center in New Haven, Connecticut. As you prepare your own commemorations of these events, please include the memory and witness of our brother Knights. Vivat Jesus !



Kaleen Deatherage

## ***Catholic Charities of Oregon***

Every day, I have the privilege of seeing what happens when a community decides to show up for one another.

I see volunteers preparing meals. Donors giving what they can, even when their own budgets are tight. Staff walking alongside families navigating tremendous challenges. Parishes, businesses and neighbors choosing compassion over indifference.

It reminds me that Catholic Charities of Oregon has never been just an organization. For more than 90 years, it has been a community effort built on people who believe every person deserves dignity, opportunity and hope.

### ***This year has not been an easy one so far.***

Many of the people we serve are facing rising housing costs, food insecurity, uncertainty around immigration, and barriers that seem to grow more complicated every month. At the same time, we know many of our supporters are navigating those same economic realities in their own lives.

Even so, this community has continued to respond with incredible generosity.

You have donated clothing for women experiencing homelessness. You have filled food pantries, volunteered your time, welcomed refugee families, supported our Summer of Stability campaign and made countless acts of kindness possible.

That generosity deserves recognition. It reminds me that Oregon remains a place where people care deeply about one another and believe we all have a role to play in building stronger communities.

### ***The Difference Between Surviving and Thriving***

Much of our work is made possible through grants, government contracts and foundation support. These partnerships are essential, and we are deeply grateful for them.

But those funding sources are often designed to accomplish one very specific purpose. They might provide food, housing assistance, legal representation or case management. They help meet an immediate need.

### ***What they often don't provide are the things that transform stability into long-term success.***

A bus pass that gets someone to a new job. Household items that turn an apartment into a home. Clothing for a job interview. Translation services. Extra time spent helping someone navigate an unfamiliar system. A meal shared with dignity instead of simply calories served.

Those moments don't always fit neatly into a grant budget. Yet they are often the very things that help someone move beyond crisis and begin building a future.

We've learned over nine-plus decades that while many organizations help people survive, communities like ours help people thrive.

### ***Every Gift Matters***

One misconception about organizations like ours is that the resources are simply there — that someone else is covering the cost.

### ***The truth is much simpler.***

Every year, we work to raise the resources needed to continue serving our neighbors. Every meal, every outreach visit, every legal consultation, every welcome basket, every supportive conversation is made possible because people choose to invest in this mission.

There is no single funding source that makes this work happen. It is hundreds of people making hundreds of decisions to care for someone they might never meet.

That is both humbling and inspiring.

### ***We Fill the Gaps Together***

Over the last 93 years, Catholic Charities has adapted to meet changing needs, but one thing has remained constant. We are often called to step into the spaces where other systems end.

Sometimes those gaps are large. Sometimes they are surprisingly small. But to the person standing in front of us, those gaps can mean everything.

### ***Our mission has never been simply to help people get by.***

It is to help them find stability, rebuild confidence, strengthen families and discover new opportunities.

### ***That work belongs to all of us.***

As we continue through our Summer of Stability campaign, thank you for making that work possible. Thank you for believing that every person deserves more than simply getting through today. Together, we can help our neighbors build a stronger tomorrow.

With gratitude,

Kaleen Deatherage, CEO/Catholic Charities of Oregon

***Please donate to our Summer of Stability campaign.***

<https://www.catholiccharitiesoregon.org/?give=VZD2MNER>

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### ***New Portland Catholic Maternity Home Aims to Serve Hundreds of Mothers in Need***



Saint Maria Goretti Home, a new Catholic ministry in the Portland area, is working to provide long-term housing and practical support for pregnant women facing difficult circumstances while inviting parishes, schools, clergy, and the wider Catholic community to help bring that vision to life.

Currently in its building phase, the nonprofit Catholic maternity home plans to provide lodging for women during pregnancy and for up to three years after the birth of their child. The organization is preparing for its inaugural fundraising gala on Thursday, Sept. 10, at Amaterra Winery in Portland, with proceeds helping establish a permanent home of hospitality for mothers in need.

The project seeks to address a significant gap in services available to vulnerable pregnant women in the Portland metro area. While some residential programs exist for women recovering from substance abuse, organizers say many expectant mothers facing poverty, homelessness, domestic abuse, isolation, or immigration-related challenges have few long-term housing options. More than 300 pregnant women each year seek emergency shelter through Road 2 Hope, a Christian maternity home in the Portland area, underscoring the need for additional long-term housing and support.

Residents will receive assistance designed to help them build stable, independent lives, including vocational development, financial literacy, parenting and homemaking instruction, educational support, and guidance toward employment. Consistent with its Catholic identity, St. Maria's Home also plans to offer opportunities for Bible study. Theology of the Body and Natural Family Planning instruction while welcoming women of every cultural, ethnic, and religious background.

The home's three-year residential model is informed by successful maternity homes around the country, including Mary's Shelter in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and has been developed in collaboration with local organizations serving vulnerable mothers. The project reflects the Church's longstanding commitment to protecting the dignity of human life by accompanying mothers with practical care. In his recent *Pastoral Letter on the Spiritual Foundation of Mission Renewal*, Archbishop Alexander Sample encouraged Catholics throughout western Oregon to embrace the corporal and spiritual works of mercy by serving "the poor and suffering." Supporting St. Maria's Home offers one tangible way to answer that call.

The St. Maria's Home Fundraising Gala will be held Thursday, Sept. 10, from 6-10 PM at Amaterra Winery. The evening will include dinner, presentations from David and Margaret Bereit, an introduction to the ministry's vision, and opportunities to support its future. Those interested in learning more, volunteering, or supporting St. Maria's Home are encouraged to attend the gala/visit the ministry's website <https://stmariashome.org/about-us/> for additional information. (Extracted from: Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon <news@archdpdx.org>)

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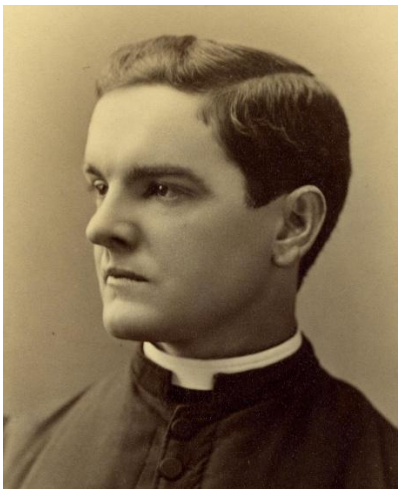
### **State Knights At Work**

Supporting the Chesterton Academy Golf Classic

The Oregon State Council of Knights of Columbus Sponsor the Third Annual Headmaster Classic Golf Tournament at Evergreen Golf Course in Mt Angel to support Chesterton Academy of the Willamette Valley. L to R: Mike Pranger, State Secretary; Kent Purdy, State Program Director, Gene Loftus and Len Ciceretto of Council 14802 at Holy Trinity in Beaverton.



## *Blessed Michael McGivney's Corner*



Blessed Michael McGivney's feast day falls on Thursday, August 13th, and Councils are encouraged to prepare for the day by praying a **novena** from Aug. 4-12.

Additional resources for parishes and Councils, including updated **propers** (which are the variable parts of the Mass that change depending on the liturgical day, season, or feast) for a votive Mass of Blessed Michael McGivney and suggested **preaching themes**, are available **here**.

Although the official liturgical observance is limited to the Archdiocese of Hartford, Knights of Columbus chaplains and other priests may celebrate a votive Mass for local Knights of Columbus gatherings with the permission of their diocesan bishop.

### *5 loaves and 2 fishes*

As we look back to the Gospel of August 2<sup>nd</sup>, we can find a parallel to the beginning of the Knights of Columbus. It all started with Jesus and 5 loaves and 2 fishes.



Yes, the apostles were sent out to be fishers of men and women to fill the newly formed church in the name of Jesus. The Pope was the head of the new church and the Cardinals down through the Priests maintained the running of this vast network.

Fast forward 2 Millenia to March 29, 1882, while an assistant pastor at Saint Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, Father McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus.

Once again a small near miracle occurred after that date when a group of men made up the first Council of the Knights of Columbus. Soon there were 5 Councils in at least 2 areas. These soon grew over time to over 5,000 Councils, adding Assemblies into the mix. As of 2025, we continue to grow from 2.2 million members, and we are still going strong.

So, the next time you see a man at Mass, who you know is not a Knight of Columbus, will you take out 20 seconds to ask him if he is interested in learning about the Knights of Columbus. Always bear in mind that many hands make light the work – especially when doing campus cleanup, Christmas decorations and so many things we Knights do. Have them come join us and become a part of the team?



## ***The Northwestern Patriot***

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

August, 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,

Welcome to August, traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Traditionally, this Feast Day was celebrated on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and was recently moved to the Saturday after the Sacred Heart of Jesus. August is still an excellent month for Mary since we celebrate the Assumption on the 15<sup>th</sup>. As Knights, it is always good to have a devotion to Our Lady.

We have one more month for the [Patriot 250](#) competition! Assemblies are encouraged to schedule events to commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Incorporate history, civic presence, and legacy. Tie in a BBQ/picnic/potluck, Installation of Officers, and Patriotic Rosary. Even just holding a Patriotic Rosary is meaningful.

Supreme just put out an excellent training on "How to Grow Your Exemplifications." The main aspects include having the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree present at membership drives (in honor guard) and CUF Degrees (in honor guard). This is the prime opportunity to pitch the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Keeping State Deputies informed and working hand-in-hand is also essential.

The Archbishop Blanchet Provincial Meeting 2026 will be Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Proto-Cathedral of St. James the Greater in Vancouver, WA. District Masters are required to attend. All 4<sup>th</sup> Degree members at large are invited, State Deputies especially are invited. Info included. Please spread the flyer far and wide and circulate it around.

Don't forget to submit your forms! Please ensure they are submitted on time (186, Audit, Fraternal Survey, etc). Reminder that these are required for Star Assembly.

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**

Aug 4 – Coast Guard Birthday  
Aug 7 – Purple Heart Day  
Aug 13 – Blessed McGivney Feast Day  
Aug 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption \*

### **Upcoming Events** (see appendix)

### **Important Programs**

#### ***Patriotic BBQ & Patriotic Rosary***

This is an ideal time to bring families of assemblies out for a BBQ/picnic outside! Tie in some patriotic themes, decorations, music, etc. Include a Patriotic Rosary





## Important Programs (cont'd)

### *St. Michael's Lent*

September 29<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of St. Michael. 40 days leading up to it are known as St. Michael's Lent. This is a great program for a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight. Flyer [here](#).

### *Blue Mass*

Schedule a Blue Mass in September in honor of 9/11. Invite 1<sup>st</sup> Responders to attend and have an honor guard. Consider having a reception afterwards.

## 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: July, 2026](#)

[Fraternal Leader Advisory](#)

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: 0/371 (0%)

Washington Western District Goal: 0/144 (0%)

Oregon District Goal: 0/100 (0%)

Idaho District Goal: 0/66 (0%)

Washington Eastern District Goal: 0/61 (0%)



## **Archbishop Blanchet Provincial Meeting**

**Attention!** The Archbishop Blanchet Provincial Meeting shall be on Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at the Proto-Cathedral of St. James the Greater in Vancouver, WA! This will be an opportunity to discuss Supreme and Provincial Goals and help set District and Assembly goals. It's also a great opportunity for Tri-State fraternity and collaboration. District Masters are required to attend. Marshals, Exemplification team members, State Deputies, Membership Directors, and Faithful Navigators are encouraged to attend.

**Knights of Columbus**  
ARCHBISHOP BLANCHET 4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE PROVINCE

PROVINCIAL MEETING 2026  
SATURDAY OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2026  
PROTO-CATHEDRAL OF ST. JAMES THE GREATER  
218 W 12<sup>TH</sup> St, Vancouver, WA 98660

*Preparing for 250 More Years of Patriotism*

**REQUIRED ATTENDEES:**  
- DISTRICT MASTERS  
**INVITED ATTENDEES:**  
- STATE DEPUTIES  
- STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORS  
- DISTRICT MARSHALS  
- 4<sup>TH</sup> DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION TEAM MEMBERS  
- FAITHFUL NAVIGATORS

Friday October 9<sup>th</sup> 5pm – Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup> 4pm

### **Rough Agenda:**

**Friday October 9<sup>th</sup> –**

**5pm – Patriotic Rosary (in a park)**

**6pm – Fraternal Dinner (TBD)**

### **Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup> –**

**8am – Drill Practice**

**9am – Mass**

**10am – Meeting Begins**

**12pm – Angelus & Lunch**

**4pm – Meeting Concludes**

**5pm – Saturday Vigil Mass (optional)**

Worthy Sir Knights,

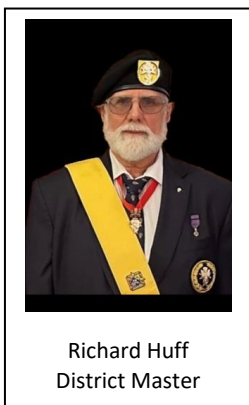
The Catholic Daughters will have their Mass at the Grotto on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

There has been a request for an Honor Guard for the Mass, and the Honor Guard are invited to the reception following the Mass. Any Honor Guard that can attend, please do so. If you want more information, contact Gail Holt at [gail0027@hotmail.com](mailto:gail0027@hotmail.com).

I have other commitments, so will not be able to attend.

Thank you and God Bless,

Richard D. Huff  
District Master, Oregon District



Richard Huff  
District Master



### **Worthy Sir Knights, Honor Guard Request**

There is an Honor Guard request for St. Joseph Church in Salem on August 31, 2026. The reconstruction of the church is completed, and the Church and Altar will be re-dedicated and consecrated in a ceremony, with Archbishop Samples as the celebrant, and may include other dignitaries. The ceremony will start at 6:00 pm. All Honor Guard should arrive by 5:00 pm. This has been a long journey for the parishioners, but now they can move on, with everyone's blessings helping them. God Bless.

Richard D. Huff  
District Master, Oregon District  
[rhufflog@yahoo.com](mailto:rhufflog@yahoo.com)  
PH: 541-999-2015

### **Worthy Sir Knights,**

If you have not put the District Marshals or Color Corps Commanders on the State Roster, Please contact our State Executive Secretary, Tim Grady, and do so. I know some of them are not getting my emails. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Richard D. Huff  
District Master, Oregon District  
Archbishop Blanchet 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Province

### **Assembly In Action**

St. James Church in McMinnville celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> year on July 25th. The Mass was said at 4:00 pm, with Archbishop Samples as the Celebrant.

The involvement by the Knights of Columbus was much appreciated by the Pastor at St. James. It was appreciated for all those who attended. There will be a picnic after Mass.

#### **Location of the event:**

St. James Church  
1145 N.E. 1st. Street  
McMinnville, Or.

Thanks to Marcus Moran for his help.

Richard D. Huff  
District Master, Oregon District

## ALL-NEW Fillable PDF State of Oregon Expense Report

KoFC Leaders in Oregon, please forward to your replacement if you changed roles recently.  
Worthy State Webmaster, please make sure a copy makes it onto the State Website at [oregonko.fc.org](http://oregonko.fc.org)

After some EXCELLENT help from PDF Wizard Mark Welters, FS @ Council 2325 in Oregon City, I am pleased to introduce the **ALL-NEW Fillable PDF State of Oregon Expense Report** Blank.

**Please begin using it immediately** as you will be MUCH happier instead of fighting with the old one. I need not belabor the hassles caused by the old form since dozens of hand-crafted versions sprang up over the years because of the old form's clumsiness and limitations.

In this age of electronic signatures, FOREGO the old practice of creating a copy, just to sign it using a pen to make another “signed” copy. Just fill it out with your name in the Upper LH corner.

If you are spending more than one day for an event, show it per the example in the header.  
If it happens all in one day, just show the one day for that activity.  
If you have multiple unassociated activities, just add other row(s) for the other event(s), as we have 26 rows.

Populate the Round-Trip field with **WHOLE MILES**, I don't care if you round up. Let it auto-calc the Mileage \$\$\$.

Add your Lodging and Meals and Misc. Remember to include the processing fees on your meal receipts.

Let the algorithms auto-calc the total dollar amounts that will fill in at the upper RH Corner.

Leave the State Deputy Line alone so he can "Digitally" Sign his approval before he forwards it to the Treasurer.

**BEFORE YOU EMAIL this form to the State Secretary** to create a Voucher for the State Deputy's Approval....

I ASK YOU TO INCLUDE YOUR RECEIPTS as attachments inside the email. But **PLEASE NO PHOTOGRAPHS**  
I IMPLORE you to use a scanning app on your PC or phone such as “GENIUS SCAN” to capture any paper copies as PDF’s  
that are not already electronic documents like ones the hotel sends, or meal purchase app sends you after your  
purchase.

For printed out receipts like you get from a restaurant, flatten them out to the best of your ability and scan using the app.

Forward the image(s) as PDF(s) to your own email address so you can attach a copy of it inside the email with the expense report.

With “Genius Scan,” you can take multiple pictures one-after-the-other to create a single multi-page PDF to save time. Very Slick.

The preference for assigning file names to your documents:

For the Expense Report use a title such as: \$634.28 Expense Report from John Doe for 2026 Summer Mtg  
OR \$2,307.50 Expense Report from Jimbo Jones for April to June 2025

## Travel

For Receipts or Invoices use a title such as: \$125.80 Meals from Bobby Knight for Recruiting Trip in July 2026  
OR: \$485.25 Hotel from Trevor McKnight for 2026 Winter Meeting  
OR: \$1,285.25 Receipts from Billy Jo McAllister for 2025 Bridge Jumping Event

Vivat Jesus,

Mike Pranger, State Secretary  
503-522-9522  
[michaelpranger@live.com](mailto:michaelpranger@live.com)



A portrait of Blessed Father Michael McGivney, a young man with short brown hair, wearing a dark blue clerical shirt with a white collar. He is holding a blue book in his right hand and resting his left hand on a wooden chair. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

**Blessed  
Father  
Michael  
McGivney**

**Where**

**St Francis of Assisi Church  
Community Center  
2450 NE 27th Street  
Bend, OR 97701**

**When**

**Saturday Aug 15, 2026**

**8:30am - 9:30am Registration**

**10:00am 4th Degree Exemplification**

**Noon - Lunch**

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

## Exemplification of Patriotism

**Blessed  
Father  
Michael  
McGivney**

### Where

St. Paul Church Parish Hall  
1201 Satre Street  
Eugene, OR 97401

### When

Saturday Aug 29, 2026

9:30am -10:00am Registration

10:30am 4th Degree Exemplification

Noon - Lunch

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



Kent A. Purdy,  
State General  
Program Director



If you have not heard of Cross Catholic Outreach, it is a solid Catholic Charitable organization that has been around for quite a while. They have a program called “Box of Joy” that has been endorsed by the Knights of Columbus. It involves sending Christmas boxes to poor children in underdeveloped countries. Many of these kids have never received a Christmas gift in their lives.

Take a look at this and see if this would work as an activity for your Council.

See the info page and suggested schedule below.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks to DD Rieley Purdy for bringing this to our attention!

My next 2 pages are about Outreach. See the link at the bottom of the next page.

## [General Program Director's Report](#)

Brother Knights of the Oregon State Council,



## Give Christmas Joy to a Child in Need

A hands-on service opportunity for Knights of Columbus

### Extend Your Impact

When it comes to serving the poor, the Knights of Columbus stand on the front lines of Catholic faith in action. Through your councils and generous programs, like Keep Christ in Christmas, you are already transforming your parishes and communities.

Now you can extend that impact globally.

Cross Catholic Outreach and the Knights of Columbus are proud to partner in a hands-on service opportunity that will bless underprivileged children with special Christmas gifts.

### Why Cross Catholic Outreach?

The simple answer: A 25-year record of mobilizing the Catholic Church in the United States to serve the poor worldwide — providing food, water, education, housing and spiritual support to those in greatest need.

Cross Catholic Outreach is committed to delivering life-changing aid through trusted local partners who share our Catholic values and have a heart for the vulnerable. We support programs in more than 30 countries, and nearly 95% of our annual expenditures go directly to programs that serve the poor and fulfill the Church's spiritual calling.

See reverse side for current opportunity.



FAITH

COMMUNITY

FAMILY

LIFE



## Why Choose Box of Joy?



- It's a meaningful, faith-filled outreach.
- It's simple to organize at the council or parish level.
- It engages families, youth and the entire community.
- It supports the global Church's efforts to serve the poor and vulnerable.



### Mobilize Your Council for Box of Joy

Cross Catholic Outreach's Box of Joy ministry provides simple gifts that make a lasting impact. Through this important outreach, councils, parishes and families fill shoebox-sized boxes with toys, clothing, school supplies and essentials — sharing both material items and the love of Christ. Every box also includes a rosary and *The Story of Jesus*. Your gifts are then sent to children around the world who might otherwise get nothing for Christmas.

### Take the Next Steps

Lead a group to pack Box of Joy gifts, or take your council's involvement to the next level by also becoming a Box of Joy Drop-Off Center.

Fill out the interest form and learn about all current opportunities at [CrossCatholic.org/engage](https://crosscatholic.org/engage).

**Spread the spirit of the Christmas season with Box of Joy!**

*Box of Joy is a ministry of*



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**800-914-2420 ext. 276 • [KOC@crosscatholic.org](mailto:KOC@crosscatholic.org) • [CrossCatholic.org](https://CrossCatholic.org)**

Here is a link for Councils to be a drop off site for Box of Joy

<https://crosscatholic.org/box-of-joy/box-of-joy-drop-off-center-sign-up/>

Vivat Jesus!

SK Kent A. Purdy, State General Program Director

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## **Life Director Report**



Kent Purdy  
Life Director

Brother Knights of the Oregon Council,

October will soon be here, and that is **RESPECT LIFE MONTH**.



I urge Councils to plan an activity to observe this month dedicated to the right to life from conception to natural death.

Here's one link from the USCCB: You can order materials to post in your parish and to use for activities. Here's a link...

[Respect Life Month](#)

Supreme has some suggested activities to observe Respect Life Month. These are:

1. **GOSPEL FOR LIFE:** Overview: [Gospel of Life | Knights of Columbus](#)
2. Guide Sheet: [The Gospel of Life Guide Sheet](#)

### **HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE WITH OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE:**

Overview: [Holy Hour for Life With Our Lady of Guadalupe | Knights of Columbus](#)

Guide Sheet: [Holy Hour with Our Lady of Guadalupe Guide Sheet](#)

These are just some suggestions. Another activity that Councils can do is do a fundraiser for **ULTRASOUNDS**.

There are several ultrasound machines in the process of being placed. The steps involved in placing an ultrasound are:

1. Find a facility that might need a new ultrasound machine. Here's a directory to use: [Worldwide Directory of Pregnancy Help](#)
2. Next, the facility must be approved by the Archdiocese using the Diocesan Evaluation form (see Supreme website).
3. Then, that is sent to Supreme. If the facility is approved, fundraising can begin.

When the local 50% of funding is raised, the Ultrasound Initiative Application (see Supreme website) is filled out and sent to the State Deputy for his review and signature. Then, the application is sent to Supreme. The approval board reviews the application, then when it is approved, they cut their check for 50% of the funding

The ultrasounds that are in this process are:

1. **Pregnancy Center of Grants Pass:** Application has been sent to Supreme, approval pending.
2. **Hope Pregnancy Center of Salem:** Diocesan approval, application to be sent pending info from PRC.
3. **Sandy Pregnancy Resource Center:** Diocesan Eval has been sent to Supreme, approval pending.
4. **Lincoln County PRC:** Diocesan evaluation sent to Supreme, approval pending.
5. **Oregon PRC (Albany):** Supreme has application, approval pending.
6. **Divine Mercy Medical Group (Portland):** Diocesan evaluation approved, application to be sent.



**Only some of these ultrasounds have been fully funded at the local level.**

**Councils can help place these ultrasounds and take action to save babies' lives.**

It's been shown that showing an ultrasound image prevents abortion in over 80% of cases!

**Do a fundraiser for life, and send the proceeds to:**

Oregon KofC Charities

2841 SE Brian St.

Hillsboro, OR 97123-7059

Be sure and indicate on the check and with a note (or the Green Sheet) that the funds are for ultrasounds.

We need your help to complete the placement of these ultrasounds.

Thank you, Brothers.

Vivat Jesus!

SK Kent A. Purdy, State LIFE Director

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**LIFE**

### **Council In Action**

By: Joe Keller Council 9257 Milwaukie

The Milwaukie Council 9257 will be awarding two \$1,000 KofC McKernan scholarships to Christ the King students this year.



Also, the estate of Tom Morgan has given just over \$1,600 to the McKernan Scholarship Fund, which will be sent to our scholarship account with the Knights of Columbus Asset Advisors. At the last meeting, a member generously pledged to match the bequest.

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### **Reminder – Safe Environment Training Required**

At the Council level, there are 4 positions which are required to complete Safe Environment Training each year. This is mandatory training. Goto [kofc.org/safe](http://kofc.org/safe) to learn more about these requirements.

#### **Positions requiring training:**

**Grand Knight - Program Director - Family Director - Community Director**

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As Knights of Columbus, we recognize that all Catholics, including Brother Knights, share a responsibility to protect children and vulnerable persons served in and by the Catholic Church. Like the Church, the Knights of Columbus is committed to the protection of children and other vulnerable persons. As Catholic men, Brother Knights live out their fatherhood, irrespective of whether they have children of their own, when we serve those entrusted to our care. In the words of our Supreme Knight: "Protecting our children is the sacred duty of every Knight."



# Silver Rose - 8 Routes

## Silver Rose – 8 Routes

### Route 1 2026 Schedule

February 14 - March 14, British Columbia  
 March 15 - April 11, Alberta  
 April 12 - May 16, Saskatchewan  
 May 17 - June 6, Montana  
 June 7 - June 27, Wyoming  
 June 28 - July 25, Utah  
 July 26 - August 22, Arizona  
 August 23 - September 19, New Mexico  
 November 22 - December 12, Mexico

### Route 2 2026 Schedule

February 14 - March 14, Manitoba  
 March 15 - April 11, North Dakota  
 April 12 - May 9, South Dakota  
 May 10 - June 13, Nebraska  
 June 14 - July 18, Colorado  
 July 19 - August 22, Kansas  
 August 23 - September 19, Oklahoma  
 September 20 - December 8, Texas  
 December 9 - December 12, Mexico

### Route 3 2026 Schedule

February 14 - March 14, Minnesota  
 March 15 - April 11, Wisconsin  
 April 12 - May 9, Iowa  
 May 10 - June 20, Illinois  
 June 21 - July 18, Missouri  
 July 19 - August 22, Arkansas  
 August 23 - December 8, Texas  
 December 9 - December 12, Mexico

### Route 4 2026 Schedule

February 14 - March 14, Ontario  
 March 15 - April 18, Michigan  
 April 19 - May 16, Indiana  
 May 17 - June 13, Kentucky  
 June 14 - July 11, Ohio  
 July 12 - August 8, West Virginia  
 August 9 - September 12, Pennsylvania  
 September 13 - October 10, New Jersey  
 October 11 - October 31, Delaware  
 November 1 - November 14, Maryland  
 November 15 - November 28, District of Columbia  
 November 29 - December 8, Texas

### Route 5 2026 Schedule

February 14 - March 14, Florida  
 March 15 - April 18, Georgia  
 April 19 - May 16, South Carolina  
 May 17 - June 13, North Carolina  
 June 14 - July 11, Virginia  
 July 12 - August 22, Tennessee  
 August 23 - September 20, Alabama  
 September 21 - October 10, Mississippi  
 October 11 - November 7,

### Route 6 2026 Schedule

February 14 - March 7, Newfoundland & Labrador  
 March 8 - March 28, Prince Edward Island  
 March 29 - April 18, Nova Scotia  
 April 19 - May 9, New Brunswick  
 May 10 - May 30, Maine  
 May 31 - June 27, New Hampshire  
 June 28 - July 18, Vermont  
 July 19 - August 22, New York  
 August 23 - September 26, Massachusetts  
 September 27 - October 24, Rhode Island  
 October 25 - November 21, Connecticut  
 November 22 - December 8, Texas  
 December 9 - December 12, Mexico

### Route 7 2026 Schedule

February 14 - March 21, Alaska  
 March 22 - April 18, Hawaii  
 April 19 - May 23, Washington  
 May 24 - June 20, Idaho  
 June 21 - July 18, Oregon  
 July 19 - August 15, Nevada  
 August 16 - October 31, California  
 November 1 - November 21, Arizona  
 November 22 - December 5, New Mexico  
 December 6 - December 8, Texas  
 December 9 - December 12, Mexico

### Route 8 2026 Schedule

March 15 - April 19, Puerto Rico  
 April 20 - July 12, Texas  
 July 13 - December 12, Mexico

Share the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe and promote respect for life by participating in this meaningful pilgrimage. The Silver Rose program demonstrates the unity between Knights of Columbus in Canada, the United States and Mexico, through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady.



Each year, from early March through mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus Councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion for Knights, parishioners and community members to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.



## Youth Director Report



George E. Murphy  
Youth Director

Worthy Brother Knights:

Please see the attached photo and application below. Franciscan Sisters at Our Ladies of Peace in Beaverton, OR held their annual BBQ on August 2, 2026. All of the Westside Councils volunteered to help. It was a great success.

As a reminder, please submit your application for Coats for Kids to the State Council by August 15, 2026. You can send the checks in later.

Some ideas for raising money are:

### 1. Hosting a Breakfast



### 2. Hosting a Fish Fry



### 3. Hosting a Tamale sale



### 4 Selling a cord of wood



Supreme moved the date up to qualify for C4K (Coats For Kids) two for the price of one, so please take note of the new date.

Starting in September 2026 is our Soccer Season. Councils should host their local events during the month of September. District Deputies should host their districts during February 2027. I will host the State Championship in March 2027. Location and Date TBA later.

More information to come on our other Fall programs next month.

Any question please contact me (D.D.'s please order your Soccer medals now)

George E Murphy State Youth Director  
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Hillsboro, Or 97123  
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## Coats For Kids

My apologies for failing to get this updated version of a fillable PDF that automatically calculates the total purchases into your hands before the earlier version of the 2026 form mailed recently. Fortunately, prices stayed the same as last year AND this year we can order men's Coats, too.

I have asked our Webmaster, Tom Radel, to post this form to our State Website as well. Please use this form instead of the prior form. But if you have already sent in your order (Thank you Council 08270 in Aumsville), there is no need to resubmit your order.

Vivat Jesus,

Mike Pranger  
State Secretary  
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Worthy GK's & FS's,

Through an outstanding 14% increase in purchases of Coats for Kids, we have hit our allocation limit for the guaranteed Buy-One-Get-One Free Match from Supreme.

[What can you do?](#)

[Should you still place an order?](#)

**If you would STILL like to participate, without the promise of Guaranteed Matching cases, then PLEASE FILL out the FORM I sent just a few days ago, Identifying your preferred matching cases.**

What Supreme did LAST Year was to ask each state if they COULD use more matches of cases, after they finished taking the original orders that I must submit after our August 15 Deadline.

Oregon was then able to submit a SECOND Order for more matching cases to use up the unclaimed matches from the first round of orders.

Vivat Jesus,

Mike Pranger

| BY OUR LOVE OREGON 2025 - 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                  | Knights of Columbus Oregon State Council<br><b>2026 Coats for Kids Order Form</b><br>ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY<br><b>SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026</b> |                       |            |                         |                           |                      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| MAIL Payment AND THIS FORM to: State Secretary -<br>Make Checks payable to: <u>Oregon State Knights of Columbus</u>                                                                                                                      |                  | Michael Pranger 2841 SE Brian St, Hillsboro, OR 97123<br>503-522-9522 michaelpranger@live.com                                                           |                       |                                                                                               |                         |                           |                      |
| Council #: _____ Council City: _____                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                  | <u>DELIVERY STREET ADDRESS</u>                                                                                                                          |                       |                                                                                               |                         |                           |                      |
| Contact: _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                  | Deliver to: _____                                                                                                                                       |                       |                                                                                               |                         |                           |                      |
| Phone: _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                  | Address: _____                                                                                                                                          |                       |                                                                                               |                         |                           |                      |
| Email: _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                  | City, State, Zip: _____                                                                                                                                 |                       |                                                                                               |                         |                           |                      |
| <b>Supreme Match for 2026 is Limited to 190 Cases !!</b> Please <b>PRINT</b> Clearly                                                                                                                                                     |                  |                                                                                                                                                         |                       |                                                                                               |                         |                           |                      |
| Due to price increases per case and since Supreme has limited their matching funds, Oregon will be limited to a One-for-One Match for only our <b>FIRST 190 Cases Ordered</b> . After Sep 1st there MAYBE more matching Cases available. |                  |                                                                                                                                                         |                       |                                                                                               |                         |                           |                      |
| 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                                                                                          |                         | 0                         |                      |
| 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Child Boy        | \$ 283.38                                                                                                                                               |                       | \$ 0                                                                                          |                         | 0                         |                      |
| 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Child Girl       | \$ 283.38                                                                                                                                               |                       | \$ 0                                                                                          |                         | 0                         |                      |
| 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Youth Boy        | \$ 283.38                                                                                                                                               |                       | \$ 0                                                                                          |                         | 0                         |                      |
| 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Youth Girl       | \$ 283.38                                                                                                                                               |                       | \$ 0                                                                                          |                         | 0                         |                      |
| 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Teen Boy         | \$ 340.24                                                                                                                                               |                       | \$ 0                                                                                          |                         | 0                         |                      |
| 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Teen Girl        | \$ 340.24                                                                                                                                               |                       | \$ 0                                                                                          |                         | 0                         |                      |
| 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Adult Men        | \$ 340.24                                                                                                                                               |                       | \$ 0                                                                                          |                         | 0                         |                      |
| 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Adult Women      | \$ 340.24                                                                                                                                               |                       | \$ 0                                                                                          |                         | 0                         |                      |
| 24                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Lt Wt Boy/Man    | \$ 380.80                                                                                                                                               |                       | \$ 0                                                                                          |                         | 0                         |                      |
| 24                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Lt Wt Girl/Woman | \$ 380.80                                                                                                                                               |                       | \$ 0                                                                                          |                         | 0                         |                      |
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| If a check cannot be mailed WITH this Order, email THIS FORM TO: <a href="mailto:michaelpranger@live.com">michaelpranger@live.com</a> and Arrange for Payment NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 15, 2025                                             |                  |                                                                                                                                                         |                       | Total # of Paid Cases                                                                         | Total Amount to be Paid | Total # of Matching Cases | Total # of ALL Cases |
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Travis McKinney II  
Membership  
Director

## [Membership Director Report](#)

Brother Knights,

As we wrap up the first month of the **2026-2027 Fraternal Year**, I want to thank everyone who has been actively recruiting and inviting Catholic men to join our Order. The enthusiasm we've seen during July has been exciting, and it shows that Councils across Oregon are embracing our goal of **recruiting early**.

### **Statewide Membership Update**

As of **July 31, 2026**, Oregon has welcomed **54 new members** toward our statewide goal of **505**, putting us at approximately **11% of our annual goal** after just one month.

This is an outstanding start, and I want to thank every Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Membership Director, District Deputy, and recruiter who has made membership growth a priority.

### **Congratulations to Our Early Leaders**

Please join me in congratulating the Councils that are leading their respective divisions.

#### **Division 1**

- 🏆 **Council 2325 – Oregon City**
  - **17 New Members**
  - **189% of Membership Goal**
  - **Earned the \$600 Early Membership Incentive**

- 🏆 Council 1872 – Bend
  - 5 New Members

- 🏆 Council 5842 – Gervais
  - 2 New Members

#### **Division 2**

- 🏆 **Council 13700 – St. Joseph the Worker**
  - **7 New Members**
  - **117% of Membership Goal**
  - Oregon's **first Star Council**
  - **Earned the \$600 Early Membership Incentive**

- 🏆 Council 10594 – Keizer
  - 3 New Members

- 🏆 Councils 5416 – Silverton and 8129 – Dallas
  - 2 New Members each

#### **Division 3**

- 🏆 Council 7388 – St. Agatha
  - 2 New Members

Several other Councils also welcomed new members during July, including Cathedral (Portland), Scappoose, St. Rose (Portland), Coos Bay, Astoria, Grants Pass, McMinnville, LaVang, Hillsboro, Independence, Sandy, and Seaside. Every new member strengthens our Order and moves Oregon closer to achieving Pinnacle.

### **Congratulations on Earning the First Incentives!**

A special congratulations goes to **Council 2325 – Oregon City** and **Council 13700 – St. Joseph the Worker**. Through your hard work and dedication to membership growth, both Councils have reached **100% of their assigned membership goals** before the end of July and have each earned the **\$600 Oregon State Membership Incentive**.

Thank you to the Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Membership Directors, and every recruiter who made this accomplishment possible. Your commitment demonstrates what can be achieved when membership is made a priority from the very beginning of the fraternal year.

For every other Council across Oregon, **there is still a tremendous opportunity ahead!** Councils that reach **100% of their membership goal by August 31** will earn the **next incentive of \$550**. There is plenty of time to organize a church drive, host an informational event, or simply invite a few Catholic men to join our brotherhood. Let's continue building momentum and celebrate even more Councils reaching their goals during August.

### **August is a Great Time to Recruit**

As summer begins to wind down and families prepare for a new school year, parish life becomes increasingly active. Families return from vacations, begin preparing for the fall, and parish attendance typically increases. **The last half of August is an excellent time to hold a membership drive.** Whether it's hosting a recruiting table after Mass, speaking briefly at your parish, or personally inviting Catholic men to join, there will be many opportunities to reach men who are reconnecting with parish life after the summer months. A single invitation can change a man's life—and strengthen your Council for years to come.

### **Forms 185 & 365**

Please continue encouraging your Councils to submit their **Form 185 (Report of Officers)** and **Form 365 (Service Program Personnel Report)** if they have not already done so. These forms are essential to keeping Council leadership information current and ensuring Councils receive communications from the Supreme and the Oregon State Council.

### **Looking Ahead**

I will **not** be sending out a weekly membership update next week, as I will be attending the **Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention in Denver, Colorado**, representing Oregon.

My next membership update will be sent during the **second week of August**, and I look forward to sharing more good news as we continue building momentum across the state.

Thank you again for everything you are doing to strengthen the Knights of Columbus in Oregon. Together, we are creating a culture of recruiting early, developing future leaders, and ensuring our Councils remain strong for generations to come.

**Every Council can grow. Every Knight can recruit. Every parish can benefit.**

**Vivat Jesus!**

**Travis McKinney II**

Oregon State Membership Director

Grand Knight Council 13700

PH: 503-891-1351

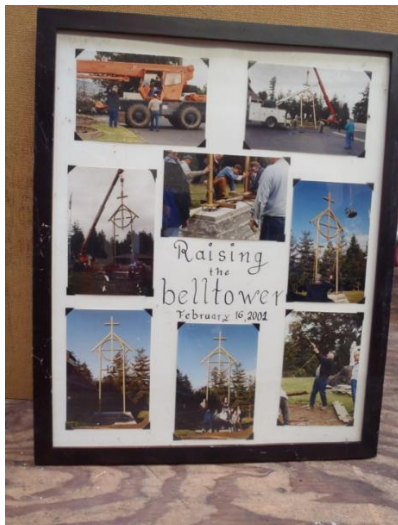
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## **District Deputy Report – DD12**

By: Mike Hahn DD12

**Coos Council 126, Coos Bay/North Bend.** Grand Knight Joel Reyna is keeping his Brother Knights busy. On 13 July, the Council hosted a Silver Rose prayer service at Holy Redeemer Church in North Bend with Father Paschal presiding. A rededication of the church's Bell Tower was included as part of the prayer service. The Bell Tower was originally installed on February 16, 2002, by Coos Council Knights as a loving tribute to all the babies deprived of life through the inhumanity of our laws. Coos Council had recently led a project to restore the bell tower, which was much needed after 24 years of coastal weather exposure. The rededication was such a fitting occasion, as Brother Knights, their families and community, came together in the Silver Rose rosary prayer service for the dignity of human life.

### **PICTURES FROM THE SILVER ROSE SERVICE AND RAISING OF THE BELLTOWER**



**Joseph Sidle Council 5511 in Brookings and Our Lady of the Dunes Council 15773 in Florence** are busy as well having had their first meetings and laying the groundwork for the new Fraternal Year.

Joseph Sidle Council on hearing that the State Chaplain asked for a chalice and ciborium for a recently ordained priest came through by purchasing a ciborium which they gave to the District Deputy to present to our State Chaplain Father Anthony along with the chalice which Most Holy Trinity Council 17396 in Bandon acquired.

[Most Holy Trinity Council 17396 in Bandon](#) is getting ready for the September 28th dedication of the parish's new church and the consecration of the altars by Archbishop Sample. The Council and the Assembly are looking forward to hosting as many Brothers and Sir Knights from around the state for the opening!

As already mentioned, the Bandon Council purchased the chalice which was presented along with the ciborium at the August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Sunday 10:30 Mass, to Father Anthony Ahamefule, our State Chaplain.

The chalice was given in honor of brother Thomas Lindstrom (Most Holy Trinity) who died on July 25, 2022, at the age of 76 and Sir Knight Harry Roberts (Joe Sidle Council) who died on June 21, 2023, at the age of 89.

Lady Sarah White, the daughter of brother Thomas Lindstrom, presented the chalice to Father Anthony at the end of the mass and her husband Brother Steve White of Council 17396, on behalf of Joe Sidle Council 5511 presented the ciborium in honor of Sir Knight Harry Roberts.

### **PICTURES FROM THE 2 AUGUST PRESENTATION OF THE SACRAMENTALS**



On 1 August, the District held its district meeting at the Bandon Holy Trinity parish conference room. The meeting was attended by Coos Council Grand Knight Joel Reyna and Deputy Grand Knight Roger Johnson; Joe Sidle Council Grand Knight Michael Juster, Deputy Grand Knight Ronald Stone and Financial Secretary Doug Barrett; Our Lady of the Dunes Council 15773 Grand Knight Richard Stone and Deputy Grand Knight Shawn Wilson; and from Most Holy Trinity Council Past Grand Knight Frank Roeder. At the meeting, as already mentioned earlier, Joe Sidle Council gave the ciborium and asked the District Deputy to present it to our State Chaplain in honor of Sir Knight Harry Roberts. District Deputy asked them if Steve White could present to which they agreed.



Dear Business Owner/Business Representative,

Albany Council 1577 of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament for Special Olympics Oregon at the Golf Club of Oregon in Albany, OR on September 14, 2026.

There are 3 ways that your Business can help support this fundraiser: (1) Register one or more Golfers, (2) Donate business-related gifts for awards and raffles, or (3) Sponsor one of 18 Holes at the Tournament with a \$150 donation.

More information on (1-3) mentioned above can be found by scanning the QR-Code at the bottom of this letter. If you can donate \$150, please fill out the information at the bottom of this letter and submit with your check made out to K of C Oregon State Charities, (EIN: 93-0881666) to Jim McDowell, 1580 SW Walnut St, Albany, OR 97321 (541-981-1199 [ljmcdowell@comcast.net](mailto:ljmcdowell@comcast.net)). If you can donate in-kind gifts, please fill out and mail the form at the bottom of this letter. We will be happy to pick up any in-kind donations.

Please Note that 100% of the \$150 hole-sponsor donation will be donated to Special Olympics, Linn County chapter, (a 501c3 organization). In addition, with this donation we will produce and post your business name and logo at the tee-block of one of the 18 holes at The Golf Club of Oregon Golf Course. Thank you for your consideration and I hope you will be able to help us out in some way.

Gary Haworth, Golf Tournament Chair



Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Business Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Donation: \_\_\_\_\_



**Knights of  
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Albany Council 1577



**Special  
Olympics**  
Oregon

# Golf Tournament

Knights of Columbus Albany 1577

7th Annual Fundraiser

to benefit **Special Olympics Oregon**

**When:** Monday, September 14th, 2026

07:30 - 08:30 — Check-in

09:00 — Shotgun start, scramble format

**Where:**

**Golf Club of Oregon,**

905 Springhill Drive NW, Albany, Oregon 97321

**Cost: \$125.00 per person**

**Includes**

- |                                                           |                                                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18 holes of golf      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bucket of balls  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lunch                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shared golf cart |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Entry into all awards |                                                      |

**More Information and entry form:**

**Scan:** QR code

**or**

**Contact:** Jim McDowell, 541-981-1199

[ljmcdowell@comcast.net](mailto:ljmcdowell@comcast.net)





## The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Tournament Benefiting Special Olympics Oregon

**Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Albany Council 1577**

**Where:** Golf Club of Oregon, 905 Springhill Drive NW, Albany, OR 97321, 541-928-8338,  
[www.thegolfcluboforegon.com](http://www.thegolfcluboforegon.com).

**When:** Monday, September 14, 2026. Shotgun start at 9 am. Check in no later than 8:30 am.

**What:** Teams of 4 players will compete in a scramble format with awards for long drive, KP, long putt, best score (Callahan) and numerous other contests and raffle prizes. 18-hole greens fee, meal, bucket of range balls, shared golf cart, and entry into all awards are included.

**Cost:** \$125 per player. Single entries are welcome. The maximum number of golfers in the tournament is 72.

**How to enter:** Fill out the form below and mail with payment to: Jim McDowell, 1580 SW Walnut St, Albany, OR 97321, (541-981-1199 [ljmcdowell@comcast.net](mailto:ljmcdowell@comcast.net)) Checks made payable to Albany Knights of Columbus 1577. Forms with payment must be received NLT August 31, 2026. Individual entries will be included on a space available basis and will be assigned to fill teams of 4 when possible. Early registration will ensure the opportunity to play. Payment required at time of registration.

### Albany Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament

Monday, September 14, 2026

#### Golfer Registration Form – Register 1 to 4 Golfers per Team

|   | NAME | EMAIL | PAYMENT | STAY FOR LUNCH? Y/N |
|---|------|-------|---------|---------------------|
| 1 |      |       | \$125   |                     |
| 2 |      |       | \$125   |                     |
| 3 |      |       | \$125   |                     |
| 4 |      |       | \$125   |                     |

Name of Team if Registering 4 Golfers: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Payment Submitted with Form \$\_\_\_\_\_

How Did You Hear About this Tournament: \_\_\_\_\_

## **General Insurance Agent Information**

State of Oregon Leaders,

Please incorporate the following video from our General Agent Cicero Seisdedos into your presentations at your upcoming District Meetings to inform members on how best to meet their New Year's Founder's Award Requirements regarding Fraternal Benefits. For those Councils currently without an assigned District Deputy, please share directly with your Councils to keep them informed.

[https://youtu.be/KhSC8Zg7\\_EU](https://youtu.be/KhSC8Zg7_EU)

Vivat Jesus,

Mike Pranger

503-522-9522

[michaelpranger@live.com](mailto:michaelpranger@live.com)

## **KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS—YOUR SHIELD FOR INSURANCE FOR LIFE**

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Permanent life insurance is our signature product. It can provide money to your family when you die and can build cash value while you live. It's **guaranteed**. It's **secure**. It's **dynamic**. [Find your agent to learn more today.](#)

### **Who needs it?**

Permanent life insurance is a great way to provide security for your family. It may be an ideal solution if you're interested in:

- Providing money for final expenses so your family doesn't have to.
- Supplementing or replacing income so an untimely death wouldn't impact your family's level of financial comfort.
- Providing funds for your children's college education in case of the unexpected.
- Shielding your family against any remaining mortgage payments, so that they aren't overwhelmed by debt or forced to move if you die unexpectedly.
- Giving a donation to a charity or special interest as part of your legacy.
- Supplementing an estate or mitigating estate taxes.

### **How does it work?**

Permanent life insurance – like all life insurance – is designed primarily to provide money (also known as a death benefit) to your designated beneficiary when you pass away.

All Knights of Columbus permanent life insurance policies have premiums that are guaranteed not to increase – no surprise bills to keep your policy.

Our permanent life insurance policies also accrue cash value over time. Should the policy be eligible for any dividends (which are not guaranteed), you can also elect to put those proceeds back into your policy by purchasing additional paid-up insurance. Additional paid-up insurance increases your policy's death benefit and cash value. Your policy's cash value can be used either through a partial loan or a full surrender of the policy or as collateral.



## **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**

## ***Knights of Columbus Support Grandma's House of Central Oregon***



The Father Luke Sheehan Council 1872 of the Knights of Columbus in Bend recently donated **\$1,450** along with an **anti-choking device** to Grandma's House of Central Oregon.

The financial contribution was made possible through the generosity of parishioners at **St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church**, who supported our Mother's Day fundraising effort earlier this spring, together with a contribution from the ASAP Program. Funding for the anti-choking device was a joint effort between the Knights of Columbus and the St. Clare Helpers.

Pictured from left to right are **Ed Bertero**, Deputy Grand Knight, **Jenny Fretland**, Program Manager of Grandma's House of Central Oregon and **Andrew Untermeyer**, Grand Knight.

Grandma's House provides pregnant and parenting teens with a place of safety, belonging and hope. Beyond offering shelter, the organization helps young mothers build strong foundations, gain confidence, develop essential life skills and establish lasting support networks that empower both them and their children to build brighter futures.

The mission of Grandma's House closely reflects the values of the Knights of Columbus—supporting life, strengthening families, serving those most in need and putting our faith into action. Council 1872 is honored to partner with organizations that make such a meaningful difference in the lives of families throughout Central Oregon.

Vivat Jesus,

Andrew Untermeyer  
Grand Knight Council 1872  
541-480-6114

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[Book a meeting](#)

<https://www.bendknights1872.org>

## **Council In Action**

BY: Chris Erno Council 11258 Central Point

### **2026 Silver Rose Continues Its Journey at Burney Handoff**

**BURNEY, CA** — On July 18, 2026, the annual Silver Rose pilgrimage marked another successful milestone as the symbol of life and devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe was safely transferred between regional Councils.

#### **Central Point, Oregon**

Brother Knights Chris Erno and Javier Andrade Jr. made the journey south to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Burney, California. Nestled among quiet pines and cedars, this historic rural parish serves as the traditional annual halfway rendezvous point for the handoff between the Oregon and Nevada jurisdictions.

Upon arrival, the traveling Knights shared a brief fellowship with the parish pastor, Father Fernando Meza, before greeting Reno, Nevada Brother Knight Pete Comerford and his wife. Under the clear summer skies, the solemn exchange of the Silver Rose took place, symbolizing the Knights' interconnected prayers for the sanctity of life and spiritual unity across state lines.

After capturing a few commemorative photographs of the transfer, both parties began their respective journeys home—the Oregon delegation returning north to Central Point and Brother Pete Comerford escorting the Silver Rose onward through Nevada. The local Councils extend their gratitude to the community of St. Francis of Assisi for once again hosting this meaningful annual tradition.



### *Council In Action*

Our Lady of Peace, located in Beaverton was supported by Hillsboro Council 1634 Knights who cut, split and stacked the 3 cords of wood from trees that were felled on the Our Lady of Peace Retreat House property ahead of the Sister's Annual BBQ which was held on Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup>.



The wood will be sold to help support some of the many programs such as Coats for Kids.



COMMUNITY

## **Council In Action**

By: John Bucsek, Council 3591 GK

Please find a few photos from our first major fundraiser this year. Our Lady of the Valley, Council #3591 out of St. Anthony's in Tigard sell our garlic chicken meal along with hot dogs, bratwurst and baked beans at the annual Great Steam Up at the Antique Powerland in Brooks, OR. The event was held July 25-26 and August 1-2 this year. It was great weather both weekends and sales were excellent.

Vivat Jesus,

John Bucsek  
Council 3591  
Grand Knight  
503-803-6134  
[bucsek3591@gmail.com](mailto:bucsek3591@gmail.com)



## Council in Action

By: Mike Quinn, Grand Knight Council 12656 St. Pius X

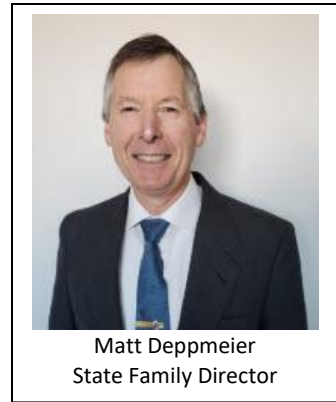


Knights from Council 12656 and other parishioners of the St. Pius X church community contributed labor to Habitat for Humanity's Twenty Fifth Terrace community in southwest Portland, Oregon, on May 30, 2026.

Volunteers arrived at 8:30 am and worked until 3:00 pm. After a safety talk, the 15 workers broke into small teams and worked on sheathing, blocking, framing, and subfloor attachment in three different homes.

The ladies of Columbiettes Auxiliary 12656 provided a delicious and hearty lunch for the volunteers and Habitat for Humanity staff. Portland's 17-home Pope Leo Village is part of a nationwide initiative to construct over 200 homes.





Matt Deppmeier  
State Family Director

## Council in Action

By: Matt Deppmeier, State Family Director, Financial Secretary Council 1872 Bend

Much of the growth in membership by younger men at Council 1872 (Bend, La Pine, Sisters) over the past two years can be attributed to its Cor initiative, headed up by Council member Terry O’Neil and Council Faith Director Kelly McDonald. The Cor Initiative which meets at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Bend is referred to as the St. Athanasius Group—the name derived from the fact that the very first Tuesday night meeting took place on the Feast of St. Athanasius.

Most of the men who attend are Knights but not all—at least not initially. On the fourth Tuesday of the month, a member of the group hosts a dinner at which attendance is usually two to three times greater than the group’s regular meetings. The evening concludes with prayers of the faithful and the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet or Rosary.

Members of the Parish’s young adult men’s Bible study, started by Council members Evan Melchior and Jesse Stokes, take a break from their weekly Bible study on this fourth Tuesday and instead come to this dinner which is regularly attended by clergy including Bishop Emeritus William Cary. At the June Cor dinner, two men in their early twenties joined the Knights online at the end of the evening. Twenty-one men attended the July 28th dinner, one of whom has expressed interest in joining the Knights.

Young men join the Knights because their faith is important to them, and they see their membership as a way to strengthen it through the fraternal support of like-minded men. The Knights can provide this support and also introduce them to insurance and investment products that will support and protect them financially as they marry and begin having children.



Some of the 21 men praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet at the July 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the St. Athanasius Cor group in Bend. Most of the men pictured are members of the Knights of Columbus but not all—at least not yet!



FAITH



COMMUNITY



FAMILY



LIFE

### **Archbishop Sample visits and helps out at the St Vincent de Paul Hertel Center**

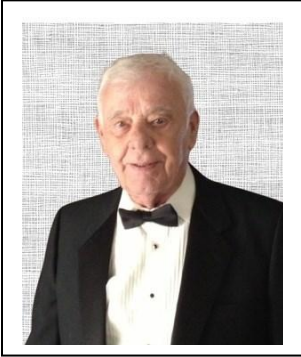
Archbishop Sample and Pastor Fr. Juan Gonzalez visit the many locations that Council 1634 Hillsboro Knights actively support the St Vincent De Paul Hertel Center Food Pantry. While visiting, Archbishop Sample helped unload the Friday morning shipment of 6500 pounds of food delivered by the Oregon Food Bank on July 24th.



## *State Historian Report*

By: State Historian Tom Radel

### *Passing of a Past Grand Knight of the Albany 1577 Council*



David Lawrence Brown, 91, of Albany, Oregon, passed peacefully on July 16, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family.

Born on March 6, 1935, in Cavalier, North Dakota, Dave was the seventh of fourteen children born to Earl and Agnes Brown.

He proudly served in the United States Air Force before making Oregon his home.

He founded American Rooter and later Sure-Clean NW and was known throughout the community for his entrepreneurial spirit, humor, and live commercial spots on

KRKT.

A lifelong Catholic, Dave led music for the Folk Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albany and dedicated countless hours to the Knights of Columbus, the Takena Kiwanis Club and youth sports.

Music remained central to his life, and he proudly supported his daughters' country music career with Andi & The Brown Sisters.

Dave shared 47 years of love, travel, and family with his beloved wife, Johnette. He is survived by Johnette; his children, Robyn, Debbie, Mary Jo, Andrea ("Andi"), Tracey, and Tony; eight grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; and siblings Evelyn, Earlene, and Tom.

He was preceded in death by his parents and ten siblings.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, July 23, 2026, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albany. The Rosary began at 12:30 p.m., and was followed by the Funeral Mass at 1:00 p.m. A celebration of Dave's life will follow.

The family is grateful to Fisher Funeral Home for their compassionate assistance with Dave's final arrangements. Additional details are available on the Fisher Funeral Home website.

Thank you

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## ***Passing of a Knight of the Albany Council 1577***



Robert (Bob) Aldrich died on July 15th, 2026. Bob was born on December 8th, 1934, in Palmer, Ma. to his late parents, Rufus and Yolande Aldrich. Bob attended and graduated from Monson High School, Monson Academy and then the University Of Massachusetts in Amherst with a degree in Business Administration.

Bob is survived by his 3 sons, Chris Aldrich, James Aldrich and Joseph Aldrich, his 2 granddaughters, Arielle Aldrich Dunn and Alexa Aldrich and his 2 great grandchildren, Stella Aldrich Dunn and Leandro Aldrich Dunn.

Bob was employed by various companies during his working years including Uniroyal Inc, (Chicopee Falls Ma and Los Angeles Ca), Parco Inc, (Ontario Ca) and First Student Transportation Inc, (Tustin Ca). Bob retired from First Student in 2005 and relocated to Albany Oregon in 2006 with his wife, Joanne Aldrich, (now deceased).

In his retirement years, Bob was a member of St Mary's Parish in Albany, OR. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, (connected to the St Mary's Parish) and a member of the Lebanon Radio Control Airplane club. His hobbies included cooking, woodworking, photography, history and flying his radio controlled model airplanes.

A funeral mass was held at 11:00am, Thursday, July 30, 2026, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Albany, Oregon.

A rosary preceded the service at 10:30am.

Arrangements are through Fisher Funeral Home, Albany, Oregon.

I knew Bob from the time I was born.

Thank you

Tom Radel

**State Historian  
State Webmaster  
PGK Albany Council 1577**

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**

#### **Don Verkest, Jim Dille, and Lester Tengsico’s sister**

Council 9257 Milwaukie

*Let us pray:*

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

### **IN MEMORIAM**

#### **Denise Grady**

Mother of Executive Secretary Tim Grady  
Council 7246 Newport

#### **David Lawrence Brown, PGK**

#### **Robert (Bob) Aldrich**

Council 1577 Albany



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

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

#### **Please direct your Memoriam notification to:**

**DD16 David Aguirre**

**daquirre338@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. 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



The monks of Mount Angel Abbey recently celebrated the feast day of Saint Benedict of Nursia, the founder of the Benedictine Order and the father of Western monasticism. This year, Saint Benedict's feast on July 11 also coincided with the monks' annual Saint Benedict Festival, and many guests joined the monks on the Hilltop to celebrate Saint Benedict that day.



Even though Saint Benedict lived nearly 1500 years ago in Italy, his legacy is felt around the world to this day. Numerous men and women have followed his Holy Rule and embraced Benedictine monastic life throughout the centuries. In turn, Benedictine monasteries have preserved and cultivated Western culture, art, music and education.

As we consider what kind of legacy we want to leave to those who will come after us, we can look to Saint Benedict as an example. He teaches us how to put God first and entrust the work of our hands to him, trusting that the Lord will bring forth an abundant harvest beyond anything we could imagine.

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