

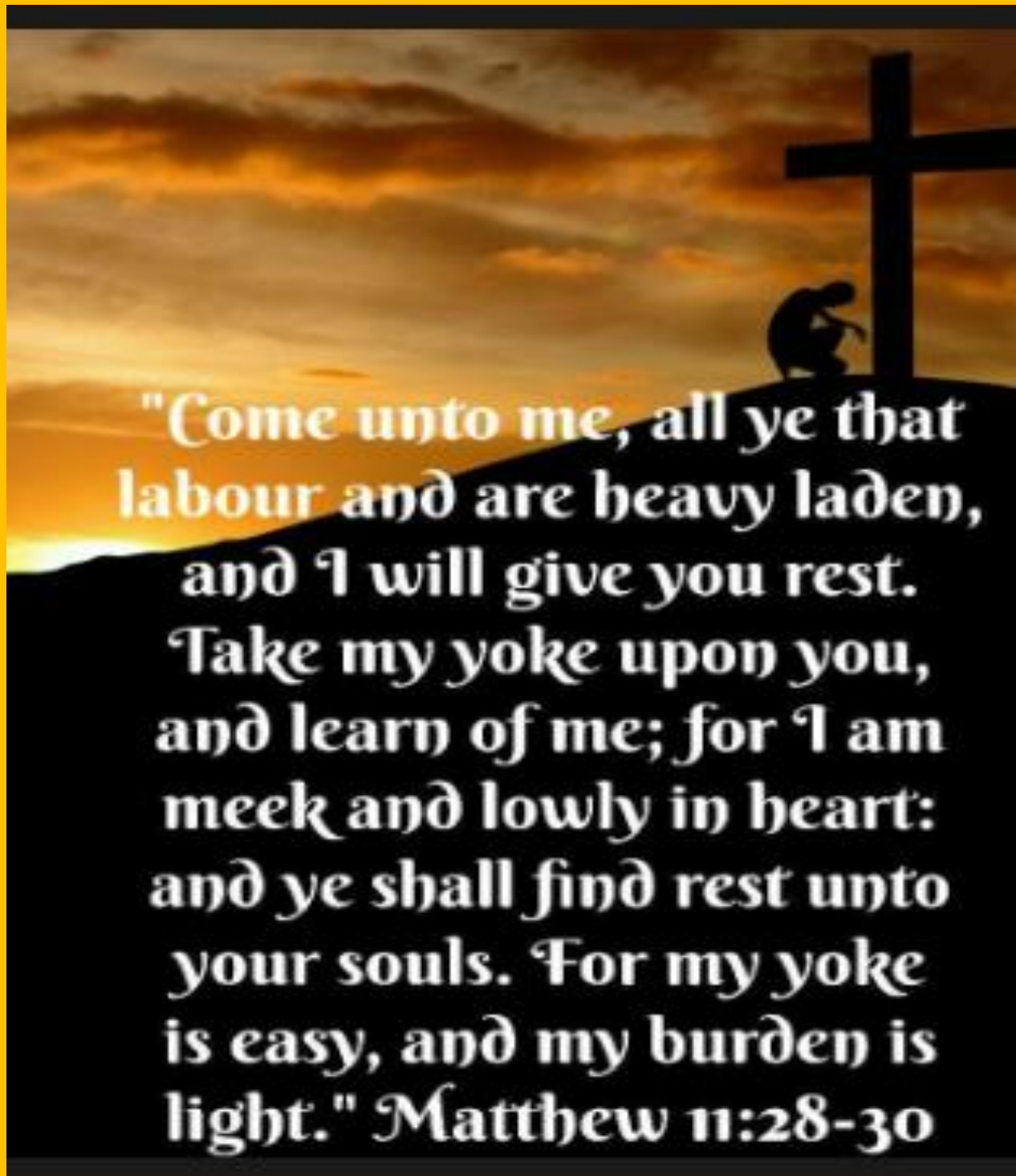
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State Deputy Report September 2026



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Dear Brother Knights,

Lead Me, Lord

Our theme for this year, these three simple words, can provide direction for everything we do as Knights of Columbus. Before we make decisions, plan events, invite a new member, begin a meeting or undertake a new program, perhaps we should first pause and ask, “Lord, where are You leading us?”

As we enter the Fall season, our Councils and Assemblies are already in full swing for another active year of programs, meetings, charitable events and opportunities for faith and Knight’s fraternity. September is an important time to make sure that our plans are firmly in place and that every Brother Knight understands that there is a place for him in the work of his Council.

I encourage every Council to look carefully at its calendar. Are we providing opportunities for men and their families to grow in faith? Are we serving the needs of our parishes and communities? Are we inviting our members—not simply asking them—to participate?

Speaking of Calendars, we have several upcoming events, some of which we could sure use your help.

September 18th-20th – Mt. Angel Oktoberfest / Recruiting– Booth to benefit Father Taafe Homes AND a recruiting opportunity at St. Mary’s Church on Saturday and Sunday. Several of us are signed up to help at the booth, but they still need help. Click this link to sign up.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CAFAD2DA3F5C25-63414321-2026#/>

In addition, Father Ralph has given us permission to recruit at the Masses that Saturday at 5:30 pm and Sunday 7:30 am and 10 am, as well as the Spanish Mass at 12:30 pm **HELP IS NEEDED, especially at the Saturday Vigil and the 7:30 am mass. Please reach out to me if you can help.** Radams7383@aol.com or 541-404-5905. Since Father does not allow pulpit announcements, we will be passing out information, which I will bring, before Mass and answering questions and hopefully signing up men afterward.

Oregon Right to Life Gala – September 18th– Congratulations to all of you. The Oregon Knights of Columbus has been selected recipient of Oregon Right to Life’s Pro-Life Excellence Award. This is in recognition of your generous support for mothers and babies through providing ultrasound equipment and financial support to Oregon’s pregnancy resource clinic. A few of us will be there to accept the award. Registration for this event can be found at ORTL’s website, but hurry, it ends soon.

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[Rosary Bowl – October 3rd](#) The 20th Annual Rosary Bowl NW will take place from 9:00 – 3:00 at the East Salem Community Center. Confessions start at 9:00, a Mass at 10:00 with Auxiliary Bishop Peter Smith and a keynote by our own Past State Chaplain Fr. Theo! In addition, the Knights will be doing a CUF (Charity, Unity and Fraternity) Degree at 12:00 noon. If you have any candidates ready to bring in, this would be an ideal opportunity.

[Membership – A Culture of Invitation](#) – As of 09/03 (The last data available), Oregon is doing well in recruitment. We are currently 7th in the order with 86 new men, which puts us at 17.37% of our 495-man quota. We need 13 new Knights by September 30th to receive a reduction in our quota from Supreme. EVERY Council should be planning a recruitment drive between now and October 12th (Columbus Day). If you need help with recruitment material, please let me know.

Membership must remain one of our highest priorities. But I would ask that we look at membership differently this year.

We do not simply need new members because we want to increase our numbers.

[We need new members because Catholic men need what the Knights of Columbus has to offer.](#)

They need fraternity in a world that too often leaves men isolated. They need opportunities to grow in their faith. They need the support of other Catholic men. They need opportunities to serve their parish, strengthen their families and make a difference in their communities.

[And we need them.](#)

We need their talents, their energy, their experiences and their willingness to answer God's call.

The challenge before each of us is to develop a true [culture of invitation](#). Do not wait for someone to ask about the Knights of Columbus. Personally invite him. Tell him what the Knights have meant to you. Invite him to a Council event. Introduce him to other Brother Knights.

[Most importantly, ask him to join.](#)

[Our theme gives us the perfect prayer for membership:](#)

[“Lead me, Lord, to the man who needs the Knights of Columbus—and lead him to us.”](#)

Imagine what could happen in Oregon if every Brother Knight made a sincere effort to invite just one good Catholic man to learn more about our Order.

[Heart of the Gospel Retreat](#) – The Heart of the Gospel is a retreat for men (Not just Knights) developed by the Knights of Columbus together with Fr. John Riccardo and the ACTS XXIX. It is a free video-based retreat that COR leaders can facilitate at their parish. The cost of the materials is free from Supreme, and the state will pay your shipping charges for the first 3 Councils to host a retreat. More details can be found on Supreme’s website or by giving any state officer a call.

Safe Environment – We are doing somewhat better on Safe Environment compliance this year as opposed to this time last year. Partly because more Councils have turned in their 185 and 365 Forms. (Remember, if you have not turned in your forms, a ‘blank’ name for the GK, General Program Director or Family Director means you are not compliant). As an additional reminder, as stated previously, any Knight who is in one of those positions and IS NOT Safe Environment Compliant by October 15th will be removed from that position. This is a key liability issue for us Brothers. If you need help getting this accomplished, please contact any state officer.

Our strength as an Order has always come from putting faith first. When we allow Christ to lead, our work in the areas of Faith, Community, Family, Life, and Membership becomes more than a collection of activities. It becomes ministry. It becomes service. It becomes a witness to the Gospel.

Vivat Jesus!

Bob Adams
State Deputy, Oregon Knights of Columbus.
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Welfare and Prayer Change. New Chairman.

For All Sick and Distressed/In Memoriam Requests
Please direct your Memoriam notification to:
Tim Grady, Welfare/Prayer Chairman
tgrady309@gmail.com





Supreme Chaplain
Archbishop William Lori

Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge for September 2026

Then Peter approaching asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." (Gospel for Sept. 13, Mt 18:21-22)

To forgive others can be very difficult at times, especially when someone repeatedly offends us. Jesus tells us there is no magic number that limits our obligation — our desire to forgive and show mercy to others must be boundless, just as God's mercy toward us is infinite. We pray in the Our Father, "Forgive us our trespasses *as we forgive those who trespass against us.*" Our very salvation depends on our willingness to forgive, for God will forgive us in the measure that we forgive others (cf. Mt 6:14-15).

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to make a list of the people in your life — past and present — whom you find or have found difficult to forgive, and to sincerely pray for them each day.

Questions for Reflection:

Are there people in your life whom you find difficult to forgive for past offenses? Do you sometimes find yourself saying the words "I forgive you," but holding on to the hurt like a grudge? What steps can you take to move to true forgiveness?

Director of Chaplains and Spiritual Development

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



September is often experienced as a time of return: from vacation to work, school and the normal rhythms of life. For Catholics, this means a return to the encounter with the God of love. Pope Leo XIV **spoke of this encounter** during his pastoral visit to Rimini in August: "Yes, love moves!" he said. "God 'makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous' (Mt 5:45). This is how Jesus describes the perfection of God, revealing the contrast between the generosity of his actions and the narrowness of human thought. Our calculations suffocate reality, but God's gratuitousness lets it breathe freely."

Divine mercy is the point of convergence in our encounter, the Holy Father said. "To follow Jesus Christ in the wake of the tragedies and new beginnings of the 20th century indeed requires a clear awareness that evil is not overcome by evil," he continued. "Love is the law of life and the means of redemption — the way of the crucified Messiah."

This means divine mercy must be made manifest in our daily lives, Pope Leo continued. "Today," he said, "Catholic culture must counter the false realism that rearms minds, words and nations, with the realism of mercy which recognizes that there can be no enemies, and that everyone, even those who oppose us, is a brother or sister to be looked in the eye and encountered in truth. Sin exists, of course, but stronger still is the redeeming love of Christ. That love commits us to purifying our thoughts, interests, habits, associations, plans and investments — indeed, every aspect of our lives — from all that the culture of power has tainted."

As our brother Knights commit to practicing a charity that evangelizes, let us encourage them to put divine mercy at the heart of all they do. I encourage each chaplain to meet with his grand knight and leadership team to review the evangelical needs of the parish and diocese, as well as schedules and pastoral initiatives, to see precisely where and how the Council can bring to bear the "realism of mercy." By equipping and encouraging our brother Knights in their own faith formation, we can help them become the leaven of the Gospel that our communities need. *Vivat Jesus!*



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Archbishop Francis Norbert Blanchet 4th Degree Province

From the Vice Supreme Master

Worthy Sir Knights,

September brings with it rich and abundant opportunity! We enjoy the last days of summer before fall arrives. Liturgically, September honors both Our Lady of Sorrows and the Holy Angels. Now is an excellent time to observe St. Michael's Lent by praying daily the St. Michael Chaplet and doing some form of light penance. For a stalwart 4th Degree Sir Knight, a warrior for Christ armed with the sword, this is an excellent prayer devotion.

The top patriotic program/event that I would recommend would be a Blue Mass. This is a Mass honoring all First Responders where they are invited to attend in uniform. This can be a special Mass at a special time or can take place during regularly scheduled Mass. 9/11 is the top recommendation to hold a Blue Mass, but September 29th is also a good option as well. St. Michael is the Patron Saint of first responders. Any time during September would work too.

The **Archbishop Blanchet Provincial Meeting 2026** will be Saturday October 10th at the Proto-Cathedral of St. James the Greater in Vancouver, WA. District Masters are required to attend. All 4th 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 4th Degree Sir Knight is the "Highest Honor of Knighthood!" Vivat Jesus!

Important Dates

Sep 1 – Labor Day
Sep 8 – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sep 11 – 9/11 Memorial
Sep 13 – Day of Remembrance of Aborted Children
Sep 14 – Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Sep 18 – US Air Force Birthday
Sep 29 – Solemnity of St. Michael the Archangel

Upcoming Events

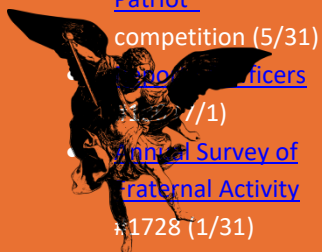
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- Important Announcements
- Words of Inspiration

Star Assembly Requirements:

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





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Important Programs (cont'd)

St. Michael's Lent

September 29th 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 4th Degree Knight. Flyer [here](#).

Patriotic BBQ & Patriotic Rosary

Take advantage of the final summer and have a family BBQ/picnic/potluck outside! Tie in some patriotic themes, decorations, music, etc. Include a Patriotic Rosary.

Important Announcements

Supreme Website Updated:

Supreme updated their website and moved the 4th 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 4th Degree business to be conducted much faster.

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

Words of Inspiration

Why become a 4th Degree member?

Joining the 4th Degree completes your journey in knighthood. It is an honor to be a Knight! In medieval times, knights were looked up to and revered as heroes and examples of exemplary virtue. As a Knight of Columbus, we bear that same honor. In our honored Order, we have 4 Degrees of Knighthood. Therefore, the 4th Degree is the "highest honor of knighthood!" Become a 4th Degree member and achieve this highest honor!

[Archbishop Blanchet Homily Video](#)



Important Programs

Blue Mass

September is an excellent month to hold a Blue Mass. 9/11 and the Feast of St. Michael on September 29th are 2 ideal opportunities. Invite 1st Responders to attend and have an honor guard. Consider having a reception afterwards.

Upcoming Trainings:

Important Links:

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

[Fraternal Leader Advisory](#)

Supreme website:

[kofc.org](#)

Archbishop Blanchet Website:

<https://oregondistrict4thdegree.org/archblanchetprovince/>

[4th Degree Leader Resources](#)

Washington State Website:

[kofc-wa.org](#)

Oregon State Website:

[oregonkofc.org](#)

Oregon 4th Degree District Website:

[oregondistrict4thdegree.org](#)

KofC Uniform Supply Store:

[kofcuniform.com](#)

Knightsgear: [knightsgear.com](#)

The English Company:

[kofcsupplies.com](#)

Assembly Forms: [here](#)



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[Appendix](#)

[Appendix of Events:](#)

1. September 11th – 9/11
2. October 10th – Provincial Meeting 2026 – Vancouver, WA

[Exemplifications of Patriotism:](#)

3. September 12, 2026 – Oak Harbor, WA
4. October 17 (24), 2026 – Federal Way, WA
5. October 17, 2026 – Post Falls, ID
6. October 31, 2026 – Meridian, ID
7. November 7, 2026 – Pocatello, ID
8. September 26, 2026 – Wenatchee, WA
9. October 17, 2026 – Spokane, WA



Attention! The Archbishop Blanchet Provincial Meeting shall be on Saturday October 10th, 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.

[Rough Agenda:](#)

Friday October 9th –

5pm – Patriotic Rosary (in a park)

6pm – Fraternal Dinner (TBD)

Saturday October 10th –

8am – Drill Practice

9am – Mass

10am – Meeting Begins

12pm – Angelus & Lunch

4pm – Meeting Concludes

5pm – Saturday Vigil Mass (optional)



Knights of Columbus

ARCHBISHOP BLANCHET 4TH DEGREE PROVINCE

Provincial Meeting 2026 – VSM Invitation

Worthy Sir Knights,

I am excited to see a new Fraternal Year start up and what that means for the Archbishop Francis Norbert Blanchet 4th Degree Province. There is so much potential in the 4th Degree that we can accomplish through growth and patriotic programs. It is an honor to be a Knight. It is the highest honor of knighthood to be a 4th Degree Sir Knight.

The time approaches to hold the Annual Provincial Meeting. This year, the Archbishop Blanchet Provincial Meeting will be Saturday October 10th at the Proto-Cathedral of St. James the Greater in Vancouver, WA.

In order to foster pride in the 4th Degree and promote Catholic fraternity, the Provincial Meeting will be open to State Deputies, District Marshals, Former Vice Supreme Masters, Former District Masters, Faithful Navigators, and any other 4th Degree members who wish to attend. Current District Masters are expected to attend. All assemblies are encouraged to send a representative. Attire will be the 4th Degree uniform or a dark suit for those who don't have the uniform.

To be fully transparent, the Archbishop Blanchet Province has no funds and therefore, anyone who is not a current Master will be attending entirely on their own expense. However, it is my hope that the event will be worthwhile for everyone and will be worth making the personal expense to attend. Perhaps assemblies may consider covering the cost of a representative to attend. The meeting itself will include light breakfast and lunch for \$25, so other costs incurred will include mileage, hotel, and meals. The recommended hotels will be the AC Hotel Vancouver Waterfront or Comfort Inn & Suites Vancouver Downtown City Center for a more budget friendly option (no room block, simply make reservations through the hotel or Expedia, make reservations early).

Ladies are also invited to attend and will be able to join for the Mass and opening ceremonies.

Provincial Meeting Site:
Proto-Cathedral of St. James the Greater
218 W 12th Street
Vancouver, WA 98660

Hotel 1:
AC Hotel
333 W Columbia Way
Vancouver, WA 98660

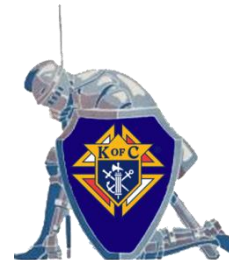
Hotel 2:
Comfort Inn
401 E 13th Street
Vancouver, WA 98660

Thank you Worthy Sir Knights, I look forward to seeing you all at the Provincial Meeting!

Vivat Jesus!

Kenneth J. Anderson

Vice Supreme Master





ARCHBISHOP BLANCHET PROVINCIAL MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

Please **email** this filled out form to VSM Ken Anderson

kennethandersoniii@gmail.com

by **October 5th!!!**

Name: _____ Wife (if attending): _____

4th Degree District _____ Assembly Number: _____ Office: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

\$25 fee will cover the cost of morning snacks and lunch, ladies are invited for morning meals and lunch, so be sure to include them in the total count if attending

Attending Meeting? (y/n)..... _____

Wife Attending? (y/n)..... _____

Meals (include wife)..... _____x\$25

Total.....\$ _____

Please present payment on Oct 10th at the Proto-Cathedral of St. James the Greater to:

“Mother Joseph Assembly 1178”

Knights of Columbus

4th Degree

The highest honor of Knighthood!

Membership Dashboard:

Washington Western District Goal: 14/143 (9%)

Oregon District Goal: 5/101 (4%)

MICHAEL R. McCUSKER
SUPREME MASTER



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

August 25, 2026

Richard Huff
Oregon District Master
4970 South Loftus Road
Florence, OR 97439

Worthy Master and dear Sir Knight Huff:

It is my pleasure to reappoint you Master of the Oregon District for a term effective September 1, 2026 and concluding August 31, 2028, or as soon thereafter as your successor is appointed.

Please accept my thanks and appreciation for a job well done during your first term and be assured of my continuing support of our efforts on behalf of the Fourth Degree. Do not hesitate to call this office for assistance.

Please find enclosed a form to update your personal information. If you have no changes since you began your first term, please write your name on the sheet and indicate there are no changes.

Wishing you a most rewarding experience as you continue to fulfill your duties as Master.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael R. McCusker".

Michael R. McCusker
Supreme Master

MRM/jp

cc: Kenneth J. Anderson, Vice Supreme Master
Robert C Adams Jr, State Deputy

[Rosary Bowl](#)



19th Annual Rosary Bowl NW
9am-3pm | East Salem Community Center
1850 45th Avenue NE, Salem, OR
~ A Eucharistic & Marian Celebration during the Jubilee Year ~
In Honor of Our Lady of Hope

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS:

Auxiliary Bishop Peter Smith
Father John Marshall

Event includes: Marian Procession, Mass,
Confession, Eucharistic Holy Hour, Rosary,
Chaplet, Keynote & more!



[Saturday, October 3, 2026](#)

[9:00 AM 3:00 PM](#)

East Salem Community Center
1850 45th Ave NE
Salem, OR 97305

State Warden's September Report



David W. Judy
State Warden

Greetings Brothers,

We are now into September, and we still have Councils that have not submitted their Form 185 Officers Chosen and Form 365 Service Program Personnel.

Worthy Grand Knights, please check with your Financial Secretary and ensure that he has submitted these reports.

Several Councils have been able to get their reports to Supreme. (**good job on that!** but I also need a copy). I need copies of these reports so we can get our State phone directory updated with the most current Data. There are still Councils out there that have not generated Form 185 and twice as many that have not completed Form 365.

The 185 and 365 are also critical to meeting Safe Environment Compliance. Please contact me and let me help you get your documents submitted to both Supreme and me. I can be reached at DJknight14802@comcast.net

Vivat Jesus,

David W. Judy (DJ)
Knights of Columbus
State Warden
Vocations Chairman
Forms Chairman

From Supreme

New Family of the Month Form

All Family of the Month (FOM) entries should be submitted using the new [Family of the Month Form](#).

This form should be used to submit FOM entries going forward, not the Fraternal Program Report Form #10784. We are aware of issues affecting the online #10784 form and are working to resolve them.



ALL-NEW Fillable PDF State of Oregon Expense Report

A copy can be found at the State Website at oregonkofc.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 IMPLORER 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

State General Program Director Report



Brother Knights of the Oregon State Council,

Regarding the NEW Columbian Award Requirements...

I want to encourage each Council to **conduct a COR gathering** to make attaining the Columbian Award easier.



First step... appoint an **Evangelization and Faith Formation (EFF) Leader**, and submit the name and email address of this person to Supreme using this online form: [Landing Page](#)

Next, peruse the great information in how to start and run a COR group. Supreme has included all the information you need to get started.

Here's a link to the guidebook: [Cor Leader Guide](#)

If you do COR, you will be fulfilling the goals that Supreme has set to ensure that we are reaching Catholic men with what they need to grow in the Faith.

Achieving the Columbian Award will then be easy. All you will have to do in addition will be to participate in ASAP, Food for Families, RSVP or Coats for Kids. Just one of those four.

Then complete ONE other activity in EACH of the four FAITH IN ACTION categories... Faith, Family, Community and Life. See [Faith in Action Programs | Knights of Columbus](#)

Supreme has "tweaked" the requirements for the Columbian Award to make sure that Councils are achieving the new goals that especially highlight spiritual growth in our members and help to those in need in our communities.

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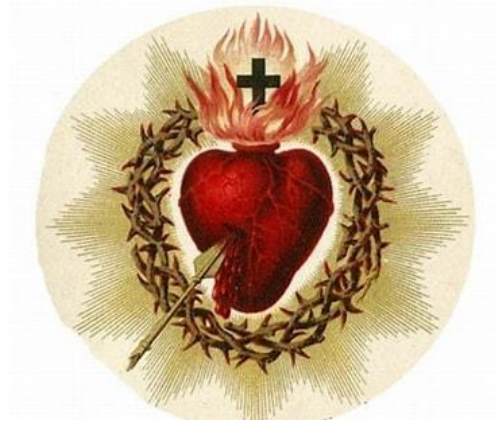
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Sublimity, OR 97385-9404
Rphpurdy@protonmail.com
503-881-1244



[Getting help with Cor](#)



Ray Prom, PSD
Faith Director



Hey GK's, DGK's, Program Directors and Faith Directors!

Now is the perfect time to give your Councils and your parishes a treat. Supreme has just rolled out a simple to do, Men's retreat, that really works and is outstanding. It is called **"Heart of the Gospel."** It is ready to use.

Let's think about some things you would like to do:

- You want to start up Cor in your parish
- You know it will help the men in your parish and bring new interest to your Council
- You've heard your DD talk about it, and you discussed it with Council Officers
- You just can't seem to get the ball moving
- You are having trouble finding other leaders who will help make it work
- You're just not sure if you are the right person for the task.

Well guess what! Supreme has made it easier for you by giving you a first step lesson into starting Cor.

[It's called "The Heart of the Gospel" retreat, for Catholic men.](#)

It's dynamic, it's comprehensive and it's easy to do.

It will help you identify other men who can lead.

Check it out at <https://www.kofc.org/resources/faith-formation/mens-faith-formation/heart-of-gospel/>

If you want to, you can call me, ph:503-440-2382 or email promray58@gmail.com

If needed, we can do it together.

Ray Prom, PSD, Oregon Director
of Evangelization and Faith Formation



FAITH

State Treasurer Report



Duane Morris
Oregon State Treasurer

Hello Brother Knights,

Attached is a flyer for the Heart of the Gospel Men's Retreat which will be hosted by the Hillsboro Council 1634 at St Matthew on Saturday December 19, 2026. The retreat will start with daily Mass at 8:15am in the Church then move across the street to the Parish Hall. The cost of registration is \$20 which includes lunch. Registration is active and the link can be found at <https://donorbox.org/events/962289>

Vivat Jesus,

Duane Morris

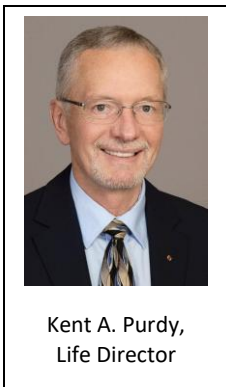
Financial Secretary Council 1634/Faithful Comptroller Assembly 3219

Oregon State Treasurer/District Secretary for Oregon

oregondistrict4thdegree.org; oregonko fc.org

The retreat will start with daily Mass at 8:15am in the Church then move across the street to the Parish Hall. The cost of registration is \$20 which includes lunch. Registration is active and the link can be found at: <https://donorbox.org/events/962289>

A flyer for the Heart of the Gospel Men's Retreat. The top section has a dark blue background with the KofC logo on the left, the title "HEART OF THE GOSPEL MEN'S RETREAT" in large yellow and white letters in the center, and a graphic of a flaming heart with a cross on the right. Below the title is the tagline "The Life-Changing Power of the Gospel". The middle section has a light background with the text "WHY SHOULD MEN ATTEND?" and "WHAT IS THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL RETREAT?". The bottom section has a dark blue background with the date "SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2026" and time "8:15 AM - 4:00 PM". It also includes icons for "STARTS WITH MASS", "FAITH, FELLOWSHIP & SPIRITUAL GROWTH", "LUNCH INCLUDED", and "REGISTRATION FEE \$20". The bottom of the flyer features a photo of St. Matthew Catholic Church and the text "INVEST IN YOUR SOUL. ENCOUNTER CHRIST. CHANGE YOUR LIFE." and "REGISTER TODAY! SPACE IS LIMITED."



Kent A. Purdy,
Life Director

[General Program Director's Report](#)

Brother Knights of the Oregon Council,

It's September and that means that it's almost time for **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**. The Fall Campaign runs from **September 23rd to November 1st**.

There are three 40 Days for Life Campaigns locations in Oregon... Portland, Eugene, and Salem.

Go to www.40DaysforLife.org for more information or to sign up for shifts at the site near you.

However, you can conduct 40 Days for Life campaigns of your own at any site.

The visible, public centerpiece of 40 Days for Life is a focused, a 40-day non-stop, round-the-clock prayer vigil outside a single Planned Parenthood center or other abortion business in your community.

It is a peaceful and educational presence. Those who are called to stand witness during this 24-hour-a-day presence send a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion. It also serves as a call to repentance for those who work at the abortion center and those who patronize the business.

If you do not have an abortion business or Planned Parenthood office in your town, you can still conduct 40 Days for Life; however, you will need to select a different location which has some strategic significance - perhaps near city hall, a courthouse or a highly visible intersection.

I encourage Councils to get involved with 40 Days for Life, by either standing up for life at a site near you or conducting a fundraiser and donate the proceeds to 40 Days for Life.

[ASAP Program \(Aid and Support After Pregnancy\)](#): Since Supreme has emphasized this program in the new Columbian Award requirements (see last month's State Newsletter) I want to clarify how to gain the ASAP rebate from Supreme. Here are the steps:

- Complete the online form: go to www.kofc.org/ASAP and click "APPLY TODAY"
- Include a copy (front and back) of the cancelled check OR a signed copy of the ASAP Donation Receipt Letter (the link for the letter is included within the ASAP form). You have to take pictures and attach the pics to the form at the bottom.
- Include a W9 form from the facility. Ask them for it, they should know what it is. You can skip this if you've already provided one on a previous donation or the facility is listed in the map included in the ASAP site or here [Aid and Support After Pregnancy\(ASAP\) | Knights of Columbus](#)

Completing these steps will ensure that you get the additional donation for the facility from Supreme (\$100 for each \$500 donated up to an additional \$400).

Let me know if you have any questions or run into problems in applying for the ASAP matching grant from Supreme.

[National Day of Remembrance for Unborn Children, September 12th:](#)

Please consider attending one of the events listed below and remember those innocent victims of the culture of death:

Attachments for flyers below.

To Honor the Gravesites of our Unborn Brothers and Sisters

National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Saturday Sept. 12 2026

On Saturday, September 12, pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the more than 66 million unborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Solemn prayer services will be held simultaneously at gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried, as well as at many other memorial sites dedicated in their honor.

Join us for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children and ensure that our unborn brothers and sisters will not be forgotten.

Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion

Date & Time
Saturday, September 12 at 12:00 PM

Location
**St. Mary Catholic Church
 1062 Charnelton St.
 Eugene, Oregon 97401**

Details
**Speaker: Therese Ruesink
 Precious Children of Portland**

**Eric Walter, KC Council Life Director
 Music by Loyal Omvig & Julie Walter
 Coordinated by: Gospel of Life (MEV)**

Local Contact
**Eric Walter (541) 554-2074
 Joyce Ice (541) 521-4353**

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For more information on this event, visit NationalDayOfRemembrance.org



LIFE

Thank you.

Vivat Jesus!

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[503-881-1244](tel:503-881-1244)

[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.
- 7.



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!

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From Our State Deputy To Life Director

My dear Brother, I thought I would share this with you. This is absolutely amazing. 44 ultrasounds over the last 15 years. If your efforts over the years save one life, it's all worthwhile. Brother Kent Purdy has several more in the works. Can we hit 50 by June 30TH?

Although a few of them appear to be out of state, there are 39 registered PRC's in the state of Oregon, but my contact thinks there's more like 43 or 44 which is one per PRC. Amazing work so needed in the state of Oregon.

The Oregon Knights of Columbus have been selected as the inaugural recipient of ORTL's Pro-Life achievement award for our ongoing support of Oregon's PRCs. More details to come.

Vivat Jesus!

Bob Adams
State Deputy, Oregon Knights of Columbus

From Our Life Director To State Deputy

Wow! Being in this position for only a little over a year, I had no idea that we had such a long history of placing these ultrasounds.

That is very humbling. I know that it's not easy to get this done, so I am very impressed by the work that you all have done in the last 15 years or so.

I do have many in the works, so I will keep at it.

I know from the testimony from the PRCs that we have helped that this is one of the most effective things we can do to save innocent unborn lives.

Vivat Jesus!

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State Secretary Notice Of the Winter 2027 Organizational Meeting



Mike Pranger
State Secretary

Worthy Knight Leaders around the State of Oregon,

Please reserve three dates on your calendar for the Winter 2027 Organizational Meeting, **Friday January 8th thru Sunday the 10th.**

We have secured lodging at the Oregon Garden. **DO NOT make reservations until I mail out the access codes** around the middle of September. We will be meeting in the upstairs conference room of the Mt Angel Festhalle. We have the PGK, Kevin Gross, from Mt Angel Council 1767 acting as our food caterer. As soon as we establish a menu and pricing we will issue the online links for paying for meals, etc.

Thanks,

Mike Pranger
503-522-9522
michaelpranger@live.com

Help Wanted



Oregon is looking for Diocesan and Regional Cor Coordinators to assist our Oregon Cor Director in the evangelization efforts of the Cor Initiative in Oregon.

What we are looking for are Brother Knights with the heart of an evangelist.

No experience necessary.

Please give me a call, (503-440-2382). Or shoot me an email (promray58@gmail.com) if you want to learn more about this opportunity. Thank you.

Ray Prom, PSD, Oregon Director
of Evangelization and Faith Formation

9/11 Memorial



Canby Assembly 1606 has been invited to participate in a 9/11 rededication of the Canby memorial hosted by the Canby Police, Fire and American Legion at the Canby Police Station, 1175 NW 3rd Ave Canby, OR 97013 on Friday 9/11.

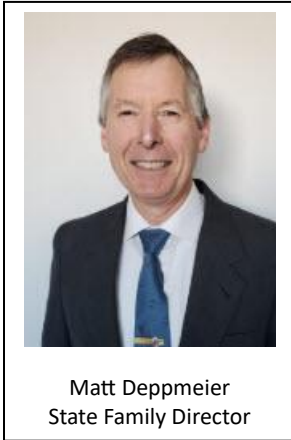
Honor Guard please arrive by 7:30 a.m. The dignitaries will be dedicating a piece of the Twin Towers and will have known individuals such as Senator Christine Drazen and Canby Mayor Brian Hodson speaking.

We would like to invite any of the surrounding Assemblies to join us in this special 25th anniversary memorial.

Vivat Jesus

Tony Davis
Color Corp Commander
Assembly 1606 Canby

[State Family Director Report](#)



Brothers,

Supreme Director of Programs and Member Engagement, Drew Dillingham, recently revealed that in an effort to expand the charitable impact of the Knights of Columbus, Councils have been issued a new challenge this fall - the "Join & Serve Challenge!" The motto of the challenge is, "Grow our brotherhood while serving your community and win big!"

To qualify, Councils must fulfill their entire membership quota by November 30th and participate in the Food for Families ([10610 Food for Families GS](#)) program. Membership intake will be counted from July 1st, 2026.

The Council prize includes:

- 8 custom embroidered KofC aprons
- 8 custom embroidered KofC baseball hats

These custom items are a \$250 value!

- Plus, a bragging rights competition – Councils who submit photos of their gear in action will be entered in for a chance to win a \$200 gift certificate to Knights Gear!

Full details on the incentive can be found [here](#).

Participation in the Food for Families program should be reported to Supreme online via **Form 10784**. Also report participation in the program on your monthly Oregon State Family form ([Family-Report-Form-2026-2027.pdf](#)) which should be emailed to me at kofc1872matt@gmail.com. Participation can also count as a program accomplishment on your Columbian Award application.



Vivat Jesus!

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State Family Director
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[Kofc1872matt@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1872matt@gmail.com)

[Blessed McGivney/3.65 fund](#)

Worthy Council Officers and District Deputies,

Our Worthy State Deputy, Bob Adams has asked me to send you a message regarding the Blessed McGivney/3.65 fund maintained by the State Council.

We have had a year of extraordinary needs from our Brother Knights and the fund is depleted, even while we still have needs to be met. We are asking any Council that can, **please** make a special \$100 donation to the 365 fund to get it back up to solvency. Without new donations we will have to stop accepting requests.

We would also like to reemphasize the need to have the attached flyer about the 365 program sent out yearly when you mail your dues billing. This is a very worthwhile program of Knights helping Knights which is the very basis for Father McGivney's founding of our order. \$3.65 equals one penny per day to help our Brothers in need.

Also please see the attached flyer from Bend Council 1872.

Council 1872 has organized a Build a Bed for Saturday, September 12th at St. Francis Church in Bend on 27th St. We plan to build 30 beds.

Knights of Columbus

BUILD A BED

★ A PROJECT FOR ★
SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE®

VOLUNTEER HERE!

TOGETHER, WE BUILD BEDS. WE BUILD HOPE.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH 10AM-2PM

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH 27TH STREET PARKING LOT

ONE BED. ONE CHILD. ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME. ★

★ NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN! ★

Vivat Jesus!

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365 FUNDS

By State Secretary Michael Pranger **Financial Secretaries and Grand Knights**

The Oregon State Council is dedicated to assisting Oregon Brothers and their widows in distress. We are working to provide CHARITY and to fulfill Blessed Michael McGivney's mandate -BROTHER HELPING BROTHER. We do this through the 365 Club and the Blessed Michael McGivney Fund.

Annual dues billing will be sent out in January.

The 365 Club is the primary method used to collect contributions to our Blessed Michael McGivney Fund.

To join, Brothers are asked to donate a penny a day (\$3.65 per year) or more to the Fund.

Each Council's Financial Secretary is requested to support the 365 Club. The best way to accomplish this is for the Financial Secretary to request voluntary donations by adding an additional line to the Council's dues billing statement: "365 Club-Please add a voluntary \$3.65 or more donation to the State Blessed Michael McGivney Fund." This will provide every Brother in the Council an opportunity to support our Charity.

Each Council usually safeguards 365 Club funds and other Council donations until May, when they are brought to the State Convention and presented during the Parade of Grand Knights. Councils throughout Oregon march up the aisle of the convention hall and hand their Council's donation to the State Secretary.

All Councils are asked to donate. Again, the 365 Club is the Fund's primary source of funds. The Fund is not supported financially by Supreme. 365 Club stickers can be requested from the State office. Please be Generous!

The Oregon Council is dedicated to assisting Oregon Brothers and their widows in distress. We are working to provide CHARITY and to fulfill Blessed Michael McGivney's mandate -BROTHER HELPING BROTHER.

You have been very generous in helping during our fires this year and other disasters, please be generous in your donations. THANK YOU for reaching out a helping hand to your less fortunate Brothers! You should be proud of your generosity.

Oregon Knights State Council is ready to provide financial assistance to your Council's Brothers in their time of need. Any member who has information about a Brother in distress should notify their Grand Knight. Only the Grand Knight can obtain a Fund application by calling the State Office at (503)522-9522 or best by email at michaelpranger@live.com

Additional 365 Fund Information

Brothers,

A number of you have inquired further about the 3.65 fund and where to send your donations and how to access it for Brothers in need.

I am attaching documents that explain the fund and how the Grand Knight of your Council can start the process of applying for this assistance from the State Council.

If you go to the Oregon State K of C website, www.oregonkofc.org, you will find all of these resources under the Programs tab. Just scroll down to find them.

Donations should be mailed to.
Oregon K of C Treasurer
C/o Duane Morris
727 SE High St
Hillsboro, OR 97123

We encourage all FS's to send out the tri-fold brochure (shown on next page) about funds each year, when mailing or emailing out your dues notices. Even our new Brothers who signed up online with the BlessedMcGivnery code should be given the opportunity to donate even if they don't currently owe dues.

This is about Knights helping Knights

Blessed Michael McGivney Fund Grant Guidelines:

- Applicant must be an Oregon Knight, the widow or orphan unmarried child under age 26 of such Knight
- Applicant must have been in the Order for at least one-year Applicant must be in “good standing”
- Applicant must be a member of the requesting Oregon Council
- Grants are provided based on financial need, not on the applicant’s activities as a Knight
- Funds are for the “Necessities of Life.” Example: housing, utilities or food - not to reduce debt
- Applicant cannot receive two grants for the same situation
- The situation should not pre-date the applicant’s entry into the Order
- Applicant cannot receive a grant more often than once every two years
- Funds cannot be used to purchase real property or automobiles for the applicant
- If the applicant is the Grand Knight or Financial Secretary, the District Deputy should make the investigator selection and sign the application as the FS or GK

Oregon State will not provide application status to anyone except the Grand Knight. The State Secretary is the only one who may contact the Council for clarification.

If possible, screening committee members are asked to respond to the application within 24 hours.

E-mail your recommendation to the State Secretary and to all the screeners who are evaluating the same application.

*The applications and all the personal information, especially names and Councils are **confidential!***

Please erase all computer files and shred print copies after you have responded.

Our History:

In 2021 the State Council created the Blessed Michael McGivney Fund. The Fund is dedicated to assisting Oregon Brothers in financial distress, including their widows. We have steadily worked to provide CHARITY, the first principle of our order, and to fulfill Blessed Michael McGivney's mandate of **BROTHER HELPING BROTHER**. In the past we were not able to respond to our Brother's needs, but now we can.

Who We Assist:

We provide financial assistance to Knights of Columbus Brothers, with at least twelve months good standing in an Oregon Council; and to their widows and orphans.

How We Assist:

By helping to relieve financial distress due to unemployment, sickness, family medical and overdue rent or mortgage payments, food, clothing, losses due to fire, flood, or earthquake. All the financial assistance we provide is a grant and need not be repaid.

Parade of Grand Knights:

Each council usually safeguards 365 Club funds and other Council donations until May when they are brought to the State Convention and the **Parade of Grand Knights**. During the "Parade," Grand Knights from Councils throughout Oregon march up the aisle of the convention hall and hand their donation to the State Secretary. **Thank You for your generosity!**

If a council misses the convention, it should not overlook its donation. Please mail all council and personal checks (payable to Oregon State Council) to the address in the next column. The donations can be sent at any time. The Fund is an Internal Revenue Code 501(c)8 Fraternal Beneficiary Society.

Brother Helping Brother:

Brothers are losing their jobs, their health insurance, and their homes during these hard times. We need to extend them a helping hand, and we know that you and the other Brothers in your Council want to participate.

Although the 365 Club and Parade of Grand Knights involve only one donation a year at the State Convention, Further Donations are appreciated by the State.

How to Obtain Assistance:

If a member of your council needs assistance, your Grand Knight can request a Fund Application from the Oregon State Council Office at rboyce4539@aol.com or call 503-730-1986. More information is also available at the Oregon State Council website.

When the Grand Knight receives the application, he appoints an investigator to review the case and to file a report. Then the Grand Knight and Financial Secretary of the Council must determine if the application is meritorious before sending the application to the Fund. There is no need to bring the applicant's request to the Council for approval.

Where Do Our Donations Come From?

Funding for the Blessed Michael McGivney Fund is provided through the generosity of Oregon Councils, Assemblies, and individual Brothers, from special events sponsored by the Council and through legacy bequests. Every Knights of Columbus Brother in Oregon is asked to join the **365 Club** and contribute one penny a day, or more. The 365 Club is **BROTHER HELPING BROTHER**.

Funding Shortage:

We will continue to be as charitable as possible with the funds we have available.

We ask for your generous charitable and fraternal supports so we may continue assisting Brothers in distress, including those in your council.

What Is The 365 Club?

The **365 Club** is the primary method used to collect contributions to the Blessed Michael McGivney Fund. To join Brothers are asked to donate a penny a day (\$3.65 per year), or more, to the fund.

Each Council's Financial Secretary is requested to support the **365 Club**. The best way to accomplish this is for the Financial Secretary to request donations by adding an additional line to the Council's dues billing statement: **"365 Club – Please add a \$3.65 donation to Blessed Michael McGivney Fund."** This will provide every Brother in the Council an opportunity to support our Fund.

The Oregon State Council Officers

Are Committed,

To the Mission of:

"Brother Helping Brother"

And to Insure,

"We Have Your Back!"

Knights of Columbus

Oregon State Council

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Oregon Blessed Michael

McGivney Fund



BROTHER HELPING BROTHER

365

Club

Fulfilling Blessed Michel McGivney's
mandate-

BROTHER HELPING BROTHER

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 to learn more about these requirements.

Positions requiring training:

Grand Knight - Program Director - Family Director - Community Director

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

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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

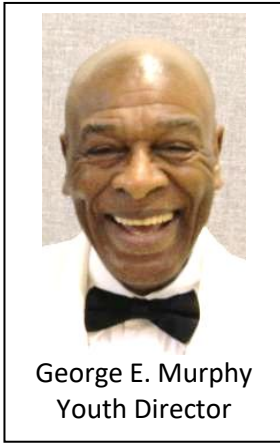
Route 7 2026 Schedule
February 14 – March 21, Alaska
March 22 – April 18, Hawaii
April 19 – May 23, Washington
May 24 – June 20, Idaho
June 21 – July 18, Oregon
July 19 – August 15, Nevada
August 16 – October 31, California
November 1 – November 21, Arizona
November 22 – December 5, New Mexico
December 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

Worthy Brother Knights:

We are about halfway through delivering our Coats For Kids. The coats arrived on 31 Aug 2026, thanks to Heide at NW Children Outreach and Hope's Closet we were able to use the large truck dock in Tualatin. Again, Joe Fieweger and Manny Buzo were able to get 88 boxes of Coats For Kids from there, 12 boxes from Odd Fellows and 8 boxes from Resurrection Council. However I would like to thank everyone in our State for participation and contributions for a job well done.

Next up is our Annual Soccer event. Councils should be hosting their local events during the month of September 2026, District Deputies should be hosting their District event during October 2026. (DD please remember to order your Soccer Medals from Supreme). I will host

the State Championship at St. Matthew Parish 475 SE 3rd Ave, Hillsboro 97123 on 21 Nov 2026. Registration is at 11:30 AM, competition starts at 12 noon.

For our other Fall programs

1. Catholic Essay
2. Keep Christ In Christmas
3. Drug Abuse
4. Alcohol Awareness

Closing Date for all fall programs is 31 Dec 2026. Next month, October, I will clarify Supreme acceptance for some programs.

If you have any questions please contact me.

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Hillsboro, Or 97123
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gemurphy42@gmail.com

Any question please contact me.

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Membership Director Report



Travis McKinney II
Oregon State
Membership
Director

Brother Knights,

I hope everyone is doing well as we finish the second month of the 2026-2027 Fraternal Year. I want to thank all of you for continuing to make membership a priority and for the work you are doing to bring new men into the Knights of Columbus.

Our latest membership report, dated **August 15**, shows that Oregon has now welcomed **77 new members** toward our statewide goal of **505**. That puts us at approximately **15% of our annual membership goal** only six weeks into the new Fraternal Year.

That is a great start, but we still have a long way to go—and every Council has an important role to play.

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Division Leaders

The competition between our divisions is beginning to heat up. Here are the current leaders as of August 15:

Division 1 – 105 Members and Above

Council 2325 – Oregon City

22 new members – 244% of goal

Council 5842 – Gervais

4 new members – 50% of goal

Council 9263 – Queen of Peace

3 new members – 50% of goal

Oregon City continues to set an incredible pace. With 22 new members, they have already reached more than twice their annual membership goal.

Division 2 – 61–104 Members

Council 13700 – St. Joseph the Worker

13 new members – 217% of goal

Council 10594 – Keizer

3 new members – 60% of goal

🏆 Council 5416 – Silverton

2 new members – 40% of goal

Also tied at 40% are Council 11109 – Independence and Council 8129 – Dallas, both with 2 new members.

Division 3 – 60 Members or Fewer

🏆 Council 15295 – Cathedral, Portland

2 new members – 40% of goal

🏆 Council 7388 – St. Agatha, Portland

2 new members – 40% of goal

🏆 Council 3302 – Scappoose

1 new member – 20% of goal

Also at 20% are St. Rose, Sandy, Wilsonville, and Seaside, each with one new member.

Congratulations to all of these Councils! The division structure is doing exactly what we intended—giving Councils of similar size an opportunity to compete and be recognized for their recruiting efforts.

🦋 Two Councils Have Already Surpassed 200%!

We have something particularly exciting to celebrate this month.

Two Oregon Councils have already surpassed 200% of their assigned membership goals!

- Council 2325 – Oregon City: 22 members / 9 goal — **244%**
- Council 13700 – St. Joseph the Worker: 13 members / 6 goal — **217%**

That is an incredible accomplishment this early in the year!

Remember, any Council that reaches **200% of its assigned membership goal by June 30, 2027**, will receive a **customized Council Banner** from the Oregon State Council.

Congratulations to these Councils for showing what is possible when we recruit early and consistently.

💰 New \$2,000 Council Incentive

INTRODUCING THE FOUNDERS AWARD
EMPOWERING OUR NEW AND ASSOCIATES MEMBERS

- Agents meet individually with our new and associate members
- Learn about Fr McGivney and the history of our Order
- Learn about our exclusive top rated financial products
- Complete Financial Needs Analysis (FNA)
- Help their council qualify for the Founders Award
- No purchase required

STATE COUNCIL CHALLENGE!
All councils completing 15 meetings with their agent by December 31st will enter a into drawing for...
A \$2,000 INCENTIVE!

Knights of Columbus

I also want to share an exciting new incentive created by our **General Field Agent, Cicero Seisdedos**.

The process is simple: Councils can **facilitate meetings between their associate and new members and their assigned General Agent**. By helping make those connections, the Council becomes eligible to participate in a **\$2,000 drawing on December 31, 2026**.

This is a great opportunity for Councils to strengthen their relationship with their field agent while helping new and prospective members better understand the benefits of being a Knight.

I encourage every Council to take advantage of this opportunity. **Don't just recruit the man—help him become engaged with the Order.**

★ Circle of Honor Update

We are also making excellent progress toward our **Circle of Honor** goal. According to the latest Circle of Honor report dated **August 14, 2026**, Oregon is currently ranked **#3 among all jurisdictions**, with **64 members recruited toward our Circle of Honor goal of 497**. That puts Oregon at **12.88% of goal**. This is an outstanding position for Oregon to be in this early in the Fraternal Year.

I especially want to recognize **Worthy Grand Knight Damien Brooks and Council 2325 – Oregon City** for their tremendous recruiting effort. Their 22 new members have played a major role in putting Oregon among the top jurisdictions in the country.

But we cannot depend on one or two Councils to carry the state.
If every Council recruits, Oregon will achieve Circle of Honor.

As men return from summer vacations and families begin getting ready for school, this is an excellent time to conduct a parish membership drive. Set up a table after Mass. Talk to men as they return to parish activities. Use **Online Membership**. Have your recruiters ready to answer questions and invite Catholic men to become part of our brotherhood. Don't wait until the end of the year.

Recruit early. Recruit often. Build your Council now.

Thank you again to every Grand Knight, Financial Secretary, Membership Director, District Deputy, and Brother Knight who is making membership growth a priority.

The early results show what Oregon can accomplish when we work together.

Every Council can grow. Every Knight can recruit. Every parish can benefit.
Vivat Jesus!

Vivat Jesus!

Travis McKinney II
Oregon State Membership Director
Grand Knight Council 13700
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Dear Business Owner/Business Representative,

Albany Council 1577 of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring our 7th 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). 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: _____



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

- ☒ 18 holes of golf
- ☒ Bucket of balls
- ☒ Lunch
- ☒ Shared golf cart
- ☒ Entry into all awards

More information and entry form:

Scan: QR code
or

Contact: Jim McDowell, 541-981-1199
ljmcdowell@comcast.net



The 7th 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.

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) 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: _____



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**

Council In Action

For Council 3591, the locally well known Elephant Garlic Festival in North Plains, OR is the major fundraiser for the Our Lady of the Valley Council 3591 from Tigard.

The Garlic Festival began on Friday August 7th and ran into Sunday August 9th. The members of Council 3591 set up all the equipment throughout the day on Thursday and operated their food booth Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Members sold a sesame garlic chicken meal (gluten free) that included a piece of sesame garlic chicken, garlic mashed potatoes and garlic green beans. We're one of the few booths set up by parish ministries that sell a full meal. All items were available a la carte.

Booths opened each day at 10 am (the grill team started at 6am and the cook team at 8am) and stayed open until the festival closed for the day at 11pm (4pm on Sunday).

With our dedicated group of Brothers we are energized to make the sauces, marinate the chicken and then set up and run our booth. We also have many willing volunteers from our Council and organizations that we support through our fund raising.

Sales are usually brisk and we frequently have a long line especially, as one would expect, at meal times.

Some of the charities we support are:

- the St. Vincent de Paul food bank
- Father Taaffe homes
- Family Promise of Tualatin Valley
- Caring Closet (The Caring Closet is a Tigard-Tualatin School District program that provides clothing, shoes, hygiene products, and bedding to students in need, with appointments required and donations welcome)
- supporting seminarians
- our parish church and structures
- and the associated school.

Vivat Jesus

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Council 3591
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Assembly In Action

Raise the Flag – 1st Day of School – Assembly 905

Sacred Heart Catholic School opened the 2026-27 school year with a patriotic flag-raising ceremony that united students, educators, the Knights of Columbus and the wider Rogue Valley community in observance of the nation's 250th anniversary.

Oregon became the 33rd state on February 14, 1859. Medford emerged as Southern Oregon's economic hub in 1883 and is now the state's eighth-largest city. This history provides a fitting backdrop for a school tradition that celebrates faith, community and national heritage.

Before Medford became an economic hub—and even after Oregon achieved statehood—the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary established a Catholic school in 1865. The school has continued to evolve in service to the educational and spiritual needs of local families, moving to its current location in 1908. Today, it serves Central Point, Medford, Ashland, and communities throughout the Rogue Valley. With 200 students registered for the 2026–27 school year, that tradition of service and growth continues.

Principal Curt Shenk, a Brother Knight, described the principle that guides the school: “Christ directs us to love one another and live a virtuous life. In all we do, this is our guiding principle.”

The First Day of School Raise the Flag Ceremony began four years ago, during Mr. Shenk's first year as principal, when enrollment stood at 122 students. Assembly 905's Honor Guard raised the flag at that inaugural ceremony.

As the student body has grown, participation in the ceremony has expanded. This year, two students served as flag bearers for the United States and Oregon flags. Five fourth-grade students carried Assembly 905's anniversary banner, while the Chesterton Academy Catholic High School chorus led the national anthem. Twelve eighth-grade students also sang the school spirit song, “They'll Know We Are Christians.”

Medford Assembly 905, the Very Reverend Francis W. Black with Knights from Council 1594 in Medford, and Knights from Council 11258 in Central Point were honored to support Father Ken Sampson, Principal Curt Shenk, and Sacred Heart Catholic School at the start of the school year. Held during the nation's 250th-anniversary observance, the ceremony honored the United States, the flag, and the shared commitment of the Rogue Valley's Catholic community.

Respectfully Submitted

Joe Schaecher
FN, Assembly 905





Council In Action

Brothers,

A group of our Brother Knights got together recently to discuss ways to fund the new oven/stove for the Sacred Heart kitchen. It looks like the cost will be about \$3000 according to Brother Bruce Walker.

The group personally committed to donate to the cost and are challenging the rest of us to do the same.

Please discuss it with your spouse and give it some prayerful consideration. Checks can be sent to me at the address below and note in the memo that it is for Sacred Heart Kitchen. We are also going to put it in the church bulletin and ask for donations from the congregation. I think we can get this done fairly soon if we all pitch in.

Tim Grady, Financial Secretary
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Waldport, OR 9734
tgrady309@gmail.com
PH:541-961-2713

Editor's note: Sometimes, when a Council cannot wait for a special event such as a dinner or raffle to take place; it may become necessary to ask Council members to bear the cost. Remember, this is how Father Michael McGivney started the Knights of Columbus – with funds provided by the first members.

Council In Action

By: Council 8255 Seaside

Over the 4th of July holiday & the annual Seaside Volleyball tournament 8-10 August, the St John Paul the Great Council 8355 raised over \$3,000 by selling parish parking spaces due to the influx of crowds and limited parking spaces near the beach.



The proceeds will be donated to local charities such as the St Vincent de Paul food pantry in Gearhart, the Coast Pregnancy Center in Astoria, our parish Our Lady of Victory, and Mt. Angel Seminary.

Fraternally, Dave Hurley, GK
hurley_dw@hotmail.com
PH: 703-501-8702

A Council/Assembly Little Prayer

I suggest a little prayer which refreshes us and focuses on many of our core values, thus energizing and enabling our love for who we are and what we do as Knights of Columbus. We all need to be reminded from time to time.

I shared this prayer with my Council 1872 and Assembly 908.

I truly believe the Holy Spirit inspired this little prayer.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**We ask your blessing on our meeting, and
in the spirit of Blessed Father Michael J. McGivney,
as Knights of Columbus, we strive to exemplify
Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.**

**Blessed Trinity, we ask your guidance and grace
to do your will for our family, church, community, and country.**

Amen.

Vivat Jesus!

Robert K. Smith
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cell: 541-948-2341
Be the Change You Want to See... Mother Teresa

Always Remember September 11, 2001



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, Dan Neal and
all Knights in distress in the Council**

Council 9257 Milwaukie

Paul Martin Piotrkowski, PGK

Council 2831 Woodburn

Deacon Richard J. Karl

Brother of Thomas Karl
Council 9529 Lincoln City

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



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:

Tim Grady, Welfare/Prayer Chairman

tgrady309@gmail.com

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



You may be looking for a way to make a big difference to help further our mission. If you are 70½ or older you may also be interested in a way to lower the income and taxes from your IRA withdrawals. An IRA charitable rollover is a way you can help continue our work and benefit this year.

Benefits of an IRA charitable rollover

- Avoid taxes on transfers of up to \$111,000 from your IRA to our organization
- Satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year
- Reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions
- Make a gift that is not subject to the deduction limits on charitable gifts
- Help further the work and mission of our organization

How an IRA charitable rollover gift works

1. Contact your IRA plan administrator to make a gift from your IRA to us.
2. Your IRA funds will be transferred directly to our organization to help continue our important work.
3. Please note that IRA charitable rollover gifts do not qualify for a charitable deduction.
4. Let us know if you wish for your gift to be used for a specific purpose.

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