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## Meeting Notice

The Assembly meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each Month at 3:30 at the Sizzler Restaurant on Santiam Highway in Albany. Current and prospective new members and wives are always welcome. As always casual attire.



## The Navigator's Nocturnal By John Morford, FN



With this year's KC state convention behind me, it is time to get up to date on many programs I am working on. This year's convention was interesting from getting around Bend, Oregon with all the traffic circles, to finding all the locations for the events. The main problem was not enough time, up early and to bed late. Now District 7 is hosting the State Convention next year, April 26 – 28, 2018 at Boulder Falls Inn in Lebanon.

We have a few things to finish up for this. We are electing new officers for next year 2017-2018. We have Memorial Day programs to attend in Corvallis and Albany, and the possible 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade to participate in. I would like to see everyone at our next meeting, May 21, 2017, 3pm at Sizzler's. June's meeting will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday so put it on your calendar also.

**Prayer Chain** - Please pray for the following Sir Knights: Larry Beary, Mel Chaput, Jack Gall, Paul Hofstadt, Frank Libra, Bob Aldrich, Bob Martin, Jack O'Brien, Bob Rackham, and Dave Trahan. If you know of any other Sir Knight or family member who are sick or in distress, notify the Faithful Navigator, or Faithful Friar.

## Faithful Friar - Memorial Day Message

What is Memorial Day? Memorial Day is a time we honor or pay tribute to our war dead. This is a time when people or organization gather, most generally in cemeteries, make speeches decorate graves with flags and flowers. These events take place in various areas of the United States. May 30<sup>th</sup> was the designated day for this occasion. Someone came up with an idea to make it a three-day holiday weekend and changed Memorial Day to the last Monday in May.

In Lebanon, the cemetery driveway is lined with hundreds of large flags and the graves have small flags on each of them. This gives a very impressive sight. Sometimes someone will play taps with a twenty-one-gun salute. This will send chills down your spine! It makes you think of the many lives that were sacrificed so we can enjoy the freedoms we have. Oh yes, there are those who protest these doings. They forget about the ultimate sacrifice that provided the opportunity for them to be able to do this.

If you can, offer a special prayer on this day in thanksgiving for those that were willing to go abroad to protect our way of life. Better yet, if you have the opportunity, go to church and attend a Mass, pray for them in this way. At the same time, let us also pray for police officers, fires fighters and first responders that have sacrificed for our protection.

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the Mercy of God rest in peace.*

*God Bless,  
Arnie Kroll Faithful Friar*

## 109<sup>th</sup> Knights of Columbus Oregon State Convention, Bend, Oregon

Assembly 906 was well represented at the State Convention this year. Some highlights of the Convention results include the election of Sir Knight Tom Radel to State Warden. In addition, Sir Knights Tom Radel, Paul Nowak, and Mike Woody were elected as delegates to the Supreme Convention in St Louis in July. Our area Councils, District 7 and Assembly 906 will be well represented.

The State Convention included a Necrology Mass for our departed brothers. The Mass was celebrated by Bishop Liam Cary with an Honor Guard of 40 Knights. Remembered brothers included, Sir Knights Randy Lloyd (Albany), Tim Sullivan, W. Lee Faust Jr (Corvallis), Frank Libra, Gary Curran, Harold Shumaker, James Brazel (Lebanon), and Glovis Chavez (Sweet Home). May God grant them eternal rest and may perpetual light shine upon them.



906 Sir Knights who participated in the Necrology Mass Honor Guard. Pictured from left to right are SK Bob Weiler, Jon Keefer, Mike Lam and Ken Andersen.

## Confirmation Mass by Bishop Peter Smith, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Albany



St. Pope John XXIII Assembly 906 at the Confirmation Mass at St. Mary's in Albany on April 23, 2017. Mass celebrated by Bishop Peter Smith confirmed 42 young men and women from St Mary's (Albany), St Edwards (Lebanon), and St Helen (Sweet Home) . Pictured: Michael Lam (OSU GK), Tom Radel (DD#7), Ken Anderson (DW#7), Arnie Kroll (Lebanon), Bernie Covino (Albany), Vince Wells (Lebanon), Terry Brillon (Albany), Paul Nowak, (Lebanon)

## Passing of Sir Knight Gary Curran



Gary J. Curran, 76, of Lebanon died April 3, 2017 in Lebanon.

Gary was born Sept. 2, 1940, in Portland the son of Daniel and Helen Kathryn (Clohessy) Curran. Gary was raised in Portland and graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1958. He then attended Lewis and Clark Junior College, Portland State University and graduated from the University of Oregon with a degree in physical education and health. He later earned his master's degree in education from the University of Oregon

Gary married Mary Ystad on Sept. 9, 1961, in Portland. They resided in Creswell, Baker City and Klamath Falls, where Gary had taught and coached. They moved to Lebanon in 1972 and Gary began working for the Scio School District, where he taught, coached, served as the athletic director and as vice-principle.

Gary became an insurance agent in 1984 working for the Knights of Columbus and later Allstate Insurance. He was one of the first life specialists for Allstate Insurance Company in the State of Oregon. He retired in 2005 and then for eight years drove foster children to see their parents for the State of Oregon.

Gary was a member of St. Edward Catholic Church, the Linn-Benton Duck Club and the Wigwam Wiseman. He was past Grand Knight and District Deputy for the Knights of Columbus. Gary loved all sports and was an avid Duck and Lebanon Warrior fan.

He is survived by his wife, Mary of Lebanon; children Maureen Parks of Portland, Michael Curran of Abilene, Texas. and Tom Curran of Cave Creek, Arizona; brother Pat Curran and sister Ann Curran, both of Portland; six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

## Patriotic Degree Flag Ceremony Team

We are still looking to create a flag ceremony team out of Assembly 906. This would require regalia and the ability to practice several times per year. We will need at least 6 to perform the ceremony. Let Arnie Kroll know if you can participate and he will send the script via email.

Bernie Covino also has Regalia stores for anyone interested in joining and to mitigate the cost of the Regalia. They consisting of:

White Cape,  
2XL 36/37 regular collar shirt,  
size M Fancy collar shirt,  
social baldrics,  
suspenders, and  
bowties.

## Name Tags for Sir Knight Wives



Here is an example of a name tag available for the wives of Sir Knights. They are about \$8.00 if ordered a few at a time. If you're interested in

obtaining one for your wife, contact the Faithful Comptroller, Paul Nowak.

## 2016-17 Assembly Officers

**Faithful Navigator:** John Morford

**Faithful Captain:** Ben Duerr

**3-year Trustee:** Bernie Covino

**2-Year Trustee:** Emmet Jones

**1 Year Trustee and Faithful Scribe:** Bob Rackham

**Faithful Pilot:** Mark Krantz

**Faithful Friar and Color Corps Commander:** Arnold Kroll

**Faithful Admiral:** Bob Weiler

**Faithful Sentinel:** Tom Radel

**Faithful Comptroller:** Paul Nowak

**Faithful Purser:** Dan Wehrman

**Outer Sentinel:** Mark Krantz

## 2017-18 Assembly Election Slate

The slate for the upcoming election has been filled. We will still be able to nominate or volunteer for positions before the vote at the next meeting in June. The current slate is:

**Faithful Navigator:** John Morford

**Faithful Captain:** Ben Duerr

**3-year Trustee:** Arnie Kroll

**2-Year Trustee:** Bernie Covino

**1 Year Trustee:** Emmitt Jones

**Faithful Scribe:** Bob Rackham

**Faithful Pilot:** Vince Wells

**Faithful Friar:** Arnold Kroll

**Faithful Admiral:** Bob Weiler

**Faithful Sentinel:** Chris James

**Faithful Comptroller:** Paul Nowak

**Faithful Purser:** Dan Wehrman

**Outer Sentinel:** Kenneth Anderson

## CALENDAR

Next Patriotic Degree Exemplification

May 14 – Bend

### Birthdays

#### MAY

George A Bostwick (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Mathias J. Hellman (15<sup>th</sup>)

Rev James M. Herrera (18<sup>th</sup>)

Rev Andrew R Thomas (13<sup>th</sup>)

Dave H. Trahan (19<sup>th</sup>)

Bernard F. Gerding (20<sup>th</sup>)

Jerry R. Neuman (20<sup>th</sup>)

Rev Kenneth E. Hume (24<sup>th</sup>)

Leslie A Andersen (30<sup>th</sup>)

### June

David J. Neuman (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Patrick P. Parson (8<sup>th</sup>)

Michael Q. Lam (10<sup>th</sup>)

Joe Hlebichuk (11<sup>th</sup>)

Jeffrey S. Nielson (15<sup>th</sup>)

Robert L. Rackham (16<sup>th</sup>)

Robert C. Pace (21<sup>st</sup>)

Terry D. Brillon (24<sup>th</sup>)

Melvin L. Chaput (28<sup>th</sup>)

Rev John L Henderson (20<sup>th</sup>)

Robert J Kish (22<sup>nd</sup>)

John T Moore (22<sup>nd</sup>)

Daniel J. McDowell (29<sup>th</sup>)

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### May 2017

3– 1577 Council Meeting, 7 pm (Normally 1<sup>st</sup> Wed)

4 – 3184 Council Meeting, 7 pm (1<sup>st</sup> Thur)

5-7 – State Convention

9 – 1785 Council Meeting, 7 pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Tues)

11 – 16145 Council Meeting, 6 pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Thur)

14 – Mother's Day

14 – 8624 Council Meeting, 7 pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Sun)

20 - Armed Forces Day

21 – 1577 Council Breakfast

**21 – Diocesan Drive, Stop the Funding Initiative**

21 – 906 Assembly Meeting, 4 pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Sun)

24 – 1577 Council's Admissions Exemplification (4<sup>th</sup> Wed)

25 – Ascension of the Lord

29 – Memorial Day – Crystal Lake Cemetery, 10am and

Timber Linn Memorial Park, 11am

#### June 2017

1 – 3184 Council Meeting, 7 pm (1<sup>st</sup> Thur)

3 – Patriot Degree Exemplification (Bend)

4 – Pentecost Sunday

7– 1577 Council Meeting, 7 pm (1<sup>st</sup> Wed)

8 – 16145 Council Meeting, 6 pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Thur)

11 – 8624 Council Meeting, 7 pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Sun)

13 – 1785 Council Meeting, 7 pm (2<sup>nd</sup> Tues)

18 – Father's Day

18 – 906 Assembly Meeting, 4 pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Sun)

28 – 1577 Council's Admissions Exemplification (4<sup>th</sup> Wed)

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