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Meeting Notice

The Assembly meets on the 3rd 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



Starting my second year as your Faithful Navigator. We had a very small turn out for June and July meeting. Please try to make it the September Meeting. The number one question I have is your feelings about the new uniform for the 4th degree. The 4th of July parade was a fun outing and our banner got its day view. Our district is looking at three charity programs, Wheel Chairs, Ultrasound Machines, and raising \$2000 for Christian Refugees, the cost per family for resettlement.

Vivat Jesus,
John Morford
Faithful Navigator

Faithful Friar – The Great Eclipse

For some time, the event of The Great Eclipse has been a top news story. You hear that there will be so many thousand people in this city or so many thousand people in this city. How people will be spending x-number of dollars just to view the moon passing between the earth and sun. There will be

all kinds of traffic jams. You should avoid such and such cities during this time. A lot of hype is going into an event that will last about five minutes. Some people will be disappointed that it's over so quickly. Some people make a big to-do out of something where money is involved. The immensity of this event occurs about every one hundred years.

Let us look at an event that occurs every year on the 15th of August. It is called the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. You hear a little about it at Sunday Masses. The news media doesn't say one word about it. For one thing, it is not a big money maker. Another thing there won't be traffic jams of people going to Mass. An event of this magnitude doesn't get the attention of the general populous, so the media doesn't report it. To Catholics this is a very important event. This is the day when Our Lord brought His Mother to be with Him in Heaven. The sad part is that not all Catholic think it to be a great event. They won't take the time to attend Mass to commemorate this great privilege granted to Mary our heavenly Mother. By all means take in the sight of the eclipse, but first go to the Mass for the Assumption.

God Bless you,
Faithful Friar,
Arnie Kroll

Prayer Chain

Please pray for the following Sir Knights: Larry Beary, Mel Chaput, Jack Gall, Paul Hofstadt, 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.

Stop the Funding Signature Drive

Attached are copies of the August issue of the Oregon Knights of Columbus pro-life newsletter "[Oregon, That's Life](http://kofcknights.org/States/Ore_2017_No_05.pdf/)" (http://kofcknights.org/States/Ore_2017_No_05.pdf/) "[Oregon, Asi es la Vida](http://kofcknights.org/States/Espanol_2017_No_05.pdf/)". (http://kofcknights.org/States/Espanol_2017_No_05.pdf/)

These are being sent to Council leaders; we ask you leaders to please share the newsletters with your entire Council membership. We also encourage you to share the newsletters with your Parish, local pro-life groups, and anyone else who might be interested in Culture of Life news.

Note that this month's newsletter has an additional page with important Stop The Funding information. Please encourage all members to engage in signature gathering to stop the funding of abortion in Oregon.

Thank you for your support in promoting the message of the sanctity of life.

Vivat Jesus!

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New 4th Degree Uniform

From the Knights Of Columbus Supreme Web Site 8/14/17

Earlier this month, the Knights of Columbus board of directors unanimously voted to adopt a new uniform for the Fourth Degree (Pictured). The decision was made with the good of the entire Order in mind. While we understand that some members may prefer the old regalia, the supreme master and vice supreme masters urge all Fourth Degree members to put the good of the Order before any personal preference.

The board decided to make this move based on the following factors:

- the aging of our Fourth Degree membership
- the slow growth of the Fourth Degree (fewer than 20 percent of Knights are Fourth Degree members, and only a fraction of that number even serve as honor guards)
- consistent reports that the old regalia presented a barrier to Fourth Degree membership, especially among younger men

The following FAQ should answer many of the questions that have arisen concerning this change.

Q: Will the new uniform allow the use of ceremonial swords?

A: Yes. Ceremonial swords will continue to be part of the Fourth Degree. When swords are used, gloves should also be used. (see picture above).

Q: How will rank be distinguished?

A: Colored patches will be worn on the beret behind the Fourth Degree emblem as follows:

- Dark Blue Supreme Master
- Light Blue Vice Supreme Masters
- Gold District Masters
- White Faithful Navigators
- Green District Marshals
- Purple Color Corp Commanders

Those not holding office (who formerly wore red capes) will wear berets with no patch.



Q: Where can I buy the new uniform?

A: www.knightsgear.com

Q: Will there be discounts offered on the new uniform?

A: Yes. The Order will subsidize the new uniform with a 25 percent discount offered to all members who order the new uniform prior to Sept. 30, 2017.

Q: What if a member just purchased the old regalia?

A: Any member who purchased the old regalia after May 1, 2017, can submit their receipt along with their member number to regaliacredit@kofc.org. Information will then be sent to that member on how to receive a \$200 credit toward the new uniform.

Q: Is the Order making money on the new uniform?

A: No, the uniform is being sold at (or sometimes below) our cost.

Q: Was the new uniform field tested prior to its release?

A: Yes. The new uniform was field tested by Fourth Degree members attending the Warriors to Lourdes pilgrimage.

Q: Can the old regalia still be worn?

A: Yes, for a time. While the preference is for the new uniform wherever possible, the old regalia can still be worn until the end of the current fraternal year (June 30, 2018). After that date, only the new uniform should be worn.

Q: Who made this decision?

A: The board of directors made this decision earlier this year after a three year period of testing and discussion. In addition, changing the uniform/regalia was previously discussed with the vice supreme masters at the Supreme Assembly.

Q: Did members have input on this?

A: For years, supreme officers and directors have received comments from members and prospective members that the old regalia was a barrier to membership overall, or to membership in the Fourth Degree.

Q: In what context should this change best be understood?

A: During the convention, the Good of the Order Committee stated: "We commend all of the faithful Sir Knights who have proudly worn the Fourth Degree regalia, bringing much respect to the Order. With the new Fourth Degree

uniform, recently approved by the Board of Directors, this honor and respect associated with Sir Knights will remain, and it will open the door more widely for a new generation to join their ranks. In a spirit of unity, let us assist with a smooth transition to this new uniform and encourage it to be worn with great dignity and pride.”

Veterans Day Veteran of the Year

The Veterans Commemoration Association, which sponsors the Albany Veterans parade, is hoping that the Veteran of the Year will be a woman this year. 350, 000 women served during WWII, 100,000 served during Korea, 11,000 in Vietnam with 200,000 currently serving.

If you know of a women veteran whom you’d like to nominate, you can contact Al Severson at The Frame House, 434 First Ave, W, Albany, OR for an application. Nominees must be honorably discharged and volunteer in their communities.

2017-18 Assembly Officers

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

September 23, 2017 – Beaverton, [St. Cecilia Catholic Church](#)

Birthdays

September

Charles N. Bonnen (1st)

Gary J. Curren (2nd)

Douglas Johnson (2nd)

Joseph A Schaefer (4th)

Edward A. Johnson (14th)

Christopher J. James (16th)

John E. Morford (19th)

John W. O’Brien (20th)

Kenneth J. Anderson (23rd)

Benjamin P. Duerr (23rd)

Gary P. Beck (25th)

John J. Fradet (25th)

October

Anthony M. Loparco (14th)

Eugene R. Monroe (19th)

Francis WM Gerding (29th)

Jack L. Gall (30th)

September 2017

4 – Labor Day

6 – 1577 Council Meeting, 7 pm (1st Wed)

7 – 3184 Council Meeting, 7 pm (1st Thur)

10 – 8164 Council Meeting, 7 pm (2nd Sun)

11 – Patriot Day

11 – World Day of Prayer for Peace

12 – 1785 Council Meeting, 7 pm (2nd Tues)

14 – 16145 Council Meeting, 6 pm (2nd Thur)

16 – 1577 Council 1st Annual Charity Golf Tournament

16 – 1785 Admissions, Formation and Knighthood Exemplification

17 – Assembly Meeting, Sizzler in Albany (3rd Sun)

20 – 1577 Council Rosary for Life (3rd Wed, 6pm))

23 – Patriot Exemplification, Hillsboro, 1 pm

26 – 1755’s Admissions Exemplification (4th Tues)

29-1 – 2017 College Council’s Conference

October 2017

4 – 1577 Council Meeting, 7 pm (1st Wed)

5 – 3184 Council Meeting, 7 pm (1st Thur)

7 – Rosary Bowl (Oregon State Fairgrounds)

8 – 8164 Council Meeting, 7 pm (2nd Sun)

8 – District 7 Summer Meeting

9 – Columbus Day

9 – Albany Blood Drive

10 – 1785 Council Meeting, 7 pm (2nd Tues)

12 – 16145 Council Meeting, 6 pm (2nd Thur)

18 – 1577 Rosary for Life

16 – Assembly Meeting, Sizzler in Albany (3rd Sun)

16 – 1577’s Quarterly Spanish Admissions Degree (3rd Sun)

20-21 Catholic Men’s Conference

24 – 1577’s Admissions Exemplification (4th Wed)

28 – 5th Sunday Rosary Weekend

31 – Halloween

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