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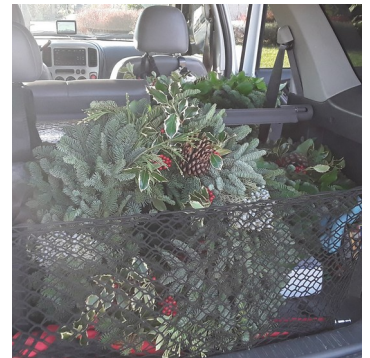
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## General Meeting Notice

The Assembly typically did meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each Month at the Sizzler Restaurant on Santiam Hwy in Albany, dining at 3 pm, meeting at 4 pm. Current and prospective new members and wives are always welcome. Casual attire. **Due to COVID-19 we now meet online.**  
**Next Meeting: December 20<sup>th</sup> via Zoom @ 4:00 pm**

Meeting ID: **778 624 0036**, Passcode: **906**

thanks to efforts by 4th Degree Knights of Columbus and Leanna, the receptionist at the home.



## The Navigator's Compass

By SK Emmet Jones, FN



**Editor's Note:** This issue of The Catholic Patriot talks about our gift of Christmas wreaths to the Vet's Home in Lebanon.

### *The Christmas Wreath*

This year, this month, this week, our Forth Degree Assembly #906, gave Christmas Wreaths, again, to the Veteran's Home in Lebanon. Even with the Covid-19 plague we managed to mask and social distance while delivering both green holy and eatable wreaths

So where did the tradition and custom or the wreath come from? The word wreath comes from the word "writen" that was an old English word meaning "to writhe" or "to twist." The art of hanging Christmas wreaths originated from the Romans who hung wreaths on their doors as a sign of victory and of their status in society. What victory is it that we honor? The victory of Jesus Christ who came into our world and our lives to save us from our sin and who leads us to the city of God forever.

Christmas wreaths are made by twisting or bending evergreen branches into a large circle which are then decorated with pine cones and bow. The

circle shape of the wreath is made to represent Christ's eternal love, his strength, and the creation of new life. Evergreens are commonly used in the construction of the wreath due to their heartiness throughout harsh winters and that they denote strength as well as immortality.

Christmas wreaths are also connected with the pagan holiday of Yule, marking the winter solstice, which was celebrated by ancient Germanic and Scandinavian peoples. This 12-day festival, which was also called midwinter, was held to honor the returning of the sun and the seasonal cycle. The wreaths used during Yule were meant to symbolize nature and the promise of spring. But perhaps the most widespread and well-known use of wreaths comes in connection with Christmas and with Christianity, as their circular shape is said to symbolize eternal life and the unending love of God. In the 16th century, the use of wreaths during Yule was adopted by Christians and became a custom in the form of Advent wreaths. These wreaths were traditionally made of evergreens, which also symbolize eternal life, holly oak, and red berries. The red berries and the thorny leaves of the holly oak represented the crown of thorns worn by Jesus and the drops of blood that they drew.

No matter what traditions your family celebrates, there may be room in them for an evergreen wreath on your door or an advent wreath with four candles on your table. By sharing our joy with others, who may not have as much family to share with, we can bring a bit of charity and joy to them. Through the symbols we see in the wreaths we can open our hearts and share our love to those who are in need of some. As Knights of Columbus this is exactly what we have promised to do and what we must do as Catholic men.

*Sources:*

<https://www.wilson-evergreens.com/history-of-the-christmas-wreath>

<https://www.santasquarters.com/origins-christmas-wreaths/>

***Here is how we came to give the veterans home live wreaths as a donation***—by Sir Dan Wehrman

Sandy and I have a holly farm in Wilsonville. Over the years we have supplied a lady, who I only know as Maria, with holly for her to use in making wreaths. Her husband and son come cut the holly and gather it for her to use. She makes the wreaths in her garage in Woodburn and then sells them. Last year I told her of the Assemblies plan to give wreaths to the Veterans Home and asked if she would supply us with the wreaths, each year she has made us eight large, beautiful wreaths. When I went to pick them up, she said she wished to donate them to our cause.

Each year I have insisted that she take money for her work and she just as insistently refuses! Since she hand makes each of these wreaths, it truly is a labor of love she supplies us with, allowing us to use our resources for other worthy causes. As anyways, Maria is an unsung hero in our effort to make Christmas a little better for our great American veterans.

### ***Coming Up*** (Thank You Albany Council)

December 30: Rosary for Life (6:00 p.m.).

January 8-10: State Mid-Year Meeting (Coos Bay and online).

January 21-29: 9 Days for Life Novena.

January 23: March for Life at the Capitol in Salem.

January 27: Rosary for Life (6:00 p.m.).

Archbishop Sample's Statement on the Governor's Latest Restrictions

Archbishop Alexander K. Sample / Archbishop, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Portland and Oregon

"I am pleased and grateful that our ongoing discussion with the Governor's office has resulted in a more reasonable percent to capacity policy for the Catholic Church and other faith communities. However, the Eucharist is as essential to the Catholic faith life as going to the grocery store and I will continue to advocate for the faithful. I also pray for the governor and her staff as we overcome this pandemic together."

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**Zoom Meetings, hosted by Emmet...**  
**December 20<sup>th</sup> via Zoom @ 4:00 pm**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7786240036>  
**Pass-code: 906**

*Vivat Jesus!*

**Birthdays for Nov & Dec**

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Middle</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>4th Degree Date</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Age</u>
Gregory	C	Giles	Corvallis	OR	10-12-1995	11	60
Randy	C	Martinak	Albany	OR	03-22-2014	11	75
John	L	Milani	Albany	OR	06-08-2019	11	66
Henry	J	Pavelek	Corvallis	OR	09-01-1981	11	79
John	P	Adamski	Corvallis	OR	06-11-2005	12	63
Robert	R	Aldrich	Albany	OR	01-31-2015	12	86
Robert	B	Martin	Albany	OR	04-06-2002	12	79
Llewellyn	J	Mcdowell	Albany	OR	06-10-2020	12	71
Albert	H	Morrison	Hayward	CA	01-31-2015	12	68
Alessandro	F	Paul	Sweet Home	OR	02-01-1988	12	66
Michael	F	Quinn	Albany	OR	01-31-2015	12	68
Thomas	F	Radel	Albany	OR	03-22-2014	12	55