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Brothers and Families!

“While Veterans Day occurs before this newsletter is published, I wish to thank all our Veterans and their families as well as any of our service members such as Police, Fire, Hospital and too many to name them all—but, we give you all our thanks for your service.”



“Early Happy Thanksgiving and Continued Happy Fall Season to All!!

I just returned from the State Deputies Mid-Year Meeting. In spite of a crammed-filled weekend of new information, there were opportunities to experience some fraternal bonding among State Deputies and Supreme Staff, share ideas and leave inspired to move forward and finish strong this Fraternal Year!

Throughout the weekend there was continued emphasis of the **Faith in Action** Programs and about its importance on growing the order, strengthening parish community, involving families and that we all become stronger Catholic Role Models. It was an inspiring weekend. This State Deputy’s weekend coincided with the message we, State Officers, heard from Archbishop Sample at our annual luncheon with him a month ago. The topic of KofC Council relationships with Pastors was on the agenda. There was mutual understanding that a strong working relationship or foundation may not exist with every pastor. Brothers, it is obvious to me---it’s something we need to make happen **NOW!!** Now, here is the Archbishop’s message:

Clergy need to know we are there to support them, especially now. He referred to the Domestic Church Initiative as a great foundation and which has evolved to be our **Faith in Action** Programs. Some of his specific suggestions are these:

- How solid is the Council’s foundation with the Pastor? Even if you feel there is an existing and solid foundation, re-visit it. This could be done bi-monthly or quarterly, but don’t continue to take for granted that the foundation is completely solid.
- Someone from the Council needs to visit with the Pastor with the question: “How can we help you? How/what items on your full plate of duties can we help you with?”
- This may be the Grand Knight, another Council officer or someone who can serve as “contact” with the Pastor. It doesn’t have to be one of the Council elected officials.
- The approach **NEEDS TO BE how can we help you? Do not begin your conversation** with just the message that here are the Knight’s activities we want to do to help the parish.

Let’s reach out Brothers!! The message is loud and clear. The opportunity to develop **the Faith in Action** Programs is at our doorstep. We need to act **NOW** --- not next Calendar Year, not next Fiscal Year and not even next month. Why not this month?? **Why??**

What can you and your Council do with other groups in your parish to help revitalize the community atmosphere of your Parish? What can you and your Council do to invite other Catholic men to help be **“Laborers for our Father’s Vineyards?”**

Vivat Jesus

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“Come Holy Spirit”

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Knights of Columbus

OREGON STATE COUNCIL

October 8, 2018

Dear Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries & Council Members,

REFERENCE: "Keep Christ in CHRISTmas" State Program (Highway Billboards)

Merry Christmas!! Frost on the north side of roofs the past two mornings was an awakening that the season to request your assistance and reserve highway billboard space is **NOW!!**

Keep Christ in Christmas Billboards are posted along the Highways of Oregon starting in November. I am attempting to rent a few "High Public Exposure" billboards for both November and December. According to statistics provided by the three billboard companies we used, these billboard sites provided nearly three million "viewing impressions." A "viewing impression" is defined as adults 18 years or older who passed by and could have seen the billboard image and/or message.

The view on the billboard is the Nativity scene (Joseph, Mary and the Christ Child) with the phrase "Keep Christ in Christmas", along with **10 inch bold letters** at the bottom indicating the sponsor is: "Oregon Knights of Columbus." Last year 22 Councils participated or 25%. **My Brothers can't we do better?** As Chairman, my goal is "involvement" i.e. every Council participating with some contribution. As Knights, we know the power of unity.

What might your Council or Assembly contribute? You can consider the range of contributions received past year which was \$50 to \$550. **All amounts help!**

You can help with the planning effort for this Christmas Season by sending your contribution now.

Don't hesitate to call me – (541) 523-6245, with any questions. Please mail the **COMMITMENT NOTICE -- and hopefully a check!!** --- To our State Secretary, Ron Boyce, P.O. Box 23093. Tigard, OR 97281. Thank you for your timely attention and assistance with this State Activity.

Fraternally yours,

Francis

Francis Mohr, Chairman "Keep Christ in CHRISTmas" Program

*******COMMITMENT NOTICE*******

Council Name: _____ No. _____ Date: _____

Enclosed is: _____ **OR** we pledge \$ _____

Officer's Name: _____ Position: _____



CONGRATULATIONS

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Million Dollar Round Table 2018

The Million Dollar Round Table has as its membership, the leading international association of life insurance and financial professionals.

2018 A commitment to excellence, outstanding service and the highest ethical standards: These are the traits of all Knights of Columbus field agents, but the dedication of the agents listed here has earned them membership in the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) for 2018. MDRT is an international organization that recognizes the top 1 percent of financial professionals in the world. We salute these men for their devotion to continuing Father McGivney's mission of protecting Catholic families.



Father Jonathan D. Kalisch, O.P.
Director of Chaplains and
Spiritual Development

Supreme Director of Development Monthly Report

From the Director's Desk

New Programs to Form Basis for Renewal

The evil, crimes and sins recently revealed so publicly underscore the serious need for us to engage the spiritual battle raging around us. In his letter on August 20, 2018, Pope Francis summoned us to a solidarity in fighting "especially spiritual corruption." The Holy Father asked each of us to undertake "a personal and communal conversion that makes us see things as the Lord does" through prayer, penance and fasting.

During this time it may prove fruitful to use the "*Into the Breach*" document as a tool for prayer and discussion to identify how and where Brother Knights and other Catholic men can step into the breach now being experienced as such a wide rift in the Church.

As one young adult college student posted on Facebook: "Let's have more human reactions, rage and sorrow and hurt, and less manicured meaningless statistics, please. To all of our good holy priests who have stood up and been fathers rather than politicians to those who are hurting, scared, despairing in these dark days — thank you. If this is this hard on lay people, I can only imagine how hard it is on faithful priests. As much as we criticize and rage at our church, let's make sure we spend more time praying for our priests."

As Chaplains, may we direct the charity of our Brother Knights toward prayerful solidarity with the victims of abuse and with all who are grieving and striving to combat the works of the Enemy within the Church. May Father McGivney intercede for each of us we lay down our lives with Christ our Lord.

Vivat Jesus!

Father Jonathan D. Kalisch, O.P.

Supreme Chaplain's Challenge



Supreme Chaplain
Archbishop William E. Lori

[The blind man] threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." (Gospel for Oct. 28, Mk. 10:50-52)

Most of us can probably recall requesting a meeting with someone influential, and then reaching a point in that meeting where he or she looked us in the eyes and asked, "So, what can I do for you?" We most likely prepared for this moment, and we clearly stated our need or wish. Brothers, can we imagine the Son of God speaking our own name and asking, "What do you want me to do for you?" It seems extraordinary. Even unbelievable! And yet, this is exactly what Jesus invites us to do *every day* in prayer, reading and reflecting on Scripture, speaking to him about what is in our hearts. That's a meeting you and I would not want to miss.

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

When having a discussions with people this month (especially your family members), give them your undivided attention and do not look at your cell phones during the conversations. Secondly I challenge you to honestly attempt to answer Jesus' question to you, "What do you want me to do for you?"

Vivat Jesus

Archbishop William E. Lori
Supreme Chaplain



William Geary
Vocations Chairman

New Vocations Chairman

By: Executive Secretary Mike Woody

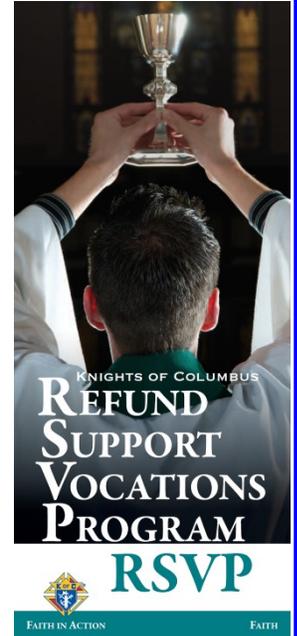
My Brother Knights,

Please welcome former DD05 William Geary as Oregon's Vocation Chairman.

Bill asked that we share his contact information along with an invitation for every Council to learn about ways in which the Oregon Knights support our seminarians – financially, morally and spiritually.

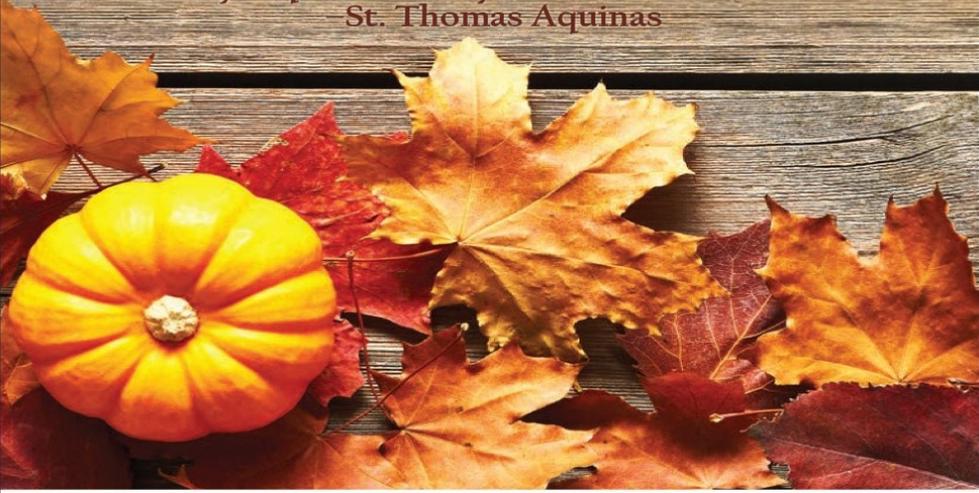
Ask Bill how you can get started in this work!

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Happy Thanksgiving

“O God, grant that whatever good things I have,
I may share generously with those who have not,
and whatever good things I do not have,
I may request humbly from those who do.”
St. Thomas Aquinas



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Tom Radel
State warden

Council Program Reports

They Are Not Just For State Awards

State Council program reports are more than just to receive an award at the State Convention. These reports are used by the Program Directors and State Officers to see how we as a state and your Council are doing regarding programs, especially "Faith in Action" and the required programs.

Reports are due no later than the 15th of the month following the reporting month. Right now only about 25% of the Councils are reporting their program activities which does not give us a full picture the good works and programs Councils are doing across the state.

Reporting is easy to do:

- ◇ Go to the State website
- ◇ Pick the Service Program tab
- ◇ Fill out report and email to the corresponding Program Director
- ◇ Log in under Officers Only
- ◇ Pick the Program Report

FAITH - Ray Prom

COMMUNITY - Kent A Purdy

FAMILY - Robert Adams

LIFE - Patrick Parson

I hope Councils take advantage of reporting the great work you all do.

Thank you

Tom Radel

State Warden/State General Program Director

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George Murphy
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Oregon Soccer Championship Saturday November 17th at 12:00 NOON

To all District Deputies, Grand Knights and Council Youth Directors:

Our State Soccer Championship will be held at Holy Trinity Church and School 13755 S.W. Walker Rd. Beaverton, OR 97005 Saturday at 12 NOON. Please bring your original score sheet, the one that was started at the Council level, to this event.

Next our Poster Contests are as follows:

1. Keep Christ in Christmas, age: 5-7, 8-10, 11-14
2. Alcohol Awareness and Drug Abuse, age: 8 - 11.
3. Drug Awareness and Abuse, age: 12-14.
4. CATHOLIC ESSAY Contest Grades 8 thru 12. THE NEW THEME FOR THE ESSAY IS: How does your family keep its Catholic Faith In Action. All Poster and Essay Programs are due to the State Youth Director by December 29, 2018. The winners will be rewarded with a \$50 check at our State Convention, and sent onto Supreme.

Our Coats For Kids program is moving right along. We ask that you hold your distribution until Black Friday. We ask that if your Council is giving them out, wait until Black Friday. Please contact me with me with the total numbers and dates. Also we can use more Poster Contest entries. Thanks for your participation so far, we are looking forward to your continued participation.

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Michael Woody
Executive Secretary

Candidates for 2nd and 3rd Degrees in Hillsboro on Dec 1

Dear District Deputies, Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries (within 60 miles or easy driving distance)

ACTION NEEDED by all DD, GK and FS: Identify and contact every 1st degree member in your Council(s) of authority with a sincere invitation to attend these lessons, presented in a solemn and professional manner by Tom Hayes and his team.

It has become very apparent that the extra effort of a personal letter invitation, plus a personal call from one of the Council Officers has inspired many members to take that next step to full Knighthood.

Here's the process:

- ◆ Review your current Council rosters and identify all 1st Degree Members
- ◆ A personal invite letter is sent to each 1st Degree member on the roster
- ◆ Divide up the list of 1st Degree Members and a Council officer makes a personal call to them.

Encourage everyone to think of our membership in the Knights of Columbus as being heirs of an organization we want to see continue and expand its ministry. Records show that 2nd and 3rd degree Knights will remain as active members.

So, let's everyone continue to build the greatness of an organization with a shared ownership.

SD Francis Mohr



Ray Prom
Church Director

Prepare the Way!

Sorry to break the news, but Christmas will be here soon and even sooner will come Advent. The Latin word *Adventus* is the word from which we get *Advent*, means arrival. As we Catholics know, it is also a time of preparation for Jesus Christ, whose arrival we celebrate on Christmas Day.

But we don't have to wait until Christmas and we don't have to prepare only in Advent. Our KofC Faith programs can bring Jesus Christ into the hearts and minds of our families and our parishioners throughout the year.

Considers this, if you have not done so:

- ◆ **Now** is the time to begin one of the programs you've been considering.
- ◆ **Now** is the time to start your Holy Hour.
- ◆ **Now** is the time to start your family Rosary prayer.
- ◆ **Now** is the time to schedule a retreat for your Council members.
- ◆ **Now** is the time to Prepare the Way!

Take steps in your Council meetings this month—to make this Advent your best Advent ever.

God Bless!

Vivat Jesus!

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Jesse Villarreal
District Master

Fourth Degree Master Report



This month my thoughts for the monthly newsletter are based on experiences from both sides of my duties with Knights of Columbus in Oregon - Hispanic Outreach Coordinator and District Master for the Fourth Degree.

First the great news regarding the recruitment of our Hispanic brothers into the Order of Knights: It's been a long, slow and uphill climb, both to open the large heavy doors to the Councils and the other to convince our Hispanic brothers that it's O.K. to join hands with the Knights of Columbus of Oregon. I had seen a lot of the Hispanics in areas I visited before such as Texas and California, but not here in Oregon.

I can't help but think how difficult it might have been for those "migrants" coming from Europe to this country looking for a better life for themselves and their families. The results are becoming more and more visible in all directions of the state. The largest flare came from the largest church in the diocese, St. Joseph in Salem. The first large group of Hispanics were initiated in December of 2015 with over 25 new members. That was kind of the big hit that put a crack on the dam holding the water gates. "Gracias Caballeros de Colon" from Concilio San Jose #16934, Salem, Oregon. Thank You to all Officers and members of that Council who have been very active and doing a lot of necessary work for their Parish, according to the Monsignor at San Joseph Parish in Salem.

My dream of seeing the Salem area establish the largest concentration of Hispanic Brothers as members of the Knights of Columbus might still become a reality in my lifetime!!!

This side of my story is becoming a great joy to me. I am so very grateful for all the Brother Sir Knights. My most sincere appreciations for all Assemblies that had Fourth Degree Exemplifications in their areas so far: Gresham, Klamath Falls, Hermiston and Tualatin. These four area Assemblies have brought in a total of 71 new Sir Knights into the Order of Patriotism this year. This small breeze of fresh air is starting to show the colors of our American Flag. Can you imagine what it would be like if we put similar efforts from all of the thirty-two Assemblies in the state? The results would be overwhelming.

I can imagine the excitement and privilege it was every time I read or review the brief history of the Fourth Degree when the first exemplification took place in New York in 1900 with 1,383 candidates. I can see the true colors of our American Flag and the significance of the courage of those Sir Knights stepping forward into the Fourth Degree. Renewing the promise of Patriotism has helped me be a stronger believer and grateful for the gift of freedom we have in this country.

The issue of the new uniform change no doubt had caused some minor disturbance amongst some of the Sir Knights and that's reasonable due to the method of how it was done by the higher authorities. Worthy Sir Knights, a similar issue took place during the infancy stage of the Fourth Degree when someone entitled "The Knights of Columbus in Uniform". One person, an editor of a Catholic paper, was "considerably disturbed" by the unconstitutional behavior on democratic grounds. It was presumed then, as it is presumed now, that others were listening? We all know that "change" is not always easy to make but the decision has been made and the sooner we accept it the sooner we will be moving forward in UNITY. Together as Proud American Catholics that we are. That's what we do!

Finally, my experience from these last four exemplifications is that the Fourth Degree has taken me beyond the church activities with the breakfasts and other fund raisers. It brings the Knights of Columbus concept closer to the other activities of the entire community outside the scope of our own church.

I also understand by the reports I hear from the wives who accompany their husbands to the Fourth Degree ceremony, they are having a great time learning about what the Knights of Columbus do. Very interesting speakers and functions. In fact, some of the additional activities and extra-curricular events established by previous leaders have placed some high standards to follow. No wonder the Fourth Degree Exemplifications are becoming more and more meaningful.

VIVAT JESUS

Jesse C. Villarreal
District Master



Kent Purdy
Community Director

Community Director Report



Brothers, Because of the changes by Supreme for the service program categories, there have been some changes in what Councils need to do to qualify for the Columbian Award (part of the qualifications for Star Council).

Looking at the COMMUNITY service program category, the required activity is known as "HELPING HANDS". Supreme has made the qualifications for this activity very broad and flexible, to allow Councils to tailor their own activity for what is needed in their community. THIS ACTIVITY IS REQUIRED FOR THE COLUMBIAN AWARD. There are many suggested HELPING HANDS activities listed below, from the Supreme website. These are only suggestions. Anything that helps your community and its people can qualify. Many of the things Councils have already been reporting can qualify for this category.

If you have questions, please contact your State Community Program Director, Kent Purdy, at purdalator2@gmail.com or call me at 503-881-1244. One thing that your Council may not be doing is items 5 and 6. Wear your Council apparel at the event. Take pictures to record it. Use it as a recruiting opportunity! Let's get the word out about what we do! This can make recruiting so much easier. Men will want to join us when we are actively doing God's work in our communities!

Here are your ACTION STEPS:

1. Contact leaders from local nonprofit organizations. Discuss how the Council and parish can best assist them in their work.
2. As a Council, generate program ideas that would benefit those less fortunate in the community. Efforts could include:
 - o Parish cook and/or serve food free at a local soup kitchen or parish hall. (This could be a good family activity.)
 - o As a Council, assist in cleaning and repairing the facilities of a local nonprofit organization (i.e., fixing broken tables, painting walls).
 - o Hold classes to teach trade skills (electrical, plumbing, carpentry, etc.).
 - o Organize collection drives for specific supplies such as blankets, backpacks, toiletries, and clothing.
 - o Raise money for a local soup kitchen, homeless shelter or other nonprofit organization through various events. Money could go toward the purchase of specific supplies and appliances, such as a new large freezer or dishwasher, or it could be donated in bulk.
 - o Prominently display promotional posters (which can be ordered through Supplies Online)
 - o Bulletin announcements
 - o Pulpit announcements
 - o Posting on your Council and parish website / social media pages
 - o Immediately after your event is finished, complete the *Community Report Form* (Forthcoming)
 - o At the end of the fraternal year, complete your **Columbian Award Application (#SP-7)**
3. Build public interest for the program! Promote your Helping Hands activities in your parish and larger community through a variety of efforts:
4. Conduct your Helping Hands program.
5. On the day of the event, wear Knights of Columbus-branded apparel and have the Council membership director set up a table with brochures and membership documents (including *Prospect Cards #921A*). Do not forget that this event is a recruiting opportunity!
6. Enlist a fellow Knight or community member to photograph the event.
7. To gain credit for your program, complete the associated reporting forms and submit them to the Supreme Council Department of Fraternal Mission. Remember to retain copies for your Council records.

Vivat Jesus!

Kent Purdy, State Community Program Director

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Jon Keefer
Retention Chairman

State Retention Chairman **Our Vocation of Fraternity**

"Now is the time. With the holidays approaching, we have a great opportunity to show our Fraternal support for our Brother Knights. To retain our members, we need to have some type of personal contact with them. Email is convenient but NOT personal. We need to have a personal connection with them. Often, we only communicate when it's bill time.

That's not fraternal, that's financial

I'm asking each of the Councils to coordinate a means to telephone or meet face to face with your members. It doesn't have to be the GK or FS. Create a phone tree, distribute the names to your officers and program directors, then ask the proposers to call them or just ask for volunteers.

I suggest you invite your members to a Thanksgiving event or the Council Christmas party. It should be something fun where there is no pressure. During the invite, ask them how they and their families are doing. Ask them if there is anything the Council can do for them or if there is something they'd like the Council to do. Tell them about one of your projects that went well this year. Engage them in the conversation.

Report any incorrect contact information to your FS who then will, hopefully, update the Council Membership Management database and then contact the Retention Chairman to update the Council database. Don't forget to follow up with that call after you get the new updated information. Be proactive!!"

Jon Keefer
State Retention Chairman
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*Worthy Brother Knights,
I strongly endorse this suggestion, provided by our State Retention Chairman, Jon Keefer.
I like what he had to suggest and I hope you don't pass up this seasonal opportunity to "reach-out" to your Brothers whom you may not have been involved with in Council activities lately.*

SD Francis

First Second and Third Degrees During November

Brothers, at the time of publishing this edition, the only remaining degree work is in November and December (See top of page 7). No others are scheduled.

Albany Council Admissions Exemplification

Hosted by: Council #1577
{Albany, OR}
Tuesday, November 27, 2018
6:00 pm

Newest Council in Oregon—San Jose Council 16934 Salem

San Jose
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Unfortunately, we do not have any other information about this Council at this time. Hopefully someone from District 4 will provide this to me.

District Deputy In Action

Submitted by: Joe Schaecher DD09

Portland Archdiocese Risk Manager Rhonda Kwei has planned with Captain Joe Puckett from Code 4 Public Safety Education Association to bring Training to regional areas.

Knights from Medford Council 1594 include Deacon Ron Filardi (and Deacon Dennis Macey not shown) attending Southern Oregon Regional Training hosted by Sacred Heart Parish in Medford.

Joe Schaecher DD09



Public Service Announcement—USE CAUTION

My thanks to Jon Keefer Council 1577

Someone has been trolling church websites to get names and emails to run scams.

Recently, someone made up a fake email address for Fr. Edwin (fredwin.stmarysalbany@gmail.com) and asked people to respond for a favor. They are initially getting email addresses from websites, and then sending their request to parish staff, and volunteers who lead ministries, etc... then if people respond they ask for iTunes card #'s in the amount of \$400 (or other amounts) to give to a cancer patient.

This is NOT legit. Please DO NOT respond.

Please DO let us know if you receive the message. They can get other emails from anyone who has posted their email in the bulletin, too, so let us know if this goes further. For example, they may make up fake emails for other staff members or parishioners and send scam emails under other names.

Keep in mind, our parish would never ask you to give us money information over email. If we did ask for gift cards, we would ask you to drop them off at the office.

Jon Keefer
Council 1577

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Culture of Life

Patrick and Teresita Parson Life Couple - Oregon Knights of Columbus



- **Measure 106 - Stop The Funding** - The election is over, and the Measure was soundly defeated. Two-thirds of Oregon voters cast their vote against the ballot for some of the following reasons:
 - *Measure 106 would take away women's health care.* This fallacy has fooled many people. They need to know that abortion is NOT healthcare; abortion murders unborn children.
 - *We don't have the right to tell someone what they can or can't do with their body.* Does the person getting an abortion have the right to destroy the new body inside her? An abortion is destroying the life of a baby that already has its own DNA.
 - *It isn't fair to refuse women the right to have an abortion.* The Measure would not have denied anyone the right to an abortion. The Measure would give taxpayers the right to not have to pay for someone's choice to have an abortion.

The election results are disappointing, but it demonstrates the need our state has for people willing to work for life. Let us not give up, but instead recognize that we can do more for Life in Oregon.

- **40 Days For Life** - The last day of the fall 2018 campaign ended November 4. Thank you to everyone willing to take such a public stand for the life of unborn children. Oregon saw campaigns in Eugene, Portland, Salem, and St. Helen. God will surely reward you for your efforts. You can find more information on the program at <https://40daysforlife.com>
- **Medford Ultrasound News** - Congratulations to Councils 1594 (Medford), 11258 (Central Point), and 13407 (Ashland). They raised over \$24,000 to replace an ultrasound for the Medford Pregnancy Center. Way to go, Knights!
- **Faith In Action Changes to Life Category** - Be aware that the *Novena for Life* program is required for a Council to be eligible for the Columbian Award. Start your planning now!
- **Turn In Those Reports!** - It would sure be nice if I could review more than the 12 or 14 Life reports I typically receive from Councils each month. Councils, this is your opportunity to blow your horn about what you are doing in the Life program. We don't know what you're doing unless you tell us.

Cultura de la Vida

Patrick y Teresita Parson, Pareja de la Vida, de los Caballeros de Colon de Oregon

- **Medida 106- Alto a los Fondos** - Las elecciones terminaron, y la medida fue derrotada. Dos terceras partes de las votaciones de Oregon votaron en contra de la medida por las siguientes razones:
 - La Medida 106 podría quitar el servicio de salud de la mujer. Esta es una mentira, que engaño a muchas personas. Ellos necesitan saber que el aborto NO es servicios de salud; el aborto asesina niños-no nacidos.
 - Que nosotros no tenemos el derecho de decir a nadie que pueden hacer con sus cuerpos. ¿Las personas que se hacen un aborto tienen el derecho de destruir a un bebe dentro de ellas? Y el aborto es la destrucción de la vida del bebé que ya tiene su propio DNA.
 - Que no es justo negarle a la mujer el derecho de tener un aborto. La Medida no le niega a nadie el derecho de abortar. La medida le dará a los que pagan los impuestos, el derecho de no tener que pagar por las decisiones de otros de tener abortos.

Los resultados de las elecciones son decepcionantes, y esto demuestra la necesidad de que nuestro estado debe de tener más personas que deseen luchar por la vida. No nos rindamos, pero reconozcamos que debemos de hacer más por la vida en Oregon.

- **40 Días por la Vida** - El ultimo día de otoño 2018, termino la campaña el 4 de noviembre. Gracias a los que desearon tomar este puesto público por la vida de los no-nacidos. Oregon llevo las campanas en Eugene, Portland, Salem, y St. Helen. Seguro Dios te recompensará por tus esfuerzos. Puedes encontrar más información en este programa en: <https://40daysforlife.com>
- **Ultrasonido en Medford** - Felicidades a ls consejos 1594 (Medford), 11258 (Central Point), y 13407 (Ashland). Ellos juntaron más de \$24,000 ara reemplazar el ultrasonido para el Centro de embarazo de Medford. ¡Allá vamos, Caballeros!
- **Fe En Acción Cambia a la Categoría Vida** - estén atentos que la Novena por la vida, se requiere para el consejo que sea elegido para el reconocimiento del Columbian. ¡Empiecen a planearlo ahora!
- **! Envíen esos Reportes!** - Sería muy bueno si pudiera recibir más de 12 o 14 reportes de vida, de los que recibo generalmente cada mes. Consejos esta es su oportunidad de llamarnos la atención de lo que están haciendo para los programas de la vida. No sabemos qué están haciendo. A menos que nos lo comuniquen.



Food for Families



While many families have been blessed by the grace of God to have food clothing and shelter, thousands of others have not.

My wife and I have discovered that Thanksgiving time is a great time to teach our children and grandchildren the true meaning of being thankful.

No one in this world is better or worse than anyone else. Each of us faces our own challenges.

As true Christians we can only ask God for the wisdom to help others in need. We also must pray to be granted the humility to accept help from the people God has sent to us.

What my wife and I do is to set a donation box at our Thanksgiving Dinner. We ask our children and grandchildren to make a cash donation for the needs of the less fortunate. We then happily send the donations to any Church group dedicated to serve the poor and hungry.

May your Council and/or Assembly see the light and commit to feed the hungry.

Vivat Jesus,



Dick Akins,
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Council In Action

Pictures of the Installation of Officers for Holy Cross in North Portland. They held their bi-monthly loggers breakfast for the Parish and had a special ceremony to install the Officers. This was a great opportunity to do it in the presence of their families, friends, and the parishioners. It was also an opportunity to share with parishioners what our Order is about and how we serve the Parish and help inspire men to be good, Catholic gentlemen.

I ended up bringing my sword for a little extra decoration. The youth in the Parish got a really big thrill out of it and wanted me to show it to them. So we made quite the impression on the youth. We got a couple of pictures with the youth, but we do not have any written permission from their parents to publish them, so they will not appear in the newsletter.

It was an excellent event.

Kenneth J. Anderson
 Knights of Columbus
 District Deputy 01
 Faithful Navigator 3219
 "Be confident! Be bold! We need you to step into the Breach!"



Council In Action

Occasionally, I receive information from a Council that can be widespread and works for the Public Relations side of the Oregon Council. Brother Knight Nick Guarriello, GK of Council 2325 Oregon City sent me this very useful and timely article:

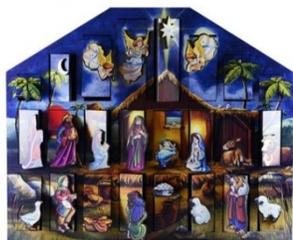
Tom, I was sent the following by Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers in a recent solicitation letter. I plan to send it out to my Council members, but thought you might want to use it in the Columbian Newsletter..

Keep Christ in Christmas

1. Use postage stamps that feature a religious theme.
2. Hang an Advent calendar and open a window each day.
3. Display your nativity set in a window or on the lawn where others can see it.
4. Place a candle in the window to symbolize the light of Christ.
5. Listen to traditional Christmas carols that honor Christ's birth.
- 6.. Call radio stations and TV channels requesting Christmas carols and stories.
7. Ask stores for religious Christmas wrapping paper and decorations.
8. Read Christmas scripture and stories to children.
9. Purchase a gift, wrap it and give it to the poor.
10. Use decorations that say Merry Christmas instead of Happy Holidays.
11. Send only religious Christmas cards.*
12. Have a child place straw in your crèche for each good deed done as a gift to the Baby Jesus during Advent.
13. Pray for the young, so that when they become adults they will not regard Christmas as just another holiday from school/work.
14. Take your children/grandchildren to a retirement/assisted living center and give a box or boxes of candy to someone who does not receive visitors.*

*Nick kindly tweaked what the Maryknoll's sent and added 11 and 14.

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Assembly and Council In Action (3 activities)

Rosary Rally-Florence

Members of Florence Council 15773 and Assembly 3656 participated in the USCCB (United State Conference of Catholic Bishops) Novena running from August 3rd to September 28th,2018.

Then we culminated this rosary and prayer service on October 13th when we included many of our parishioners in the Lady of Fatima Rosary Rally in Florence. This invited all to pray the rosary for the renewal of a culture of life and marriage and for the protection of religious liberty in our country, along with praying for the change in our country's Supreme Court, moving our nation closer to the time when every life in the USA is protected in law and welcomed in life.



Coats For Kids

In addition, we increased our annual contribution to the Coats for Kids program in Florence, donating 48 coats, which will enable many children in our schools, who would not otherwise be able to afford a warm coat in our wet and chilly part of Oregon, to be comfortable and protected from the winter weather.



Backpack For Kids

Additionally, one of our favorite charities is "Food Backpack for Kids"

Purser John Ervin and Navigator Pat Beckham, on behalf of Assembly 3656 Pope St John Paul II along with Council 15773, at St Mary's, Our Lady of the Dunes in Florence, donated \$1,000/00 to one of our favorite charities, "Food Backpack for Kds" on October 31st.

Every dollar donated to this program goes for feeding local children at risk of weekend hunger during school year weekends.

The Council presently helps to address the weekend needs of close to 90 students at a cost of \$70/month for nine months **per student**; or \$630.00 every year.

Everyone whoparticipates is a no cost volunteer, which enables all the donated funds to be used to feed the kids.

Vivat Jesus

Patrick Beckham, FS
Council 15773 Florence



Councils In Action

On behalf of Councils 1594 (Medford), 11258 (Central Point), and 13407 (Ashland), a letter from our Supreme Knight Karl Anderson was read and the combined checks for \$24,101 was presented to Pregnancy Center Executive Director Beth Sheets.

The Knights of Columbus is honored to provide funds for this replacement Cart-Type ultrasound machine for the original we purchased nearly 10 years ago. This machine is in addition to the Portable Ultrasound that we had purchased two years ago for their mobile van.

Our local Knights and parishes raised the funds through a Baby Bottle Boomerang that runs from Mothers Day to Fathers Day. During the event, parishioners drop off or exchange their baby bottles filled with change, bills and checks. The funds raised during the Baby Bottle Boomerang all go toward the Culture of Life. Each Council makes a determination of what programs are being supported under the Life program.

During this event, the Knights of Columbus have been chosen as the representatives of the parish community. So, every Mass is participating and every parishioner is a part of this effort to bring the importance of Life into our every day activities. Once again, we want to express our sincere appreciation to each and every person in each of our individual parish community. You are making Life important once again!

Joe Schaecher
District Deputy09



Council In Action

Albany Council 1577 Donated to Linn County Special Olympics

On August 18, 2018, Albany Council 1577 of the Knights of Columbus held a golf tournament in support of Special Olympics at Golf Club of Oregon, 905 NW Spring Hill Dr., Albany, OR 97321. On November 1, athletes and Linn County representatives arrived at Our Lady of Perpetual Help to receive the \$1,300 check from the tournament coordinator Sir Knight Gary Haworth. The Council plans to run the Golf Tournament again next year with hopes of getting it bigger and better.

Linn County Sports Manager Ian Copple, Local Program Coordinator Melissa Holcomb, and athletes CJ Billings and Paul Copple represented the Linn County Special Olympics.

CJ was a multi medalist winning two gold, a silver and a bronze medal for swimming at the Regional Games in Seattle. He also attended the USA Games. Paul and CJ are multi-sport athletes.



Left to Right, Paul Copple, Ian Copple, Gary Haworth, Melissa Holcomb, and CJ Billings

Melissa Holcomb said the biggest challenge for the overall program is funding for transportation and housing when traveling to the various venues. There is always a need for volunteers to help with the programs.

If you can help contact the Linn County Special Olympics at soor.linn.lpc@gmail.com or call 541-971-5740. For more information on the Fundraiser contact Gary Haworth, 541-223-8160.



CJ Billings with medals from the Regional Games in Seattle and the USA Games.

NEW FAITH IN ACTION FRATERNAL PROGRAMS REPORT FORM (#10784)

Following the launch of the Faith in Action program model, a new form has been created that will allow reporting for most of the Supreme-recommended programs. This new form will replace 24 individual report forms, streamlining the number of forms Council Officers are expected to use. The electronic form is available by going to KOFC.ORG.

RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICES:

- Submit one report form per program.
- This new form is an optional addition for any reporting on Featured Programs, Free Throw Championship, Soccer Challenge, Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest, or Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest, which each have their own report forms that are required to be submitted.
- Save copies of all report forms to assist with the completion of the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728) and the Columbian Award Application (#SP-7).
- Use your Fraternal Leader Success Planner (#5033) to help document the number of programs, events, charitable hours, and distributions throughout the year.
- When calculating service hours, remember that family members and volunteers assisting the Knights can be counted towards your totals.
- Reporting should be done in whole numbers only – do not report fractions of hours or spare change.

FRATERNAL PROGRAMS REPORT FORM

Council Number: _____ Date(s) of Program ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

Refer to program guide sheets for required forms and reporting

	Faith	Family	Community	Life
1	<input type="checkbox"/> Into the Breach Program <input type="checkbox"/> Marian Icon Prayer Program <input type="checkbox"/> Build the Domestic Church Kiosk <input type="checkbox"/> Rosary Program <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Reflection Program <input type="checkbox"/> Holy Hour <input type="checkbox"/> Sacramental Gifts	<input type="checkbox"/> Family of the Month/Year <input type="checkbox"/> Keep Christ in Christmas <input type="checkbox"/> Family Fully Alive <input type="checkbox"/> Family Week <input type="checkbox"/> Consecration to the Holy Family <input type="checkbox"/> Family Prayer Night <input type="checkbox"/> Good Friday Family Promotion	<input type="checkbox"/> Disaster Preparedness <input type="checkbox"/> Free Throw Championship <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer Challenge <input type="checkbox"/> Helping Hands <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest	<input type="checkbox"/> Christian Refugee Relief <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Rose <input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy Center Support <input type="checkbox"/> Novena for Life <input type="checkbox"/> Mass for People with Special Needs
<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (designate category): _____				

2 Participation: _____ Members + _____ Non Members = 0 Total Members 0 Total Members x _____ Hours = 0 Total Volunteer Hours

Program Planning: _____ Costs & _____ Time Members Recruited: _____ Donations: _____ Local Currency

3 Is your council Safe Environment Program compliant? YES NOT YET kofc.org/safe

4 Program Promotions (check all that apply): Church Bulletin Parish/Council Newsletter Pulpit Announcement
 Mailer/Email Other: _____

5 How successful was your program?:
 Very Successful (surpassed expectations) Successful (met expectations) Needs improvements (low participation)

6 Summarize the efforts of all volunteers. Describe the event and ideas to improve the success of the program?

 Signed: Grand Knight Date: _____ Signed: Program Director Date: _____

Email a copy of this document to: fraternalmission@kofc.org
 Retain a copy of each report to assist in completion of the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (1728) & Columbian Award Application (SP7).



Faith In Action—Through The Helping Hands of Knights

(Last month we had the story and this month we have the photos)

On September 22nd, several Knights and I went to the home of Bernidine Chamberlin a 74 year old widow whose husband passed without completing several household projects that needed to be done. He had purchased the materials but never had the chance to install them. Ms. Chamberlin lives across the street from one of our Knights. The Knights started several projects at once, 2 knights went to work cutting down trees, over hanging limbs and trimming bushes. One Knight began installing a bedroom ceiling fan where only a light existed, and another Knight began removing and installing a new kitchen sink. Once those projects were completed, we removed a back door and installed a bigger back door, which involved cutting concrete, 2 x 4s and making a larger door frame.

We finished all these projects by 3:00 pm. removed the trees and limbs we cut down and left feeling great that we helped Ms. Chamberlin. She cried and blessed us for our help. But it was worth it. Then we received the best news. This past Sunday Ms. Chamberlin came to our Church. We have made a new friend. May God bless her and my fellow Knights.

Sincerely Yours,

Mark F. Gomolski
Grand Knight
Council 3999 Hermiston



Council in Action

By John Barbour – GK Council 8129

Brother Randy Crowe, a 10 year member of St. Thomas Moore Council In Dallas, OR (and a member of Assembly 2277), is permanently confined to a wheel chair.

At his residence west of Dallas, the two ramps that he depended upon for ingress and egress to the house had deteriorated to the point of being unsafe. A team of Brother Knights “answered the call” to completely rebuild those ramps.

John Barbour, Jim O`Brien, Gordon Wavra, Paul White and Larry Indra demolished the old ramps and then obtained the materials to build new ramps meeting ADA standards.

Now Brother Randal Crowe can safely get in and out of his house.



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. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen.

SICK AND DISTRESSED

JoAnn Vennes

Wife of Past Vocations Chairman Dr. George Vennes
Council 12656 Portland

William Osborne

Council 9529 Lincoln City

We request you pray for all Knights, families and friends and all of our Police, Firefighters, Servicemen and Servicewomen, as well as those who have lost so much in the recent hurricanes, floods, tornadoes and wildfires and those whose lives have been disrupted with other calamities of either man made or any natural events. This we ask through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen!

IN MEMORIAM

Jack Kolaso

Council 11258 Central Point

Larry "Tobe" Will

Council 8129 Dallas

Jim Little

Council 5416 Silverton

SK Darrald Wolfe

Phil Cunningham

Council 1623 McMinnville

Jim Russell

Council 678 Milwaukie

Grace Michele Garcia (Shotzi)

Wife of SK John Garcia
Council 7246 Newport & Assembly 0903

Please direct your prayer requests to:
State Health/Welfare/Prayer Chairman
Andrew "Andy" Robinson Jr.
Email: robinsoa@peak.org
Phone: 503-543-2338

Let us keep in mind and prayers all those
Brother Knights and/or members of
Knights' families who have gone before us.



Supreme's Family of the Month for July 2018
Supreme's Family of the Month for September 2018



Heriberto Rodriguez Council 1767

Ollie Moss Council 13700

This month these families received one of the 100 Holy Family gifts that are given out by the Supreme office with a random drawing each month. Any Council who uses the Family of the Month (Form 1993), available online at KofC.ORG under Council Forms and sub-category Program forms, is automatically placed in the random drawing each month at Supreme.

Oregon Councils, listed as participating, in September were:
Council 1623 McMinnville, Council 1767* Mt. Angel, Council 3484* Canby,
Council 8129 Dallas, Council 9257 Milwaukie, Council 13700 Portland and Council 14802 Beaverton

State Deputy Thanks Supporters of Measure 106

On behalf of the Oregon Knights of Columbus, I wish to extend sincere appreciation for the great effort Oregon Life United (**Jeff & Elizabeth Jimeron and Suzanne Belatti** did to initiate this Initiative and eventually its evolving to be State Measure on the Election Ballot.

And for "In house"---I wish to also extend sincere appreciation to our State Secretary **Ron Boyce** for taking the 'bull by the horns' with initiating the signature signing effort state-wide among the Knights of Columbus, and for the on-going promotion of Ballot Measure 106 till the end;

And to Executive Secretary **Michael Woody** for religiously mailing Measure 106 information and often displaying the information as an "announcement" to be more 'eye-catching' for the recipients.

I am disappointed that the Oregon voting population don't share the same moral values we do or perhaps they don't really believe/understand that their tax dollars are used for this topic.

This outcome sort of coincides with what Supreme Knight Carl Anderson mentioned to me during our recent State Deputy Mid-Year Meeting this past weekend when I mentioned that Oregon has the unfortunate great title as the "most un-churched state" in the union: "*You folks are still like missionaries in a new area*" he said.

As Knights, we will continue our emphasis and efforts for Catholic—Christian Values. Currently 5 new ultrasound sound machines have been placed in 4 areas during the past 13 months and it appears another area has interest in having one. (New machines in Bend, Medford, Canby area and 2 at the Hope PRC in Salem.) Perhaps some day soon, these machine will be the primary option considered by the person with the unexpected or unwanted pregnancy, that abortions won't exist.!!

Continue to trust in The Lord that all the efforts extended to have this Measure 106 on the ballot was not in vain. God Bless and Vivat Jesus

Fraternally,

Francis Mohr, State Deputy
Oregon Knights of Columbus
"Come Holy Spirit"

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