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Brothers,

It was just a month ago that my wife Tay and I sat in a pew with the embossed word "Oregon" on the outside in St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut waiting to be installed as your new State Deputy. The mind immediately started to fill with the faces of all the previous Oregon State Deputies who sat in this very same pew waiting for that same moment of honor to be installed by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson as Oregon's State Deputy. I think I also know the reason why Knights of Columbus breakfasts at most parishes are synonymous with being the "Parish Pancake Breakfast." Yes, the breakfast hosted by St. Mary's Knight's Council following the Installation Mass was a pancake breakfast.

The Readings for that Saturday Mass and homily by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop Lori carried a very similar theme. "You are rooted and grounded in love" said St. Paul in his letter to the Ephesians, "and may it be strengthened by the Holy Spirit so you may comprehend the breath and length and height and depth of this love." The Gospel was the parable of the vine and the branches. "You are the branches" says the Lord, "remain in me as I remain in you." "A branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains with the vine." Archbishop Lori then continued, "Your role as Knights of Columbus is to be that branch that bears fruit and extends Christ's Love to others." At the conclusion of the homily, my wife leaned over to me and said "There's your theme." Thus the theme for this Fiscal Year is **"In His Love."**

Another memorable event that weekend was the meeting our first morning with Supreme Knight Carl Anderson with the other "State Deputy-Elects." The Supreme Knight's message was a prelude to the Readings we would hear at the Installation Mass the next day. "You are Evangelizers of the Order. The parable our Lord once used is still with us: "In my Father's vineyards there is much work to be done, but the laborers are few." There is so much need in the world but the laborers are few. What we do in extending Christ's Love has the potential to grow the Order and help provide more laborers for the vineyards. Will you men help me? Will you be those most needed laborers for the Lord's Vineyard?"

Our gathering that morning with just the Supreme Knight and our "freshmen class of thirty six" was unique. You could sense the sincerity, the caring, the evangelistic personality of this man and the urgency of his message. Why wouldn't you want to be a laborer in the Father's Vineyard?

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It was like we were in that small room of St. Mary's Church basement—which we had a chance to visit after our pancake breakfast---listening to Fr. Michael J. McGivney plead with his small group of men: “Will you men help the families, the widows, the children of our Parish? Will you help me?”

So as we move onward, move forward into this next Fraternal Year, I extend that same question to you Brothers. Will you help me? Will you be some of those most needed laborers for our Lord's Vineyard?

At our final meeting of that weekend in New Haven, we were challenged with the “Supreme Knight's Summer Fast Start.” The Summer Fast Start is a short-time goal to achieve additional members during the summer months' equivalent to the highest ever achieved during the past five years. For us in Oregon, that means 24, 35 and 46 new members during the months of July, August and September, respectively.

So my Brothers, will you help me? Can we add 24, 35 and 46 more laborers to work in the Lord's Vineyards? Will you help encourage more Catholic men to be laborers with us, and build that labor force so much needed for the Lord's vineyards?

VIVAT JESUS

Francis Mohr

Oregon State Deputy

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[Columbian Newsletter Goes Monthly](#)

Did you notice the date of the publication on page 1? The Columbian Newsletter is now a monthly publication and the due date for sending information to the editor *remains as the 10th day of each month*. This will allow combining elements, editing and proofreading so that the publication can be placed on the state website by the 15th of each month—if not before!

One of the driving factors in producing a monthly newsletter was due to losing the Public Relations (PR) area which was available on the previous state website. UKnight does not have PR as a separate heading to place material; therefore, in order to get the latest material out, we needed the ability to place material where it could be found and read this month or next month, etc. Facebook, Twitter and those genre do not have that quick look-back ability that is provided by our state website.

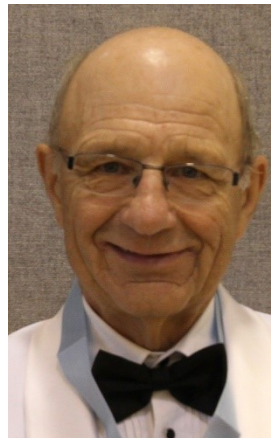
The state website remains kofc-or.org, which reroutes one to the UKnight website link.

Also, Facebook has a presence for Oregon. You can view it at the new site: <https://www.facebook.com/kofcoregonsc/>.

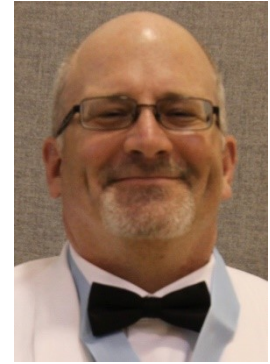
Your State Officers Elected For Fraternal Year 2017-2018



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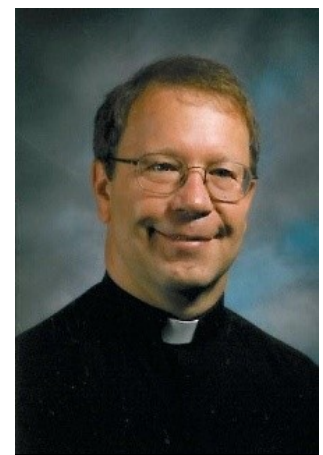
Thomas Radel
State Warden



State Chaplain
Fr. Theodore Lange



Sid Thiel
Immediate
Past State Deputy



Assistant State Chaplain
Fr. Todd Unger

District Deputy In Action

Submitted by DD07 Kenneth Anderson

Picture of the District 07 4th of July Parade



District 07 candidates for the Formation/Knighthood Degrees. Left to right: Jesse Hagan (Albany), Ken Anderson (OSU, then District Warden, now DD07), Chris Anderson (Corvallis), Rey Pocius (OSU), and Garrett Kilian (OSU)



Knights of Columbus
Oregon Right To Life Couple
Patrick and Teresita Parson
Can be viewed on YouTube at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQNb1KF6uHQ05_2DCFlia3A



David Saunders
DD01

District Deputy 01 - Thoughts About Council Officers

By David Saunders, DD01

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF NO ONE TOOK THE RESPONSIBILITY TO BE A COUNCIL OFFICER?

It has just gone past that time of year again when Councils approach their members to recruit some of them as prospective candidates to fill the Council's slate of Officers. Some Councils have no difficulty in getting their candidates to run for office. But in other Councils, they are met with excuse after excuse as to why a member is not able to run or will consider an office. Most frequently we hear the excuse that they are too busy to be an Officer. My work, my children's activities or my hobbies keep me too busy. But still, they are able to attend most of the Council meetings or events and are actively participating. First of all, the three most important Officer positions to be filled are the Grand Knight, the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer. Yes, they do require some time and planning. The State puts on Summer and Winter meetings where the object is to train existing as well as new officers who can and do exchange information. This is a great opportunity to hear new ideas and new ways to accomplish our goals.

Don't forget your District Deputy. He has been appointed to assist with his assigned Councils. As a District Deputy, I don't have all the answers but I'm not afraid to ask a State Officer or a Committee Director any questions if I don't have or know the answer. We are all blank slates when we start. Don't be afraid to take an office and worry about making a mistake. We all make mistakes and learn from them. I have heard the excuse that the member doesn't think they are "worthy" to be an Officer. We all are worthy to carry on Father McGivney's dream of serving our Lord and helping our fellow Catholics and our fellow man as needed. Be a Knight who serves your church, community and parish as a Knight of Columbus. You are worthy in the eyes of God. We only ask that you do what you are able to accomplish.

David Saunders
District Deputy 01

Woman Of The Year—2017

Janet Schwarz, Bend Oregon, was selected as the Woman of the Year for the 2017 Convention, Bend, Oregon.

She volunteers as a college planner, works full time as middle and high school youth coordinator, coordinates activities of the Bend High School ski club and also volunteers to help others within the community.

Pictured below is Janet receiving a bouquet of flowers from Immediate Past State Deputy Sid Thiel and his wife Lisa, along with her family.



State Deputy Sid Thiel and his wife Lisa, visited Our Lady of Perpetual Hope (St Mary's), Albany, OR to present the State Family of the Year award to the Kenneth Duda family before the parishioners at the end of the morning mass. Later, during the afternoon Mass, State Deputy Thiel also presented the State Knight of the Year award to Jorge Lopez-Gonzalez.

Knight of the Year 2016-2017



Family of the Year 2016-2017



Family of the Year

From Left to Right – Grand Knight Jon Keefer, Jake Duda, Suzi Duda, Owen Duda (Front), Mackenzie Duda (Rear), Father Aniceto Guiriba (Father Cit), Ken Duda, Lisa Thiel, and PSD State Deputy Sid Thiel.



Family of the Year

From Left to right Mackenzie Duda, Ken Duda (front), Jake Duda (Rear), Suzi Duda (Rear), Owen Duda(front), Lisa Thiel, and Past State Deputy Sid Thiel.

Oregon Knights of Action In Florence, Oregon

Our Lady of the Dunes Council 15773



First Friday Fish Fry on July 7, 2017

Council and Friends,

Our monthly First Friday of the month Fish Fry on July 7th was incredible. First off — Thank You! There are so many people to thank:

The cooks: John Ervin and Brian and Pam Girard.

To the workers in the kitchen, on the floor and everyone who helped in so many ways:

Nancy Ervin, Harry and Cammie Davis, Larry and Anna Lavoie, Pat and Sue Beckham, Johnny and Jewel Johnson, John Duncan, Ben Foreman, who just got out of the hospital, Jim Parrish, Sharon Zueger, Ralph and Florence Mitchell. Mike Hillebrand and my wife Candy. What a crew! I apologize to whomever I left out. Please tell me.

Here is how it all worked out: The scoop, I believe 123 was the total count. Maybe a couple more in the end. The customers arrived before 5.

WE WERE READY!!! What a crew!

I had to run to Safeway, we ran out of everything! That won't happen again.

I put a sign board out on the highway and a number of people who were staying at the hotel next door came over. Folks from Canada just passing through said they saw the sign and then came to the kitchen afterwards to thank us for the hospitality.

The rush gave us some very, very valuable information and positive changes will result because of the heavy turnout.

Gross was over \$1,000.00 incidentally. Full report at the monthly meeting.

And a special "Thank You" to Karl Engel for his help for the fish we ordered through him. He supported us with dinner as well.

Our name, Knights of Columbus, is back on the lips of the residents of Florence.

Vivat Jesus,

GK Tom Zahara

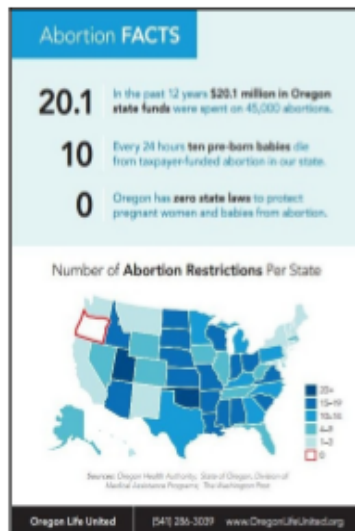
Note From Membership Director: Florence Council is alive and active in their parish and community with 38 members.

Thanks for showing us the way.

God Bless,

Mike Woody

Culture of Life



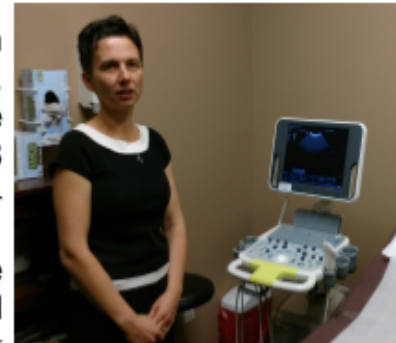
Our top news is the **Stop-The-Funding** initiative. Although about 25,000 signatures have already been gathered, approximately 93,000 more are needed to get the petition on the 2018 ballot. We encourage Councils to keep collecting all the signatures you can. If each of the 9000 Knights in Oregon collected only 14 signatures, that alone would bring the total to 126,000, more than enough to get on the ballot.

As the Abortion Facts card to the left of this paragraph says, in the past 12 years \$20.1 million in Oregon state funds were spent on 45,000 abortions. Oregon has **zero state laws** to protect babies and women from abortion.

Archbishop Sample has asked for our commitment in gathering signatures to protect the helpless. Let's not fail in our commission.

Here is what the ultrasound at First Image in Beaverton looks like. This was sponsored by Sherwood Council 9137. Also during the past year Council 15605 sponsored three other ultrasounds in Portland, Central Point Council 11258 sponsored one ultrasound, and Lebanon Council 3184 placed a mobile ultrasound.

If a Council raises half the funds following the Ultrasound Initiative procedure, the Supreme Council will match the other half. A Council seeking financial support in funding a pregnancy center ultrasound might also consider contacting 4us, an organization with the mission to make abortions rare by choice. Their website is at: <https://www.4us.org/>



In this age of faction and polarization, it can become difficult to not develop a "them vs. us" attitude. It is important to remember that even though we are at war with the devil, we are not at war with our brothers and sisters despite deep differences of opinion. If we are going to change people's minds, we need to change their hearts first, but hearts are only hardened when we treat people as enemies. Let's remember Christ's words to His apostles shortly before he was dragged to His cruel death (John 13:34-35):

I give you a new commandment: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. That is how all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

Above all, remember that life is fragile. Let's work together to build it up. Vivat Jesus!

Patrick & Teresita Parson, Culture of Life Couple, Oregon Knights of Columbus

Cultura de la Vida



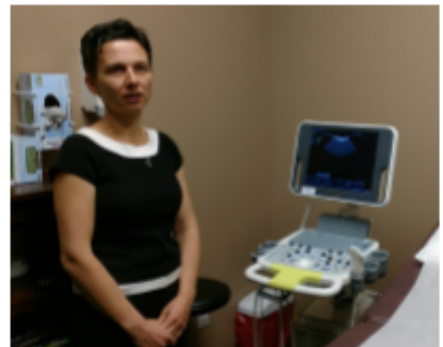
Nuestra primera noticia es iniciativa para **Parar-Los-Fondos**. A través de 25,000 firmas, han sido recolectadas, y aproximadamente se necesitan 93,000 más para conseguir la petición en la votación del 2018. Alentamos a los Consejos, a que sigan recolectando las firmas que puedan. Si cada uno de los 9000 Caballeros de Colon, recolecta solamente 14 firmas, eso solamente traerá un total de 126,000, más que suficiente para entrar en las votaciones.

Como tarjeta de hechos del aborto a la izquierda de estos párrafos dice, que en los pasados 12 años, \$20.1 millones de los fondos en el Estado en Oregon se gastaron en 45.000 abortos. Oregon tiene **cero leyes en el estado** que protejan a los bebés, y a la mujer del aborto.

El Arzobispo Sample, nos ha encargado en conseguir estas firmas para proteger a los más necesitados. No debemos fallar en esta comisión.

Esto es como se puede apreciar el ultrasonido en Beaverton. Fue patrocinado por el Consejo 9137 de Sherwood. También durante al año pasado, el Consejo 15605 fue el que patrocino otros 3 ultrasonidos en Portland. En Central Point, el Consejo 11258 patrocino un ultrasonido, y el Consejo 3184 en Lebanon coloco un ultrasonido móvil.

Si el Consejo junta la mitad de los fondos siguiendo la iniciativa del procedimiento en el ultrasonido. El Consejo Supremo, dará la otra mitad. Si hay algún Consejo que está buscando ayuda financiera para financiar un ultrasonido en un centro de embarazo, consideren también contactar "4us", que es una organización con la misión de reducir los abortos. Su sitio web: <https://www.4us.org/>



En esta época de polarización, es difícil no desarrollar una actitud "ellos" vs. "nosotros", Es importante recordar, que aunque estemos en guerra contra el demonio, no estamos en guerra contra nuestros hermanos y hermanas a pesar de nuestras diferencias de opinión.

Si vamos a tratar de cambiar la mentalidad de las personas, debemos de cambiar sus corazones primero. Pero los corazones se endurecen más cuando nos tratamos como enemigos. Recordemos las palabras de Cristo a sus apóstoles antes de que fuera arrastrado a su cruel muerte (John 13: 34-35)

"Les doy un mandamiento nuevo, que se amen unos a otros, como yo los he amado, así que deben amarse uno a otro. Así es como todos sabrán que son mis discípulos, si se aman unos a otros".

Sobre todo, recuerden que la vida es frágil, Vamos a trabajar juntos para edificarla ¡Viva Jesús!

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

Silver Rose on its journey in Oregon

Between May 14th and June 10th, 2017 a votive Silver Rose, honoring Mary as the patroness of life and destined for the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe at Nuevo Leon Monterrey, Mexico, passed through Oregon. Along the way, hundreds of parishioners, Knights and their families participated in special prayer events, at times with honor guards from the Knights' Patriotic Order. Arriving through Vancouver, Washington, the Rose was transferred from Councils along the Oregon Coast from Seaside to Brookings and then Grants Pass. From here it was conveyed to the eastern edge of the state and transferred to our brothers in Idaho, in a most impressive ceremony at Corpus Christi Parish across the border from Ontario, Oregon. A special word of commendation to all those Knights, who working with their parishes, made this year's Silver Rose Journey a success. Thank you.

A special thanks to Jess Villareal (Canby Council 3484), Doug Klein (Gresham Council 3179), and Jerry Raveling (Newport Council 7246) for going above and beyond!



Father Camilo Garcia, pastor of Corpus Christi Church in Fruitland, presided over the transfer ceremony in the presence of a large congregation Sunday June 10th in which the Silver Rose was transferred from Oregon to Idaho.

“Winners of the 2017 Rose Festival Court Award” for the best example of enthusiasm and teamwork.

The Rose Festival Foundation hands out awards to its various parade participants and most spectacular of all are the big floats themselves. This year there were 16 in all, featuring animals, sports stars and cultural themes – all decorated with beautiful flowers and other natural materials.

KofC Council 15263 Our Lady of LaVang and the entire Vietnamese Community of Oregon created a beautiful float for the parade, marched with pride and were recognized as the best example of enthusiasm and teamwork.

Congratulations!



Many members of our Patriotic Degree Assembly 3332 participated in Regalia and some with their Social Baldrics.

We are all proud of our Brothers and Sisters who partook. Thank you!

Our thanks to Young Tran and Mike Woody for providing the pictures and information for this event.



Prayer for Life

Eternal Father, Source of Life, strengthen us with your Holy Spirit to receive the abundance of life you have promised. Open our hearts to see and desire the beauty of your plan for life and love. Make our love generous and self-giving so that we may be blessed with joy. Grant us great trust in your mercy. Forgive us for not receiving your gift of life and heal us from the effects of the culture of death. Instill in us and all people reverence for every human life. Inspire and protect our efforts on behalf of those most vulnerable, especially the unborn, the sick and the elderly. We ask this in the Name of Jesus, who by His Cross makes all things new. Amen.
Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Request to Veto HB 3391

Submitted by: Ron Boyce
Knights of Columbus
Oregon State Secretary

One Member, Per Council, Per Month

Could you please call Governor's Brown office and ask her to NOT sign HB 3391?

**Call [1-503-378-4582](tel:1-503-378-4582), and upon answer, press 3.
Give name, zip code and make brief statement asking to veto HB 3391.**

This bill is a massive expansion of abortion coverage, forcing private insurance to cover abortion and forcing taxpayers to expand coverage and provide tax funded abortion to undocumented immigrants. Government funding of abortion is a grave social injustice and in no way a humane or compassionate means for any government to manage poverty.

Please don't be silent while our government leaders attempt to reduce poverty and improve state economy by reducing people, especially the vulnerable and impoverished.

Please call the Governor's Office immediately! Please pray.

If you haven't yet signed the [Petition to Stop Taxpayer Funding of Abortion](#), now more than ever, we need to take action. Please join the battle for Life in Oregon.

Thank you.

In Christ,
Suzanne Belatti



Family Of The Month

May 2017

Congratulations to the family of Gene Anderson,
Council 1767, Mt. Angel who won
Family of the Month of May from Supreme.
Other Council competing were:
Council 1577 Albany, Council 1623 McMinnville,
Council 1767* Mt. Angel, Council 1785 Corvallis
and Council 8129 Dallas



Bert Bungcayao
Free Throw
Chairman

Free Throw Chairman Report

Brothers Knights,

I cannot believe July is here. This means that we need to prepare for our up-coming Free Throw Youth events beginning in September. Each Council participating needs to order an entry kit from Supreme. I recommend you do that during the month of August since it takes about 2-3 weeks to be delivered. Free Throw Championship Competition Kit Order Form is shown below.

If you are short of time and need the forms earlier than the 2-3 weeks of processing time, before September you can download the forms online at Kofc.org and print them on your computer. The kits are free, but it will cost you to print them versus the free packet you can get from Supreme.

I did not attend the State Convention this year so I do not have anything to report about the State Convention. However, my presentation would have been about reporting Council Youth numbers before the 15th of every month because I need to report the numbers before the 20th to the State Programs Director.

I also would like to say thank you to all Councils for their youth reporting on a monthly basis and also that Councils have 100 points for just submitting a form to me. Just remember that we all need to report our activity volunteer points in Section IV. I have been seeing events done by Councils but no points about how much people are volunteering. There is an extra 25 points per person who volunteers. I also know that some of the forms sent in are not calculating the points on the form. Please download the updated forms from the state website so the points can be calculated.

In addition, keep working on raising money for the Coats for Kids program.

Take care my fellow brothers!

Bert Bungcayao
Free Throw Chairman

Free Throw Championship Competition Kit Order Form

**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

All materials needed for conducting a council-level Knights of Columbus Free Throw competition are included in the Free Throw Competition Kit available from the Supreme Council office. **Councils should order their kit at least 4 weeks in advance** to have the proper materials on hand for their competition.

Complete the label to the right and submit it to the Department of Fraternal Services by early November. Please type or print all required information since this will also be used as your shipping label. (Street addresses only. No P.O. Boxes.) To avoid duplicate orders, please be sure that only one person in your council is responsible for ordering the Free Throw Kit. Each Free Throw Kit contains the following items:

1	#FT-1	Free Throw Participation Report Form
5	#1596	On The Rim
5	#1686	Step Up To The Line
75	#1597	Free Throw Participation Certificates
75	#1598	Entry Form/Score Sheets
10	#1809	Council Champion Certificates
1	#1928	Free Throw Program Guide
1	#2218	Clip Art Sheet

FT-KIT 11/11

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Supreme Office
1 COLUMBUS PLAZA NEW HAVEN CT 06510-3326

Free Throw Kit Order Form

Please Print Number of Kits in English
 Number of Kits in French
 Number of Kits in Spanish

Name _____ Competition Date _____

Title _____ Council No. _____

Street _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____

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U.P.S. <input type="checkbox"/> 1st. CL					
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Forwarding Instructions:

- 1) Including your e-mail address allows you to receive a copy of your report.
- 2) You will have the opportunity to print a copy of the form after it is submitted.
- 3) Click "Submit" to send the completed form to Supreme and the e-mail provided.

Yourself (Council Copy)

Submit

Reset

Food for Families



Your Council can make a difference in eradicating hunger.

Summer is a time to relax with the family and possibly go on an enjoyable vacation.

However, if you are child and hungry, summer is a stressful time.

Most of the children who are lacking proper food are fed while at school. However, schools are closed during the summer. Your Council can help fill the gap. Support your local food bank. Anything your Council can do will be of great help.

For more information open:

Let us all help assure that all have a Happy Summer.



Submitted by: Dick Akins,
Brother Knight of Knights of the Resurrection Council 13851
Sir Knight of Archbishop Fulton J Sheen Assembly 3248
Oregon State Chairman – Food for Families
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Members Going to Supreme Convention

During the State Convention the following Knights were elected to attend the Knights of Columbus 135th Supreme Convention, in St. Louis, Missouri on August 1-3, 2017.

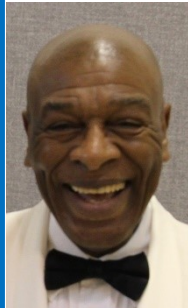
All members are insurance members.

1. Michael Woody Council 1577 Albany
2. Robert Adams Council 1261 Coos
3. Paul Nowak Council 3184 Lebanon
4. Thomas Radel Council 1577 Albany
5. Brent Dattke Council 1872 Bend



The following Insurance Members
are designated as **alternates**:

1. Greg Harris Council 9137 Sherwood
2. Robert Perin Council 13851 Tualatin
3. Marvin Jarvis Council 4087 Springfield
4. Pat Beckham Council 15773 Florence



George Murphy
Youth Director

Youth Director Report

Worthy State Officers, Brothers all:

We began another promising year, this time with our new State Deputy, Francis Mohr.

SD Francis has asked me to work in the state youth area. I will try and keep all of my Brother Knights informed of things happening in this area.

Please remember that All State Programs Run From January through December every Year. Following is a list of things to think about:

1. Schools will be opening in Sept 2017, at that time our Councils should be looking for partners to Co-Op with, on the youth writing for our Knight's Essay program. We can use any or all local schools.
2. Next, we should be preparing for the Soccer Kick, which starts at the Council level in Oct 2017.
3. One of the greatest events that happens in the youth area is our Coats For Kids program. This year we are asking that all of our participating Councils start by handing coats on Black Friday. (That is the day after Thanksgiving). Our Councils can raise money by hosting a Breakfast, selling home made cookies or candy, a garage sale. There are many ways to raise money to support these programs.
I will work with our District Deputies and Councils Officers on additional ideas.
4. We will be promoting our Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest, Our Drug Abuse and Alcohol Abuse contest.
5. Also we will continue our Basketball Free Throw competition.
It will be fun working with all of you again this year. I will be looking forward to seeing many of you at the Summer Meeting.

George E Murphy
Youth Director
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Catholic Community Services (CCS) Presented With A Check

Oregon State KofC Charities President and Past State Deputy, Bob Kish and his wife Susan present a check for \$7,248 to Catholic Community Services, Executive Director, Jim Seymour at the CCS Offices in Salem.

These record funds were the total raised at the Ladies' Sunday Morning Auction at the Convention in Bend and will be used exclusively for the Fr. Taaffe Homes in Salem.

Thank You Ladies for all your hard work! We appreciate all you do for us Knights!



Oregon

Knights of Columbus 2017 Organizational Meeting

WHEN:

July 21, 22 and 23, 2017

WHERE:

**Boulder Falls Inn
Lebanon, OR**

The Primary Goal for this first meeting of the Fraternal Year is for this team of State Officers, District Deputies, Program Directors, and Councils' Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries to create and develop working strategies for Oregon.

WHO: District Deputies, Council Officers, Program Directors, State Officers

TOPICS INCLUDE MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

STRONG VISIBLE PROGRAMS

CHARITABLE GROWTH

**TRAINING AND LEADERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT**

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH AS A
CATHOLIC MEN'S ORGANIZATION.**

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

on-going, dynamic plan

SESSIONS:

- District Deputies
- Grand Knights
- Financial Secretary
- Hispanic Work Group
w/Jesse Villarreal

SAVE THE DATE

Additional details will be forthcoming, including events for the ladies

Special Olympics Summer Games 2017

Brother Knights,

During the weekend of July 7, 8 and 9 the Special Olympics Oregon (SOOR) Summer games were held in Corvallis, OR at Oregon State University, Corvallis High School and Trysting Tree Golf Course. It was a great event and the Knights showed in force to help with set up, water brigade and other duties at all three venues.

I would like to personally thank all the volunteers from various Councils across the state for their help. We had some State Officers, District Deputies, the District Master, Grand Knights and members, families and friends all volunteering.

It was a great event and a success and everyone had fun and enjoyed the event and conversation. It was a great way to be a part of three things the Knights stand for, Charity, Unity and Fraternity.

I heard nothing but praise and thank you from the Special Olympics staff, athletes and observers. The Knights did a great job!

All photos can be seen on the State website. Click on the Photo Gallery.

Thank you

Tom Radel

**State Warden
State General Program Director
Habitat for Humanity Chairman
Special Olympics Chairman**





George Vennes
Chairman RSVP

THOUGHTS OF VOCATIONS

REFUND SUPPORT VOCATIONS PROGRAM

As reported June 30, 2017

Council	Seminarians Reported	Total
Tigard 3591	"	8
Canby 3484	"	5
Salem 1748	"	5
Portland 12656	"	3
Beaverton 14802	"	2
Gervais 5842	"	2
Grants Pass 3157	"	2
Hillsboro 1634	"	2
Klamath Falls 2255	"	2
Lake Oswego 3818	"	2
Pendleton 1673	"	2

Ashland 13407, Aumsville 8270, Beaverton 6266, Milwaukie 9257, Molalla 3509, Mt. Angel 1767, Sherwood 9137, and Sublimity 2439 are each supporting one Seminarian.

A total of \$22,300.00 has been sent to our Seminarians through the RSVP program this year.

If your Council is supporting a Seminarian and is not on this list, it is because you have not sent me a copy of your request for refund and have not replied to an email requesting this information. For the 2017-18 cycle, I will assume you are no longer participating in the RSVP program.

Seminarian Contact Please contact the Seminarian you are supporting as soon as school begins. Several Councils began the program in May and June. Since Summer vacation begins in the middle of June, the distributed checks are not being delivered until after the cycle deadline on June 30.

I will receive a list of the Seminarians at the Abbey in September or October, if you support a new Seminarian.

However, I hope that you will continue to support your current Seminarian until they are ordained. Know that your continued support means a lot to these young men who have entered a vocation for our benefit.

Remember, "NO ONE IS BORN A PRIEST"

Vivat Jesus

Dr. George Vennes
State Chairman for Vocation and Decency
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Ron Boyce
State Secretary

[Stop The Funding Petition](#)

I would like to thank all of you for your hard work and dedication in starting the “Stop the Funding” petition drive at your local parishes to stop public funds for any abortion, except when medically necessary or as may be required by federal law. I would also like to thank Archbishop Sample, Bishop Cary, Bishop Smith, and all the priests in the Portland and Baker Diocese for their support and guidance.

Currently the goal is to reach 117,000 valid signatures by the end of September. We are currently at 30,000! I don't need to do the math to tell you that we need your help and the help of all the parishioners at your local church. On the next page, you will see a PDF copy of an Electronic Signature Sheet. Please make copies and give it to all of your friends, family, and fellow brother Knights.

I just want to stress this is a great opportunity for Councils in this state to again make a difference in Oregon just like when the Knights in Oregon took on the Klan and Scottish Rite Freemasons back in the 1920's.

Here is some guidance or steps that can help organize the events along with the target dates.

1. Talk with your Council Chaplain/Parish Priest and explain what the initiative is all about. Verify if there is any other organization doing the signature gatherings. If so, ask the chair or the organization if they need any help.
2. Organize your members to take signature. Target date is to gather signatures until **September 2017**.
3. Go over the training video with members who will be gathering signatures for this petition at website www.oregonlifeunited.org or www.stopthefunding.org so you know the procedures to gather signatures.
4. Ask other Parish organizations like the Catholic Daughters, Pro Life chairman etc. If they would like to join the Knights as signature gatherers.
5. The Grand Knight should have received the petitions, posters and flyers from Oregon Life Unit around the end of April. These should have been passed out to those members gathering signatures.
6. Advertise in your Parish Bulletin ahead of time and explain what the Knights are doing and why.
7. Start gathering signatures after Mass, at your Breakfasts, coffee and donuts, at your Council sponsored Rosaries etc.
8. Send the signed petitions back to Oregon Life United “**after each signature drive**”.
9. Send everyone you know a printable copy of the one-signature petition sheet. with the address below.
10. The goal is to achieve the 117,000 signatures required to qualify for the **2018 Oregon statewide ballot by September 2017**.

I have attached a PDF version of the Electronic Signature Sheet. Please print and bring to all of your meeting, functions, masses, friends and family members. After they are filled out please send to;


Oregon Life United PAC
PO Box 1620
Corvallis, OR 97339.

Vivat Jesus,

Ron Boyce
Knights of Columbus
Oregon State Secretary
PO Box 23093
Tigard, OR 97281
Cell #503-730-1986

One Member, Per Council, Per Month

Electronic Signature Sheet | State Initiative

 Please print on white paper which indicates you are not being paid to gather signatures on this petition.
 SOME circulators **NO** circulators for this petition are being paid.



Petition ID 1
 November 6, 2018
 General Election

Amends Constitution: Prohibits spending "public funds" (defined) directly/indirectly for "abortion" (defined); exceptions; reduces abortion access

Result of "Yes" Vote: "Yes" vote amends constitution, prohibits spending "public funds" (defined) directly/indirectly for any "abortion" (defined), health plans/insurance covering "abortion"; limited exceptions; reduces abortion access.

Result of "No" Vote: "No" vote retains current law that places no restrictions on spending public funds for abortion or health plans covering abortion when approved by medical professional.

Summary: Amends Constitution. Under current law, abortions may be obtained, when approved by medical professional, under state-funded health plans or under health insurance procured by or through public employer or other public service. Measure amends constitution to prohibit spending "public funds" (defined) for "abortion" (defined) or health benefit plans that cover "abortion." Measure defines "abortion," in part, as "purposeful termination of a clinically diagnosed pregnancy." Exception for ectopic pregnancy and for pregnant woman in danger of death due to her physical condition. Exception for spending required by federal law, if requirement is "found to be constitutional." No exception for pregnancies resulting from rape/incest unless federal law requires. Effect on spending by public entities other than state unclear. Measure reduces access to abortion. Other provisions.

A full and correct copy of the text of the initiative petition is available from chief petitioners.

Chief Petitioners

Jeff Jimerson
 29428 Lakeside Drive
 Corvallis, OR 97333

Marilyn Shannon
 7955 Portland Road NE
 Brooks, OR 97305

Suzanne Belatti
 15413 NE Andra Place
 Portland, OR 97230

Return completed petitions to:
 Oregon Life United
 PO Box 1620
 Corvallis, OR 97339

Learn more at www.StopTheFunding.org

Instructions for Signers

- 1 Only active Oregon voters may sign a petition. Use a pen to sign your name, as you did when you registered to vote.
- 2 Provide the date you signed the petition, your printed name and residence address. Only you may complete this optional information.
- 3 It is **against the law for signers to:**
 - Sign another person's name under any circumstances.
 - Sign a petition more than one time.
 - Sign a petition when you are not qualified to sign it.

To the Secretary of State of Oregon: I am an active Oregon voter and request this petition be placed on the ballot for approval or rejection at the election listed.

Signature _____

Date Signed mm/dd/yy _____

Print Name _____

Residence Address street, city, zip code _____

Sheet Number
Completed by Chief Petitioner

State Chaplain Assigned as Pastor

On July 3rd, several Sir Knights and their wives from around the area attended State Chaplain, Fr. Theo's first Mass at his new assignment as Pastor of St Catherine of Siena in Veneta, Oregon.

Present were IPSD Sid Thiel, PSD Bob Kish, PSD Jim Gay, New DD 24 Stephen Edmondson, Past DD Don Cersovski, and Ken Gentry.

Bob Kish
 Oregon State KofC
 Charities President and
 Oregon Knights of Columbus, PSD



St. Patrick's Church Fence

The Canby Knights of Columbus Council 3484 recently built a fence around the two air conditioners at the church to protect them from dirt and grime when the church grounds are maintained.

Jim Currie, John Meyerhofer, Greg Perez, Paul Crawford, Deacon Jerry Geiger and Duane Kloser completed the project.



Canby Knights of Columbus presented two scholarships

The Knights of Columbus recently awarded \$3,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors at the Baccalaureate Mass at St. Patrick's Church on Sunday, June 4th.



Pictured with Grand Knight Duane Kloser (center) are Allan Patton and Kylie Bland.

Duane Kloser, Grand Knight, announced the recipients of the 2017 Knights of Columbus scholarships.

Kylie Bland and Allan Patton were co-winners of the Mathew A. Wagner Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1500 each.

Council In Action

Canby Knights of Columbus Council 3484 Strawberry Social

The Canby Knights of Columbus recently treated members, family and friends to a Strawberry Social at the Parish Center. Dave Bernklau and GK Duane Kloser picked fresh berries for the event.



Independence Day Parade in Canby

The Canby Knights of Columbus Council 3484 members marched in the 4th of July Parade in Canby, Oregon.





Tom Radel
General Program
Director and
State Warden

Message from Your New General Program Director

Brother Knights,

I am excited to be the State's new General Program Director. Working along with the team of Program Directors and Chairmen, I hope this will be a successful Fraternal year with programs and Council and membership involvement. The Directors, Chairmen and myself will do all we can to support your activities and involvement in programs. We may not have all the answers to your questions right away but we will find an answer and get back with you for direction.

The vision and missions of the Knights of Columbus regarding Programs this year are:

- ◆ Make a positive difference in the lives of people in need, in the parish and community.
- ◆ Demonstrates to men and their families that there is a place for them within the K of C.
- ◆ Engages Council members and strengthens membership experiences.

The priority programs for this Fraternal year are:

- ◆ RSVP
- ◆ Coats for Kids
- ◆ Ultrasound Initiative
- ◆ Christian Refugee Relief
- ◆ Domestic Church Activities

Domestic Church Activities are more a part of Programs this year and its focus. Councils will be asked to complete an action plan on how to include Domestic Church Activities for this year.

The programs are very important for recruitment, retention and engagement. Finally, Programs help your Council grow and be active. There will be more information on Programs and the changes at the Summer Organizational Meeting in Lebanon, OR and State Newsletters throughout the year.

Thank you

Tom Radel

State Warden
State General Program Director
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Duane Morris
Roundtable
Chairman

Round Table Report

A reminder about Round Tables and some information for those not familiar with Round Tables. A Round Tables must be re-established every year by filing Form 2629 (Parish Round Table Coordinator) http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/Council/roundtable_coordinators2629_p.pdf. If your Council has an existing Round Table please make sure to fill out this form every year and send a copy to the District Deputy and State Deputy. Once completed, please remember to make the proper distribution of the form to ensure you receive the proper credit. It would be greatly appreciated if you would also submit a copy to me at dlmorri@gmail.com. You can accomplish this by “forwarding” the copy you emailed to yourself to me at dlmorri@gmail.com.

‘Living in service to all’ is one of the most dynamic qualities of being a Knight of Columbus. A unique way for Knights to serve is by offering their assistance in parishes that do not have a Knights of Columbus Council. Not only does this demonstrate to the parish priest that we are *‘In Solidarity With Our Priest’* but it proves to this priest that we are true to our word, if he knows about the KCs or even if he does not, it instills in him the difference a KC Council can make if he had one within his parish. This is a two way street and a ‘win’, ‘win’ situation for the Knights of Columbus. This makes the Knights of Columbus a visible talent and an asset in the parish and community and instills in that parish priest the importance in having his own Knights of Columbus Council within his parish. He in turn will instill in the men in his parish the importance of becoming a Knight of Columbus and as a result, our Order will grow and Oregon will continue to increase its membership.

The Order requests Council members to extend services to such parishes. The Parish Round Table Program is an easy and effective way for Knights to better serve the individual parishes, priests and to be the visible force for good in their communities. The Round Table representatives are members of the sponsoring Council and are members of that parish with one of those members serving as the Parish Round Table Coordinator. In those situations where Round Tables have been successful and membership is growing, the Host Council, District Deputy and Council Growth team should be evaluating the ability of the Round Table to grow into a full-fledged Council. Round tables may also be effectively utilized to establish a presence in sub-communities of a large single parish Council, perhaps with a significant Hispanic community or other nationality.

The guidelines to establish a Parish Round Table are:

- ◆ The Grand Knight decides which area parishes will be served.
- ◆ The Grand Knight and his Officers make lists of Council members who belong to those parishes.
- ◆ Grand Knight informs members of which parishes will have a Round Table.
- ◆ Grand Knight and chosen parishioner call on Pastor to offer help.
- ◆ If the Pastor is not receptive to a Parish Round Table, his decision is accepted, but keep the offer open in case things change.
- ◆ If the Pastor is receptive, the Grand Knight appoints one Parish Round Table coordinator for each designated Parish.
- ◆ The Grand Knight completes the Report of the Parish Round Table Coordinator (Form 2629) and submits it to Supreme with copy to District Deputy and State Round Table Coordinator.
- ◆ Communicate all Parish Round Table appointments to those involved and make announcements.

Vivat Jesus,
Duane Morris
State Round Table Chairman





Twelfth Annual
Knights of Columbus
Car Show

SATURDAY JULY 15, 2017



**To Benefit the Father Taaffe Homes
For Young Teens and Their Babies
All Proceeds will go to support the homes**

**St. Edward Catholic Church
5303 River Rd. N
Keizer, OR
Across From Quality Suites on River Road in Keizer**

**Music by
Stro's DJ Service
Russ Strohmeyer**

**Bring your ride-The fun starts at 10:00AM to 2:00PM
Food will be available served by the Knights of Columbus St. Edward Council 10594**



Edward L. Betts

Passing of a Past State Secretary and Community Director

Edward "Ed" Betts, Past State Secretary/Past State Community Director went to his eternal reward on June 25, 2017.



Flowers provided by
Oregon Knights of
Columbus.

Ed Betts was the eldest of seven children, born in Kansas City, Missouri on July 4, 1941.

He attended St. Louis Parochial grade school and De La Salle Academy. In 1958, he graduated from high school a few weeks short of his 17th birthday, and the following November he joined the U.S. Coast Guard, where he served in Argentina, Newfoundland, Salem, Massachusetts; Quonset Point, Rhode Island; Elizabeth City, North Carolina; St. Petersburg, Florida; and the last four years in Astoria, Oregon, where he retired in December 1978. This is where Ed and his wife Sylvia remained.

Ed was always involved in his children's activities, coaching various sports and participating in Boy Scout outings. His love of sports continued even after his children grew, and he refereed many sports throughout the years. His 35 years of refereeing football included city league, grade school, high school and one season of semi-pro football.

Ed was an active member of St. Mary, Star of the Sea church and school. Ed and Sylvia worked on numerous fundraisers to support the students. Ed was very active in the parish as a lay minister, including scheduling the lay ministries for nearly a dozen years. He was also heavily involved with the Knights of Columbus locally and at the State Officer level. He stayed very active locally up until his diagnosis of cancer.



Mike Woody
Membership
Director

Membership Director Report

Congratulations to **Brother Sir Knight Tung Son Van** of Our Lady of the Valley Council 3591 in Tigard.

Tung is proudly recognized here as "Oregon's Top Recruiter for the 2016-2017 Fraternal Year".

Tung was sponsor to 11 new Brothers last year which topped the list of all Oregon recruiters.

Tung is a 5-year member of our Order joining in 2012 and a member of Fr. Robert O'Hara Assembly 1606 in Canby.

Thank you to Tung and all Oregon recruiters who continue to keep the Oregon Jurisdiction alive and growing.

Vivat Jesus !

Mike Woody
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