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FROM THE DESK OF THE OREGON STATE DEPUTY

Dear Brother Knights and Families

Brother Knights, our fraternal year is 70% over and I just sit here in my study contemplating if we as Brother Knights have done enough for our fellow Catholic men this year. These are the parishioners who are still not part of our organization, the Knights of Columbus. The reason this comes to mind is because of the questions I ask and the responses I get when attending the Oregon State Regional meetings. It amazes me that some of our council officers respond with the look of either confusion or misunderstanding of what expanding our faith means to them and to their respective councils.



Wayne Clemmer

When we talk about new members, so many Knights limit it to their own parish. These men are not thinking outside-the-box and look at parishes in districts that do not have Knights or understand what they can do for a parish, its priests and their parishioners. Too many council officers appear not to understand how to approach those parishes without Knights as to how to establish new round tables or a new council. Due to a lack of this knowledge, council officers are being given the tools through round tables at our regional meetings. This provides an easier concept to present to their council membership.

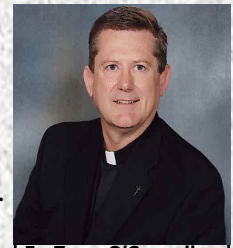
When going over the statistics for each of the Oregon districts at the regional meetings, so many attendees are astonished at the number of parishes who have a large number of men who are not Knights in their district and councils area. The statistics show a group of Catholic men who are serving their parish, its priests and community without any Knights of Columbus support. The positive aspect is that these are Catholic men who are doing what they can with the limited guidance and resources at their disposal. But, the opportunity is here for our Knights to help support these men and hopefully bring them into the Knights of Columbus and helping them start a round

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FROM THE OREGON STATE CHAPLAIN'S NOTEBOOK

My Dear Brother Knights and Families

A short while ago on the radio I heard an author talking about his new book, *The Other Wes Moore: One Name, Two Fates*. I have not read the book but from his discussion on the radio and after reading a bit about the book on amazon.com, I think the story behind the book can help us during Lent even if I do not know all the details. The author's name is Wes Moore and he grew up in Baltimore. Eventually he joined the Army, graduated from John Hopkins University and became a Rhodes Scholar. On returning from Oxford College in England he heard a news article about a Wes Moore from Baltimore who was involved in a jewelry store robbery and the killing of a policeman. He was convicted and in prison, I believe for life. The author Wes Moore became intrigued by someone with the same name and from the same place, but whose life turned out so differently. He wrote to the Wes Moore in prison and eventually began to visit him there. As they talked the author came to see how similar their lives were; they were in Baltimore at the same time and on the same streets. They had very similar backgrounds and experiences. And even though there were some differences in their childhoods the author concluded that how their lives turned out so differently had to do with their choices: The author choosing school and the Army over the drugs and violence of the streets and the criminal choosing to sell drugs and to lead a violent life. One becomes a Rhodes Scholar for life and the other got life in prison.



Fr. Terry O'Connell

On the First Sunday of Lent we read about the devil tempting Adam and Eve in the garden and then Jesus in the desert. Both were presented with seemingly simple choices of eating fruit or bread. The fruit was pleasing and it seemed it might give them more wisdom. Where is the harm in that? That won't hurt anybody. Jesus was hungry and could have used some bread. What would be the harm of turning a few stones into bread? Simple choices but the "Yes" of Adam and Eve was against God's will and lead to sin and death. The "No" of Jesus conforms to the Father's plan for Jesus and leads to the forgiveness of our sins and the promise of eternal life.

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Your State Officers for July 2010 through June 2011

State Deputy....Wayne Clemmer.....Council 1623.....McMinnville
 State Chaplain..Fr. Terry O'Connell... Council 1623.....McMinnville
 Imm. PSD.....Dennis White Council 3302 Columbia-Scappoose
 State Secretary. Patrick Rice.....Council 6602.....Newberg
 State Treasurer..David Denton.....Council 4087.....Springfield
 State Advocate...Robert Kish.....Council 1785.....Corvallis
 State Warden.....Sidney Thiel.....Council 9137.....Sherwood

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table and eventually a new council in those parishes. This will also allow the Knights an opportunity to help evangelize more Catholic men and make them even stronger in their faith as Catholics. Most of our council officers see this as an opportunity and immediately start getting the word out to help support the parishes by starting a Knights of Columbus round table.

Many council officers think it is a superb idea to go out and help their Brother Knights; but probably would be astounded to learn how Jesus handled this situation in the Bible. Jesus worked with his disciples in dealing with these same situations -- large populations of people who know little if anything about their faith in God and how the disciples needed to handle the situation. In John 4:35 "Do you not say, 'There are yet four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are ripe for harvest. It was very clear then to the disciples that they were few in number and the masses were many. Likewise, there are so many men in our parishes who also need to know about the Knights of Columbus. We need to show them what is available to them and how they can better serve their parish and their community.

In perspective, there are 186,000 Catholic men in Oregon and approximately 8,500 Knights. This means that just 4% of the Catholic men within the State are carrying the message of our Knights of Columbus to the masses. Again, the Bible is clear in what needs to be done as shown in Luke 10:2 "And He was saying to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.' As Knights we sometime forget the power of the Lord and need to practice what we are telling everyone the Knights are about: charity, unity and fraternalism. Therefore, we need to let God guide us in our endeavor and show us the way to bring more Catholic men to the Knights so they can become stronger Catholics. This is a win-win situation for both the parishes, the new members and the Knights of Columbus.

Let all of us go forth and show our fellow Catholic men that they can also be Brother Knights. These men can make a difference within their parish and in Oregon. Being a Knight will enable them to gain the tools to help all Catholics families have a stronger religious bond with their faith. God Bless and Vivat Jesus.

Fraternally Yours,
Wayne Clemmer
State Deputy

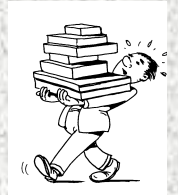
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During Lent each of us should examine the particular temptations and choices that we currently face. And no matter how simple or harmless they may seem we should always be sure that our yes and our no conform to God's will. The wrong choices, especially over time, can lead to our ruin. The right choices lead to salvation. One can end up imprisoned for life or a Rhodes Scholar.

Peace in Christ,
Fr. Terry J. O'Connell
State Chaplain

Convention Notes:

Councils—please select/nominate your delegates for the State Convention as soon as possible. Ensure that a copy of the credential form is sent to the State Deputy and a copy to the State Secretary. Don't forget to have the council seal embossed on each page. We need the information as early as possible to ease the burden of setting up of the names on the sign-in sheets.



Additionally, District Deputies, Directors and Chairmen. Your annual reports are due to the State Secretary by April 1st (no fooling) to ensure they are printed in the convention book.

Sir Knights Faithful Navigators and Faithful Comptrollers



In January our Supreme Master sent a letter to each Faithful Navigator of record requesting each District raise at least \$300 for the purchase of chalices for 90 Cuban Seminarians. The purpose of this email is to ask each of our Assemblies to help reach this goal. If each Assembly could send an amount between \$15 and \$30 or more, we could easily reach this goal. Please bring this up at your next meeting. Mail your check to the District Master (address below) and we will make sure it gets to the Supreme Master. Make checks payable to: Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree Cuba Seminary

Supreme wants to purchase 90 identical chalices so it does not want any donated chalices.

The donations received so far have averaged \$35 to \$40. The highest donation so far was \$65.

Looking forward to hearing from you. Thank you for bringing it up in your Assembly.

Thanks too, to those Assemblies that have responded.

Fraternally,

Carroll Gorg
District Master
2648 Wembley Park Road
Lake Oswego, OR 97034



INSURANCE CORNER

Sometimes it is easy to overlook the simplest of things.

Take the beneficiaries on your life insurance policies. If your policy was applied for and issued several years ago, it could very well be that the person you originally selected as the beneficiary is no longer the person you would want to receive the policy proceeds. If you bought the policy when you were single, for example, you may have named your parents as beneficiaries. If you have since been married, that could be updated to reflect your spouse or your children.

Most people list a primary beneficiary – that person is specifically designated as the first in priority to receive policy proceeds. We also encourage the naming of a contingent beneficiary – an alternate person designated to receive policy proceeds, usually in the event that the original beneficiary pre-deceases the insured.

I routinely call all of our policyholders for annual review appointments, usually near the anniversary date of your policy – the date it was originally issued. One of the matters that I'll discuss during this review is the status of your beneficiary designations. If they need updating, and they often do, I can complete the paperwork during that appointment.

I look forward to meeting with each of you.

Fraternally.

Jim Walton
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As we enter the home stretch towards our next state convention, how many of you are prepared for your area(s) of responsibility? Have you completed all of your activity forms for the fraternal year? Have you ensured that your Council Church Director has completed some if not all the areas listed on the activity form? I would find it inconceivable to think that any parish had a Knight who would not do Adoration, perform something pertaining to catholic service (be it opening a door for a fellow parishioner or handing out weekly bulletins), doing something for Keep Christ In Christmas, counting money or being an usher, lector or lay Eucharistic minister. These are the easy things under the Church Activity on the E-Z File Activity Report Form. The harder ones would be a pancake breakfast or parish maintenance. Yes, Grand Knight, it is your responsibility to be checking each month to see that your Program Director is accomplishing his responsibilities by following up on whether or not the report forms are being filled out and submitted to the appropriate state director. Being proactive means inquiring, checking and following up until the job is done. Are your proactive? I hope so. Only then can you say "I am proud to be a Knight"!

VIVAT JESUS
Thomas E. Karl
Church Director

Council Helps Brother Knight with Medical Expenses

During the weekend of February 19/20, 2011, Baker City Council 849 initiated a medical fund-raiser in which all of the proceeds were presented to one of their Brothers who was facing major medical expenses. During March, Bro. Shawn Kelso will have undergone eye cornea surgery in Portland. PGK Steve Bachman and Council Program Director Dave Lindley had coordinated a breakfast as well as an auction that brought attendance from both the Parish and the community. Auctioneer Bro. Lyle Laeger had the audience's rapt attention. It reminded you of an auction you may have witnessed at a farm or ranch sale, in which you were afraid to even scratch your ear for fear it was an indication of the next bid!

The Council was instrumental in planning, advertising and coordinating the event and from there "the generosity just flowed" commented Grand Knight Francis Mohr. Shawn and his wife Melissa are active with Parish activities and most especially the youth program. Shawn is also known as the "blue ribbon brew master" at a favorite local brew pub restaurant.

Last fall Council 849 sponsored a similar function which yielded a check for \$3300 plus for another brother who had undergone surgery for throat cancer.



Grand Knight Francis Mohr and Council Treasurer Greg Woydziak present a check for \$6600 to the family of Shawn and Melissa Kelso accompanied by their son Logan.

State Free Throw Contest

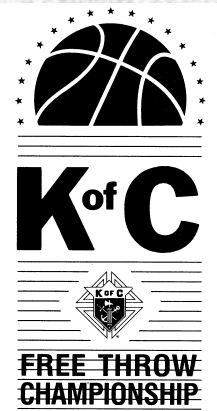
When: **March 26th**

Time: **12 Noon**

Where: **Marist High School -- Eugene**

Request District Deputies forward the district winner's score sheets to:

Marc Langley 541 953-8309
2866 Greentree Wy
Eugene, Or 97405





THOUGHTS for VOCATIONS

RSVP STANDINGS

SCORE:

Tigard Council #3591	8 Seminarians assisted
North Portland Council #5279	5 Seminarians
Grants Pass Council # 3157	4 Seminarian
St. Pius X Council #12656	3 Seminarians
Bend Council #1872	1 Seminarian

It is winter semester at The Abbey and many of our Seminarians need our support. Last year we had a total of 28 vocations supported by the RSVP Program with 9 of our Councils participating. In 2009, we supported 37 with 14 Councils. Please send in your Form 2863 - it really is not that difficult. If you have not donated to the program, do it as soon as possible. These young men need your support now and not in June when they are out of school.

Don't forget to write or call them and show your appreciation for their effort.

Is your parish going to participate in THE WORLD DAY of PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS, MAY 15, 2011? Packets explaining the Program are available. Please call me at 503-645-2596 or e-mail gvennes@yahoo.com.

Remember, "NO ONE IS BORN A PRIEST."

Vivat Jesus
Dr. George Vennes
State Chairman for Vocation and Decency
gvennes@yahoo.com



NEWS FLASH: Father Robert O'Hara's Fourth Degree Assembly # 1606, Woodburn, Oregon just had a one day retreat which was attended by sixty adults. The retreat was the second "annual" the Assembly has sponsored and held at Sacred Heart Parish in Gervais. The theme, "Knighthood Today: Call To Holiness" was geared towards the spirituality of the members of our Order. Father Christopher LaRocca from the Carmelite House of Studies at Mt. Angel, gave a fantastic presentation regarding the Mystery of Human Being.

Father assured us all how God is with us always. How "HOPE" purifies the memory and how "HOPE" begins to help us put things in good order.

The attendance was triple in size from last year and we hope to make this an annual event for all the Knights and guests (non-members) to renew their faith, courage and hope in our Catholic beliefs.

Unlimited benefits were gained by this five hour investment. We would encourage all to attend next year.

VIVAT JESUS.

Jesse C. Villarreal, District Deputy # 6.



Liability Insurance

The following information has been provided by Ed Betts, Council 1307 Astoria, to help clarify and inform us about liability insurance issues that have been brought up by several councils.

There is a policy purchased by the Oregon State Knights of Columbus Council that gives us all liability insurance—right?

This is called a General Liability Insurance Policy for Bodily Injury and Property Damage which the council becomes legally obligated to pay if it results from action:

- Which might occur during and at meetings.
- Which might occur during a council project.
- Maybe, someone gets sick because of some food served at your Sunday Breakfast or fundraiser.
- Maybe, the bleachers collapse at the Free Throw tournament.

It is really pretty an all-inclusive coverage policy for your council—BUT! With certain exclusions.....

First, and the main one is that, there is no coverage for any liability incurred due to alcohol sold or provided in the price of an event.

If you are going to have more than 2 or 3 events every year, it might be more cost effective to have your own insurance. There is a company that deals with liability insurance for fraternal organizations and already provides cover for a lot of Knight of Columbus councils around the country and that includes at least 2 councils here in Oregon. It is called Council Insurance Program, Administered by Lockton Risk Services, P. O. Box 87-9610, Kansas City, MO 64187-9610. For \$1,000,000 coverage with Liquor Liability it runs about \$1,300 per year. Check it out.

(Our thanks to Ed Betts)

Did You Know



Submitted by Assembly 0906 Corvallis
Schools affiliated with the Catholic Church educate 2.6 million elementary and high school students everyday at the cost to the Church of 10 billion dollars and a savings on the other hand to the American taxpayer of 18 billion dollars. The graduates go onto university studies at the rate of 92%.

AND NOW YOU KNOW!

**Knights of Columbus Supreme Advocate's Office
Important Tax Information for
KofC Councils and Assemblies**

As you know, the Knights of Columbus, including all of its subordinate councils and assemblies, is a tax-exempt organization, recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a fraternal benefit society under Section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code. Notwithstanding our tax exempt status, each council and assembly is required to file an annual informational tax return (IRS Form 990) with the IRS. In addition to our filing requirement, each council and assembly is also responsible for conducting its affairs in a manner that is consistent with what is expected of tax-exempt organizations. Failure to do so may result in a council or an assembly losing its tax exempt status.

We suggest you visit the IRS's home page on tax-exempt organizations. It is an excellent resource for council and assembly officers who have questions or need information regarding their federal tax obligations: <http://www.irs.gov/charities/index.html?navmenu=menu1>

Fraternally,
John Marrella
Supreme Advocate



Lest we Forget
Fr. Taaffe Foundation
Brother Knights



In July of this year it will be three years since we lost a most passionate and eloquent voice for the unborn child and their future mothers.

Monsignor Charles P. Taaffe kept his dream and his vision alive partly through his LONG association with the Knights of Columbus in general and the Oregon State Council in particular, by serving numerous times as the State Chaplain and later as State Chaplain emeritus.

Though he may not be among us physically, he will always be with us spiritually.

In past years I have seen the generosity of many councils toward the Foundation and Msgr. Taaffe displayed to such a heartwarming degree; but recently, without his voice, it has ebbed somewhat. Let's see what we can do to restore that support, especially at the upcoming State Convention.

To this end I would ask you and your councils: "What have you done lately to help with the Fr. Taaffe Foundation's mission?" I know there are numerous ideas for raising funds within the councils, so wouldn't it be a great idea to take one of them and use it to help the Foundation between now and the State Convention.

Thank You
Mike Dickey for Fr. Taaffe Charities



**40th Annual
Mount Angel Abbey
Bach Festival**

July 27-29

- 5:15 PM Sing vespers with the monks
- 6 PM Church Performance
- 6:30 PM Picnic Supper
- 8 PM Feature Performance

Wednesday, July 27

- 6 PM Debra Huddleston, organ
- 8 PM Hekun Wu, cello and Elise Yun, piano

Thursday, July 28

- 6 PM In Mulieribus, choir
- 8 PM Daniel Bolshoy, guitar and Paul Marleyn, cello

Friday, July 29

- 6 PM In Mulieribus, choir
- 8 PM Alon Goldstein, piano

General Admission \$45/night • General Subscription \$120/3 nights
All tickets include the picnic supper.

www.mountangelabbey.org

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BACH@mountangelabbey.org



**Family of the Month
Supreme Council
Selection
December 2010**



Congratulations goes to Corvallis Council 1785* family of

Jack & Diane Noble
and

Brookings Council #5511 family of

Ray & Marilyn Kornell

Councils participating: 1307 Astoria, 1623 McMinnville, 1785* Corvallis, 1872 Bend, 2171 Tillamook, 5511 Brookings, 6602 Newberg, 7246 Newport, 8129 Dallas, 9137 Sherwood, 11962 Sheridan, 12656 Cedar Mills

**Family of the Month
Supreme Council
Selection
January 2011**

Congratulations goes to Tillamook Council 2171* family of

Robert & Elaine Durrer

Councils participating: 678 Portland, 1307 Astoria, 1623 McMinnville, 1634 Hillsboro, 1785 Corvallis, 1872 Bend, 2171* Tillamook, 3302 Scappoose, 7246 Newport, 8129 Dallas

*Denotes winner(s) for the month

General Program Director

Worthy Brother Knights:

The Oregon State Convention in Medford is a little over one month away. Time is passing quickly for each council to send in their reports that are used to determine which council will be presented an award during the convention. There are 19 major council awards that are made available at the convention.



State E-Z File Activity Reports

There are still a few days left before the April 1 deadline to report any activities of your council and send the "E-Z File" Activity Report form to the appropriate Director. The State will present awards to the Councils obtaining outstanding achievements in the various Service Programs at the State Convention in Medford based on the results of all your Activity reports, of the past 12 months, received by April 1, 2011. Remember, we have divided the Councils into large- and small-sized groups. That creates twice the number of awards being presented. The Council of the Year Award will exemplify the best Council out of all the 77 Councils in the State of Oregon. Will your Council be listed as one of the best in the State?

State Council Service Program

Please look at the State Council Service Program award application (Form STSP) and guidelines your council received in the February mailing from the State to aid with the write-up of this application. The Service Program recognizes those councils that conduct the single outstanding project in one of the six categories of the Service Program: church, pro-life, community, council, family, and youth. The single best project in each category will be submitted to the Supreme Council for national awards and recognition. Last year Astoria Council was the recipient of the Supreme Youth Award and received free passage to the Supreme Convention to accept it. This form needs to arrive in our State General Program Director's mailbox by April 1.



Family of the Month/Year

Each month your Council should be choosing one outstanding family as Family of the Month. For the month of January, 10 councils participated in the program. What an easy way to thank your council families. Don't forget to select a "Family of the Year" as requested in a recent State mailing. The form needs to reach our State Family Director by April 1st.

Fraternal Survey Due



It is not too late to submit the 2010 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity (#1728). This form is crucial to the Order's efforts to compile accurate statistics of charitable contributions by councils, assemblies, and circles. If you have not yet completed and submitted this valuable form for your council, please do so at once.

Vivat Jesus,

Rich Paris
General Program Director

Christ be with me, Christ within me ...

Dear Knights and Families,

Some of you recognize the above verses which come from the Breastplate Prayer of St. Patrick whose feast we just celebrated on March 17th. The prayer is based on St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians where he tells us:

Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil. For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens.
(Ephesians 6:11-12)

The devil is not resting and nor should we. We must become more active and prepare ourselves spiritually, mentally and physically so that we can win the Battle for Life and Purity.

Spiritual Fitness begins with a good confession and frequent confessions. Some of us just go once a year. Could you imagine if you only apologized once a year to your wife who loves you and supports you? Why do we feel we only need to reconcile with God once a year and he loves us far more than we can imagine. Any sin puts cracks in our armor and sins against chastity and life pretty much makes our armor worthless. We must keep our armor in good shape; please find a good confession guide and run, don't walk and spend some time with your priest.

Reading the Bible the Catechism and the lives of the saints will also toughen up our armor. St. Ignatius wanted to be a knight for his earthly king, but after reading about the life of Jesus and the saints he found out who his real king was and became a knight for Christ. We must pray constantly and attend mass often. Let us enlist the protection of Mary, the mother of us all and the patroness of purity and life.

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Mental Fitness easily follows from reading and meditating on the Word. We also need to keep abreast of the current battles. Our bishops have at excellent resources at uscgb.org, click on Life Issues. The Internet has many sites such as 40daysfor-life.com, lifesitenews.com, onemoresoul.com, ortl.org, all.org, hli.org and pdx4life.org.

Physical Fitness must be included along with our spiritual and mental preparation. It is very easy to get run down and sick when we are in spiritual warfare. Some great ways to stay in shape are to walk more places, walk or ride bikes with our wives and families, exercising, stretching and last but not least, nutritional meals. St. Paul tells us,



Do you not know that your body is a temple of the holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore, glorify God in your body.
(1 Cor. 6:19-20)

Let us glorify God in our bodies, in our souls and in our minds. As Knights, let us put on the armor of God and become active and let us do it now. Please join the 40 Days for Life campaign this Lent and pray and fast and participate in peaceful vigils. Lastly help us out at the Oregon Right to Life Conference on April 16, 2011 in Portland.
God Bless you,

Bill and Cathy Diss
Pro-Life Couple

QUICK PRAYER 27 words -

"God, our Father, walk through my house and take away all my worries and illnesses and please watch over and heal my family in Jesus name, Amen."

Last reminder for Grand Knights

Make sure that your convention credentials have been signed, council seal added and forwarded to the State Secretary and State Deputy as soon as possible.



Pray for the Sick and Distressed

Dennis J. White Imm.PSD

Council 3302 Columbia-Scappoose

Fr. Amancio Rodrigues

Adelina Rodrigues, sister of Fr. Rodrigues

Raul Grimes

Betty Winter wife of Erwin Winter PGK

Council 9529 Lincoln City

Shawn Kelso

Council 849, Baker City

St. Philip's Parish Member

Council 8129 Dallas

Past District Deputy Steve Heffernan

Mike Dickey

Fr. Taaffe Charities Wine Steward

Council 1623 McMinnville

Dave Ramsey

Gus Fennerty & his wife

Astoria Council 1307

Lou Neubecker

Widows Donna Kuske and Claire Wallace

Council 8355 Seaside

Please direct your prayer requests to:

Andrew "Andy" Robinson Jr.
State Health/Welfare/Prayer Chairman

Email: robinson@opusnet.com

Phone: 503-543-2338

IN MEMORIAM

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

Sir Knight Al Nolte, PGK, PFN

Council 1430 Eugene & Assembly 0898

Delmer R Cadotte

Council 1577 Albany

Sir Knight George Sherba

Council 1258 Central Point & Assembly 0905 Medford

Thomas Bever PGK

Council 5842 Gervias



Eternal Rest
Grant Unto Them

O Lord

And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them





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THE SILENT SERMON

A member of a church, who previously had attended services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the preacher decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening. The pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his preacher's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace...and waited. The preacher made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the preacher took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone, then he sat back in his chair, still silent. The host watched all this while in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead. Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The preacher glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it. As the preacher reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, 'Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I will be back in church next Sunday.' We live in a world today, which tries to say too much with too little. Consequently, few listen. Sometimes the best sermons are the ones left unspoken.

I shall not want ---- that's Supply!	Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death ---- that's Testing!	My cup runneth over ---- that's Abundance!
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures ----that's Rest!	I will fear no evil ---- that's Protection!	Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies --- that's Hope!
He leadeth me beside the still waters ---- that's Refreshment!	For Thou art with me ---- that's Faithfulness!	Thou annointest my head with oil ---- that's Consecration!
He restoreth my soul ---- that's Healing!	The Lord is my Shepherd ---- that's a Relationship!	Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life --- that's Blessing!
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness -- that's Guidance!	Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me ---- that's Discipline!	And I will dwell in the house of the Lord - that's Security!
For His name's sake ---- that's Purpose!	Forever ---- that's Eternity!	