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FROM THE DESK OF THE OREGON STATE DEPUTY

Dear Brother Knights and Families



Patrick Rice

A new Fraternal year has started and it is time to push the State forward. We appreciate the hard work that so many of our councils have given to our membership drive in the last quarter. What a huge effort, thank you. But really, wouldn't it be a little nicer to be going into the 3rd quarter of our calendar year (1st quarter of our Fraternal Year) ahead of our planned membership goals?

Your State Officers and Supreme Council came up with some membership incentives for you and your councils to get started. Supreme will give any member who is able to recruit a new Knight during the months of July, August, and September a Pope John Paul Medallion. This should be a good reason to start recruiting now.

As for the State initiatives, you can read about them in this edition. Let's not wait until springtime to do our membership drives. Every council can be proactive 365 days a year. First Degrees can be done by any Council at anytime. That's right, Supreme has made it easy for every Council to initiate new Knights at any time.

Councils, start doing your own first degrees, make sure that if you are reading the parts that it is being read well and with all conferring officers working towards total memorization of their parts. If you don't have the equipment, get it or borrow it from another Council. Supreme has eliminated every reason why Councils can not do their Degree work.

Also, as a reminder, your report for the council election of Officers was due, June 30th. If you didn't do it yet, now is the time to get it in. The information from it is also used for the Oregon State directory.

Don't forget that the Service Program Personnel Report is due August first. You can send it in early! Lastly, don't forget that your Council Audits are due to arrive at Supreme no later than August 15th.

Yours in Christ,

Patrick L Rice
Oregon State Deputy

FROM THE DESK OF THE OREGON STATE CHAPLAIN

My Dear Brother Knights and Families



Fr. Don Guttman

Hello Brother Knights. I'm your new State Chaplain. I'd like to use this column today to introduce myself to those of you that don't know me and give a review of who your new Chaplain is for those that do know me.

I grew up in Hillsboro in a strong and happy family. I am the youngest in a family of five kids. I graduated from Hillsboro High School in '76 and then went to OSU where I got a degree in Horticulture. I worked with an older brother and his wife for a couple of years, starting a wholesale nursery business before I answered God's call to prepare for ministry. I went to a seminary in Washington D.C. (Catholic Univ. of America) for two years and then I took 5 years off from the seminary to further discern my calling. I volunteered at various ministries around the country for a year, then settled down at the Forest Grove parish as the Youth Minister and Pastoral Associate. After 4 years serving as a lay minister at the parish, I returned to seminary (Mt. Angel) for my final 2 years of formation to become a priest. I was then ordained for the archdiocese in 1991 and have served in Salem (St. Joseph), Lake Oswego, Corvallis, Florence & Reedsport, and now at St. Peter in Newberg.

I love being a priest. The greatest thing about being a priest is the opportunity it gives me to help so many people experience our amazing God. God has intervened in my life in so many ways (really GOOD ways!) and I want to help others experience how good God is.

In my spare time I like to be out in nature, especially around water. I kayak regularly, swim, surf... I also like cars—for many years I've driven an old VW converted into a woodie wagon, strange but fun little car! I've been fixing up a small almost 100 year old house. I like gardening too.

I look forward to serving all of our Knights as your new chaplain. Let's all be praying regularly that we allow God to use us Knights to do His will as best we can.

God bless you all!
Fr. Don
Oregon State Chaplain

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Your State Officers for July 2011 to June 2012

State Deputy.....	Patrick Rice.....	Council 6602.....	Newberg
State Chaplain.....	Fr. Don Gutmann.....	Council 6602.....	Newberg
Imm. PSD.....	Dennis J. White.....	Council 3302.....	Scappoose/St.Helen
State Secretary.....	David Denton.....	Council 4087.....	Springfield
State Treasurer.....	Robert Kish.....	Council 1785.....	Corvallis
State Advocate.....	Sidney Thiel.....	Council 9137.....	Sherwood
State Warden.....	Francis Mohr.....	Council 849.....	Baker City



Director's Reports

General Program Director

Worthy Brother Knights:

I am pleased to announce your new Directors:

- Bro Bill Diss as Pro-Life Director
- Bro Ed Betts as Community Director
- Bro Steve Kemp as Council Director
- Bro. George Murphy as Youth Director

And returning Directors are:

- Bro Tom Karl as Church Director
- Bro Del Barker as Family Director

We have our new and improved 'E-Z File' Activity Report Form on the State Website. Please start using it and delete all of your old ones. Go to www.kofc-or.org. New submission period is April 1, 2011 to March 23, 2012. Help us promote the Knights in Oregon by reporting your acts of Charity.

The 24-Hour Knight

Imagine if you were able to tell a man if he could just give 24 hours a year to the Knights of Columbus he could make a positive difference in his community and Church. Shown below is an illustration of just how little time it takes to be an active part of the Order.

12 hours a year reading the weekly parish bulletin, the state and local council newsletters, the Columbia magazine, and surfing the state council and Supreme Council websites.

2 hours a year volunteering at a council charity activity.

2 hours a year attending, with his family, two council religious activities.

2 hours a year on a council-sponsored Church, community, council, family, pro-life, or youth project of his choosing.

2 hours a year attending one council meeting.

2 hours a year enjoying (again, with his entire family) a council social function such as a dinner, dance, picnic, etc.

1 hour a year visiting with your Knights of Columbus Field Agent to ensure that your family is protected now and in the years to come.

Presented this way, joining is not intimidating at all.

Rich Paris

General Program Director

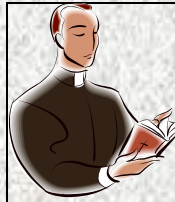
Special Notice

To the Oregon State Knights of Columbus, our Past State Deputy, Brother Wayne Clemmer has resigned as of June 28. He resigned for personal reasons. The Immediate Past State Deputy position will be filled by PSD Dennis White.

We wish Leslie and Wayne best wishes, prayers, and God's love as they go forward.

Patrick L Rice

**Oregon State Deputy
Knights of Columbus**



Vocation and Decency Report

THOUGHTS for VOCATIONS

FINAL RSVP STANDINGS SCORE:

Tigard	Council #3591	8 Seminarians
Canby	Council #3484	5 Seminarians
North Portland	Council #5279	5 Seminarians
Grants Pass	Council # 3157	4 Seminarian
St. Pius X	Council #12656	3 Seminarians
Bend	Council #1872	2 Seminarians
Eugene	Council #10838	2 Seminarians
Hillsboro	Council #1634	1 Seminarian
Newburg	Council #6602	1 Seminarian
Beaverton	Council #6266	1 Seminarian

Ten Councils supported 31 Seminarians and one Novitiate with a total of \$16,500 donated in this program. Supreme will reimburse us \$3,300. Last year we had a total of 28 vocations supported by the RSVP Program with 9 Councils participating. In 2009, we supported 37 with 14 Councils.

Our responsibility to these men and women does not stop with monetary support. We also need to include them in our council activities and prayers.

There are 180 Seminarians at Mt. Angel from 26 dioceses and 7 religious orders. 24 are from the Archdiocese of Portland. The cost per Seminarian is \$34,700, tuition is \$27,800 or 80% of the cost. The gap amounts to over \$1.3 million for all Seminarians. The Archdiocese of Portland covers \$21,800 or \$523,200 for their Seminarians. The cost for each Seminarian is \$6,000 - to teach them how they can serve you.

This program should be high on your list of giving, if not the first priority. This is a new Council Fraternal year. Let's all participate, starting this fall, when all the Seminarians return to school.

Remember, "NO ONE IS BORN A PRIEST."

Vivat Jesus

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

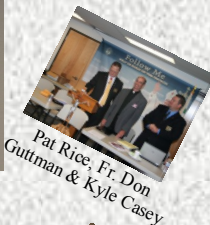


**Mid Summer Officers' Meeting
Saturday June 25, 2011 Newberg, Oregon**

Our Newly elected State Deputy Patrick Rice called the State Council together with its workforce of Officers, Chairmen, Directors and District Deputies to a meeting which was held at St. Peter's Catholic Church Parish Hall on a brightly lit Saturday in Newberg on June 25th. Besides the sun, it was a golden opportunity for the newest faces to come and meet others with whom they will work over the course of the Fraternal Year starting July 1st.



Pat & Cindy Rice



Pat Rice, Fr. Don Guttman & Kyle Casey



Rich Paris General Program Director



Pat Rice—State Deputy



Family Director Del Barker



DD16 Jerry Raveling



State Chaplain Fr. Don Guttman



Tom Hays



PSDs Dominic Worsowicz & Paul Bousquet



State Treasurer Bob Kish



Oregon District Master Carroll Gorg



Rich Paris Speaking on another topic.



Community Director Ed Betts



State Advocate Sid Thiel



General Insurance Agent Kyle Casey Counting Annuities



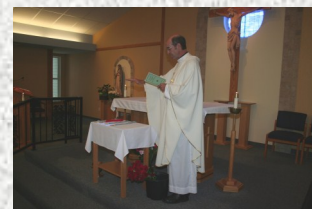
Awesome food Newberg KoiC Council 6002



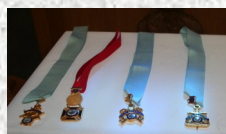
Ready to eat! Yum!



Bill Diss Pro-Life Director



Fr. Don blesses the State Officers' Jewels



State Officer's Jewels



New DD Mark Langley jokes with Cindy Rice



Pat Rice invests Fr. Don with the State Chaplain jewel



State Chaplain Fr. Don prepares to invest all State Officers with their jewel.



Lining up so that Fr. Don can invest each officer with their State Officer Jewel

Charities Convention Results

My Brother Knights and families,

Thanks so much to all of you that contributed your time, effort and donations to the Oregon State Charities this past year. We couldn't have done it without you.

The prize winners for this year's raffle drawing were:

1 st Prize – Andreas Loeffler, Portland, Oregon	\$2,500.00
2 nd Prize – Mark Hynson, Gresham, Oregon	\$1,500.00
3 rd Prize – Rod Bartholomew, Lake Oswego, Oregon	\$1,000.00
4 th Prize – Beverly Bowers, Salem, Oregon	\$ 500.00

While the results were still not as good as we had hoped, we did have a slight increase from last year and were able to distribute a total of \$13,000 to various charities throughout the State. While we have many charities interested in receiving help, the Board of Directors decided on the following:

Fr. Taaffe Homes – Homes for unwed mothers	\$4,000
Catholic Archdiocese of Portland Youth Programs	1,000
Catholic Diocese of Baker Youth Programs	1,000
KBVM Radio FM88.3 – Catholic Radio Broadcasting – Portland	1,000
Oregon Special Olympics – People with developmental disabilities	1,000
Fr. Bernard Youth Center – Youth counseling & development – Mt. Angel	1,000
Grandma's House – Home for unwed mothers – Bend	1,000
Magdalene House – Home for unwed mothers – Medford	1,000
Quo Vadis Days – Youth development & discernment	1,000
L'Arche Nehalem – People with developmental disabilities - Portland	500
Oregon Right to Life Education Foundation	500
	<u>\$13,000</u>

We will be looking forward to your help and support again next year!

Yours in Christ,

Dennis White, IPSD
Charities President

FAMILY DIRECTOR REPORT



Here we are into July already. It just seems like winter was last week. Well maybe it was or it seems to feel that way with the weather we have had. Anyway, now is the time of year that a lot of families plan and then go do a lot of things together. Maybe some camping, picnicking and just going places and doing things. There are so many wondrous places in this world for us to enjoy. If you are standing there looking out at a beautiful waterfall, it can be awe inspiring. But if you are with your family - well it does not get much better than that! Please as the saying goes, take time to stop and smell the roses. It is worth a second of your time. And please take time to really appreciate your family.

Well enough rambling for today. I do ask that you please remember to send in those family of the month reports and also those family activity reports.

Del Barker Jr.
Family Director



Oregon State Pilgrimage

August 14-September 4, 2011

Making the annual journey of the Silver Rose across our country is an international effort of the part of the Knights of Columbus. Its beginning each year is in Canada and ends at the Shrine of Our Lady in Monterrey, Mexico. This tribute to Our Lady of the America's wonderfully expresses the unity of our Order and its dedication to the sanctity of human life. This unity includes solidarity with our brothers in Mexico or those of Hispanic origin and is an opportunity for Knights to build bridges with the Hispanic community in our parishes and with other church groups. Our Silver Rose Co-Chairs are: Jesse Villareal DD#6 503-266-4043 or email at jcv1936@canby.com
Or
Larry Mullaly DD#9 541-531-1436
lmullaly@jeffnett.org

Can You Help Us?

This fall from September 28 to November 6, thousands will gather in an international effort called 40 Days for Life. This effort has three main components:

- Prayer and fasting
- Constant vigil
- Community outreach

Five cities in Oregon are looking for good solid support from the Knights of Columbus. The cities are Beaverton, Eugene, Forest Grove, Portland and Salem. Your personal support by way of funds for registration fees, advertising and prolife material is greatly appreciated along with your prayers, fasting and standing for life.

A great way to participate in this effort is to start at home. The family is a great sign of life and the home is the source of life and love. We encourage all Knights to pray and fast with their families at home and at the vigil sites. Locations can be found at: 40daysforlife.com/location.cfm.

We would love councils and families to make a donation if they are able. Checks should be made to, Knights of Columbus and on the memo write Prolife Donation, and mail to:

Robert J. Kish
State Treasurer, Knights of Columbus of Oregon
P. O. Box 1332
Philomath, OR 97370

Thanks to all of you for your support of life and families.

God's Blessings to All,

Bill and Cathy Diss
Pro-Life Couple
Oregon Council: Knights of Columbus
503-334-6183



All things in life are temporary.
If going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever.
If going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.

A blind person asked St. Anthony:
"Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?"
He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"





INSURANCE CORNER

There really are many fine life insurance companies in the marketplace today. So why should you entrust your life insurance needs, and your family's, to the Knights of Columbus?

In their rating report on the Knights of Columbus, Standard & Poor's states that its 'AAA' rating is based upon the following strengths: extremely strong capital, very strong competitive position, extremely strong liquidity and historically strong profitability.

I would suggest that a principal reason that we were able to achieve those accolades, along with what S&P described as 'a distinct competitive advantage, a loyal customer base and a unique rapport with clients' is because we remain steadfastly committed to the vision of Father Michael J. McGivney, 'Protecting Families for Generations', by means of 'life insurance by brother Knights for Brother Knights.'

That commitment is an essential core value of the Knights of Columbus and our core values permeate all levels of our marketing program. Our 'Marketing Code of Ethics' is modeled after the Ten Commandments and includes statements such as 'Thou shall present honestly and accurately all facts necessary to enable a member to make an informed decision.'

Our ethical principles for marketing are summed up by our Golden Rule: 'In all my professional relationships, I pledge myself to the following rule of conduct: I shall, in light of all conditions surrounding those I serve, render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.'

That's what you can expect from me, your professional Knights of Columbus field agent. I welcome from you the opportunity to present to you and your wife, as honestly and accurately as possible, all facts necessary for you to make a sound life insurance decision. I will render that service which, under the same circumstances, I would apply to myself.

I'm at 541-563-2662 or jim.walton@kofc.org. Call me – let's talk.

Fraternally,

Jim Walton
Field Agent



Church Director Ramblings

A new Fraternal Year has started for the Knights in Oregon. What have you planned for this next year? There are many areas on the Church activity form where your hours of hard work could be listed. Our councils need to ensure that the work they report is for hours performed as useful hours. For example, having an Adoration Hour is a wonderful thing; however, if one goes around complaining about having to give up an evening to attend adoration, then it does not really warrant their attendance. One must give from their own heart to be successful in any venture. Church activities are one of those ventures. Go out and show evangelization to your church and community by being a great Christian and helping others through this next year. Once started, the habit will become ingrained and will be easier each time. Soon the hours will mount up and your council will be able to compete for the annual Church Activity Award that is given out at the annual convention. Start now to make it work for you as you work for it and the Lord.

Thomas E. Karl
Church Director



Supreme's Families

of the Month for

April 2011

**Family of
Jeff & Lisa Turner
Council 5842 – Gervais**

They received one of the 100 Holy Family gifts given by the Supreme office in a random drawing each month.. Councils using the Family of the Month booklet (#1993) provided to each council in its annual "Surge . . . with Service" kit are placed in the random drawing each month at Supreme.

Oregon Councils participating in April 2011 were: **1623, 1785, 1872, 2171, 5842*, 6602, 7246, 9263, 9932**

For the Month of

May 2011

**Family of
Steve & Judy Pederson
Council 1872 - Bend**

**&
Ian & Faith Gerstel
Council 6602 - Newberg**

Oregon Councils participating in May 2011 were: **1623, 1634, 1785, 1872*, 2171, 5842, 6602*, 7246**

Pray for the Sick and Distressed



Request for our sick

Fr. Amancio Rodrigues

Ruth Peterson wife of Joe Peterson

Kathleen Buczkowski wife of Florian Buczkowski

Council 9529 Lincoln City

Ron Etzel

Council 2439 Sublimity

Susan West wife of Skip West

Council 1623 McMinville

Jim Brick, Gary Staats, Larry Mullaly,
Leni Assali, Jim LeRoy, John Plunkett, and

Fr. Stephen Fister

Council 11258 Central Point

May our prayers help to speed the recovery and help to alleviate the suffering of those sick or in distress. This we ask in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Please direct your prayer requests to:

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

Email: robinson@opusnet.com
Phone: 503-543-2338

IRS Form 990

Every year there seems to be confusion about what to do with the form. Remember—no one is exempt from the annual reporting of the information on IRS Form 990. Here is some guidance for you to review within your council and discuss with your Advocate/Grand Knight:

2010 ANNUAL FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION

In order to help councils, chapters, and assemblies comply with their annual obligation to file a federal tax return, we have prepared. Please review the information that was previously sent to your council. With a new Fraternal Year, there may have been a change of officers and the material may not be available. Additional filing information is available on the Knights of Columbus website. (Click "Officers" under the "Sign In" tab on the home page. By signing in you will go to the Reports Online page. Click on the attachment for Form 990 Information under topic "Support Materials").

If you have any questions, please direct them to the Supreme Advocate's Office.

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 Ed Puncochar

Council 1634 Hillsboro & Assembly 1292

Sir Knight Robert Mariani

Council 7828 Portland Assembly 2481

Mother of Brother Josh Halbrook

Council 10838 Eugene

Aunt of Sir Knight & State Advocate

Sid Thiel and his wife Lisa

Council 9137 Sherwood

Michael Mitchel

Council 9529 Lincoln City

Sir Knight Jim Iwaneic

Council 1785 Corvallis Assembly 898

Sir Knight Carl Dulay

Council 13800 Portland & Assenbly 2251

Lester E. Brown

Council 3302 Scappoose/ Saint Helens

Sister of James Fery

Council 3302 Scappoose/ St. Helens

Tom Korn

Council 5060 Salem

Walter F Hafner

Council 2439 Sublimity

Eternal Rest
Grant Unto Them
O Lord
And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon
Them





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Supreme Court rejects challenge to "under God" in Pledge of Allegiance
Knights of Columbus waged successful defense on East and West Coast cases

June 14, 2011 - Flag Day

(NEW HAVEN, CONN.) - The United States Supreme Court has refused to hear an appeal of a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the Pledge of Allegiance, thus ending a seven year battle involving two separate cases, one originating in California and the other in New Hampshire. The Knights of Columbus, represented by the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, played a key role in defending the Pledge as a "defendant intervenor" in both cases.

"The Knights of Columbus is proud to have played a major role in successfully defending the constitutionality of the words 'under God' in the Pledge of Allegiance," Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson said. "We were instrumental in persuading Congress to add those words to the Pledge in 1954, and they express a fundamental belief that we have held as a nation since our founding, that we 'are endowed by our creator with certain unalienable rights.' The notion that this somehow violates the First Amendment has now been soundly rejected by both the First and Ninth Circuit Courts of Appeal, and the Supreme Court has now allowed both decisions to stand. It is a victory for common sense."

The Ninth Circuit upheld the constitutionality of the Pledge in March 2010 and the Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal of the California case in March 2011. The First Circuit upheld the constitutionality of the Pledge in November 2011 and the Supreme Court denied certiorari in that case yesterday, June 13, 2011.