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## FROM THE DESK OF THE OREGON STATE DEPUTY

### Dear Brother Knights and Families

Brothers, with the holidays fast approaching, I hope that all of you have joyful times with your families and friends. Be sure and take time to enjoy this most holy time, as we prepare for Jesus' coming during this advent season.



Patrick Rice

Councils, I hope that you prayerfully consider fund raisers that can benefit those who are in need. Some of these are: the Father Taaffe Foundation, Special Olympics, and for the overall spirituality of any individual with disabilities (this is the program that Archbishop Vlazny asked the Knights to champion). In addition, we also need to remember to provide aid for the education of our future priests, through our fund raising for Mt. Angel, through our Pennies for Heaven program that always needs our help.



If you have monies that you have raised for the Father Taaffe homes, please hold on to them at this time. I am working with the Business Manager of the foundation and he tells us that starting January 1, there will be a matching funds donation for every dollar raised. **PLEASE HOLD ON TO YOUR DONATIONS FOR FR. TAAFFE UNTIL I INDICATE OTHERWISE.**



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## FROM THE DESK OF THE OREGON STATE CHAPLAIN

### My Dear Brother Knights and Families

How many times have you said "Thank You" to God today? Since you woke up this morning have you thanked God specifically for one thing, three things, ten things? God has already blessed you in LOTS of ways today, how many have you acknowledged that?



Fr. Don Gutmann

November brings with it our holiday of Thanksgiving and so it's a good month to refocus on the value of thanking God daily for the blessings we receive. A lot of us as Knights are good about praying before meals, and that prayer usually includes a thank you for the food. That's the kind of thing we can incorporate all through our day, saying little prayers of thanks. I like to start my day with a prayer before I even get out of bed, thanking God for a comfortable bed, warm blankets, and good shelter to sleep in. That starts my day off right, then I can continue to thank God for the blessings I notice throughout the day. What other blessings can you recognize throughout your day? You can thank God for the gift of your wife, for good schools, for the kids or grandkids, for jobs/income, for the people we enjoy, the things we enjoy doing, for the beautiful fall leaves, for fellow Knights...

Having an attitude of gratitude is good in many ways. Two important things it does is help us to give God the praise that God deserves for all the good He does for us and it helps us to be more positive in our outlook on life. It's easy to see what's wrong with things but it usually takes more effort to notice what's right with things. The more we notice what's right and good, the better we'll feel. St. Paul pointed us in this direction when he wrote to the Philippians, "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say, Rejoice!" He goes on to encourage them to let their minds dwell on whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, gracious, excellent and worthy of praise. That's good advice.

(State Chaplain's Report Continue on Page 2 Column 2)

### 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

(State Deputy's Report Continued)

By the beginning of the year, I will have a much clearer idea how we can maximize our fund raising efforts and potentially help more unwed mothers who come to the homes for help.

The State Officers, Chairmen, and Directors are working hard to increase membership and the numbers of new Councils state wide. We are asking for your help. Please retain your members and recruit new Brothers to the Knights. All councils need to be active in order for us to be successful and grow.

God bless you during this season,

Yours in Christ,

Patrick L Rice  
Oregon State Deputy  
Knights of Columbus

### Directors' Reports



#### Church Director's Report

As we get ready for the Christmas season, are we keeping in perspective the idea of Keep Christ In Christmas, helping others, going to hospitals and old age homes to visit the sick and the shut ins? Of course, this should be quite a routine thing to do for many of us. How about the New Year? What do we have planned to make it a more Christian year? You know, evangelization is not just done in church. It is done all through the year in every location where a good Knight goes. It is the Charity of giving to others of your time, the Unity of all of the members being together and the Fraternity of men, those men they call Knights, that make being a Christian man, who supports a Christian family, so much an ideal.

Thomas E. Karl  
Church Director

### Community Director's Report

With the holiday season upon us, your local St. Vincent De Paul, local food banks and other charitable organizations get pretty strapped with requests and their shelves get very bare.

Now would be a great time for your council to hold some kind of fund raiser to help them out, and maybe make this a project every year around this time.

You can also develop a program to adopt a family(s) for Christmas, with food basket and even gifts for the family, especially any children. For some families this might be their only Christmas food and gifts.

Also, at this time of the year, please don't forget the seniors. A lot of them don't have any family around and are very lonely during the holidays. Invite them in for a meal and some friendship during the holidays.

Ed Betts,  
Community Director

(State Chaplain's Report Continued)




Let's let this season of Thanksgiving be a time when we get in the habit of specifically thanking God for all the good things around us. Try to get in the habit of thanking God MANY times every day. Our lives are filled with blessings from God, let's let God know that we notice those things.

God bless you all!

Fr. Don  
Oregon State Chaplain

### Program Director Report

Did you notice the November issue of *Columbia* magazine? It listed Oregon Councils 6602 Newberg and 9137 Sherwood as earning the Star Council Award by them conducting the required charitable and fraternal programs and achieving their membership and insurance quotas. Of special note is Holy Trinity Council 14802 in Beaverton for being 1 of only  348 Councils in the Order to earn the Double Star Award by achieving 200 percent of their membership quota. What an accomplishment, Congratulations!

I encourage your council to let the State Council know of your outstanding activities by completing the 'E-Z File' Activity Report Form found on our State Web site at: [www.kofc-or.org](http://www.kofc-or.org). Look in the *Resource* tab for Council Forms. It is an easy way to express the tremendous amount of time and effort our Knights put into Church, Pro-Life, Community, Council, Family, and Youth activities. The results could earn your council a State award at the next Convention in Hillsboro. Remember, the due date for our receiving reports has changed for this year due to Easter being early. **Our new due date is March 23, 2012.** Please send all your activity reports to the appropriate Director listed at the bottom of the activity form.

A wonderful way your council can honor families is through Supreme's "Family of the Month" award. For September, we had 10 councils participating and two families received Holy Family Gifts from Supreme.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rich Paris  
State General Program Director

### Added Note by Rich Paris

**Due at Supreme each month on the 15<sup>th</sup>:**  
Family of the Month (Form 1993)

**Was due at Supreme November 1<sup>st</sup>:**  
Free Throw Council Competition Kit (Form SC-KIT) (It is not too late to request a kit) - but hurry time is running out.  
**Council competition is in January.**

**Due at Supreme January 31<sup>st</sup>:**  
Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Report (Form 1728)  
Partnership Profile Rpt with Special Olympics (Form 4584)

THOUGHTS for VOCATIONS

RSVP

Well here we are in the middle of November. So far this year, I have received no completed RSVP forms. If each of our Councils sponsors a single Seminarian, we would be sponsoring each of the Seminararians at Mt. Angel. It would be at a cost of \$400.00, as we get \$100.00 back from Supreme. Almost all of our Councils give more than this to our favorite charities and parish development. How about budgeting \$500 to assist a young man or woman who is beginning to dedicate their lives for your spiritual benefit

To assist in identifying Seminararians who are in need, please e-mail Msgr. Paperini's assistant Tamara Swanson (tamara.swanson@mtangel.edu). She will send you a name of a Seminarian and contact data.

Make your sponsored seminarian part of your Council activities. Write him on his birthday to show him your support..

Priesthood Sunday, October 30, 2011, has come and gone. What did your parish do to show their appreciation to the priests who have served you. You will once again have another opportunity in February during the World Day for Consecrated Life, and again in May with The World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Respond to our Archbishop's call and FORM A PARISH VOCATION COMMITTEE.

Remember, "NO ONE IS BORN A PRIEST."

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

U.S. Catholic bishops have issued a plea to the faithful across the country to object to an Obama care directive on contraceptives and sterilizations that the bishops contend "poses an unprecedented threat to individual and institutional religious freedom" and violates freedom of conscience.

The rule's religious exemption is so narrow that even Jesus wouldn't meet the standard, the bishops allege. The proposed rule under President Barack Obama's 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act specifically targets Catholics and violates their First Amendment right to freedom of religion, bishops insist.

The appeal lambastes a Health and Human Services department rule "requiring almost all private health plans to cover contraception and sterilization as 'preventive services' for women."

"The rule includes a religious exemption so extremely narrow that it protects almost no one. It covers only a 'religious employer' that has the 'inculcation of religious values' as its purpose, primarily employs and serves persons who share its religious tenets, and is a church organization under two narrow provisions of the tax code. A great many religious organizations, including Catholic colleges and universities, as well as hospitals and charitable institutions that serve the public, will be ineligible. Individuals and religiously affiliated health insurers will not qualify for the exemption."

The bishops' flier also directs people to a copy of their own

Early Convention Information

On Friday morning, May 4, 2012, at the Convention site in Hillsboro, our Worthy State Chaplain Father Don Gutmann is inviting all council Chaplains to a one hour meeting.

This meeting will be at St Mathew's Church. This year we will have a Mass before starting the convention. Mass will be at 11:00 a.m. Following Mass, there will be a light lunch available. All Chaplains are certainly invited to stay for Mass and lunch.

The convention meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. and should last until 4:00 p.m. After the meeting, we will have a social beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the dinner immediately following. This should allow all of us to have more fellowship in the evening and dinner will not have to be delayed.

Grand Knights, please take the time to inform your Chaplains by inviting them now, so they can get it on their schedules. Thank you in advance.

Patrick Rice  
State Deputy

Customer Service Hotline Wonders

Customer: 'I've been calling 700-1000 for two days and I can't seem to get through; can you help?'

Operator: 'Where did you get that number, sir?'

Customer: 'It's on the door of your business.'

Operator: 'Sir, those are the hours that we are open.'

statement objecting to the regulation, in which they lament this "nationwide government coercion of religious people and groups to sell, broker, or purchase 'services' to which they have a moral or religious objection represents an unprecedented attack on religious liberty."

The proposed religious exemption stipulates a church organization is "not a religious employer if it (a) serves those who are not already members of the church, (b) fails to hire based on religion, or (c) does not restrict its charitable and missionary purposes to the inculcation of religious values,"

"Under such inexplicably narrow criteria — criteria bearing no reasonable relation to any legitimate [let alone compelling] government purpose — even the ministry of Jesus and the early Christian Church would not qualify as 'religious,' because they did not confine their ministry to their co-religionists or engage only in a preaching ministry," the bishops say in their comments to Health and Human Services.

In effect, the rule would force Catholic hospitals, charitable institutions, and universities and colleges to choose between dropping all health coverage for workers or paying for health services that violate church teachings, according to the bishops.

Steve Purves, DD-18



It's what happens when thousands of people around Oregon run into icy cold water to raise money for Special Olympics Oregon. As a "plunger" you register to participate in one of the five plunges around the state. Maybe you join a team. Maybe not. Then you raise \$50, at a minimum, in pledges from friends and family (but the more you raise, the bigger your incentive prizes). Then on plunge day you run or jump into the water and get out as fast as you can. You decide how far you want to go in. It's all done for fun and to raise money for a great cause.

**How Big A Splash Can We Make In 2012?** This past year broke all Polar Plunge records for number of people plunging, amount of money raised, and the freezing coldness in Bend (2 degrees at plunge-time). But most important, it's made it possible for Special Olympics Oregon to provide more events for our athletes, including bringing back the State Games.

If 2011 was great, just **imagine what we can do together in 2012.** That's how you can help us. Imagine great things for this next year, then get started early building your team and raising support. We're making improvements to prevent long lines. We experienced some growing pains in 2011 and we know that some of you experienced long lines. We know it's unacceptable and frankly we feel awful. We spent the last 4 months refining our check-in process and are expanding the number of people that plunge at one time (where we can). We want you to have the **BEST** time taking the Polar Plunge for us, and we are working hard to make that happen.



**Looking Back On The 2011 Plunge:** Thank You to everyone who was involved.

Nearly 3,000 people plunged in Portland, Corvallis, Eugene, Medford and Bend. That's an increase of almost 50% from last year. Together we raised \$467,000 in pledges, which will allow us to serve even more Special Olympics athletes this next year. That's an increase of more than \$142,000!

Our first ever "Super Plunge" team of twenty-two volunteers stepped up and plunged once an hour for 24 hours, raising nearly \$70,000! (talk about crazy in a good way).

We were treated so well by our sponsors, media partners and so many supporting businesses who donated tens of thousands of dollars worth of time, equipment, and funding. *We couldn't have done it without you!*

Thank you Oregon!

**Plunge Schedule for 2012:**

- Medford.....February 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Eugene.....February 4<sup>th</sup>
- Corvallis.....February 11<sup>th</sup>
- Portland.....February 11<sup>th</sup>
- Bend.....February 18<sup>th</sup>

Please Contact:

Stan Nored  
Knights of Columbus  
Special Olympics, Chairman  
541-231-1944 – Cell  
stan@123playground.com

**Supreme Knight Carl Anderson's Request**

I am writing to ask that you encourage every Knight of Columbus in your jurisdiction to take immediate action to support religious freedom and rights of conscience for Catholics and Catholic institutions.

The delegates at our 129th Supreme Convention in Denver in August unanimously passed a resolution pledging our support for freedom of conscience in health care. This resolution was in response to a rule recently issued by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) *requiring* almost all private health plans to cover contraception and sterilization as "preventive services" for women.

The new rule would force insurance plans to cover all FDA-approved contraceptive methods and sterilization procedures, including "emergency contraception" drugs that may cause an abortion by interfering with the implantation of a newly-conceived human being. The mandate will force individuals and groups with religious or moral objections to purchase and provide such coverage. The rule poses a serious threat to the religious freedom of both individuals and institutions.

The Bishops are also encouraging Catholics to show their support for bi-partisan legislation, the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (H.R. 1179 / S.1467), which would ensure that federal mandates do not violate the deeply-held moral and religious convictions of our citizens.

The Knights of Columbus will always support religious freedom as a basic civil right. No persons or institutions should ever be forced to act in a manner contrary to their moral and religious beliefs.

Sincerely,

Carl A. Anderson  
Supreme Knight

Dear Brothers and Families,

During the month of November we are asking all Knights and families to pray for the souls of all of the babies who lost their lives by abortion. Please pray for them and their families. We are strongly encouraging all families to have a mass said for the babies and their families. Remember that the mass is the highest prayer form on earth.

On December 12th many churches will be celebrating the feast day for Our Lady of Guadalupe. She is the patroness for the prenatal children. She appeared wearing a band that showed she was pregnant with the Christ Child. Please ask for her intercession to protect the prenatal children and their mothers.



On January 22, 2012 at Pioneer Courthouse Square in Portland there will be a rally and "March for Life". Please come at 2:30 p.m. and hear great speakers and then join thousands as we march and sing for life down to the waterfront.  
God Bless You,

Bill and Cathy Diss  
Pro-Life Chair Couple for Oregon



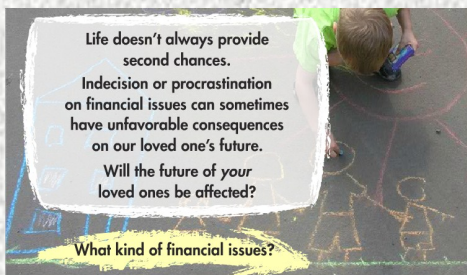
## INSURANCE CORNER

"I already have insurance at work."

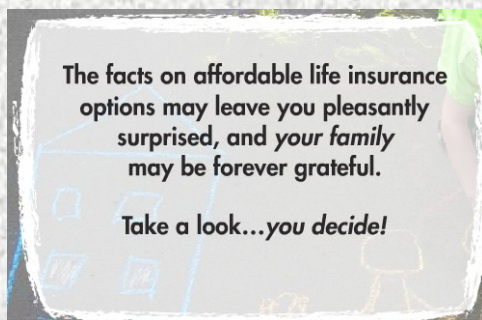
Many jobs offer some form of group term life insurance. Often, this insurance is an employee benefit provided at no charge, or for a small co-pay. Knowing that this coverage exists may convince someone that he doesn't need to discuss personally owned life insurance with a professional agent. That would be a mistake.

Most forms of group life insurance are limited in amount. That amount may be tied to salary or some other benchmark, but often there is a cap. That cap may be dangerously low for your family's needs should you die. In fact, in the absence of a detailed needs analysis (which we'll be happy to provide, free of charge), any employer-provided coverage may be completely unrelated to needs at death. In addition, the amount of group insurance offered is almost always reduced – and sometimes dramatically – when you retire.

Especially today, there is the very real possibility that you could change employers or lose your job. Or that your benefits could be reduced. In either case you could – one day - find yourself without coverage. If your health has changed in the meantime, you might also find yourself unable to secure individual protection.



While group life helps, it does not replace the need for individually owned life insurance. We'll be happy to meet with you and provide a free custom-tailored needs analysis, so that you'll know exactly where you stand.



Call your local agent or me – let's talk. I'm at 503 387-510 or [kyle.casey@kofc.org](mailto:kyle.casey@kofc.org)

### ANOTHER CHAPTER FROM "THEY WALK AMONG US"

#### Actual call center conversations:

##### Samsung Electronics

Caller: 'Can you give me the telephone number for Jack?'

Operator: 'I'm sorry, sir, I don't understand who you are talking about.'

Caller: 'On page 1, section 5, of the user guide it clearly states that I need to unplug the fax machine from the AC wall socket and telephone Jack before cleaning. Now, can you give me the number for Jack?'

Operator: 'I think it means the telephone plug on the wall.'

## State Youth Director Report



"Thanks to everyone for their support during this year. State Finals in the Soccer Challenge were held at Valley Catholic High School in Beaverton. We had five participants in the following age groups: Boys: 10, 11, & 13; Girls: 12 & 13. We would like to thank the Dean of Students, Dale French, and Valley Catholic High School for supporting the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge Finals. We would like any of you with a need, to support Valley Catholic High."

Trophies were handed out by District Deputy, Steve Purves.

Sincerely,  
Brother George Murphy  
State Youth Director





**From The Desk of the State Treasurer  
Bob Kish**

Brother Knights, when dealing with paying bills, or submitting expenses and accepting donations, the State finances are run exactly like a Council. In each of our Councils, all bills and funds must first go the Financial Secretary (FS). To pay a bill, the FS makes out a new warrant (voucher) and gives this to the Treasurer for his processing. For deposits, the FS turns over all monies to the treasurer and receives from him a receipt. At the State level, the State Secretary acts in the same role as the Council FS and the State Treasurer has the same responsibility as the Council Treasurer.

For those State Officers, Directors, Grand Knights and others who have their expenses paid for by the State...all your bills must first be sent to our Worthy State Secretary, Dave Denton. All District Deputy (DD) expenses, where reimbursable, are covered by the Supreme Council and the DD must continue to follow those DD procedures.



Councils paying bills to the state (per Capita, Liability Insurance, etc.) must ensure that all checks go to the State Secretary, Dave Denton.

Anyone making donations (Keep Christ in Christmas, Pro-Life, Tootsie Rolls Funds, etc.), that are going to be turned over to the state, must send them to the State Secretary Dave Denton.

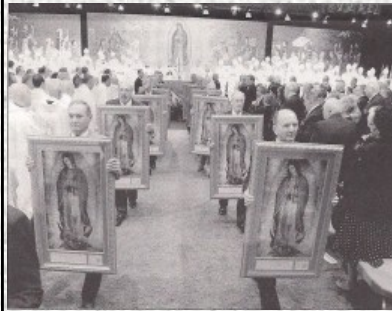
Following these procedures, and thinking about those funds as it is done at council level, will help protect the funds for you. It will also help reduce the states' total mailing expenses and expedite the time it takes for any reimbursement to be sent to you.

Thanks You Brothers,  
Bob Kish  
Oregon State Treasurer

**A note from Brother Ben Duerr:**

Would you pass the word to all Knights that have kids going to Portland State University or Oregon State University to encourage them, as well as their children, to check out the St. Johns Society. They have saved many of our young people from straying from their faith.

**‘Viva la Virgen de Guadalupe!’**



***New Marian Prayer Program Opens***

A new Knights of Columbus Marian Prayer Program dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe was launched Aug. 3 at the Supreme Convention in Denver. The prayer program will continue through next year, when the second International Guadalupe Festival will be held in the Los Angeles Coliseum a few days before the 2012 Supreme Convention.

At the end of the Wednesday morning Mass, state deputies from each of the Order's 72 jurisdictions received specially prepared framed images of Our Lady of Guadalupe for use in the prayer program. The images have a unique feature as

they were touched to the original tilma of St. Juan Diego, which bears the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and were blessed by Pope Benedict XVI in Rome. In addition, each image is sealed with soil from Mexico's Tepeyac hill, where the Virgin of Guadalupe appeared.

Hundred of similar images of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be sent from the Supreme Council to each jurisdiction for the Marian Prayer Program.

Local councils will sponsor prayer services in parish churches and other locations before sending the image to neighboring councils. At the end of the program, most of the Order's 14,000 councils will have received and prayer with the Guadalupe images.

Our Worthy State Deputy, Pat Rice, brought two images of Our Lady of Guadalupe from the convention, one for the north side of the state and another for the south. We are to pass this image by every parish in the state and we have one year to accomplish this task.

The images are just BEAUTIFUL and the greatness of it are that not only were they blessed by Pope Benedict XVI in Rome, they were touched to the Original tilma of St. Juan Diego and each image is sealed with soil from the Tepeyac hill, where the Virgin of Guadalupe appeared over 500 hundred years ago.

I have had the pleasure of having the image at our own parish here in Canby where our Marian Prayer group do all fifteen decades of the rosary every Friday morning.

The most exciting moment was when I brought the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe to the Hispanic prayer group. All two hundred and seventy eight attendees jumped to their feet and started singing and praising HER.

All or most of the Oregon parishes are having an increase in Hispanic population, it is a great opportunity for our Knights of Columbus councils to show they are welcome to become members of our Order.

This is an open invitation to all District Deputies, Grand Knights, Worthy Navigators, and prayer group co-coordinators to call me and make reservations to have this beautiful framed image of Our Lady of Guadalupe at their parish. (Sorry, December 12th is already taken by Christ the King in Milwaukie.) Each parish can have the image for a week if necessary to display on Sunday services.

Please contact Jesse C. Villarreal  
262 SE 9th Ave.  
Canby, OR 97013-7745  
503-266-4043 ([jcv1936@canby.com](mailto:jcv1936@canby.com))



**Pray for the Sick and Distressed**

**Past State Deputy Dennis White**

Council 3302.Scappoose/St. Helen

**Sir Knight Kenneth C Hebert**

Council 1261 Coos Bay and Assembly 1995

**Sir Knight Robert Bennett**

Council 678 Portland and Assembly 0899

**Bill Woodcock**

Council 9529 Lincoln City

**To All Our Veterans  
Now Serving Or Who Have Served  
Their Country So Well.  
God Bless America And Its Military**



**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](mailto:robinson@opusnet.com)  
Phone:503-543-2338**



**Supreme's Families  
of the Month for**

**September**

McMinnville Council 623 family of

**Norm & Louise Bernards**

and

Queen of Peace - Salem Council 9263 family of

**Bryce & Angel Herrmann**

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 September 2011 were:  
**1261, 1307, 1430, 1623\*, 1634, 1785, 1872, 6602, 7246, 9263\***

**\*Denotes selected winners for the month.**

**IN MEMORIAM**



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

**Leo Traffas**

**John Rhein**

**Sharon Lauretti, wife of Tolley Lauretti**

Council 1623 McMinnville

**Judi Altomare, wife of Robert Altomare**

Council 9529 Lincoln City

**Sir Knight Frank V Moll, FPN**

Council 9263 & Assembly 900 Salem

**Sir Knight Robert (Bob) Anderson PFN**

**Richard Townsend**

**Carl Meyer**

**Myron Hollen**

Council 1594 Rogue River and Assembly 0905

**Sir Knight Joe Tesch**

Council 5842 Gervais and Assembly 1606

**Mary Lemos, wife of Jim Lemos**

Council 5003 Burns

**Edward Wagner**

Former member Council 1623 McMinnville

**William Storrings**

**Herman Wolfe**

Council 6266 Beaverton

**Sir Knight Bob Hayes**

Council 2831 Woodburn and Assembly 1606

**James Sorenson**

Council 7292 Mid Columbia

**John K. Tagwerker, Jr.**

**Max J. Groesbeck**

Council 10838 Eugene

**Don Thurston**

Council 3818 Lake Oswego

**Eternal Rest**

**Grant Unto Them**

**O Lord**

**And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon**

**Them**





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**Do We All Remember Facts About—The Knights of Columbus Emblem?**



The Emblem of the Order dates from the Second Supreme meeting, May 12, 1883. It was designed by James T. Mullen, a New Haven native and Civil War veteran, who served the Order as its first Supreme Knight from 1882-1886.

The emblem incorporates a shield mounted upon a Formée Cross (having the arms narrow at the center and expanding toward the ends). The shield is associated with a medieval knight, and the Formée Cross is an artistic representation of the cross of Christ, through whom all graces of redemption were procured for mankind. This, then, represents the Catholic spirit of the Order.

Mounted on the shield are three objects: a fasces (a bundle of rods bound together about an ax with the blade projecting) standing vertically and, crossed behind it, an anchor and a dagger or short sword. The fasces is from Roman days, carried before magistrates as an emblem of authority which must exist in a tightly-bonded and efficiently operating organization. The anchor is the mariner's symbol for Columbus, patron of the order. The short sword is the weapon of the knight when engaged in an errand of mercy. Thus the shield expresses Catholic Knighthood in organized merciful action, and with the letters K. of C., proclaims this specific form of activity.

The red, white, and blue in the background of the shield and the foreground of the Cross of Malta are the colors of our beloved country. As such, red is the color of stout-hearted courage, of pulsing activity and a full measure of devotion. Blue is the symbol of hope, of calm tranquility under God, and of confidence in the protection of our country, established under God. White is the symbol of nobility of purpose, of purity of aim, and of crucible-ried ideals to be carried out.

But there is another symbolism of color in red, white, and blue. This is the ecclesiastical symbolism in which red becomes the reflection of the drops of Christ's redemptive blood, shed upon Calvary, and of the martyrs' blood that is shed in the defense of the faith. Red, then, is the symbol of Faith of belief in Christ, in the redemption and in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ. White is the color of the Eucharistic Host, the pledge of God's Eucharistic presence among men, of the infinite love God has for man, and of the overwhelming affection which the God-man has for each individual. White then is the symbol of Christ-like Charity. Blue is the color of Our Lady's mantle, in which she wrapped her beloved Son, through whom salvation came to a sinful world. Blue is then the symbol of Hope.

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