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FROM THE DESK OF THE OREGON STATE DEPUTY

Dear Brother Knights and Families

I am going through confirmation classes with my son and learning so much about the Catholic Church. Some information I did not know or maybe with age I realize now that when I was younger I could sleep through anything - including my religion classes. What ever the reason it is exciting to be attending and reading all the material that is provided for our young Catholics as they prepare for their confirmation.



Wayne Clemmer

What surprises me is that I am able to make time in my busy schedule to attend these important classes with my son. Usually, I perceive myself too busy and very skeptical of joining or doing anything that will take more time away from me. I am sure many of you perceive yourself too busy to bother with anything additional to your already existing schedule. It is only human to feel this way, I guess?

The confirmation classes are enlightening for me because I now take the time to listen. The speakers are "Telling Me" about the church and why things happen and how they are organized in certain ways. Besides, wanting to know more, I do not want to get caught out by a question from my son that I cannot answer, especially if the information was provided in class and my son is testing me to see I was really paying attention or day dreaming.

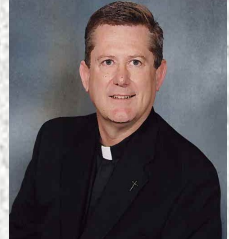
After a lot of thought to this newly found "Telling Me" approach, I can attest that it works. I listen and want more information for many reasons. Maybe I am just embarrassed to think that I do not know all this important information as an older Catholic man who has been with the church forever. Then I started comparing this approach to the Knights of Columbus.

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FROM THE OREGON STATE CHAPLAIN'S NOTEBOOK

My Dear Brother Knights and Families

Each year, at this time, we enter into a few weeks of Ordinary Time. This year it will encompass the five Sundays between the end of Christmas, with the Baptism of the Lord on January 10th, and the beginning of Lent and Easter on Ash Wednesday, February 17th. We will then have another larger block of Ordinary time after Pentecost — which goes through spring, summer and fall—ending with the start of Advent. These blocks of time are called Ordinary — not because they aren't special – every Sunday Mass is a special reading of God's word and reception of the Body and Blood of Christ which renews the Paschal Sacrifice of Jesus – they are called Ordinary simply because they have been numbered, 2nd Sunday, 3rd, 4th, etc.



Fr. Terry O'Connell

However, we have to admit that they do not have the special feel and character such as the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. In that sense they appear ordinary or normal. For me that sense of normalcy or routine is especially felt during that seemingly long stretch of Ordinary time in the summer. During this time the parish school is on vacation, there are no kids running around in the gym, lining up in the lunchroom, yelling happily on the playground or practicing for Mass in the church. We also note that most other parish programs and activities have also come to a halt—areas such as Religious Education, RCIA, Youth Group, etc. During this time the parish staff and I take most of our vacation, so even the normal work routine takes on a more casual and ordinary feel.

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(State Deputy's Report Continued)

As Knights, how many of us really know all there is to know about our organization and the things it does for the church, clergy and community? If one takes the next logical step, how many Catholic men know about the Knights of Columbus and what is does for our faith? This is pretty realistic stuff but very pertinent to our faith and our beliefs as Catholic gentlemen.

I have had many opportunities to travel around our great state since assuming the responsibilities as Oregon State Deputy. This has provided me many chances to talk with a lot of wonderful people, both members and non-members of the Knights. It is really amazing how many people ask the same question, "What are the Knights of Columbus?" At first I started by telling them some of the basics - a Catholic men's organization which helps support the clergy, Pro-Life Organizations, Pregnancy Centers and also locally supports The Father Taaffe Foundation; and so forth and so on. It seemed to satisfy the question but at times it was lengthy and not all people in our fast paced society wanted a lengthy answer. So I cut it down to retain their interest. Now I just tell them, "We are a faith building organization to foster Catholic men in the witnessing of their faith." If that perks their interest, I then continue with another fast moving statement, which seems to work. The Knights do this through acts of charity as a fraternal and unified force in their church and in their local community. If they are still standing and wanting more I then throw in the last factual statement. "The Knights have the ability to enhance their Catholic faith through their direct and active involvement." Men usually take this in stride and realize that we are an organization that is serious about serving; but if there is a woman present, it really opens doors for some of her concerns. It may be about either the husband or friend that comes to church but does not take an interest in extracurricular church activities. It may be about the husband who does not come to church anymore for any number of reasons. Remember as Knights, "We are trying to promote the meaning and value of active membership in the lives of those men who choose to change their lives and their faith within the Catholic Church." We are not just going out on Blitzes to add to our membership but we are "Telling" people about the Knights. We want every Catholic woman or man to know about The Knights of Columbus. If this organization appeals to a man and he wants to make a change and a difference in his life, his church as well as his community, then he becomes an active Knight. We are trying to keep our fellow Catholic men from just stagnating within their faith and letting their busy schedules dictate to them what they do rather than what their heart and faith needs them to do. It is just like when I deciding to go to my son's confirmation classes, I first made a choice and then proceeded to make it fit my schedule. These Catholic men will do the same if they are serious about becoming Knights. We want these men to know who we are, what we are about and how involved we are with our faith. We must depend on each other as Knights to keep our faith in Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism going for all of our Catholic sons, grandsons and for the future generations that will follow.

Vivat Jesus

Fraternally Yours,
Wayne Clemmer
State Deputy

(State Chaplain's Report continued)

In my experience this is the time when the parish does most of its planning. It is that brief pause between the activities of Christmas and Easter when we reflect on what Christ's saving actions mean for us and we choose how we are going to respond. During Lent and Easter we will be busy again with activities and then we will begin the lazy days of summer. This span of Ordinary time when parish activities are still on our minds and our hearts are still full of the mysteries of Christ is when we can do our best planning.

I would encourage all of our Knights and their families to take this time to reflect on their lives and make some plans on how they are to live as Catholic Christians. It is also a good time for Councils to make their plans for the coming year. How can you make Christ more present in your parish? How can you bring the Good News of salvation to all who can hear? The time might be Ordinary but what we can do with it might be extraordinary.

This is not the feel I get during the short Ordinary Time in which we now find ourselves. For me this is more a time of deep reflection about who we are as Christians and as a Church. Although all the Christmas decorations have been taken down and stored away, the idea that God has become one of us is still with me. Just like with making New Year's resolutions, it is a time to say "Now what?" What does it mean for us that God has become man? Well, we know what it means - it means the cross. Because this chunk of Ordinary time is so short we have to immediately begin preparing for Lent and Easter. So we know that the birth of Christ will start a life of purpose that will lead to suffering, death and resurrection. This short span of Ordinary Time is just a breather between the two great movements of Jesus' life, Incarnation and Resurrection.

Dios les bendiga,
Yours in Christ,
Fr. Terry O'Connell
State Chaplain

**'If we ever forget that
we're one nation under
GOD, then we will be a
nation gone under.'**

- Ronald Reagan -





**Memorial Mass for
Marine Cpl. Matthew Lembke**

A Memorial Mass was held at Resurrection Parish in Tualatin, OR, by the Knights of Columbus. Grand Knight Laurens Johansen of Tualatin council 13851 and Past Grand Knights Steven Call and Roger Helbling presented a chalice to Claudia and Dale Lembke in honor of their son, Marine Cpl. Matthew Lembke. Cpl. Lembke had died from the wounds he sustained in Afghanistan, during his third tour of duty. Dale Lembke is a charter member of Tualatin Council 13851. His son Matthew was posthumously merited as a 3rd degree Knight of Tualatin Council and a 4th Degree Sir Knight of the Most Rev. Wm. H. Gross Assembly 2251 in Milwaukie.

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***** IMPORTANT *****

***** CONVENTION *****

***** INFORMATION *****

All resolutions to be considered by the delegates to the 102nd Oregon State Convention on April 30th, May 1st, and 2nd, 2010 in Gresham, must be submitted to the State Advocate on or before February 1st.

Please consider the time frame. Resolutions must be voted upon by the council membership at your January general meeting in order to qualify.

Bob Kish
State Advocate

Supporting Our Men & Women In Afghanistan

As mentioned in our last edition of the Columbian, Art Kunigal is a member of St. Mary's Parish in Hood River who is working for the Army Corps in Bagram Afghanistan, with a reconstruction team who work in remote areas.

These local Knights as well as Knights who also are living in Bagram Afghanistan, teamed up with Walmart to send 169 pairs of sweat pants to injured troops in Afghanistan. During his time off, Art visits our injured troops in the Bagram hospital. There are over 40 ambulatory members of the U.S. Armed Forces being air-lifted weekly from the Bagram hospital to a military hospital in Germany. To ease some of their pain, the troops have requested to use sweat pants for the long journey.



Art Carroll and James Dummer of the Hood River Knights of Columbus coordinated with Walmart manager Dugan Harris in Hood River Oregon to purchase 169 pairs of sweat pants to be packed and sent to the field hospital.

Walmart lowered the cost by half, from \$6.00 to \$3.00 per pair. Funds were collected from the local 4th Degree Knights and donations also came from councils in Gresham, Troutdale and Portland. The program started in October and the last shipment reached Afghanistan during the first week in December. The operation was named: "These Men They Call Knights."



A strong nation is built upon faith and morally strengthened by religion. Through fear and the thought of hurting Him, every knee will bend and each of us will truly acknowledge God as the creator and the One of infinite wisdom, power and love.

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FR. TAAFFE HOMES & CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES MARK ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

November 30, 2009, Salem, OR....The Father Taaffe Homes recently marked their one-year anniversary of merging with Catholic Community Services (CCS). The homes for pregnant and parenting teen girls were founded in 1975 by Father Charles Patrick Taaffe. Before his death in August last year, he expressed his hope that his life's work would be continued under the oversight of CCS.

"The mission of Father Taaffe's work aligns with the mission of CCS," stated Jim Seymour, CCS Executive Director. "We are known for our stand "A Forever Home for Everyone."

Susan Roberts, who worked closely with Father Taaffe for more than twenty years, now works at CCS as Community Relations Associate for the Father Taaffe Homes program. "It warms my heart to see how many of the people who supported Father continue to support his work. It is a joy for me to come to work everyday knowing that pregnant teen girls in our community have a safe place to live," she said.

"We are especially grateful for the continued support of the Knights of Columbus State Charities and for the many Knights of Columbus Councils across the state who have continued to significantly support the Father Taaffe Homes," said Seymour.

Bob Thomas, chair of the Father Taaffe Foundation board of directors for more than twenty years serves as chair of the Father Taaffe Advisory Board. Other long-time board members include Bob Gooley, Jack Gander, and Cheri Crocker who continue to serve. "Becoming part of Catholic Community Services has been very good for both our employees and for the young women living in our homes. CCS has invested in training for the staff and in parenting curriculum for the young women," Thomas said. "I believe Father would be very proud."

"Father Taaffe was a wonderful influence on my life," stated Seymour. "It is an honor to continue his work. He would be pleased to know that all three homes are full. In fact, the need has never been greater."

Seymour said that keeping the homes open is as much a financial challenge as it ever was. The homes are 100% supported by donations and contributions. While the cost per teen has gone down over the last year, the cost per home has gone up because more girls are being served than ever before. Many donors have been faithful in their on-going support, but donations are down overall.

Donations and contributions should be sent to Catholic Community Services Foundation, P. O. Box 20400, Salem, OR, 97307, to the attention of Susan Roberts. For more information, visit www.ccsww.org/FatherTaaffeHomes.html or call 503-393-2843.

Council Director Report

There are only 3 months left in this reporting year for your Council Activity Reports. As soon as you have an event, please take a few minutes and fill out the activity form and send it off to the director of that event. Every Council has more of a chance to win an award this year because of the creation of a 2 tier system—small and large councils. All councils with membership up to 100 will be in one tier and all councils with membership over 100 will be in the other tier. So now we will have councils competing with councils of a similar size. I truly urge all council directors and Grand Knights to report all of the council activities that take place within your council. Please don't wait until the last minute at the end of March to send in your reports. If you forgot about some activities that you had in Sep or Oct of last year, then by all means report it—just don't make late reporting a habit. It really is not hard to keep your reports up to date. I hope that come convention time that I will be able to call your council to come forward for an award.

**Richard Paradis
Oregon State Council Director**



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



Supreme’s Families of the Month for October 2009

Jim & Brenda Botten Council 1623 McMinnville
and

Steve & Joan Suing Council 3184 Lebanon
and

David & Kathy Jackson Council 6266 Beaverton

Other councils submitting names: 1430, 1623*, 1634, 1785, 1872, 2171, 3179, 3184*, 3302, 3484, 3636, 5511, 5842, 6266*, 6602, 8129, 9137, 9263, 11962 and 14802

*Denotes selected winner for the month

Northwest Catholic Men's Conference

Knights of Columbus Council 1673 and St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pendleton, Oregon are sponsoring the Northwest Catholic Men's Conference on February 26-27. The conference will be held at the Pendleton Convention Center starting at 5 PM on Friday February 26 and ending Saturday evening .

Dynamic speakers, Mass, live Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration, and breakout discussion groups highlight the conference. Cost is \$25 which includes snacks, breakfast, and lunch.

Registration and more information can be found at www.gowestcatholicmen.com or by calling St. Mary's Parish at 541-276-3615.

Dennis Hull
Council 1673 Public Relations
541-969-7136

Oxymoron

How come “abbreviated” is such a long word?

IMPORTANT REPORTING INFORMATION

Our Order has always had a close relationship with Special Olympics. To further track local councils’ involvement make sure that your councils complete the Partnership Profile Report with Special Olympics (#4584), located in the *Council Reports Form Booklet* and on the Order’s Web site, and submit it to the Supreme Council Office before January 31, 2010, with copies to the State Deputy, the State Special Olympics Chairman and your council files.

It is also important to note that you should submit this report even if your Council has not done any activities with Special Olympics this year. I know this is strange but Supreme wants to see all reports even if it shows “zero hours” reported.

Thank You for all you do for Special Olympics,
Bob Kish
State Special Olympics Chairman



[From Supreme: Worthy State Deputy](#)

The purpose of this email is to provide you with current information about our partnership with the American Wheelchair Mission.

Since 2003, Brother Knight Chris Lewis has coordinated Knights of Columbus participation in the humanitarian mission of delivering wheelchairs to disabled people in the United States and abroad who could not afford to buy them. Over the course of the past six years, Knights have purchased and donated some 20,000 wheelchairs, changing and improving the lives of entire families, answering prayers, and making dreams come true. In addition, thousands of men have joined the Knights of Columbus because they wanted to participate in this noble mission.

Earlier this year, Chris launched the new American Wheelchair Mission, which is now the officially recognized Knights of Columbus partner for the distribution of wheelchairs. (More information can be found at: www.amwheelchair.org). We hope that you will encourage your councils and assemblies to participate in this most worthy apostolate by contacting Chris directly at (805)205-0069 or clewis@amwheelchair.org.

Before founding the American Wheelchair Mission, Chris had been associated with an organization known as the Wheelchair Foundation, through which he coordinated the purchase and distribution of wheelchairs with Knights of Columbus.

Please note that the Knights of Columbus no longer recognizes the Wheelchair Foundation as an official charitable partner. There has been some confusion in this regard as the Wheelchair Foundation continues to solicit contributions from K of C councils and members, notwithstanding the termination of our partnership with them.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Associate General Counsel Michael Votto at Michael.Votto@kofc.org or (203) 752-4077.

Thank you,
John Marrella
Supreme Advocate

[KofC Oregon State Awards](#)

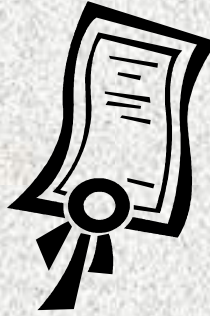


The State Council will be handing out twice the number of awards this year at the State Convention in Gresham. The award system has changed from a 1-tier to a 2-tier system for the six activity areas (Church, Pro-Life, Community, Council, Family, Youth).

The State Directors will use the E-Z File Activity Report Form to select the best council in each activity area. Councils with less than 100 members will be grouped in the small Council tier. Councils with 100 members or more will be grouped in the large Council tier. The list of Councils by size will be mailed to Grand Knights under separate cover. There will still be only one Council of the Year Award.

Rich Paris General Program Director
503-359-1442
rgparis@verizon.net

[KofC Supreme Awards](#)



Your council may have conducted a single outstanding project during the 12-month period between May 2009 and April 2010 which is worthy of recognition at the State and Supreme Council levels. Please be aware that The Service Program Award competition recognizes the single best council that sends its church, pro-life, community, council, family, or youth activity report for each activity that was conducted by your council. A letter outlining the application will be mailed to Grand Knights. If you have any questions, please contact: Rich Paris General Program Director
503-359-1442
rgparis@verizon.net

[Church Director Ramblings](#)



Having started a New Year, how many of us have already forgotten the resolutions we made at the start of the year? Have we promised to be better managers of our time as we use the Church Activities Form and all of its sub-categories? It is always easy to make promises to ourselves, but oh so hard to fulfill them. If you have not described to your council the list of activities found under the heading Church Activities, please do that at your next meeting. Maybe your council has never done Adoration. Maybe they never thought about Marriage Encounter or Catholic Service. Most of the other items in the activities column are routinely reported upon; but why are we not reporting what some consider the more obscure areas? I can't answer that for your council, but I would like you to be able to answer that question to your Grand Knight and ask his assistance to make those most forgotten areas ones to be discussed at your meetings. Once they are talked about, then the door is open to challenge your members to begin completing those activities. We may be at the start of a new calendar year, but we are already more than half way through our Fraternal Year. We are also nearly at the end of our reporting time for the activities count towards awards for our next convention. So I ask you –are you ready to start the new calendar year and also finish the Fraternal Year with the most reports?

VIVAT JESUS
Tom Karl
Church Director



Pray for the Sick and Distressed

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Council 1577 Albany

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Council 5511 Brookings

Rowena Traffas

Wife of Bob Traffas
Council 3179 Gresham

Ethan Bither Son of

Harry Bither

Council 1673 Pendleton

Delbert Barker

State Family Director Council
11962 Sheridan

Darrel Burt

Council 3818 Lake Oswego

Raul Grimes

Council 9529 Lincoln City

May our prayers help to speed recovery and 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 our new Chairman:

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 Knight's families who have gone before us.

Herbert Hubert

Council 1577 Albany

Edwin Duyck

Council 1634 Hillsboro

Murley Monroe

Larimer

Mike Larimer's Father
Council 7246 Newport

William "King"

Haviland

Council 3154 Cottage Grove

Robert G

Schachtsick

Council 2439 Sublimity

Ralph Fennewald

Council 8355 Seaside

Father of GK Harry

Bither

Council 1673 Pendleton

Mother of Sir

Knight Rod Spring

Council 3179 Gresham

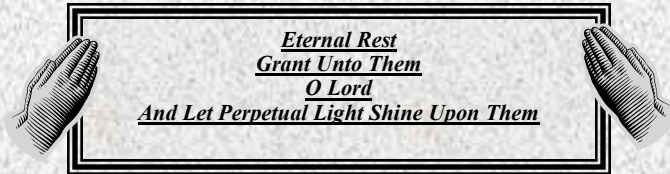
Eugene Busch

Council 1634 Hillsboro

Sir Knight Earnest

Fullmer

Assembly 1292/Council 12656
Cedar Mills Portland



*Eternal Rest
Grant Unto Them
O Lord*

And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them

State Director Reports Continued
From the Family Director

We are having a good year. As I look over the reports being sent to me as your State Family Director, I can tell that our Knights are active in Oregon. It is a great thing to see.

Start thinking about an outstanding family within your council for the Family of the Year nomination. The State Office of the Knights will be sending out a letter soon with their requirements to each of the Grand Knights. If you have any questions, call me: Del Barker, Family Director

djbarker@wbcable.net
503-201-3003

Special Community Incentive

(Extracted from January issue of *Knightline*)

As part of the "Food for Families" initiative, councils can earn all four of the "community" programs required for the Columbian Award application by conducting a food drive. To qualify, the council (not individual members) must conduct the drive and include written documentation (including the date and location of the event, the number of council members involved, number of families who benefitted and the amount of food collected) and send in with the Columbian Award application (#SP-7). Any questions contact:

Mike Steiert, Community Director
503-492-6185 cris.mic@verizon.net

E-Z File Activity Report Form

The current form to use is now on the *NEW* State Website at: www.kofc-or.org. Send in the forms as the activity is completed (do not wait until the April 1 deadline) Pro-Life is now broken out from Community. Please send your Pro-Life Activities to Mike Steiert, Community Director.

Basketball Free Throw Contest

Councils are conducting their contests this month with District Deputies running the District contests in February. We are finalizing our State location and date as of this mailing. Please look for a flyer in the mail soon. Any questions contact: Marc Langley, Youth Director

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