



# THE COURIER



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## Grand Knights Report

By Doug Johnson

Little things mean a lot

I heard a story years ago about a Persian king who was looking for a new pastime that would occupy his evenings. He called in his cleverest advisor and gave him the task of developing one. After several months the advisor came back with the game of chess. The game was an instant success at the court of the king and many an evening was spent developing strategies while playing this remarkable game. The King was very grateful to the advisor and wanted to reward his advisor, so he was summoned and brought before the king. With the royal court surrounding the throne, the king told the inventor of the game that he deserved a great reward and could ask for anything he desired. The advisor responded that he desired something very simple. "Place two grains of wheat on the first square of the chessboard, four on the second, sixteen on the third, and so on until all the squares have been filled," he said. The king responded that this seemed like a paltry reward for such a great creation and commanded that the request be granted.

When the royal granary set forth to assemble the payment, they found that the first squares were easily filled but by the time they had reached the 23<sup>rd</sup> square on the board they needed 335 pounds of wheat for that square alone and the total amassed thus far was nearly 700 pounds. Halfway through the board the inventor had acquired 171 tons of wheat and if the total request was granted it would require more than 1000 times the total world production of wheat.

This simple story reveals the power of multiplied effects. I believe that the works of charity that the Knights of Columbus do also demonstrate multiplied effect. The good things that we do within our Council may seem small and relatively insignificant when they are done; however, when coupled and multiplied from individual to individual they create a chain of love and compassion that touches many.

The Knights in Council 1785 have touched many lives and continue to make our parish, community, state and nation a better place to live. I sincerely want to thank

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all of you for the many kindnesses and works that you have done and encourage us to continue to provide service as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior has asked. I look forward to staying the course set by those who went before and working with all of you through the coming year. A special thank you to Brother Stan Nored, for his leadership and guidance during his tenure as Grand Knight.

Doug Johnson, GK

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*—Doug Johnson*

## District Deputies Report

By Bob Kish

Brothers of Corvallis 1785,

This council has always been one of the most active and decorated Councils in the State and the last 2 years you have continued to shine. When a Council submits reports on time, meets recruitment goals, does volunteer work in all five categories (church, council, community, family, youth) and reports a great many hours to the State they become Star Council. You were Star Council last year and on the way to Star Council again this year. This is a great achievement and you should all be proud of the works you all do. You should also thank your fellow Officers next time you see them. This small group of remarkable men does so much behind the scenes that they sometimes don't get the recognition they deserve. Great job Officers for leading this Council to great things.

If you did not hear the news yet, this is my last report as your District Deputy. Your new DD is from Albany, Bernie Covino. I hope you all get to know him. He is a great guy. I am moving on (or up). At the convention in Astoria, I was elected as the new State Warden. I am now a State Officer and I will be busier then ever.

It has been my privilege to serve these last 2 years as your District Deputy. Because of all your Council achievements I mentioned earlier you made my job easy and made me look good. I never had to worry if Corvallis had all reports in, never had to remind anyone to pay the bills, never had to oversee the books, never had to worry about recruitment or retention. You Brothers do so much for so many it makes me very proud to be a Knight and a member of this Council.

I also have great memories from my travels to all the councils in District 7. Meeting new Knights from around the area, sharing meals with them and helping Councils grow and become successful. There are two events that really stand out and make me most proud to be from this Council. The first was at last years Convention in Newport when Corvallis was announced as the "Council of the Year". I wish you all could have been there since you all worked so hard to earn this title. What a moment and one I will never forget. The second event that portrayed what Brother Knights can do when we all come together was the building of the ramp for Brother Dick Paradis. The teamwork, support, concern and love you all showed to a fellow Brother was what we Knights are truly about. What a turnout to build the ramp. The continued support for Harriet and Dick and the help around the house and yard was unbelievable. I was

very happy and proud to call you my Brothers and I still am.

Thanks again for a great two years. I will continue to support this Council and its Officers even as a State Officer.

Yours in Christ,

Bob Kish, State Warden

## Financial Secretaries Report

By Dick Paradis



Brothers,

There are still some Knights who have not paid there 2008 membership dues yet. If you are one of these please send in your dues ASAP.

Even if you are not as active as you would like to be, your dues are very important to the council and also to the State and Supreme. Part of your dues are going to help fight the cause that some people are trying to take God out of our lives and also fighting those who advocate abortion in place of having the child that God has given them.

As always keep me informed of any changes that may take place so that I can keep my record up to date

Dick Paradis, Financial Secretary  
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## Officer Installation Dinner & Awards Banquet

Everyone Welcome  
July 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm Social/7:00pm Dinner  
Upper Social Hall

\$20 for Knight/Ladies Free

Catered by: Sister Act  
RSVP required by July 5<sup>th</sup> to:  
Dick Paradis, 753-2934  
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## Courier Available via Email

Did you know that the Courier is available by Email? We have been sending that last few editions of the Courier to Brother Knights who request it. Some potential benefits of receiving the Courier by email:

- Electronic version is in color
- Save the council copy/postage costs
- Receive the courier 1-2 days quicker
- Environmental

If you received a paper copy of the Courier and want to receive it by Email instead please send your request to: [courier@kofc1785.org](mailto:courier@kofc1785.org)

## Oregon State Convention Astoria 2008

Family of the Year: Tim Grady, Newport Council  
Council of the Year: Dallas 8129  
District Deputy Year: Sid Thiel, District 3  
Knight Year: Frank Krupicka, Bend Council  
Field Agent Year: Jim Walton

Paul Bousquet Award Newport Council 7246  
Best Council Newsletter

Bud Steinbacher Award Ralph Duda, Gervais Council  
Humanitarian Efforts

Corvallis Council received following Service Awards:  
Church Service, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Youth Service, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Family Service, Honorable Mention  
Council Activity, Honorable Mention



## 2008-2009 Officers

Grand Knight:	Doug Johnson
Dep Grand Knight:	Frank Kessel
Financial Secretary*:	Dick Paradis
Treasurer:	Joe Heaney
3 Year Trustee:	Stan Nored
2 Year Trustee**:	Rene Geniza
1 Year Trustee**:	John Adamski
Chancellor:	Bob Rackham
Advocate:	Bob Kish
Recorder:	Paul Hoffstadt
Warden:	Jim Iwaniec
Outside Guard:	Gary Beck
Inside Guard:	Tom Peterson

\*Appointed by Supreme

\*\*Elected in previous years, trustees elected for 3 years. Therefore 2 year trustee has 2 years left, 1 year trustee has 1 year left



Sweetheart's Dinner: Chef Jerry Jackson cooks/servers a mean prime rib



Sweetheart's Dinner: Brother Knights and their ladies enjoying great food, wine and conversation.



Sweetheart's Dinner: More Brother Knights and their ladies enjoying great food, wine and conversation.



State Convention: District Deputy Bob Kish, Corvallis Delegate Jerry Jackson and GK Stan Nored



State Convention: Doug and Irene Johnson enjoying the Banquet.



State Convention: Jim and Charlene Walton. Congratulations Jim for winning Oregon Field Agent of the Year!!



*April Knight of the Month:*

*Carl Shank*

*April Family of the Month:*

*David Zaback Family*

*May Knight of the Month:*

*Jim Iwainic*

*May Family of the Month:*

*Bob Rackham Family*

## Congratulations Fr Dominic DeMaio!

Congratulations to Fr. Dominic DeMaio on his Ordination to Priesthood on May 31st. Fr. Dominic is the son of one of our Brother Knight Mike & Ruth DeMaio. Council 1785 would like to wish Fr. Dominic all the best in the future and pray that the Lord hold him in the palms of his hands.

## Attendance Drawing Winners

During every membership meeting we have a attendance drawing. We draw one name every meeting and if that member is in attendance they receive a cash prize. If no one wins it that month it rolls over until the next month. When the amount reaches \$50 we draw until we have a winner.

### May's Winner:

No Winner

### June's Winner:

Paul Bousquet

## Scholarships Awarded



The Corvallis Council 1785 has awarded the following scholarships:

Nathan Adamski, Crescent Valley High  
Britta Clarke, West Albany High  
Katie Wolf, Crescent Valley High

Special Thanks to the Brother Knights who donated the scholarship funds...we couldn't do it without you.

Thanks to the Scholarship Committee: Joe Heaney, Gary Beck and Bob Rackham



## July Birthdays

William I. Stein  
James L. Harrington  
Chester Miskowiec  
Lawrence Winiarski  
Eugene Kuther  
Michael DeMaio

John R. Herron  
Stan D. Nored  
Raymond M. Cihak  
Joe Beatty  
Douglas Hubert  
David C. Zaback

## August Birthdays

Jim R. Ordway  
Andrew Schaal  
Alfred Begin  
Donald King  
Matthew J. Huerta-Enochian  
Michael D. Johnson  
John O Donnell  
Joseph Heaney  
Orville Smith  
Thomas Watkins  
Michael Bland

Thomas E. Heathman  
Brent M. Pawlowski  
John Demontigny  
Michael B. Eckhardt  
Richard Robinson  
Richard J. Brockamp  
Dan Begin  
Carl Shank  
Theodore Kistner  
Merle Doty  
John E. Flynn

## Insurance Corner

By Jim Walton

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

In it's credit rating of the Knights of Columbus, Standard & Poor's stated that it's 'AAA' rating was 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 have been steadfastly committed to our motto, '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 Knights of Columbus field agent. Please give me a call. I welcome the opportunity to present to you and your wife, honestly and accurately, 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.

Jim Walton FICF  
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## Calendar of Events:

### July

1	7-9pm	Officers Meeting	LSH
4		Independence Day	
8	7-9pm	General Member Meeting/1 <sup>st</sup> Degree	LSH
12	6:30pm	Officer Installation/ Awards Banquet	USH

### August

5	7-9pm	Officers Meeting	LSH
12	7-9pm	General Member Meeting	LSH

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