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Grand Knights Report

By Stan Nored

Brothers,

It is the time of year when we elect new officers to guide our council for next year so this will be the last report you will be getting from me as your Grand Knight. I have been proud and honored to serve our council as your Grand Knight. You have exceeded all of my expectations. Every project we undertake has always been met with enthusiasm and with enough volunteers to get the job done and always accomplished with class.

This month we brought in two new brothers knights to our council and look forward to them becoming involved with our charitable projects. New faces mean fresh ideas and new energy and we welcome both.

We held our annual Sweethearts dinner for our Ladies and it was a huge success. Thank you to Brother Jerry Jackson for preparing a fabulous meal. Jerry also spearheaded the Casa BBQ and worked hard along with many others in the kitchen to make our annual Father Taaffe all parish breakfast one of the most successful ever. Brother Matthew Rocha took charge of coordinating the special Sunday mass held in honor of the Icon of Our Lady of Charity, if you did not attend you missed a very special mass. Our "Pennies for Heaven" campaign was successful and we will again this year be making a nice contribution to the Mt. Angel Seminararians.

We will be hosting the June 1st 9:00am mass and we need Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers and Servers for that mass. Please let us know if you can help. This is the first time we have done this. It is a huge undertaking it will take a lot of volunteers we want to make a good impression. We will have members of the Fourth Degree Honor Guard in attendance and we will be making an announcement from the Pulpit about who the Knights are, how we help the church, what charitable works we do in the community and asking anyone that is interested in finding out more to pick up membership information at the back of the church.

We will again this year be handing out flowers after all masses on Mothers Day if you can help let us know so we will be sure to have enough Brother Knights at each mass.

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The State convention will be held in Astoria on May 16th-18th and if you are interested in attending contact me or Brother Dick Paradise for more information.

I want to again thank each and everyone one of you for doing everything you do to help make our council one of the best in the State and for making the Grand Knights job very fulfilling and rewarding.

Ask yourself have I made a difference in some simple way? Have I brightened someone's life? Have I caused a smile today? If the answer is no come to our next membership meeting on May 13th in the LSH at 7:00pm and get involved in some way and will do it together.

God Bless
Stan Nored, Grand Knight

District Deputies Report

By Bob Kish

Hello Council 1785 and Happy Spring. Okay, happy wet, snowy, cold and miserable spring. Come on summer!

So the weather is not that pleasing but I am pleased to announce that Corvallis 1785 has met the recruitment goal for the year.

This is great news and this should secure Star Council for the second year.

I am also happy to report that every Council in District 7 had an hour of prayer and reflection with the Our Lady of Charity Icon last month. I safely transported her to District 8 where the Eugene area should take good care of her now.

The KC State Convention is May 16th, 17th and 18th in Astoria. I will obviously be there along with the very distinguished representatives of Council 1785 (Stan Nored, Doug Johnson, Jerry Jackson, and Don Woelfle). Brothers Dick Paradis and Paul Bousquet will also be present but at the State level. KC State Conventions are always exciting for me. It's a time to show off what you have all done throughout the year. All the volunteer hours worked, all the money and goods donated are presented and recognized. The money accumulated all year for "Pennies for Heaven" and for Fr. Taaffe is presented in person on the convention floor. It always makes me proud when the Corvallis Council is announced and recognized for doing such good works (and it happens often). Doug and Jerry will also be unveiling to the State the Fr. Taaffe video that they have worked so hard on. This Council truly is a model Council and you should all be proud of the works you do here at St. Mary's and in the Corvallis area.

Thank you all for your support of the Church, the Knights, your Brother Officers and Chairman.

God Bless,
Bob Kish District Deputy #7

Financial Secretaries Report

By Dick Paradis



It seems like all I talk about is money and dues. Well I guess that is part of my job as financial Secretary to try to get everyone to pay their dues. It cost us \$17.50 to state and supreme council for every one on our roster, so we only get to keep half of our dues money to operate our council programs and events that we conduct.

If you think that your dues money doesn't do any good, and you have your Columbia from the March issue take another look at it. There are some great numbers in that issue. Also on the last page you can read about a 90 year man who joined the knights and what he thinks about the knights.

As of this time we have 5 members who have not paid dues for 2007 or 2008. These will have to be suspended very soon. 9 members have not paid their dues for 2008 yet. If you are one of those 9 please take care of this ASAP. 2 honorary members owe dues for 2008. 5 members have paid for the first half of 2008 and they will be billed for the second half in July.

We have a very strong council and we want to keep it that way, but we need to keep all of our members current in their dues to stay that way. Those who have not paid their dues know who they are so there is no need to put names in. If you don't know if you are paid up or not let me know. As always keep me informed about any changes that you might have so that I can keep my records up to date.

Dick Paradis, Financial Secretary
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the Corvallis Council is announced
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—Bob Kish

Mother's Day Carnations



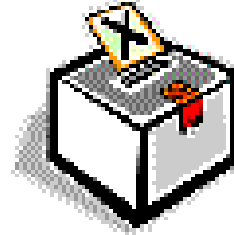
Come show your appreciation and help hand out carnations after Mass on Mother's Day, May 11th. Help is needed after all Masses. Please sign up with Bob Rackham rmrackham@msn.com or 754-9394

Happy Mothers Day to ALL Mothers!

Officer Elections

It is time again for election of officers. Nominations will be open during May General Membership meeting. Elections will take place during the June Membership meeting.

Please come nominate/vote for your candidates.



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.

April's Winner:
John Adamski

For the Good of the Order

**Caring for People With
Alzheimer's and Dementias:**

**Identifying Needs, Managing Care,
Finding Resources**
Eddi Gleason, MSW
Social Worker, Benton Hospice Service
May 13 7:00 pm
**Corvallis-Benton County Library
Community Room**
Learn more about caring for those
with Alzheimer's and other dementias.
Free Workshop

Sponsored By Benton Hospice Service
757-9196

Welcome!

New members:
Raymond Garretson
Garrett Vogenbeck

Transfer:
Andrew Schaal

**Welcome to Council
1785 !**

Faithful Citizen

By Matthew Rocha

Editor's Note: The following information/lecture was provided at the April Membership meeting:

As we head toward the month of May, the upcoming Presidential primary, and enter full-swing into election season, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you a few thoughts and some resources offered by our Church to help in forming your conscience and making moral decisions as a Faithful Citizen of our great Nation.

1. Are Catholics called to be active in public and political life? Absolutely! Consider the following:

A Reading from the Letter of James
James 2:14-17; faith requires action, faith without works is dead

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Part 3: Life in Christ, Ch. 2: The Human Condition
CCC 1915; 1918-1927; citizens are obliged to participate under the call to advance the common good. All authority is from God so Faith is necessary in the moral application of civil authority

2. Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship.

(From the 2008 USCCB Bishop's Statement, <http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org/church/statements>)
17. Catholics have a serious and lifelong obligation to form their consciences in accord with human reason and the teaching of the Church....Conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart, revealing the truth to us and calling us to...make sound moral judgments based on the truths of our faith.

22. Intrinsically evil actions (such as taking innocent human life in abortion and euthanasia) must always be rejected and opposed and must never be supported or condoned.

31. Decisions about political life are complex and require the exercise of a well-formed conscience, beginning with opposition to laws and policies that violate human life or weaken its protection.

33. Prudential judgment is also needed to apply moral principles to specific policy choices such as the Iraq war, housing, health care, and immigration.

34. Catholics face difficult choices about how to vote. A Catholic cannot vote for a candidate who takes a position in favor of an intrinsic evil.

35. There may be times when a Catholic who rejects a candidate's unacceptable position may decide to vote for that candidate for other morally grave reasons. Voting this way is permissible.

36. When all candidates hold a position in favor of an intrinsic evil, the voter...may decide to take the extraordinary step of not voting for any candidate, or, after careful deliberation, may decide to vote for the

candidate deemed less likely to advance a morally flawed position and more likely to pursue other authentic human goods.

3. Prayer

Gracious and loving God, let your Spirit be with us today. Hear our prayers and increase in us the will to follow your Son Jesus. Help us to draw on the resources of our faith as we use the opportunities of our democracy to shape a society more respectful of the life, dignity, and rights of the human person, especially the poor and vulnerable. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

4. Please take some time to inform yourself through resources freely available from our church leaders:

- <http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org> Information and resources for voting Americans from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB, <http://www.usccb.org>)
- <http://www.usccb.org/ogl/> USCCB Office of Government Relations includes statements on federal legislative issues and legislative reports
- http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/pontifical_councils/index.htm Website for the Pontifical Councils and their reports. Consider the Councils on: Family, Justice & Peace, Migrants, Health Care, Culture, Social Communications
- http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/doc_doc_index.htm Documents from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith
- <http://www.usccb.org/catechism/text/> online version of the Catechism of the Catholic Church
- <http://www.usccb.org/nab/bible/> online version of The New American Bible (both of these are also available online from the Holy See, <http://www.vatican.va/archive/>)
- <http://www.kofc.org/un/publications/columbia/detail.cfm?id=4006> Article on "Church and State, Faith and Politics," by Douglas Kmiec from the [Columbia magazine](#) archives.





February Knight of the Month:

Matt Rocha

February Family of the Month:

Doug Johnson Family

March Knight of the Month:

Joe Heaney

March Family of the Month:

Rene Geniza Family



Knights of Columbus Mass

June 1st 9:00am Mass our council will be providing All Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Readers etc

We will also be having a recruitment blitz.

If you are a Eucharistic Minister, Usher or Reader we need your help!. Please sign up at the May Membership meeting or contact:

Frank Kessel

kesself@comcast.net

967-4498

Scholarships Available



The Corvallis Council 1785 is accepting applications for Financial Aid from June 2008 high school graduates. Awards of up to \$500 are available for post high school education in vocational school or two or four year college.

Applications are available at the parish office at CHS, CVHS, PHS counseling offices and on the web at:

<http://www.kofc1785.org/scholarships>



May Birthdays

Dan M. Sundseth
Keith J. Jayawckrama
Bernard Gerding
Travis D. Pindell
Rev Kenneth E. Hume
John Forsyth
John T. Houk

Lawrence Martin
Samuel Gutierrez
Jerry Neuman
Joseph J. Alvarez
James Riley
Jerome Gerding

June Birthdays

David Neuman
Carlton Ward
Robert Rackham
Charles D. Ramsey

Thomas M. Maguire
Joseph Hlebichuk
Daniel Krawczyk
Venceslaus E. Kasperek

Insurance Corner

By Jim Walton

We all know the old adage - the grass seems greener on the other side of the fence. When it comes to replacing your existing Knights of Columbus life insurance with coverage offered by another company, the adage holds true. Perceptions are deceiving. A move to the other side of the fence might seem like a good one, but it can leave you with less green in your wallet - in some cases, a lot less. That's why it pays to remember another old saying - Read the fine print.

There are many reasons to keep your existing coverage in force, whether that coverage is with the Knights of Columbus or with another company. I'll focus potential pitfalls of replacing coverage here - pitfalls that an agent trying to convince you that grass actually is greener might neglect to mention.

First, all life insurance contracts contain a contestability period, which allows the insurer to contest claims made for a period, typically two years, after the contract is issued. Chances are, this is no longer an issue with your current coverage.

Second, it's unlikely that you can obtain the same amount of coverage, for the same premium, that you were able to obtain with your existing contract. The two factors that determine how much you'll need to pay for life insurance coverage are age and health. Certainly, you're older now than you were when you took out your current coverage. There's no way around that one. And you have to ask yourself, has your health changed during that time? Is your blood pressure the same? Your cholesterol? Have you gained weight? All these factors affect the amount of coverage you'll get for your premium dollar.

If someone encourages you to replace your existing coverage, please call me. I'll show you how your existing coverage is working for you and why replacement is not in your best interest.

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Field Agent
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Calendar of Events:

May

6	7-9pm Officers Meeting	LSH
11	Mother's Day Carnations	Church
13	7-9pm General Member Meeting	LSH
16-18	State Convention	Astoria

June

1	9:00am KC Mass/Recruitment Blitz	Church
3	7-9pm Officers Meeting	LSH
10	7-9pm General Member Meeting	LSH

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