

Knighly News

Our Lady of Guadalupe Council # 13407

Our Lady of the Mountain Catholic Church, Ashland, Oregon



Raps From The Gavel

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God Bless America!

"Under God, In God we trust." Words that sometimes we take for granted living in our great land.

" You have today declared the Lord to be your God, and that you would walk in His ways and keep His statutes, His commandments, and His ordinances, and listen to his voice.

"... and that He shall set you high above all nations which He has made, for

praise, fame, and honor: and that you shall be a consecrated people to the Lord your God, as He has spoken.." (Deut. 26:17,19)

On this July 4th, we will take the time to celebrate our country's founding and the great fortune we share in being born in America. Let us not forget the responsibility we bear being the greatest country on earth and the potential we have for doing good and following the teachings of our faith in how we might go about achieving peace and good will throughout or troubled planet.

As Knights we have pledged ourselves to prayer, service, works of charity. Let us not forget the need for good examples in our family and communities. Looking to God for guidance when many about us are

wounded and lost in spirit, wandering without hope. The hope we have in our Lord, Jesus Christ is to be shared, not just in words and pictures but in attitude, actions and courage in our daily lives and how we deal with the trials and challenges we face as Christian men, brothers, and fathers. Seek what God is asking of you in each conversation, duty, or question asked of you.

As a 'consecrated people/person' how are you doing in living His commandments and most importantly listening to His voice?

On this 4th of July as you gather with family and friends to watch the fireworks, ask yourself, 'Have I been the flash of light in someone else's darkness lately?'

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Where Two Or Three Are Gathered...

Wow! It's July already. This year seems to have gone by quickly. Now that we have seen our loved ones graduate and are hopefully enjoying a well deserved vacation time don't forget to get to our monthly meetings! The last months, with all their

Responsibilities, have made

our meeting attendance dwindle and we need your help in some decisions.

Brother Ralph Wasche, a new transfer, has volunteered to become our Deputy Grand knight, and let Brother Paul do his others duties, and we need to vote on this. We have the first of our 2 mass breakfasts this

.July and need to prepare teams for the work and fun.

Father Joseph has asked us to help make a OLM picnic happen in August, feedback? Also, we need to schedule a 1st Degree for September before the October 2nd/3rd scheduled in Grants Pass.

June Business Meeting:
July 2, 2006
Sunday 6:30pm

Officers Meeting
July 17, 2006
Monday 6:30pm

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Special points of interest:
In July -

July 4—'God Bless America' Independence Day

July 9 – Our 1st 2 Mass Breakfast of '06

Set up 7am

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Degrees of opportunity

The upcoming 2nd/3rd Degree Exemplification is scheduled for Saturday, October 7th, at St Anne's in Grants Pass. Given this amount of time let's please work to get all our 1st degree members to attend and to experience the great teachings these exemplifications, created by Father McGivney himself, have to offer.

Bless us O' Lord...

Our 1st breakfast of the new mass schedule will be July 9th. We'll be serving the 8 and 9:30 am masses. At the business meeting, Sunday July 2 we'll discuss help needs and scheduling. Cleanup is always a factor so please plan to lend a hand. There is plenty of worthy persons and charities that could use our help and a 2 mass breakfast can go a long way towards making things happen.

The theme of this breakfast will be 'Stars and Stripes'. I've got American Flag hats for the crew and American flag pins and tattoos for the adults and kids who attend. If any of you have some favorite patriotic music bring it along or contact Tom and we'll make a CD mix for the event. Set up starts at 7am!

Come prepared to celebrate our country's birthday and share our national pride with some good food!

Thanks for the memories...

Thanks for all the help this last month.

We had a good turn out for our 1st Corporate Communion on June 18 during the Father's Day/ Corpus Christi mass at 9:30am followed by an honor guard for the Corpus Christi Procession around the grounds of the church at the end of the 11:30 am mass. Thanks to the 4th Degree members, Dennis Mellecker, Ralph Wasche, Joe Cochran and Tom Spellman for toughing it out in the heat in full regalia to represent us and assist Father Joseph in the mass and procession.

Also thanks to the 4th Degree Honor Guard on the previous Saturday 5pm mass for the dedication of the 'Memorial for the Unborn' out side the breezeway and for joining our Council in creating this beautiful monument for healing.



Meeting Action Items

At the July Business Meeting :

- Plan our next 1st Degree here at OLM.
- Assign buyers for July breakfast
- 2006 KC State Convention report
- Vote on new Deputy Grand Knight candidate
- Discuss our involvement with the proposed August OLM Picnic
- Plan attendance at the Oct. Grants Pass 2nd/3rd Exemplification
- Plan possible spaghetti dinner/ bingo night for the return of the Sunday 5pm mass in September

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to...

Brothers -

John Engelhardt

Matt Helling



Wives-

Best wishes to all

of you unsung heroes born this month. Bless you all for your help, support and patience.

Happy Wedding Anniversary-

*(I apologize to anyone I may have missed in this months well wishes. As soon as we can get the new council data base on line we can cover all the bases and dates. **Please inform me of your special dates so we can recognize you and yours in the Council family.** Thanks, Tom Spellman*

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Hold up in Prayer:

Margaret Falsarella

Bruce Strauman

Joseph Valdez (Geeno's son)

Our Seminarians

Arianna Spellman (Tom's

Daughter)



Service is not just a word

The 4th of July, fireworks, parades and especially our hard fought freedoms we enjoy are things to celebrate. Here in Oregon in the 1920's there was an attempt to take away one of our freedoms, that of private schooling and especially parochial schools under a set of anti-Catholic public-education bills, sponsored by anti-catholic interests and KKK backed groups here in Oregon. They had hoped to establish these laws nationally. The Knights of Columbus were instrumental in defeating these bills thereby establishing the continuation of our educational freedom. You can view a copy of a 1925 thank you letter from Or State Dep. Hanley at the KC website for the national KC help and financial support.