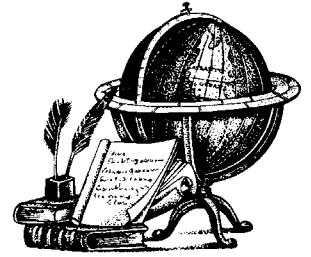




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Grand Knight Report:



On July 21, the council held their Installation of Officers. Officers being installed were (L to R) Recorder Lester Cockrum, Grand Knight Chris Dugan, Advocate Clay Dugan, Trustee Tim Rolwing, Treasurer Hershel Hitchcock, Warden Charles Holley, District Deputy and Trustee Tom Halstead, Trustee Marion Strick, Inside Guard Phil Vied, Chaplain Fr. Glenn Eftink, and Outside Guard John Haas. Not present were Deputy Grand Knight T.M. Harvell, Advocate Leo Schott, and Financial Secretary Clark Dugan.

In the past few months we survived the Flood of 2011 and the blowing of the levee. We have endured the intense 100 degree heat of late summer. Now fall is here and God is blessing us with beautiful weather. Through all we have been through this year we still get God's blessings daily.

As we move into the fall we are looking forward to the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive in October. Our collections go to help the mentally challenged. Your generosity will help tremendously.

At Thanksgiving we will be selling those delicious smoked turkeys again. Remember to place your order with your favorite Knight. At Christmas we will be selling the hams again, which will be presold prior to the cooking.

The Knights do lots of charitable work inside and outside of the council, thank you! Brother Knights join me in thanking Brother Marion Stricker for the work he has done this fall with the painting of the KC Hall.

Any Catholic man wishing to join the Knights of Columbus please inquire with the Knight of your choice or contact me, Chris Dugan, and we will get you into the KC's promptly. The Knights still stand true to its founding principles of **charity, unity and fraternity**. "Learn about us" at: www.kofc.org.

Grand Knight,
Chris Dugan

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNOUNCES "SECOND RESPONDERS" PROGRAM

One month before the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the Supreme Council introduced a new initiative called the Knights of Columbus Second Responders Program that will provide support to the victims of natural or manmade disasters.

Announced Aug. 2 by Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson at the 129th Supreme Convention in Denver, the Second



On August 4, the council welcomed its newest member, Stephen Moxley. Pictured with Stephen is his father, Charles Moxley. Welcome Brother Stephen to our ranks.

In Memoriam
George "Tony" Ohmes

DONATIONS

American Diabetes Association
St. Henry's Church

JACKPOT WINNERS

Jason Lee - Not Present
September 1 - Hershal Hitchcock - Present



Brother Knights Marion Stricker, Ryan Heaton, Hershel Hitchcock, and T.M. Harvell braved the heat on July 3rd preparing sides of ribs to be cooked for the Annual 4th of July BBQ. The annual event was a success.

STANDARD AND POOR RATES
KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS AAA

Standard & Poor's has once again given the Knights of Columbus its top rating of "AAA," based on "the Society's extremely strong capital, very strong competitive position, historically strong profitability, and extremely strong liquidity." This is the 19th consecutive year in which S&P has rated the Knights of Columbus AAA. The action comes just a few weeks after another ratings agency, A.M. Best, gave the Knights of Columbus its highest rating (A++) for the 36th consecutive year. Knights of Columbus products include term and whole life insurance, annuities, long-term care insurance and disability insurance.

The S&P report, dated July 22, 2011, noted that the K of C "has a distinct competitive advantage within the Catholic community, characterized by an affinity relationship between the Society and its policyholders." It added that the loyalty of the customer base "is reflected in its lapse ratio (3.6% in 2010), which is typically among the lowest in the industry."

S&P reported that "K of C's operating performance rebounded in 2010 with a 6% increase in investment income and about a 10% increase in revenues." It said that the "extremely strong" Knights of Columbus liquidity ratio of 241% reflects "an asset portfolio that consists primarily of high-

quality, investment-grade bonds."

Standard & Poor's described the Knights of Columbus financial strategy as "very conservative, as demonstrated by its capital structure, investment portfolio, and approach to business growth," and it said that the K of C capital adequacy "is among the strongest in the industry." The company's "investment portfolio has very strong credit quality," S&P declared.

S&P said that the Knights of Columbus "strong profitability is attributable, in our view, to high persistency rates, conservative underwriting practices, moderate expenses, and good investment returns."

Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson welcomed the news from Standard & Poor's, saying that it "reflects our success in maintaining the highest standards in every area, in good times and bad. We have high-quality, low-cost insurance products; a dedicated, highly professional sales force; and an approach to investing that is both careful and consistently successful. For us, the well-being of our members and their families is our highest priority, just as our founder, Father Michael McGivney, intended."

SECOND RESPONDERS CONT.

Responders Program will help local councils prepare to serve as "second responders" by providing food, clothing and shelter to those affected by disasters. Retired New York Fire Department Capt.

Alfredo Fuentes, a Knight who survived the 9/11 attacks in New York City, will serve as the program's director.

"With Capt. Fuentes' leadership, it is my hope that every state will develop a strong disaster response team, made up of current and retired first responders and other volunteers who will be able to deliver hope when it is needed most," said Anderson in remarks about the program's inception.

At present, program organizers are working to establish a framework for the initiative as Fuentes and other members of the Supreme Council staff identify individuals and K of C units that would be willing to assist if and when a disaster occurs.

"It has always been my belief that we have an unbelievable untapped resource, and that untapped resource is the retired firemen, policemen, EMS people and skilled people such as nurses, doctors, etc. And I just felt that if we used this resource to assist during a disaster, it would just be invaluable to the federal government and to the citizens themselves," said Fuentes.

Some councils, based on their geographic locations, already have some experience dealing with disasters, Fuentes added. For instance, councils in Florida are often adept at hurricane preparedness, while those in the Midwest may have experience with tornadoes.

Though still in its early stages, response to the program so far has been overwhelmingly positive, according to Fuentes. For now, organizers are limiting the initiative to the United States, though Fuentes would like to see it expanded in the future to all the countries where the Order is present. In addition, there is virtually no limit to the amount of aid that the Knights can offer, from providing food and water to rescue workers, to granting use of council halls as forward operating bases, to keeping tool depots in each state that are accessible to first responders and volunteers.

"I like to say that we're building the bridges we walk on," said Fuentes.

More information about the program will be made public as it becomes available. In the meantime, Fuentes is thrilled to be combining two of his great passions: disaster response and the Knights of Columbus..

