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On Easter Sunday, the council held the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the council home. The above young members of the parish enjoyed themselves. The winners were: Maryann Renaud, Harper Bailey, and Hannah Bledsoe. They won Easter Baskets.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS RESULTS**

During the June 7th meeting, the council held the annual election of officers. The results are as follows:

Grand Knight: Tim Rolwing Deputy Grand Knight: Scott Vowels Chancellor: Leo Schott Recorder: T.M. Harvell Treasurer: Herschel Hitchcock Advocate: Anthony Ohmes Financial Secretary: Clay Dugan Warden: Charles Holley Inside Guard: Phil Vied Outside Guard: John Haas Trustee 1st Year: Chris Dugan Trustee 2nd Year: Tom Halstead Trustee 3rd Year: Richard Scheffer

Congratulations to the above!

# **DONATIONS**

Mary Margaret Story Golf Tournament Fighting Squirrels St. Henry's Church



PROTECT OUR RIGHTS!

Below is the full Senate Bill 749 as found on the State Senate website: CCS/HCS/SS/ SB 749 -This act modifies provisions relating to the protection of the religious beliefs and moral convictions of certain persons and health care entities.

The rights guaranteed under the act are in addition to the rights guaranteed under Section 376.805, relating to health plan coverage of abortion, and Section 376.1199, relating to health plan coverage of certain obstetrical and gynecological benefits and pharmaceutical coverage. No employee, self-employed person, or any other person shall be compelled to obtain coverage for, or be discriminated against or penalized for declining or refusing coverage for, abortion, contraception, or sterilization in a health plan if such items or procedures are contrary to the religious beliefs or moral convictions of such employee or person.

No employer, health plan provider, health plan sponsor, health care provider, or any other person or entity shall be compelled to provide coverage for, or be discriminated against or penalized for declining or refusing coverage for, abortion, contraception, or sterilization in a health plan if such items or procedures are contrary to the religious beliefs or moral convictions of such employer, health plan provider, health plan sponsor, health care provider, person, or entity.

No such employee, self-employed person, employer, health plan provider, health plan sponsor, health care provider, or any other person or entity shall be discriminated against by any governmental entity, public official, or entity acting in a governmental capacity for failing to obtain or provide coverage for, pay for, participate in, or refer for such coverage because of such religious beliefs or moral convictions.

This act allows the Missouri Attorney General to bring a civil action in any appropriate state or federal court whenever there is reasonable cause to believe that the provisions of this act or other law that protects the religious beliefs or moral convictions of such entities or persons have been or is threatened to be violated.

Nothing in this act shall preclude a private cause of action by any person or entity aggrieved by a violation of this act or other law that protect the religious beliefs or moral convictions of such entities or persons, or be considered a limitation on any other remedy permitted by law. A court may order any appropriate relief, including recovery of damages, payment of reasonable attorney's fees, costs, and expenses.

"Sterilization" for purposes of the act is defined to mean any elective medical procedure for which the sole purpose is to make an individual incapable of reproduction.

This act also requires health carriers to offer and issue to any person or entity purchasing a health benefit plan that excludes coverage for contraceptives based on religious beliefs or moral convictions. Any health benefit plan issued under the exception in Section 376.1199 is required to provide clear and conspicuous written notice on the employee's health benefit plan application and contract about optional riders for elective abortions and that the employee has the right to exclude and pay for coverage of elective abortions if such procedures are contrary to his or her religious beliefs and moral convictions.

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As members or the Knights of Columbus, we are asked to take a stand. This can be done by sending an e-mail or a letter to our governor. The Missouri Catholic Conference has a letter ready to send in the above two formats. The link is: http:// www.capwiz.com/mocatholic/issues/ alert/?alertid=61480141

# KNIGHTS SET NEW RECORD IN CHARITABLE GIVING

The Knights of Columbus set new alltime records for charitable donations and volunteer service hours in 2011, according to Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, who released the results of the Order's Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity in a presentation to state deputies June 10.

The results of the survey indicate that total charitable contributions reached more than \$158 million — exceeding the previous year's total by approximately \$3.4 million. Volunteer service hours to charitable causes grew to more than 70 million hours.

"When we talk about the power of one, the necessity of growing the Order, the importance of charity — this is the reality," Anderson said of the numbers.

At the grassroots level, Knights are involved in a large number of service projects that range from programs with well-known groups like Habitat for Humanity and Special Olympics to smaller-scale initiatives that have a large impact on the community, like building wheelchair ramps, organizing blood drives and collecting food for the needy. Among the largest contributions was \$515,000 for the Order's Coats for Kids initiative and \$1,593,000 from the Supreme Council and \$5,950,073 from state and local units to support those studying for the priesthood and religious life.

"I don't think there's any other Catholic volunteer association that is making this kind of a difference day in and day out in our communities and our parishes than the Knights of Columbus," Anderson added.

The supreme knight also extolled state deputies to continue building the Order by constantly recruiting new members. It is only through a dynamic and expanding membership that the Knights can continue to make such a definitive impact on society and as the strong right arm of the Church. "I hope one of your priorities is to have more brother Knights go forward on the journey of knighthood," said the supreme knight. "If we make the Knights stronger, we make the Church stronger. If we make the Knights stronger, we make our communities and our countries stronger. That is our mission. And we are going to grow and accomplish that mission."

Over the past 10 years, Knights have contributed \$1.4 billion and 653 million volunteer hours to charity.

### KNIGHTS EARN TOP RATING FROM A.M. BEST FOR 37TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

For the 37th consecutive year, A.M. Best Company has given the Knights of Columbus its highest financial strength rating, A++ (Superior). A.M. Best is a worldwide rating and information agency, which conducts in-depth analyses and issues reports about the fiscal stability of insurance companies.

In its 2012 reaffirmation, A.M. Best cited the Knights of Columbus' "strong fraternal and insurance presence within the Catholic communities in the United States and Canada, its superior risk-adjusted capitalization as measured by Best's Capital Adequacy Ratio and the Order's consistently positive statutory operating results."

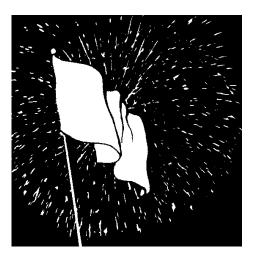
The report also stated that "the Order has a strong affinity with its large membership base through its charitable works and competitive portfolio of life insurance and annuity products."

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson said: "Earning A.M. Best's top rating again this year highlights the importance and wisdom of our sustainable business and investment models. Despite the recent economic downturn, the Knights of Columbus has grown stronger relative to our industry as people seek the safety and quality that Knights of Columbus products offer and are known for." He added: "The fact that we have earned this top rating for each of the past 37 years is a testament to our commitment to our mission of protecting the well-being of Catholic families, and viewing our members as part of our family."

In just over a decade, under Supreme Knight Anderson's leadership, the Knights of Columbus insurance in force has doubled to more than \$85 billion, with more than \$18.5 billion in assets under management.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Instalation of Officers 4th of July BBQ Labor Day BBQ



#### **A LITTLE HELP**

Brother Knights,

If you can, we ask for your help with all the projects we do for the Church and the school.

You should have received a letter which asks for this help. If you can, please give your time. The little time spent helping the Church and school will be worth every minute.

Also, we, as the council, ask you to attend the meetings. We value your input and ideas.

