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K of C Sets Record for Charity and Service in 2014

The Knights of Columbus set a new all-time record last year for charitable donations and service hours with \$173,550,680 in donations and more than 71.5 million hours of service. The numbers were announced at the annual Organizational Meeting of State Deputies in New Haven.

The number of service hours rose more than a million hours over the previous year's total, according to the Knights of Columbus Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for the year ending Dec. 31, 2014. Donations grew by more than \$3.4 million since 2013, achieving an increase in giving for the 15th consecutive year.

"These numbers show that the Knights of Columbus has the courage to make a witness to charity and to practice fraternal outreach to those in need," Supreme Knight Anderson said.

Among its major donations in 2014, the Knights of Columbus made a gift of \$1.4 million to this summer's Special Olympics World Games in Los Angeles. The funds cover the cost of transportation, housing and meals for the athletes, supplementing the K of C state jurisdiction's individual support to the Special Olympics athletes.

Another unique initiative in 2014 was the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Relief Fund, which has contributed \$2.6 million for humanitarian assistance in Iraq and the surrounding region.



Supreme Knight Anderson outlines the results of the 2014 Fraternal Survey, as well as some of the Order's major initiatives, at the annual Organizational Meeting of State Deputies (see Growing the Order, Page 3).

By the Numbers

71.5 MILLION HOURS OF SERVICE

\$173,550,680 IN CHARITABLE DONATIONS

\$2.6 MILLION TO REFUGEE RELIEF FUND

The Knights continued to support their local communities in 2014 through such programs as Coats for Kids, the Food for Families initiative and blood drives. Knights also gave assistance to Habitat for Humanity, the Global Wheelchair Mission and other large-scale charitable organizations.

During the past decade the Knights of Columbus has donated nearly \$1.55 billion to charity and 691 million hours of volunteer service in support of charitable initiatives.

"It has shocked the conscience of the world that people are systematically being purged from the region where their families have lived for millennia — simply for their faith," said Mr. Anderson at the program's inception in August. "It is imperative that we stand in solidarity with them."

Gifts by the Knights of \$200,000 each were also made to the Byzantine and Latin Rite Catholic communities of war-torn Ukraine for humanitarian relief, supporting projects that feed and aid homeless children and refugees living on the streets of the capital city of Kiev.

Grand Knight Checklist – July & August

- Remember these due dates:
 - ✦ July 1 — Per Capita Tax, Catholic Advertising Fund and Culture of Life Fund assessments levied by Supreme Council
 - ✦ July 1 — *Report of Officers Chosen* (#185)
 - ✦ Aug. 1 — *Service Program Personnel Report* (#365)
 - ✦ Aug. 15 — *Semiannual Council Audit Report* (#1295)
 - ✦ Sep. 1 — *Columbian Squires Officers and Counselors Report* (#468) and *Notice of Appointment of Round Table Coordinator* (#2629)
- Organize your membership recruitment team and put a 12-month recruitment plan in place.
- Plan for your council's participation in Knights of Columbus Family Week, held this year Aug. 9-16.
- Prepare for your council's participation in the International World Day of Prayer for Peace, Sept. 11.
- Make sure your council is once again on the path to earning the Star Council Award.



Knights Help Save Historic Jesuit Martyrs Shrine

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson delivered a \$500,000 check from the Supreme Council for the renovation and upkeep of Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville, N.Y., which honors three North American martyrs and marks the birthplace of the first Native American saint.

Joined by Knights from throughout New York, the supreme knight presented the donation in honor of Pope Francis, the first Jesuit pope, who will visit the United States for the first time in September. The New York State Council, represented by State Deputy Carmine Musumeci and State Deputy-elect Robert Weitzman, made an additional contribution of \$100,000. K of C councils in the nearby Albany area also have pledged monetary support to the Jesuit-run shrine.

Established in 1885, Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine was the site of missionary activity by 17th-century French Jesuits. It was there, at the Mohawk settlement then known as Ossernenon, that three Jesuit missionaries — Sts. Isaac Jogues, René Goupil and John Lalande — were martyred for their faith. Years later, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Native American to be canonized, would be born at the same site.

“The history of America is incomplete without the memory of such places, and especially of this place,” Supreme Knight Anderson remarked following a Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated in the shrine’s spacious Coliseum Church. “Here, the New World was made truly ‘new’ because the Gospel message was proclaimed — sometimes by preaching, other times by living, and in the end by dying.”

In recent years the Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs launched a major renovation campaign to preserve its holy sites, which include chapels dedicated to St. Kateri and the Jesuit martyrs; a densely forested ravine where the martyrs walked and prayed; numerous statues and stone memorials; and the Coliseum Church, which can seat 10,000 people in a round, theater-like arrangement that features four centrally located altars.

The checks, totaling \$600,000, were received by Jesuit Father George Belgarde, director of the shrine, who called the Knights’ donation a “gift of love” that has brought hope to the shrine. “The Knights are helping to



Jesuit Father George Belgarde receives checks from Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and the current and incoming state deputies, Carmine Musumeci and Robert Weitzman, at the Coliseum Church in Auriesville, N.Y. Also shown are Father Brian McWeeney, senior associate chaplain for the New York State Council, and Supreme Director Arthur Harris.

build the kingdom of God with their material gift that will reap countless spiritual blessings for all who come here,” he said.

In his remarks, Supreme Knight Anderson noted that the site is a source of inspiration. “The example of America’s heroic missionaries calls out to us to live lives of Christian witness,” he said. “These champions of the first evangelization reach across time to inspire us to take up a new evangelization. We are pleased to join with our brother Knights of Columbus throughout New York to help renovate the shrine of these great martyrs. Soon, a spiritual son of St. Ignatius will visit our country. Pope Francis reminds us that ‘every Christian is a missionary’ and that all of us are called to be ‘missionary disciples.’”

The supreme knight added, “If we answer this call, then the most enduring shrine to the martyrs of this place will not be made of bricks and timber. It will be those pilgrims who leave this place renewed with a spirit of missionary discipleship.”



The Fifth Sunday Rosary Program

To encourage greater devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, a new program has been developed under the Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive initiative.

Every fifth week beginning Aug. 30, 2015, councils are encouraged to lead a community rosary prior to Sunday Masses. Prior to leading the service, councils should consult with their pastor and/or council chaplain. Should other parish activities present a scheduling conflict, it is suitable to hold the rosary prayer service on the closest available day to the fifth Sunday. The service may be held in the church, parish hall or council meeting place.

The rosary offers a great opportunity for Knights of Columbus members and their families to strengthen their faith. A Marian program of this sort may also give parish families an opportunity to experience the faith and fellowship that comes with being a member of the Order.

To help your council conduct this Church Activity, kits containing a supply of rosary rings, promotional materials, and prayer cards on how to pray the rosary are available from the Supreme Council. Also, by conducting this program on each of the fifth Sundays during the 2015-2016 fraternal year, your

council will qualify as fulfilling all four Church Activity requirements of the Columbian Award.

For more information regarding the Fifth Sunday Rosary or to order a program kit, please contact Jason Porrello (203-752-4571 or Jason.Porrello@kofc.org) and visit kofc.org/forms.

Growing the Order and Moving Forward

The need for the Knights of Columbus to evangelize through charitable works and membership growth was the message that Supreme Knight Carl Anderson emphasized to state deputies and state deputy-elects during the 2015 Organizational Meeting of State Deputies, June 3-7.

Supreme Knight Anderson described many of the challenges faced by the Knights of Columbus and the world over the past 14 years, including the tragedy of 9/11, the Iraq War, Hurricane Katrina and the recent recession.

“We — like all organizations — have challenges,” he said. “The bottom line is we need to overcome these challenges, we need to continue to grow the Order, we need to advance. When Pope Francis comes to the United States he’s going to canonize Blessed Junípero Serra. Blessed Junípero Serra’s motto was ‘Always forward, never back.’ I think that is a good motto for state deputies.”

Supreme Knight Anderson also emphasized that state deputies must support each local council in becoming a Star Council, an achievement which ensures membership, insurance and charitable growth. At a minimum, he stated, 25 percent of all councils in each jurisdiction should earn Star Council status. Also discussed were various new materials — such as the *10 Keys to Membership Recruiting Success* (#10233), *Membership Recruitment and Retention Manual* (#10237) and a revised *Membership Form* (#100) — that will be sent to councils in July.

Additionally, Supreme Knight Anderson said that programs like Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive and the Order’s Ultrasound Initiative are now more important than ever because of their support of marriage and family.

“We need to win hearts and minds, one person, one family, one community at a time. That is why the Knights of Columbus is so potentially powerful — when people see the good we do, the charity that evangelizes, they see the positive influence of the Catholic faith,” he said.

During the weekend, the state deputies and state deputy-elects met with staff and membership program consultants to discuss membership recruitment and service programming. Part of this included a presentation given by Vice President for Membership Growth Lou Barbour who addressed the need for sustained year-long membership recruitment. George Hanna, senior vice president of Fraternal Services, followed with a talk on individuals helped through the various Knights of Columbus service programs.

The state deputies also reviewed various legal issues with Supreme Advocate John Marrella, who stressed the benefit of using Officers Online as a source for information.

The final presentation was given by Executive Vice President and Chief Insurance Officer Thomas Smith Jr. His remarks reviewed the fraternal-insurance partnership and how it is necessary to ensure the growth of the Order. He also emphasized the value of a jurisdiction’s leadership, whose support plays a vital role in the insurance program’s success.



Supreme Chaplain Addresses Challenges Facing New State Deputies

In his address to the 2015 Organizational Meeting of State Deputies, June 3-7, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori spoke of the Order as the strong right arm of the Church.

“My work as a diocesan bishop and your work as state deputies is distinct, but our work does not run on separate tracks,” he said. “We



are, in fact, aiming at the same goal: evangelization. The Order is based on four Gospel principles. Charity — God is love, love of God and love of neighbor. Unity — there is one God in three Persons, one Lord, one faith, one baptism. Fraternity — in Christ we are sons of the same heavenly father, who are called to serve one another and to serve the broader community. Patriotism — while longing for our true homeland in heaven, we seek to create in our earthly homelands a civilization of truth and love.

“When you think about the fact that our Order is based on four Gospel principles ... then you take everything that is said to you this weekend about membership, council development and much more and see all this as a work of evangelization — as the work of spreading the Gospel. The Knights are the strong right arm of the Church in many ways, but the principal way is in helping the Church accomplish the mission Christ gave her: ‘Go teach all nations and make disciples of them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.’”

Prior to his address, Archbishop Lori concelebrated Mass at St. Mary’s Church, where Father McGivney founded the Knights nearly 135 years ago. In his homily, the supreme chaplain paralleled the state deputies’ challenges to those faced by Saint Boniface in “re-evangelizing the Church in Germany, as a good shepherd who echoed the Gospel.”

Much as Pope Francis encourages Catholics today, Boniface urged those who were baptized Catholics to be missionary disciples in Christ. Father McGivney would spread this same message several centuries later, asking each Knight to not simply be baptized, but “an avidly practicing Catholic who takes your faith to heart and lives it daily and as a member of the Order.”

In the spirit of Boniface’s courageous life, the supreme chaplain called for state deputies to look forward to the coming fraternal year with a message of hope. He asked each of them to “be a faithful and effective leader in the Order,” sharing his hope that each man’s “service as state deputy may bear abundant fruit for the Order, for the Church and for the world.”

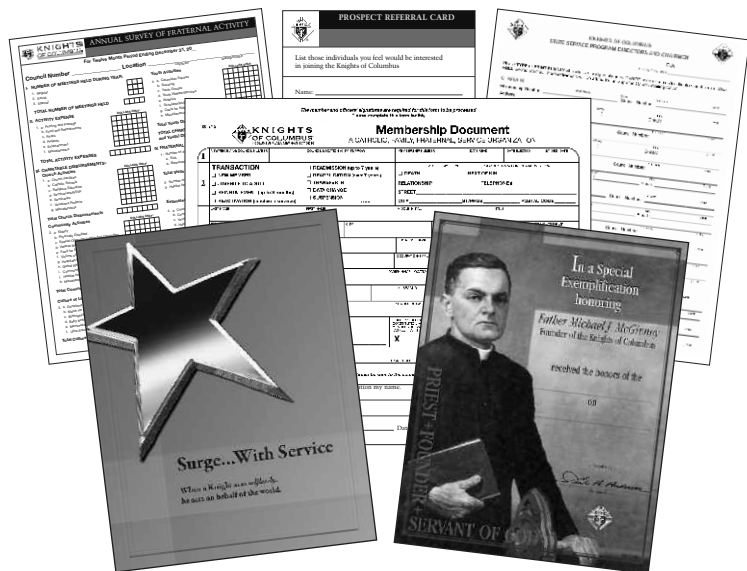
Following the Mass, Archbishop Lori blessed the state deputy jewels of office, which were then presented to the state deputy-elects by Supreme Knight Anderson.



Take the First Step Toward Star Council

Now is the time to start working toward Star Council status for the 2015-16 fraternal year. By planning in advance, you will ensure your council remains robust through expanding membership, insurance growth and a well-balanced program of service activities.

Remember, to be a Star Council you must submit all required forms — including the annual *Survey of Fraternal Activity* (#1728) and the *Service Program Personnel Report* (#365) — and qualify for the Columbian Award, the Father McGivney Award and the Founders' Award.



the year, August may be one of the best months for recruitment opportunities. Knights of Columbus Family Week, Aug. 9-16, is the perfect time for eligible Catholic men and their families to experience firsthand K of C activities. Keep promotional flyers and *Membership Documents* (#100) available at all events.

Be sure to organize a recruitment drive before the week's celebrations to obtain candidates for the First Degree. Then, on Aug. 12, the anniversary of Father McGivney's birthday, sponsor a First Degree exemplification. First Degree exemplifications may also be held following memorial Masses marking the 125th anniversary of Father McGivney's death on Aug. 14. Present these new members with the *Father McGivney Degree Certificate* (#9167).

Remember, if a First Degree team is not available, the First Degree DVD may be used. For more information, contact the Ceremonial Department or visit Officers Online at kofc.org.

Step 4: Promote Knights of Columbus Insurance

The Knights of Columbus Insurance program operates solely for members and their families, relies on council-agent teamwork for its success, and provides the financial backbone for all the Order's good works.

Make sure your council is working with its insurance agent as closely as possible. Appoint an insurance promotion chairman — if possible, your field agent — to ensure good working relationships in the council, especially between the financial secretary and field agent. Personally introduce your field agent to all new officers, members and their families, and include him in council mailings, program planning and recruitment teams. Be sure to advertise his contact information on your council bulletin and/or website.

Promote the insurance program further by forwarding a copy of every *Membership Document* (#100) to the general agent immediately after each First Degree and by scheduling several Fraternal Benefits Nights each fraternal year.

Step 5: Setting Up Your Service Program

When setting a plan for service outreach, review the past year to decide which programs should be repeated and what new programs can be undertaken. Once that initial step is completed and a budget is set for the activities, consult with the parish calendar and create a list of tentative dates for each program.

Remember, it is important to choose programs that meet the specific needs of the community and parish. It is likewise important to choose well-rounded programs that are meaningful to prospective members in a younger demographic. Make sure that all participants wear Knights of Columbus-branded clothing, and always invite potential members and their families to join your charitable activities. Invite the press to cover your event or print a public "thank you" to your volunteers in your local paper.

The featured programs in the categories of Church, Community, Council, Culture of Life, Family and Youth should be the foundation of every council's charitable work. For more information on how these programs can meet the specific needs of your community and parish, visit kofc.org/star and Officers Online. You can also utilize the newly revised *Surge ... with Service* booklet (#962), available for \$1 each. An electronic version of this booklet is located at kofc.org/surge.

Step 1: Organize Your Membership Committee

The first and most important step in setting up a successful membership program is organizing your membership committee.

These committees are made up of a membership director (appointed by the grand knight to oversee all membership programs and recruitment activities) and three or more Knights (preferably successful recruiters or sales-oriented members) that divide into two-man recruitment teams. These teams serve to help the insurance promotion chairman (preferably the council's insurance agent) and retention committee plan specific recruitment, retention and insurance promotion activities for the entire year. Together, they should schedule First Degree exemplifications, identify recruitment methods that best suit the council's needs, and get the entire council involved through church drives, open houses, team recruiting, etc.

Step 2: Build a Prospect List

There are many eligible Catholic men who would enjoy participating in the Order with their families. Identifying them is easier than you think.

First, approach your pastor for the parish roster. Consider ushers and lectors; members of the parish council, choir and men's clubs; new parishioners; high school and college graduates; vendors who serve the parish; and even former members as potential prospects. To the prospect list, add all 18-year-old Squires and local priests who are not yet Knights. Distribute the *Prospect Referral Card* (#921) to all current members, asking them to refer eligible friends and relatives.

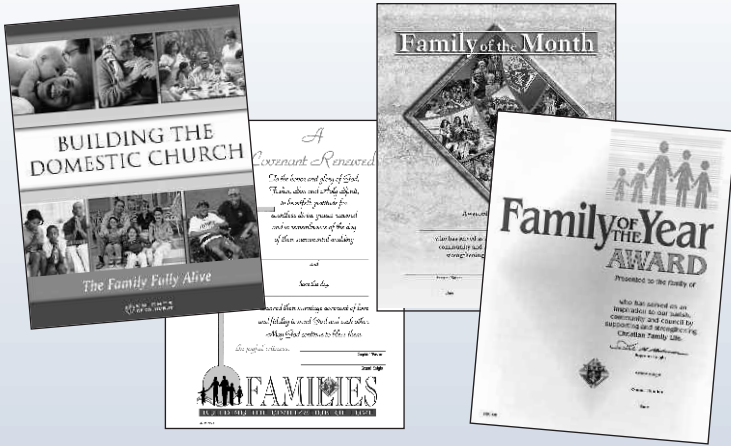
Finally, you should advertise regularly in church bulletins, inviting interested men to contact the membership committee directly about joining.

Step 3: Direct Recruitment and Conducting Degrees

While a good recruiter can identify potential members at any time of



Celebrate the Domestic Church During K of C Family Week



Knights of Columbus Family Week is a special opportunity for our Order to celebrate and emphasize the importance of the family as the domestic church. Held this year Aug. 9-16, Family Week also gives communities the chance to prepare for the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia, Sept. 22-26.

These programs should be fun, enjoyable and meaningful in their message, uniting Knights and Squires with their families and the community at large. Advertise your events to everyone in your community, remembering to personally invite those in need of support — such as single, divorced or widowed parents. Your council's participation in this special week can show the world that families are the backbone of communities and our Order.

In planning your events, be sure to consider the following topics:

- **Marriage**
Sponsor a speaking event on natural family planning and NaPro-Technology, chastity and dating, or childrearing issues. Promote Engaged Encounter, Marriage Encounter and Retrouvaille weekends as a way to heal relationships and establish a proper understanding of the Church's view of marriage. Hold a renewal of marriage vows ceremony and give each participating couple *A Covenant Renewed Certificate* (#2745 — 25 cents each).
- **Community**
Encourage families to volunteer at a council community service event, or sponsor a picnic featuring a variety of fun activities and spiritual programs for families in your community. Be sure to invite your council chaplain to the event, and ask him to lead an outdoor rosary or to celebrate Mass for the attending families.
- **Children and Family**
Hold a "Grandparents Day" event for grandparents and grandchildren. At a council-sponsored family dinner, present "Family of the Month" or "Family of the Year" recipients with *Family of the Month* certificates (#1843 — 25 cents each) or *Family of the Year* certificates (#1843A — 25 cents each). Consider also offering a memorial Mass for deceased members of your council families on Aug. 14, the anniversary of Father McGivney's death.

For additional programming ideas, refer to *Building the Domestic Church: The Family Fully Alive* (#10162).

John Paul II Institute Graduating Class of 2015



Supreme Knight Carl Anderson (far left) and Archbishop Francisco Javier Martínez Fernández of the Archdiocese of Granada, Spain, stand with the recent graduates of the John Paul II Institute at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The institute's Washington, D.C., session has been sponsored by the Knights of Columbus since its establishment at The Catholic University of America in 1988.

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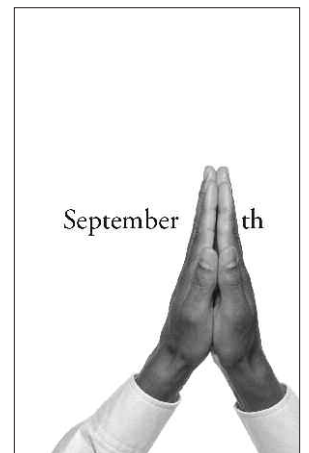
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World Day of Prayer for Peace

This Sept. 11 marks the 14th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States. On that anniversary, we recall the thousands who lost their lives on that tragic day. We also pray for peace among and within nations, especially those where war, violence or turmoil persist. We pray that religion will be a means of peace and accord and not a pretense for violence and division.

Eleven years ago, at its annual meeting in 2004, the Supreme Council passed a resolution that Sept. 11 be observed each year as an International World Day of Prayer for Peace. Thus, all Knights of Columbus leaders are urged to hold an appropriate prayer service in a church or public place, such as a war memorial, a municipal park or on the grounds of the town or city hall. To assist your council in its participation in this event, the Supreme Council offers a *Day of Prayer* poster (#9483). Also available is a *Day of Prayer* card (#9484), featuring a prayer taken from the remarks of Pope Benedict XVI during his visit to the site in New York where the Twin Towers once stood.

To help plan your council's participation in this World Day of Prayer, please visit kofc.org/prayerforpeace.





Active Councils Are Successful Councils

We would like to produce a listing of upcoming events that we can pursue for possible promotion with local media and/or for use as a feature article in one of our publications. Please send information on your project (including the when, where, what, who, why and how of the activity) and photos to knightline@kofc.org. If you have any questions about sending in photos, call 203-752-4264.

In addition, if you think your council has an event or program that is an outstanding example of one of the six “Surge ... with Service” categories — Church, Family, Culture of Life, Youth, Community or Council — let us know. Please send a brief description (one or two sentences) of your event, with the date, location and contact information, to knightline@kofc.org. Or, call 203-752-4264.

Robert E. Holscher, a member of St. Alphonsus Council 4965 in Calgary, Alberta, was greeted by Pope Francis during the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Jesuit Order’s re-instatement by Pope Pius VII. Mr. Holscher, an active member of his council, attended the event in Rome with the other pilgrims and members of the Society of Jesus.

Each Sunday, members of Santa Maria Council 4526 in Borongan, Visayas, participate in a volunteer choir that sings during Mass at the Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

St. John Council 11281 in Naples, Fla., held a Feeding Hunger, Filling Hearts event. The event raised more than \$12,000 for Guadalupe Social Services, a division of Catholic Charities of Collier County. The Knights were joined in their efforts by Pelican Sound, the Ladies of Charity and several local restaurants.



Iron River Council 2300 of Caspian, Mich., raffled a hand-knitted afghan, knit by Knight Terry Verville, during the council’s annual St. Patrick’s Day Dinner. The council also organized their 40th annual fundraising drive for people with disabilities.

Members of Master Donald Gentleman Council 11335, Fresno, Calif., donated time and material repairing a backyard fence at the home of Mrs. Pat Gentleman.

Knights from Bishop Dingman Council 10805 and Father John F. O’Neill Council 10722, both in Council Bluffs, Iowa, joined together for their 14th annual Wild Game Feed. The councils raised more than \$25,000 during the event, which included a wild game dinner, auctions and raffled prizes. Proceeds were given to 20 different local charities, including Catholic Charities, Wings of Hope and Micah House.

Father John D. Ring Council 574 in Bloomington, Ill., established a food and clothing collection point for the St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference, a charity and emergency financial assistance facility at Holy Trinity Parish.

Ewing (N.J.) Council 3756 collected more than 1,300 pounds of food for the Mount Carmel Guild Emergency Assistance Program. The Knights also presented a monetary donation to the program totaling \$580.

Fourteen members of St. Joseph Council 3402 and St. Joseph Assembly, both in Keyport, marched in their community’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade with a “living rosary.”



Twin Falls (Idaho) Council 1416 conducted a Pack the Playpen fundraising drive for Stanton Healthcare Magic Valley Pregnancy Resource Center. The Knights filled four playpens with diapers, baby clothes, formula and handmade blankets, and presented Executive Director Melissa Kennedy a check for \$1,100 to support the center’s continued pro-life mission.

Faithful Navigator Florentino N. Vergel De Dios Assembly in Bulacan, Luzon, helped organize a Red Cross blood drive at St. Augustine parish hall.

In response to Pope Francis’ call for prayers and support of persecuted Christians throughout the world, members of St. Anne-Oratory Council 6756 in Rock Hill, S.C., participated in the Orange Ribbon Campaign. The Knight distributed nearly 600 ribbons and presented the awareness program to the South Carolina State Convention.

Twice each year, members of Carrollton Council 498 in Ipswich, Mass., host the Ipswich Dinnerbell, a weekly free-meal program organized by various churches, organizations, businesses and volunteers in the local area.

For the second consecutive year, Cardinal Newman Council 5324 in Matawan, N.J., held a dinner and dance for members of the local H.A.M. Therapeutic Recreation Program. During the event, the council presented program director Jenna Vecchione with a \$500 donation for the organization, which provides a variety of educational and social activities for persons with developmental disabilities.

Knights of Saint Joseph the Worker Council 13359 in Maple Grove, Minn., helped make needed repairs — including replacements for fixtures, modifications for handicap accessibility and repairs to the garage door — on the newly purchased parish rectory. The council is also active in serving the homeless in their area. In addition to presenting a \$500 donation in support of a local program which delivers food to homeless



shelters, the council also hosts a number of homeless families for several days each summer as part of the local Families Moving Forward Initiative. The guests are welcomed to stay at the parish and are provided with meals each night.



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Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program

What is the K of C Safe Environment Program?

The Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program is designed to protect young people served through Knights of Columbus programs and activities, including the Columbian Squires Program, from all forms of abuse. Councils participating in official Supreme Council programs and activities are required to comply with all policies and procedures of the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program, in addition to all diocesan and parish youth protection requirements.

Who administers the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program? Who may I call with questions and concerns about the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program?

The Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program is administered by the K of C Fraternal Services Department in partnership with Praesidium, an international leader in youth protection. All inquiries regarding the program should be directed to the Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program line at 203-800-4940 or youthleader@kofc.org.

Personnel Report and Council Audit Due

This period's *Semiannual Council Audit Report* (#1295) and *Service Program Personnel Report* (#365) are due at the Supreme Council headquarters in the beginning of August. The forms may be accessed at kofc.org/forms or in the *Council Report Forms Booklet* (#1436). Please return the completed report to the Fraternal Service Department by Aug. 1. The audit must be completed by your council's trustee and returned to Council Accounts by Aug. 15.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practical (that is, practicing) Catholics in union with the Holy See. This means that an applicant or member accepts the teaching authority of the Catholic Church on matters of faith and morals, aspires to live in accord with the precepts of the Catholic Church, and is in good standing in the Catholic Church.

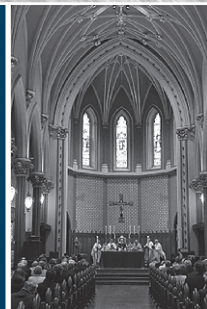
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