



# Knights Log

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## Grand Knight's Message

Jeff Maschler

As I posted on my new blogspot – <http://cradle-catholic.blogspot.com>, we have excellent news to celebrate as Knights of Columbus and some really embarrassing news about Knights and Catholics in general. All good reasons to keep praying. I'll try to summarize. First the good news.

From:

<http://www.catholic.org/prwire/headline.php?ID=3670>

### Knights of Columbus Sets New Records for Charitable Giving, Volunteer Service

NEW HAVEN, CT, JUNE 12, 2007 - The Knights of Columbus announced today that it set new records for charitable giving and volunteer service hours in 2006. The results of the Order's Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity for the year ending December 31, 2006 show that total contributions to charity at all levels reached \$143,816,004 – exceeding the previous year's total by more than \$4 million. The figure includes \$35,133,393 donated by the Supreme Council, and \$108,682,611 in charitable donations from state and local councils, Fourth Degree assemblies, and squire circles.

The survey also shows that the reported number of volunteer hours by Knights for charitable causes grew to 68,270,432 hours, up more than 4 million hours from 2005.

Congratulate yourselves gentlemen! Thinking big pays off big! And to think these numbers may be low – less than 20% of our team even responded to the survey! Thank God for like-minded gentlemen joined in spirit and purpose!

Now the embarrassing news.

From:

<http://www.lifesite.net/ldn/2007/jul/07070605.html>

By Peter J. Smith

### Knights of Columbus Calls Pro-Gay "Marriage" Knights "Embarrassing"

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut, July 5, 2007

(LifeSiteNews.com) - As advocates of traditional marriage continue to reel from the marriage amendment's narrow defeat in Massachusetts in June, the Knights of Columbus has learned that 16 of its own members cast decisive votes against the measure. "It is certainly embarrassing to the order and to every Knight out there who is firm in his support of traditional marriage and the right to life to have men take a position like this in such a public and consequential way," Pat Korten, Vice President for Communications for the Knights of Columbus told LifeSiteNews.com "It's embarrassing."

On June 14, the Massachusetts Legislature convened in a joint Constitutional Convention to decide the fate of gay "marriage" in Massachusetts and garnered only 45 votes, just 5 votes shy of the 50 required to put the initiative on the ballot in 2008. Among these were 16 Knights of Columbus, who broke with fidelity to Catholic teaching as well as the Knights principle of "unity."

Please – stop and ask yourself – where am I a witness in my daily life? Where do I have an opportunity to be a witness? How do my words and deeds contend against the foes of Church and State?

And finally, Vic's recent revelation:

### Local Knight of Columbus Calls Latest Survey of Catholics "Embarrassing"

From:

<http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=274.%20Here/oblocked::http://www.barna.org/FlexPage.aspx?Page=BarnaUpdate&BarnaUpdateID=274.Here>

This report is based upon nationwide telephone surveys with a random sample of adults, age 18 and older, conducted between August 2006 and January

2007. Highlights - with a maximum margin of sampling error of  $\pm 3.4$  percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

- Catholics were only half as likely as others to mention their faith as their highest priority in life.

- The typical Catholic person:
  - o donated about 17% less money to churches;
  - o was 38% less likely than the average American to read the Bible;
  - o 67% less likely to attend a Sunday school class;
  - o 20% less likely to share their faith in Christ with someone who had different beliefs;
  - o 24% less likely to say their religious faith has greatly transformed their life.

- Catholics were more likely than the norm:
  - o to say that Satan is not real; to believe that eternal salvation is earned; and
  - o to contend that Jesus Christ sinned while on earth.

- Catholics were twice as likely to view pornographic content on the Internet and were more likely to use profanity, to gamble, and to buy lottery tickets.

- George Barna [who directed the study] commented:
  - o "... Catholics have largely lost touch with much of their substantive spiritual heritage. They ... have much less of a commitment to knowing and practicing the commands of Christ. For instance, the data show that some of their long-held distinctives, such as being champions of social justice, are no longer a defining facet of their community."

- o "The faith of tens of millions of Catholics is affected by the prevailing culture more than by the central principles and teachings of the Bible. Spiritual leaders who are passionate about remaining true to the scriptures and to Catholicism's historic commitment to Jesus Christ and the Word of God must address this spiritual drift within the body. If they fail to do so, in the next quarter century American Catholicism could well lose its ability to shape people's minds and hearts in ways that conform to the historic teachings and purposes of Christianity."

I wonder how many of these Catholics surveyed were Knights? As a brother Knight – I challenge each of you – where are you in these statistics?

Thinking bigger - within our community - how can our teamwork help us appreciate our spiritual heritage and overcome the threat of secular humanism?

Think big...

Vivat Jesus!  
Jeff

## **Parish Picnic**

Dale Misner

The Annual Parish Picnic will be held after the 10:30 Mass on August 19th. The Parish Pastoral Council is counting on the Knights to support the picnic in assistance (grilling, clean up, etc) as well as attendance. We are hoping this will be the biggest and best annual picnic yet.

## **Brothers and Relations in Need of Prayer:**

Fr. Gerry: "Come to the Eucharist"  
American Soldiers & Leaderships  
Tony Marcotte  
Sadie May (Cancer free!)  
Regis Larouere  
Bill Bollwerk  
Larry Kusman  
John McGuire  
Francis Billiard  
Deacon Bob Broussard  
Katherine Ledger & her vocational discernment  
Clay Bush - pray for the family and repose of the soul

## **Your Insurance Corner!**

YOUR INSURANCE CORNER. Want to leave a legacy for your grandkids that won't cost you a lot of money? I have the answer. Call me at (719) 488-6816, or e-mail me at [balchus@aol.com](mailto:balchus@aol.com). I'm your council agent and friend Mike Balchus.

## **Your American Heritage**

G. Frost

In America, during the period 1700 through 1800 within all institutions of higher learning (colleges), the most studied discipline was theology. Even as late as 1860, out of about 288 colleges, 262 had reverends as their presidents.

## Birthdays of August

01 Pedro Gonzalez	20 Pierre Gaudreault
06 Tom Washburn	22 Jared Bonebrake
08 Jack Perroni	23 Ferdinando Scalzo
09 David Miller	26 Gilbert Szaraz
12 Ben Thompson	27 Greg Smith

## Council Officers

Chaplain	Fr Michael Butler	495-2351	Financial Sec.	Dave Miller	495-0289
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## Ladies Auxiliary Officers

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**State Web Site:** <http://www.kofc-colorado.org>

## FRATERNAL CALENDAR

AUGUST		
Date	Time	Activity
8	7:00P	Council/Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Our Lady of the Pines
11	4:00P	Corporate Communion Our Lady of the Pines
15	7:00P	Fourth Degree-Assy #4636 Hall, Security
19	12:00P	Parish Picnic Our Lady of the Pines

SEPTEMBER		
Date	Time	Activity
8	5:00P	Taco Dinner – Team C Our Lady of the Pines
9	7:00A	Pancake Breakfast – Team C Our Lady of the Pines
12	7:00P	Council/Ladies Auxiliary Meeting Our Lady of the Pines
19	7:00P	Fourth Degree-Assy #4636 Hall, Security