

Knights of Columbus

Did You Know

- The Knights of Columbus set a new record in 2010 contributing nearly \$155 million and 70 million hours to charitable causes in 2010. Over \$125 million of the total charitable contributions donated in 2010 were contributed by state and local councils.
- At \$21.36 an hour, the 70 million hours donated by the Knights of Columbus in 2010 is valued at \$1.5 billion.
- In the last decade the Knights of Columbus contributed \$1.4 billion and 653 million hours to charitable causes.
- Recently the Supreme Court refused to hear the appeal of a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the Pledge of Allegiance that includes the words, “under God.” The Knights of Columbus played a key roll in defense of the pledge as it currently exists in the two separate cases, one in California and the other in New Hampshire, that lead to the appeal. This puts to bed, at least for a while, the question of constitutionality of the words “under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The Knights of Columbus moved up 29 places in this year’s Fortune 1,000 largest companies. The Knights of Columbus stands at number 900 in total revenues, number 725 of the most profitable companies and has \$80 billion dollars of life insurance in force.
- The Knights of Columbus has a strong tradition of support for the Special Olympics. This year, 268,000 volunteer hours were donated by 74,000 Knights in more than 3,600 councils.
- This year the Knights of Columbus and the Global Wheelchair Mission provided 3,565 wheelchairs worldwide.