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Kansas Catholic Conference

Michael Schutloffel, Executive Director of the Kansas Catholic Conference gave an update on a number of legislative issues during the Awards ceremony Sunday morning. The Kansas legislative session for 2010 is ending this week.

There is no good news from the legislature. Because of the State Constitution requirement for a balanced budget, the state is looking at either having to cut funding to programs, increase taxes, or both.

But the most critical issue today regards the House of Representatives falling one vote short of overriding Governor Parkinson's veto of HB 2115 on April 30th. HB 2115 would strengthen the reporting requirements abortionists have to file after performing a post-viability abortion, and would allow a mother or her family members to sue an abortionist if he violates the state's abortion laws.

This legislation is a top priority for Pro-Life Kansans. We need HB 2115 in order to discourage LeRoy Carhart from moving his abortion business from Nebraska to Kansas now that Nebraska has passed the nation's strongest late-term abortion law. Mr. Carhart recently told the press that he is considering a move to Kansas, **but his plans are on hold until he sees what happens with HB 2115.**

Because of a procedural maneuver by Pro-Life Representative Lance Kinzer, the House will have one more opportunity to vote on the override. This can only be done once and Monday is the last chance.

It is critically important that legislators who voted no, or who were absent, hear from their constituents by 11 AM Monday. Capitol offices will be open by 9 AM Monday for calls, e-mail will be available in the interim. Also, please contact legislators who voted yes, thank them for their positive vote, and encourage them to vote yes again on Monday.

Fr. Emil Kapaun—Cause for Sainthood

Fr. John Hotze presented information at the workshops Saturday afternoon on the cause for Sainthood of Fr. Emil Kapaun. Fr. Kapaun was born in Pilsen, Kansas in 1916 and grew up during the Depression. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Wichita in 1940. He was released by the Diocese to become an Army Chaplain serving during WW II in India and Burma. Those he served bestowed their highest honor to him, a "Soldier's Chaplain," for taking the sacraments to those serving on the front lines. Fr. Kapaun returned to the Wichita Diocese and served in several parishes until he again felt the call to serve as an Army Chaplain during the Korean War. There, he was taken captive by the Chinese Army. Shortly after being captured, he saved the life of Herbert Miller by carrying him over 30 miles to the prison camp. He cared for others he was confined with and worked to keep their morale up by smuggling them food, celebrating the Sacraments with them and joining them together in prayer. Fr. Kapaun became ill with a blood clot and suffered dysentery. The prison soldiers finally had an excuse to remove him from the other captives, moving him to the "death house". As he was taken away, he told his fellow prisoners that he was going where he always wanted to go and that he would pray for them. His cause for sainthood began in the 1950's and was taken up by the Wichita Diocese in 2001. Several potential miracles attributed to his intercession are being investigated.

109th State Convention Mass "Love of God and Neighbor"

The Convention Mass was held at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Wichita at 4:30 PM Sunday afternoon. Presiding was Most Reverend Michael O. Jackels, Bishop of Wichita. Concelebrants were Most Reverend Paul S. Coakley, Bishop of Salina; Most Reverend Ronald M. Gilmore, Bishop of Dodge City; Most Reverend Eugene J. Gerber, Bishop Emeritus of Wichita; and Most Reverend George K. Fitzsimons, Bishop Emeritus of the Salina Diocese, State Chaplain Rev. David Metz, Rev. Daryl Befort, pastor of St. Francis Church, and Chaplains from across Kansas.

Bishop Jackels spoke of the dysfunctional behavior we all have. The fear we have of not being loved, earning love and the fear of losing love is adopted at a tender age because of original sin. By God's design we need affection as much as nutrition and shelter. The need for affection is why we are born into a family and community. Imperfect love is the love we share between ourselves. Love with God is a perfect love. God's design includes God to correct imperfect love of others. Fr. Kapaun was a good example of doing anything out of love for others. To be whole, healthy, and holy, we must love others as God loves us. We are to do no harm but if we do, we should say we are sorry and ask for forgiveness.

Bishop Jackels noted that the Knights of Columbus service is a spiritual benefit for parish, diocese, state, country and world community. We, as Knights of Columbus, should learn the lessons of God's perfect love and spread the word of love. Bishop Jackels encouraged others to serve the Knights of Columbus. If we would live according to followers of Jesus it would be a wonderful world.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Following Fr. Hotze's presentation during the Saturday afternoon workshops, Monsignor Chavez, with much enthusiasm and energy, gave us a broad history of the canonization of St. Juan Diego as a result of his interaction with our Lady of Guadalupe. A Knight himself, Monsignor excitedly told us "Knights, don't be afraid, she is inside of you." Throughout his presentation he reminded us Jesus lives in us and we are to keep him in our hearts. Additionally he reminded us of the importance of having hope in our Mother Mary and praying continually for her intercession in our lives. Monsignor described the images of our Lady of Guadalupe in St. Juan Diego's tilma and what those images represented to the Indians of the Toltec culture. The story Monsignor told is quite fascinating and is detailed in a book co-authored by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson and himself. The book, "Our Lady of Guadalupe - Mother of the Civilization of Love" is available here at the convention Country Store. As Knights, the lay of the church, we are messengers of Christ to our families, church and community.



Squire of the Year - Corey Fedor

Corey Fedor is a member of Holy Trinity Circle 4743 in Paola, which is sponsored by Holy Trinity Council 1149 in Paola. He joined the Squires seven years ago and has been active since. Corey has held many offices in his local circle including Notary, Deputy Chief Squire, and Chief Squire. He has also held offices on the state level. At the 28th annual Squires Convention in Wichita, Corey was elected by his peers to the office of State Chief Squire. He has been active in his circle's events including attending regular business meetings, helping with fundraisers, teambuilding exercises, and food drives for his local community. In school, Corey is active in FFA, the drummer for the High School Band and is on the High School Track and Cross Country teams. Corey is also active in the High School Youth Group.

Counselor of the Year - David Close

David Close is a member of Wichita - St. Jude Council 12049 and is the Chief Counselor of Rev. Philip J Allen Circle 5265. David was instrumental in starting Rev. Philip J. Allen Circle in November of 2008. He serves as Youth and Family Director of Council 12049 and assists with Youth Activities for St. Patrick's Council 9699, Wichita. David makes sure to involve the Squires in activities of the sponsoring St. Jude Council 12049. He was the Wichita Diocesan Knight of the Year for 2008-2009. David is active in St. Jude Parish as the co-director of the food pantry, lector, sacristan, and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. He is a single father of a 12 year old son, Travis, who is active in the Columbian Squires as well.

Circle of the Year - Rev. Philip J. Allen Circle 5265, Wichita

The Circle attends Mass together regularly and participated in Stations of the Cross during this past Lent. They assisted their parish's Altar Society with their annual garage sale, and also assisted in the recycling efforts of Catholic Charities in Wichita by picking up their recyclables and delivering them to a recycling center. They are active in helping the Knights of Columbus Council with their service projects. As a circle, they have hosted and sponsored many breakfasts and a supper. In April of 2009, they held a Classic Car Show and have decided to make this an annual event. They also helped with the 2009 Silver Rose program to promote Pro-Life activities and hosted the 2010 State Squires Convention in Wichita in March. They currently have 21 members.

Kansas State Knight of the Month

Each month we honor a "State Knight of the Month." The winners for this fraternal year to date are:

Month	Name	Council
July	Joseph Becker	675 Severence
August	Rodney Hake	1645 Tipton
September	Russell Ginest	7279 Hutchinson
October	David Gorden	2093 Nortonville
November	Joe Winter	2217 Andale
December	Roger Rife	1325 Hays
January	Lee Crane	3018 Ottawa
February	Bradley Le Beau	1510 Norton

Tax Filing Information

Starting in 2008 (for the 2007 tax year) and each year thereafter after **EVERY COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY MUST FILE A FORM 990 WITH THE IRS.** The tax exempt status of your council or assembly will be at risk if you do not file.

Councils with gross receipts over \$25,000 must file form 990 however; those councils and assemblies having gross receipts less than \$25,000 must file the 990N or e-postcard form on line through the IRS website. There is no form. To access the filing system, go to the IRS website www.irs.gov. Click on "Charities and Non-Profits" on the bar across the top of the page and it will take you to a page where you will see a bolded topic for Form 990N. The process to file the 990N or e-postcard on-line is fast and easy. Completing the e-postcard requires the eight items listed below:

1. Employer Identification Number (EIN) also known as a Tax Identification Number (TIN).
2. Tax Year
3. Legal name and mailing address.
4. Any other names the organization uses.
5. Name and address of a principle officer.
6. Web site address if the organization has one.
7. Confirmation that the organization's annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less.
8. If applicable, a statement that the organization has terminated or is terminating (going out of business).

You will be asked to register and enter your council's or assembly's own Employer Identification Number (EIN). **This number must be on file at the Supreme office.** If it is not on file with Supreme Council you will need to provide it to the Supreme Advocate's office immediately.

The form will ask for your tax year. If you do not have an established tax year, you may choose to use either the calendar year or some other fiscal year, such as the fraternal year which ends June 30. All 990 forms are due each year by the 15 day of the 5 month after the close of your tax year. For example if your tax year ends December 31 your 990 form will be due May 15. You cannot file until after your tax year ends.

The IRS will revoke the tax-exempt status of any organization that fails to meet its annual filing requirement for three consecutive years. Therefore, councils, assemblies and council home corporations that do not file the e-postcard, 990N or Form 990 for three consecutive years, will have their tax-exempt status revoked as of the filing due date of the third year. **Losing your tax exempt status means you would be required to file income tax returns and pay income tax. All monies collected through council fundraisers or other activities would be treated as income and therefore would be taxable by the IRS!**

Gentlemen, less than 50% of our councils and assemblies have complied with this new filing requirement. The deadline is fast approaching. Please take care of this matter immediately for the continued success of your charitable works of the Knights of Columbus in your community. Please call State Advocate Mike Baxa at 785-527-2103 or email him at stateadvocate@kansas-kofc.org with any questions you may have.



Alcohol Awareness & Abuse Poster Winners

Age 8-11 Division

Theresa Tran
12858-Wichita, St. Ann
District 32

Age 12-14 Division

Shayna Lynch
9767-Wichita, All Saints
District 33

Drug Awareness & Abuse Poster Winners

Age 8-11 Division

Megan Smith
796-Fort Scott
District 16

Age 12-14 Division

Deanna Nguyen
9767-Wichita, All Saints
District 33

Fourth Degree

By District Master Bill Baalman

The first exemplification of the Fourth Degree in Kansas took place in Topeka on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1907. J. W. Gibbons was appointed the first Master of the Fourth Degree in Kansas and Oklahoma in 1907. After 102 years of service I am proud to report that the Fourth Degree in Kansas remains strong, active and continues to promote the Fourth Principle of our Order - "Patriotism."

I invite and encourage all Third Degree Knights to join the Fourth Degree in this, the 102nd year of the Patriotic Degree in Kansas. The need to support and defend our country's religious freedom, civil laws and duties are ever becoming more vital to the growth and well-being of our American Heritage.

The upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplifications have been scheduled for this year: Wichita on June 12, and Seneca on September 19. The new Exemplification Ceremony is being used and I invite all Sir Knights to witness this very beautiful and meaningful patriotic uplifting. The Biennial meeting will be held in Wichita, June 13, hosted by the Columbia Assembly.

The Sir Knights of Kansas are honored to have Past State Deputy John Kasper appointed as Vice Supreme Master of the Juan Padilla Province.

Join the Fourth Degree and be a part of service to our Church, Country and fellow man.

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Church Activities Awards

1st Sabetha – Fidelity Council 10279 – "Church Parking Lot" – Knights of Columbus members along with the parish community removed the old parking lot and replaced it under a strict deadline to be completed for the parish's picnic in September. There were 39 members participating (39%) for a total of 1,150 hours.

2nd Basehor – Council 3146 – "Church Dedication" – Third and Fourth Degree Knights helped make the Church Dedication run smoothly. Council 3146 helped prepare before, during and after the dedication ceremony from mopping the floors, directing traffic, assisting the priests, setting up chairs, ushers, lectors, greeters. They also set up the hall for the reception, served parishioners and cleaned up after the celebration was over. There were 50 members participating (50%) for a total of 135 hours.

3rd Sacred Heart Council 11352 – Tonganoxie – "Grounds Maintenance, Cemetery Cleanup & Church Sign with Stone Edging" – The purpose of these projects was to perform necessary maintenance and cleanup in and around the church property. The Knights of Columbus purchased the stones and mulch to help reduce the annual parish maintenance budget. There were 49 members participating (32%) for a total of 410 hours.

Free Throw Champions

GIRLS	NAME	COUNCIL	HOMETOWN	SCORE
10	Zoe Schultz	2773	Grainfield	20/25
11	Holly Turner	12437	Louisburg	22/25
12	Lakin Preisner	727	Emporia	21/25
13	Kayla Underwood	7441	Chetopa	20/25
14	Kelsey Ricke	2774	Cunningham	23/25

BOYS	NAME	COUNCIL	HOMETOWN	SCORE
10	Jayce Dighans	11853	Wellsville	20/25
11	Clayton Schwarz	2773	Grinnell	20/25
12	Parker Swanson	11661	Kansas City	21/25
13	Colton Pitko	7291	Eureka	24/25
14	Jace Larson	2955	Dodge City	22/25

Commitment to Humanities Award

(Highest Dollar per Member)

Div 1:	Council 10833	Tribune	\$45.77
Div 2:	Council 12016	Ashland	\$49.51
Div 3:	Council 5387	Oberlin	\$23.93
Div 4:	Council 12960	Lawrence Corpus Christi	\$19.04
Div 5:	Council 12049	Wichita St. Jude	\$26.76
Div 6:	Council 5212	Scott City	\$43.86
Div 7:	Council 6761	Haysville	\$28.85
Div 8:	Council 2614	Arkansas City	\$21.56
Div 9:	Council 8491	Garden City	\$33.45

Youth Activities Awards

1st Sacred Heart Council 11352 Tonganoxie - "Community Bike Rodeo" - The purpose was to teach the importance of bicycle safety skills. The 55 children who participated were also fitted with new helmets provided by the Knights. There were 21 members participating (19%) for 193 hours.

2nd St. Matthew's Council 13012 Topeka - "Free Throw Championship" - This activity was our annual free throw championship which included 17 boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 14. There were 10 members participating (1%) for 30 hours.

3rd Axtell Council 1163 Axtell - "One Generation Helping the Next" - The council traveled 90 miles to cater dinner for 400 people at the 2009 Knights of Columbus State Convention. Proceeds were used to send 25 teenagers and their chaperones to the National Youth Conference in Kansas City. There were 38 members participating (16%) for 233 hours.

Community Activity Winners

1st Corning Council 13394 — This Council organized the community to raise money for the Education Fund for the children of Jason and Laura Adams. Jason, a third degree member, lost his life in a vehicle accident. There were 77 members participating (80%) for a total of 190 hours.

2nd St. Matthew Council 13012, Topeka — This Council raised funds to help with Lt. Daniel Clossen's Medical Funds. During a tour of duty in Afghanistan, Lt. Clossen was injured when he encountered explosive devices where he lost both of his legs and was left with massive internal injuries. There were 30 members participating (27%) for a total of 240 hours.

3rd St. Mary's Council 4458, Derby — This Council supports the Holy Family Camp for the mentally challenged members of the community. The council extended their support this year by providing and serving breakfast to campers and staff. There were 120 members participating (30%) for a total of 145 hours.



Retiring District Deputies

During the Sunday morning Awards Presentation, State Deputy Francis Drouhard presented the retiring District Deputies an appreciation certificate and thanked them for their outstanding service on behalf of the State and Supreme Councils.

Norbert L. Otter, DD 3	Steve A. Bockhaus, DD 29
Michael J. Grothoff, DD 10	Charles F. Hutchison, DD 45
Kelly G. McKinney, DD 12	Thomas L. Dinges, DD 46
Robert J. Duffin, DD 17	Joseph M. Gleason, DD 50
Robert A. McNally, DD 22	Curtis A. "Sam" Widener, DD 54
Robert L. Steimel, DD 27	Richard R. Rodriguez, DD 55



Council Activities Awards

1st Council 1163, Axtell: The council hosted their annual consignment sale. Items received for the sale included vehicles, tractors, trailers, machinery, iron and many other items. Members received and sorted items for sale. Other members and their families prepared meals for the workers. \$8,685.00 was raised for various council projects with 53 members participating (23%) for a total of 411 hours.

2nd Council of Palms, Council 6673, Lenexa: The council hosted a golf tournament in support of the parish St. Vincent De Paul Society. The council planned all aspects of the tournament including course selection, date and time of the event, prizes and various other aspects. This year's tournament raised \$8,959.79 allowing the council to donate \$10,000.00 to the Society. There were 90 members participating (35%) for a total of 350 hours.

3rd Sacred Heart Cathedral, Council 601, Salina: The council hosted a priest appreciation steak fry. The council planned and hosted the event at the council hall. Invitations were sent to all the priests within a ninety mile radius of Salina. There were 60 members participating (21%) for a total of 90 hours.

Evangelium Vitae Award

Winners by Diocese

Kansas City Archdiocese: 10407 Gardner (New)
 Wichita Diocese: 4498 Derby (New)
 Dodge City Diocese: 2352 Ransom (Repeat)
 Salina Diocese: 2609 Belleville (Repeat)

State Winner

Kansas City Archdiocese: 10407 Gardner

Family Activities Winners

1st Council 11352 Tonganoxie. Their project was a Fall Family Fun-Halloween Party. Its primary benefit was the strengthening of the parish families, through sharing in food, fellowship and fun with a hay wagon ride. Even though the weather turned nasty, they still found a way to make it happen and have a great time. Ed Standish is the Grand Knight and Don Bronec was the event chairman. There were 45 members participating (30%) for a total of 265 man hours.

2nd Council 601 Salina. Their project was a Family Picnic and Hayrack Ride. Family and Fraternal gathering for a beautiful fall out of outdoors, through open pastures and fields to a picnic and barbeque spot, where there were games for the kids and Knights manned the grill! Terrance Bohm is the Grand Knight and Pete Martin was the farm host and event chairman. There were 50 members participating (20%) for a total of 110 hours.

3rd Prince of Peace, Council 7909, Olathe. Their project was a Children's Christmas Party. Providing a party for the parish kids including the participation of the P.O.P MOMS who helped with babysitting duties so other family members could partake in their activity created a parish wide event at a special time of year for everyone. Over 300 parents and children attended the party. Knights members cooked hamburgers and did all the set up and tear down for the event. The council also made sure Santa showed up at the event. The cost was \$1.00 per family or canned goods all of which was donated to the local Catholic Charities organization. There were 10 members participating (2%) for a total of 60 hours.

Pro-Life Awards

145 Councils Donated \$266,401.71

Div	Council	Amt / Member
1	9242 Galena-Baxter Springs	\$123.10
2	2728 Caldwell	\$85.27
3	2114 Aurora	\$36.36
4	3146 Basehor	\$25.00
5	6817 Iola	\$35.32
6	1862 Wright	\$41.54
7	11352 Tonganoxie-Sacred Heart	\$63.45
8	2866 Oakley	\$73.14
9	976 Newton	\$17.38
10	7909 Olathe-Prince of Peace	\$22.08

District Deputy Award

Michael J. Grothoff, District 10 - \$13.64 per member

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