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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GAVE *(dollar amount)*, *(number of hours)* HOURS TO CHARITABLE WORK IN *(year)*

(Name of City, State/Province, Mailing Date) — The Knights of Columbus from *(name of council)* Council *(number)* in *(city)* gave *(dollar amount)* and *(number)* hours in personal service to charitable and benevolent activities in *(year)*, according to the organization's Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity.

The figures were released by Knights of Columbus Grand Knight (full name). "These totals represent a remarkable outpouring of generosity — not only in money but in personal commitment on the part of Knights in *(city)*," *(last name)* said.

The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic lay organization with more than 1.7 million members in the United States, Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, Poland, and several other countries.

There are *(number)* Knights of Columbus members in Council *(number)*. Internationally, state and local units of the organization volunteered *(total volunteer hours)* hours to programs and projects serving the Church and communities, and contributed (total \$) to charitable and benevolent causes in *(year)*, according to reports from *(number)* percent of the local units.

For Council *(number)*, the *(dollar amount)* in contributions by members included *(dollar amount)* to youth activities, *(dollar amount)* to church and community activities, as well as other worthwhile causes.

The average per capita contribution of members of the Knights of Columbus from Council *(number)* during *(year)* was *(amount)*.

During *(year)*, council members also gave an additional *(hours)* hours in service to sick or disabled members of their families. The survey showed *(number)* visits to the sick and bereaved by these Knights in *(year)* and *(number)* blood donors.

In a statement issued at the Order's international headquarters in New Haven, Connecticut, Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson, the organization's chief executive officer, called the *(year)* figures on service and contributions by members "a record of remarkable generosity by Catholic laymen committed to the highest ideals of service to their Church and their communities."

"The Order's monetary contributions are noteworthy and commendable, but even more worthy of note is the record of personal service by members. This truly is charity in action," Anderson said.

With more than 1.7 million members, the Knights of Columbus is the world's largest Catholic lay organization. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, the community, families, and young people. In *(year)*, the Knights of Columbus at all levels of the organization raised and distributed \$(*number*) million to charity and rendered *(number)* million hours of volunteer service.

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