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K of C Pledges \$1.4 Million for Special Olympics World Games

Funds will help pay costs for athletes from United States and Canada for the 2015 games in Los Angeles

The Knights of Columbus formally announced a donation to cover the costs of athletes from the United States and Canada during their time in Los Angeles as they participate in next year's Special Olympics World Games.

The Knights' \$1.4 million sponsorship will cover the costs of food, transportation and entertainment for every athlete from the two countries during their time in Los Angeles.

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson made the announcement during a news conference on July 14 at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Joining him at the announcement were World Games CEO and President Patrick McClenahan and Archbishop of Los Angeles José H. Gomez.

"The Knights of Columbus was there with Special Olympics and its founder, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, from the very beginning," said Supreme Knight Anderson. "Sargent Shriver, Eunice's husband, was a friend and a proud member of the Knights of Columbus, and like him, we are here today to continue those efforts on behalf of people with intellectual disabilities. Our support exemplifies our commitment to the dignity of every person, our dedication to assisting with our neighbors' needs whatever they may be, and our deep appreciation for the great work done by Special Olympics."

Anderson also announced that he is asking the leadership of the K of C in each U.S. state and Canadian province to increase the number of volunteer hours donated to Special Olympics this year.

In a 1986 letter, Eunice Kennedy Shriver reflected on the Knights' long involvement, observing, "When a great organization like the Knights of Columbus decides to support Special Olympics, I know that God is looking after his children."



Supreme Knight Carl Anderson announces the Knights of Columbus' support for the 2015 Special Olympics World Games to be held in Los Angeles.

Patrick McClenahan, president and CEO of Special Olympics World Games Los Angeles 2015, noted: "Anyone that is a part of the Special Olympics movement is deeply aware of the long and generous support by the Knights of Columbus, and today's pledge is another amazing milestone. We hope their donation inspires other organizations to be a part of what will no doubt be a life-changing experience for all involved in the 2015 Special Olympic World Games."

At the event, the Knights were named as a "Founding Champion of the World Games."

In addition, during the conference, Archbishop José H. Gomez announced the archdiocese's spiritual support for the World Games.

Knights of Columbus Earns Top Rating From A.M. Best for 39th Consecutive Year

Financial Strength Rated A++ (Superior)

Citing the Knights of Columbus' strong presence in Catholic communities and its members' loyalty, ratings agency A.M. Best reaffirmed the K of C's rating of A++ (Superior) for financial strength.



The rating announcement marks the 39th consecutive year that the Knights of Columbus earned A.M. Best's top marks. The Order has \$94 billion of life insurance in force and \$21 billion in assets under management. No insurer in North America is more highly rated than the Knights of Columbus. *see Rating, Page 2*

Grand Knight Checklist – August

Begin preparing data for these reports, due over the next several weeks:

- *Service Program Personnel Report* (#365) — 8/1
- *Semiannual Council Audit Report* (#1295) — 8/15
- *Columbian Squires Officers and Counselors Report* (#468) — 9/1
- *Notice of Appointment of Round Table Coordinator* (#2629) — 9/1
- Plan how your council will participate in the International World Day of Prayer for Peace on Sept. 11.
- Make sure your council is on the path to earning the Star Council Award.

Vatican Publisher Unveils Italian Translation of Father McGivney Book

Il Parroco, the Italian translation of *Parish Priest*, the major biography of the Order's founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, was released by Libreria Editrice Vaticana (LEV) at an event in Rome on Wednesday, June 25. The book was originally published in English in 2006 by acclaimed presidential historian Douglas Brinkley of Rice University and his co-author, historian Julie Fenster. LEV launched the Italian edition at Rome's Patristic Institute Augustinianum (Via Paolo VI, 25). The event featured brief presentations by Knights of Columbus Supreme Knight Carl Anderson; Professor Kevin Coyne of Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, author of a forthcoming history of the Knights of Columbus; and LEV Director Rev. Giuseppe Costa, S.D.B.



“At a time when Catholics in general and Catholic immigrants in particular lived on the margins of society in the United States, Father McGivney saw the opportunity to bring the men of his parish together to strengthen their faith, to reach out in charity to those in need, and to protect the future of their families,” said Supreme Knight Anderson. “His work anticipated in many ways the coalescence of the Church’s social teaching beginning with *Rerum Novarum*, the emphasis on the Catholic laity in the teaching of the Second Vatican Council and the pontificate of St. John Paul II, the emphasis on charity in the encyclicals of Pope Benedict XVI, and the charitable witness and promotion of the Catholic understanding of fraternity by Pope Francis. Father McGivney’s vision has touched millions of lives, while remaining relevant and inspiring today. This edition of the book on his life will now provide an excellent introduction to his life and legacy for Italian readers.”

Rating, from Page 1

“Our top rating from A.M. Best underscores our commitment to our members and their families,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “We were founded to protect the financial futures of Catholic families, and we take that obligation seriously. In our sales, operations and investments, we keep in mind that Knights and their families are more than customers, they are members of our fraternal family.”

Supreme Knight Anderson added: “We credit our commitment to our members, our excellent sales force of agents who are all Knights of Columbus, and our commitment to our Catholic values, which are the keys to the work we do.”

Earlier this year, the Knights of Columbus was named a 2014 “World’s

Fraternal Survey Numbers Reach New Records

The numbers alone prove once again how continuously successful the Knights of Columbus has been at providing for those in need worldwide. The results of this year’s Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity attest to the Knights’ core principles of charity and fraternity. Members and brothers worked together to change lives in positive ways across the world, setting an all-time record for charitable donations and service hours in 2013.



- State councils, local councils, assemblies, circles and the Supreme Council total contributions: \$170,135,754
- Total volunteer/fraternal activity hours: 70,534,278
- Total meetings held during the fraternal year: 308,454
- Number of blood donors: 410,950
- Visits to sick and bereaved: 5,041,154
- Estimated hours of fraternal service: 9,055,523
- Volunteer hours for Habitat for Humanity: 205,788
- Donations to Church activities: \$48,083,265
- Donations to community activities: \$57,419,054
- Donations to youth activities: \$18,030,999
- 10-year cumulative charitable disbursements: \$1,515,757,112
- 10-year estimated hours of volunteer service: 682,950,911

These numbers are impressive, but tell only a part of our story. A total of 81 percent of all K of C units responded to the 2013 Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity. Imagine what our numbers would look like if we had a 100 percent response.

For a more detailed look at our Order’s accomplishments in the past year, view the Supreme Knight’s Annual Report to the 132nd Supreme Council Annual Meeting at kofc.org/convention.



Most Ethical Company” by the Ethisphere Institute — an independent center for research promoting best practices in corporate ethics and governance. It was one of two companies named in the “life insurance” category, and one of fewer than 150 total companies worldwide.

A.M. Best noted that the rating of the Knights of Columbus “reflects its strong fraternal and insurance presence within the Catholic communities in the United States and Canada, its strong risk-adjusted capitalizations as measured by Best’s Capital Adequacy Ratio, and its consistently positive statutory operating results.” It added that the Knights of Columbus “has a strong affinity with its large membership base through its charitable programs and competitive portfolio of life insurance and annuity products.”



Protect Your Family With Knights of Columbus Insurance

Introducing Accelerator Term Insurance

When Father McGivney founded our beloved Order more than 132 years ago, his goal was to protect Catholic families from financial devastation. But not all Catholic families have the same needs and goals.

That's why, as we carry on Father McGivney's vision, we are always looking for ways to introduce new products and new features that have the ability to most perfectly meet the needs of brother Knights and their families.

In early July, the Knights of Columbus launched its newest product, the Accelerator Term Insurance Series.

Term insurance is a valuable product for those Knights and their loved ones who need coverage, but have a limited budget.

There are many reasons to consider term insurance. Perhaps you have a new mortgage. Maybe you need to cover your children's college tuition. Perhaps you want to provide for income replacement while your children are still living at home. These relatively short-term needs are perfect for term coverage.

And now, with the introduction of the Accelerator Term Series, there are even more reasons to consider term insurance from the Knights of Columbus.

The Accelerator Series is a cutting-edge insurance product that allows members to maximize the benefit, minimize the cost and accelerate their coverage.

Offered at 10, 15, and 20-year level term periods, the Accelerator has three unique features that make it special.

The first is the coverage period. With the Accelerator Series, members and their loved ones can now have term insurance protection to age 85 – a 15-year extension from the previous limit.

The second is the acceleration feature. For each of the first five years

of the life of your Accelerator Term Insurance policy, the death benefit amount will increase five percent, up to 125 percent of the initial contract amount. This exciting new feature allows you to maximize and accelerate your death benefit automatically to increase the protection you are providing for your family.

The third is the conversion opportunity. As your short-term needs begin to expire, you have the option to convert your Accelerator Term policy into a permanent insurance policy without having to go through medical underwriting or prove insurability. This is a great option to have in case your health should unexpectedly deteriorate over the course of your 10, 15 or 20-year term. If you elect to include a Full Conversion Rider with your Accelerator Term policy, you will be able to fully convert your policy until age 65.

The Accelerator Term Insurance series is a great addition to our top-rated portfolio. Backed by the financial strength of the Knights of Columbus, which has received the highest possible ratings (A++, Superior) from A.M. Best for 39 consecutive years, you can be confident in the protection you purchase.

And, as a policy holder with the Knights of Columbus, you have the added comfort of knowing that your organization will give generously and invest ethically. We like to call it "The Catholic Difference."

So take time to meet with your professionally trained Knights of Columbus field agent, who is also a brother Knight.

He will be able to give you additional details on this exciting new product and provide you with a complimentary, comprehensive analysis that will help identify your needs and goals, so that you and your family can determine the level of protection that best serves your situation.

You won't regret that you did.

To find your agent, visit kofc.org/findagent, or call 1-800-345-5632.

New Membership Incentive Program July–September

• District Deputies — World Series of Membership:

Between July 1 and Sept. 30, 2014, a First Degree completion each month will earn a district deputy 5,000 VIP points. If you complete more than three degrees, you will receive 2,500 VIP points for each additional degree. Also, for each additional degree, your name will be entered into a drawing for 1 of 40 full-size personalized Louisville slugger bats. To qualify, file Form 450 for each degree by Oct. 10, 2014.

July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015: Attain Star District and receive 5,000 VIP points; earn plaque and lapel pin as well.

July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015: Receive 5,000 VIP points for every Star Council in your district.

• Councils: Theme — Council Challenge:

A. From July 1, 2014, through Sept. 30, 2014, a council that recruits and reports 12 new members will receive 60,000 VIP points.

B. From July 1, 2014, through Dec. 31, 2014, a council that recruits and reports 12 new members will receive 40,000 VIP points.

Note: Councils that achieved A can earn B if they recruit 24 new members in this period.

C. From July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, a council that recruits and reports 12 new members will receive 20,000 VIP points.

Note: Councils that achieved A and B can earn C if they recruit 36 new members in this period.

July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015: Councils that earn the Star Council Award will receive a plaque and lapel pins for the grand knight, council membership director and council program director.

Councils are also given the opportunity to earn the following:

Star Council: 10,000 VIP points for the council

Double Star Council: 20,000 VIP points for the council

Triple Star Council: 30,000 VIP points for the council

Over Triple Star Council: 40,000 VIP points for the council

• Recruiters: World Series of Membership:

From July 1, 2014, through Sept. 30, 2014, any member who recruits five new members will receive 5,000 VIP points. For each additional member over the initial five, he will receive 1,000 VIP points and be entered into a drawing for 1 of 40 full-size personalized Louisville Slugger bats.

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