

## 131st Annual Convention in San Antonio, Texas

Supreme Knight Carl Anderson delivered an annual report that chronicled the record-setting activity of the organization during the fraternal year just ended at the 131st annual convention of the Knights of Columbus in San Antonio.

The new record includes donations of more than \$167.5 million to charity and the volunteering by members of more than 70 million hours of service. The supreme knight highlighted various charitable programs carried out by Knights in more than a dozen countries. Activities ranged from providing new winter coats to children, to helping amputee victims in earthquake-devastated Haiti, to stocking food pantries, to helping victims of dis-



asters such as Hurricane Sandy, the recent explosion in West Texas, and the tornados in Oklahoma.

other achievements from this past year, including a new record for total membership of 1,843,587, the expansion of the Knights into Ukraine and Lithuania, and an insurance milestone of more than \$90 billion of life insurance in force. Anderson also spoke of the organization's defense of life, marriage and religious liberty, saying, "The culture of life and civilization of love will not be built overnight. But we will continue to work day and night to build them through our example, our words and our prayers."

Announcing this year's convention theme, "Be Protector's of God's Gifts," a line chosen from the inaugural homily of Pope Francis, Supreme Knight Anderson said: "For over the past year you have been good stewards of God's gifts! Our Order is stronger today than ever before, and, my brother Knights, the best is yet to come!"



"We help change countless lives and communities around the world," Anderson said. "Our charitable service not only helps the temporal needs of our neighbors, but our personal witness of charity can also evangelize as we live Christ's commandment of love."

In a reference to the powerful witness of Christian charity provided by the new pope, the supreme knight tasked every member with bringing "the example of Pope Francis into his home, his parish and his community."

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# Birthday Barbecue at SK Cesar Andal's Home



More than 20 brothers and family members attended a birthday barbecue for the wife of one-year trustee SK Cesar Andal at the family home in Laval after the 11:00am Mass at St. Kevin's on Sunday, August 25, 2013. The many attendees feasted on a self-service buffet of rice, pancit, salads, and other traditional Filipino specialties as well as grilled tilapia and pork. A special birthday cake was purchased to mark the occasion.

## Columbia receives awards from Catholic Press Association

Representatives from the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council communications staff and Columbia magazine attended the 2013 Catholic Media Convention June 19-21 in Denver. At the convention's awards banquet on Friday, Columbia was honored in several design and writing categories, Best Cover (4-color large)—First Place, Best Regular Column, Family Life—First Place, Best Single Photo (color)—First Place, Best Coverage of Religious Liberty Issues—Second Place, Best Coverage of the Year of Faith—First Place, Best Feature Article—Third Place, and Cardinal John P. Foley Award for Excellence in Catholic Journalism (National General Magazine Category)—Second Place.

### Calendar

- Aug. 25 - Monthly general meeting
- Sept. 8 - 11th annual Côte-des-Neiges en fête festival
- Sept. 11 - Peace Service at St. Kevin's
- Sept. 22 - Our Lady of Peñafrancia at St. Kevin's
- Sept. 28 - Regional congress in St. Henri
- Sept. 29 - Monthly general meeting

### Birthdays

- Aug. 10 - Agustin Oriel
- Aug. 12 - Leo Nathan
- Aug. 13 - Mario Bajar
- Aug. 15 - Frederico Rabanal
- Aug. 16 - Jerry Estrada  
Ramesh Seedihal
- Aug. 18 - Reiner Mondez
- Aug. 20 - Ramon Corpuz
- Aug. 26 - Patrick Crisostomo
- Aug. 27 - Jose Mondez
- Aug. 28 - Sister Alice Nacino

### Family of the Month



Silvestre Pimentel, our advocate, with wife Helen David and sons John Sylvester and John Christopher, both squires

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