

## **A Snapshot from Our History and Announcements**

**Snapshot from the Past:** Knight Kelly Young recently came upon the program outlining a 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner for the council that was held on January 22, 1956. The program was as follows:

Invocation..... Rev Joseph Grace (Council 560 Chaplain)  
Organ Selections..... Delmar Dooley  
Opening Remarks..... Ray Leitshuh (Grand Knight)  
Toastmasters Salutation..... Robert Powers  
Principal Address..... Edward J. Dowd (State Deputy)  
Benediction..... Rev E. J. Cyr (Pastor St Mary Church)  
Star Spangled Banner..... and all

### **Our Council:**

Our charter is prominently displayed in the hall. Take a moment to look at it when you are at our next meeting. It is of interest that it is dated April 28, 1901. This means that the council is over 111 years old. What an impressive statistic! Congratulations to all knights of the council both past and present for all the years of fraternal interaction and support for the parishes as well as the community.

The council continues into 2012-13 with a full agenda and some new challenges. We are meeting them head on and will work our way through them. With declining revenue receipts we are examining ways to “tighten our belts” and maintain our good philanthropic work. More information and an important vote are on the agenda for the next meeting on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend the meeting and take part in these important decisions.

**Historian Appointment:** It is clear that our long-standing history has not been well documented and preserved. Our website will help a lot in that regard with the news and some archives but our history deserves special attention. We need to start preserving contributions by individual knights, committees, programs, and the like within our council and assembly. We may even be able to document some of what must have been a meaningful and vibrant past. To begin working on this new goal, we are pleased to announce the appointment of fellow knight Peter Murk as our Historian. As chair of the new History and Archives Committee, Pete has some big challenges. If you have anything you wish to bring to his attention, suggestions, or ideas, please e-mail him ([pmurk@bsu.edu](mailto:pmurk@bsu.edu)) or talk to him at one of our meetings. We offer Pete our thanks for taking on this important role for our council and assembly.

**Welcome to New Knights:** A first degree exemplification was held on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Our new knights include Scot Laudicina, Thomas Leonard, Douglas Hunter, and Luke Phillipson. We congratulate them and welcome them to the Knights of Columbus.

**Recruitment:** An important role of our council is to promote the recruitment of Catholic gentlemen into our council. We need the help of all our knights to find new candidates. Think about new people in your parishes or some that have just not been asked over the years that would be possible new knights. We all can contribute to maintaining our council by inviting and nominating friends and other individuals from our parishes. Nominating is an easy process. We have Form 100 Nomination Forms available at the hall. Please talk to any officer for additional information or assistance with the nomination process.

**Sunday Breakfast Suspended:** The 4<sup>th</sup> degree assembly decided to suspend the first Sunday of the month breakfasts until further notice. They may be continued at a later date but no decision has been made at this time.

## FEATURE:

### A Knights of Columbus Jewel

#### Gibault Childrens Services

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Home Page: <http://www.gibault.org/>

slide show about Gibault: <http://www.gibault.org/slideshow.swf>

#### About Gibault

**Mission:** to provide life-saving opportunities for children, adults, families and communities.

**Values:** Gibault exists to serve others and does so through our core values which help us transcend cultural differences and provide excellence in service:

**Integrity:** To be honest, fair and transparent in our relationships and practices.

**Empowerment:** To provide those we serve with the tools they need for lifelong learning and success.

**Respect:** To recognize human dignity and human potential.

**Compassion:** To honor and nurture people in need.

**Collaboration:** To strengthen our services through strong partnerships with others.

Gibault was founded in 1921 by the Indiana Knights of Columbus as a home for wayward boys. Over the years, Gibault has evolved to meet the ever-changing needs of troubled kids everywhere. Today, Gibault serves boys and girls and has provided life-changing opportunities for more than 8,600 children and their families. Gibault serves children with mild emotional disturbances, aggressive and oppositional behaviors, substance abuse issues, victims and perpetrators of physical and sexual abuse, learning disabled children, and children with a variety of clinical issues in residential and detention environments. We also operate child care, after-school, Court Appointed Special Advocate, and foster care programs throughout the State of Indiana. Gibault makes our homes and communities safer by involving these distressed children in comprehensive programming that addresses their educational, emotional, social, recreational and spiritual needs.

**Some News:** Our K of C Council played a very important role for Gibault recently in sponsoring a rather major part in their Golf Scramble money-raising event:

#### **16TH ANNUAL GIBAULT GOLF SCRAMBLE**

Corporate Sponsor – First Financial Bank

Please join us in recognizing the following sponsors:

Golf Signs donated by: Recognition Plus

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**Beverage Sponsor - Muncie K of C Council #560**

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Charlie Maurer, Stephan Ziemba, Dale Heger, Bob Lynch, Ray Alter, Doug Adams & Caran Siefert

***We Support Gibault!***

# Majority of Americans Support First Amendment Conscience Rights in Health Care

## Americans say rights of religiously affiliated organizations should be protected

(Reprinted from a press release by the Knights of Columbus at [www.kofc-3544.org](http://www.kofc-3544.org))\*

“As America’s bishops and Catholic organizations around the country file lawsuits to protect their First Amendment rights from the government’s health care mandate, a new survey finds that a significant majority of Americans support the right to opt out of providing drugs, services and procedures for religious reasons.

According to the Knights of Columbus-Marist Poll, the survey found that nearly three in four Americans (74 to 26 percent) say that freedom of religion should be protected, even if it conflicts with other laws. Majorities would also protect the First Amendment conscience rights of hospitals, health care workers and insurers.

Strong majorities would let individual health care providers and organizations opt out of providing: abortion (58 to 38 percent), abortion-inducing drugs (51 to 44 percent), in vitro fertilization treatments that could result in the death of an embryo (52 to 41 percent), medication to speed the death of a terminally ill patient (55 to 41 percent) and birth control pills (51 to 46 percent). The number supporting the right to opt out of providing birth control is particularly interesting given the fact that more than 8 in 10 Americans (88 percent) believe contraception is morally acceptable.

“This survey reveals that the American people are fundamentally dedicated to protecting the First Amendment conscience rights of everyone,” said Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson. “Allowing people to opt out of these procedures or services — which violate their faith — is the right thing to do. It is also key to protecting the First Amendment rights of all Americans and enjoys strong public support as well.”

Overall, the survey found that half (50 percent) of Americans have heard of the debate over the government’s health care mandate. The mandate, promulgated by the Obama administration and the Department of Health and Human Services, requires employers — including organizations that are religiously affiliated — to provide free insurance coverage to women for services including sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs and birth control. In addition, a strong majority of Americans (52 to 31 percent) also indicated that laws in the United States have made it more difficult to follow one’s religious beliefs in recent years. Nearly 9 in 10 Americans (88 percent) also agree that religious leaders should speak out on issues of religious freedom.

The survey found that an overwhelming majority of Americans said that forcing health care workers and doctors to provide abortion - when they object for religious reasons - is morally wrong (72 to 27 percent).”

\*Note: **The Knights of Columbus strongly supports the First Amendment.** This press release is provided as information that fellow knights may not have known about yet.