

Letter to the Editor

Grand knight responds to letter

Dear Editor,

This is in response to a Letter to the Editor from Jess Bronow on Feb. 26.

The Highland Knights of Columbus Council works very hard each year to generate funds for all charities. Some of those charities are Special Olympics, Mental Retardation and Learning disabled, High School events, Catholic Grade and High School, Jaycee's, and Relay for Life.

The council held its 19th Annual Vocations-Newman-Pro-Life Fundraiser Banquet on Feb. 18. Our thanks go to our many contributors to this fundraiser. I assure you that your contributions are being disbursed wisely.

Many checks were handed out during the evening and the Highland News Leader article on Feb. 26 provides good detail. In the pro-life area a check was provided to the Pregnancy Care Center of Highland. Other checks that are written throughout the year are to the Vitae Society who produce commercials for nationwide distribution, local Right-to-Life billboards, and Priests for Life.

There were no funds scheduled to be provided to the Highland Right-To-Life or Small Victories for multiple reasons.

On April 20, 2006, Dan Michael told a brother Knight and myself that he would no longer accept donations from us.

On previous occasions the council has requested the Highland Right-To-Life and Small Victories to provide proof of their charitable organization status, as required by the IRS. As of this time, we have not received any indication of their status.

Mr. Bronow seems to be misinformed about the mission of the Pregnancy Care Center. The Center provides information and support to women that believe they are pregnant before they arrive at his "last line of defense." The Center provides an "earn while you learn" parent education program. The curriculum covers a variety of subjects such as nutrition, health and wellness, stages of pregnancy, fetal development, and daily childcare.

The center also has a "Mommy Store" that provides a variety of new and used items for clients to "purchase" with "credit coupons" earned through the "earn while you learn" parent education program. This provides the client an incentive to attend the education program and obtain needed items to assist in supporting their child.

The Highland Pregnancy Care Center has submitted proof of their IRS status as a registered 501(c)3 organization.

As a lifelong member of the Knights of Columbus, Bronow should know that he can attend any council business meeting just by showing his current membership card. I invite him to attend a meeting of the Highland Council #1580 on the second Tuesday of the month to become more knowledgeable of the charities that we support.

There are many ways to protect the sanctity of life. Providing an environment that provides education and support is the method of the Pregnancy Care Center.

Herb Durbin Jr.
Grand Knight, Council 1580

A thought to remember

Kathy Oriez
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A.F. Bandelier.

Highland News
Leader reporter
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By
Roland Harris

the founders of the F. Ryhiner & Co. Bank of Highland. These feature stories were called my #4 column, in my humble rankings of her columns.

This column was given to me by Russell Marti of Glen Carbon, as it was one of his favorite columns, not for the content, but for the "white wash" the author, Madeline Rodack, tried to do to Highland to clear Adolph F. Bandelier in the failure of the F. Ryhiner & Co. Bank in 1885.

"The Helvetia Milk Condensing Co. had started operations in early 1885, in the 'Old Wool Factory' (southeast corner of Broadway and Washington, where the U.S. Bank is today.) The Ryhiner Bank also was the owner of this building. April 30, 1885, the F. Ryhiner & Co. Bank failed and the Milk Co.'s cash is 'condensed', in the amount of \$4,306.05, a huge amount in those days for a company just trying to get started. When the bank failed, it almost took the new Helvetia Milk

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