

Letter to the Editor

Michael disputes information

Dear Editor,

The Knights of Columbus is a good organization. But Mr. Durbin's information was incorrect in his letter on March 5. He has been grand knight of the local KC 1580 for 2-3 years and never once since, has he or any other knight asked for documentation of the 501c3 status of the Highland Right to Life or Small Victories. The Highland Right to Life and Small Victories are two different organizations.

Back in 2000 when Small Victories was in the process of obtaining its 501c3 from the IRS, we were asked to provide documentation. After we received notification from the IRS and approved, I hand delivered the letter to then fundraising chairman Larry Korte at his house.

We never were asked or heard back from them again.

Three weeks before the April 20 incident, in which I and others stood outside the KC hall for a Pregnancy Care Center banquet, we informed Mr. Durbin, Father Flach, Connie Blackmon and others from the PCC that their guest speaker was a farce. Her pregnancy center in Granite City had been referring girls to the Hope Clinic for abortions, we told them. On April 20, I then told Mr. Durbin and another KC member that if you're supporting this blood money banquet, "Small Victories cannot accept any blood money from you." Ephesians 5:11 "Have nothing to do with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them."

The Knights of Columbus has collected money and supported the Highland Right to Life at this fundraising banquet for 18 years until this year. Two months ago, we were told the KCs would give Small Victories \$300 for repairs on our ultrasound van if we apologized over the April 20 incident. Why would we apologize for standing and telling the truth?

More than 2,000 babies have been saved from abortion since January 2000. Twenty-three babies have been adopted, some locally, and we do not receive salaries, pay checks or any money from the adoption of these babies. We have found jobs, homes, rehab programs, doctors, churches and have literally taken homeless mothers into our home because no one else in this town would help.

We believe some people attended and gave money for this banquet intending it to go to the Highland Right to Life, not the Pregnancy Care Center. Next year call the banquet, "The Pregnancy Care Center fund raiser," not "Right to Life."

Throwing money at a cash-cow center doesn't save babies. It pays salaries and the rent on buildings. You have to save babies first before you hand out diapers. It is a known fact that over 90 percent of the women going into pregnancy centers have already decided they are keeping their babies, and that is good. But every woman walking into that abortion clinic is there to kill her baby.

We are our brother's keeper.

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A thought to remember

Kathy Oriez
Remembered, #4
A.F. Bandelier.

Kathy Oriez's feature story of November 1979 about Adolph F. Bandelier's book, "History of the Civilizations and Missions of Sonora, Chihuahua, New Mexico and Arizona" written in French by Bandelier in 1887 is considered by me to be her #4 column. (Quotes that follow are from the book "Prominent Americans of Swiss Origin" by James T. White, published in 1932, Pages 193 to 197.)

"The great historic ruins of the pueblo of Pecos in the Southwest, were the first to receive Adolph F. Bandelier's attention. From Pecos, he extended his travels and researches to the Queros pueblo of Cochiti in New Mexico, where he remained for two months.

"He became intimately acquainted with the Indians and eventually gained their confidence, to such an extent, that he was adopted as a member of their tribe. His prolonged visit at Cochiti, was followed by several others, all of which gave Bandelier a keen insight into the life and customs of these people, the Indian Nation.

"Similar observations, recorded by him at the Tewa pueblo of San Juan, which furnished Bandelier with the material for his novel, 'The Delight Makers', a novel of early Pueblo life, which he wrote some years later. Ethnology and archeology became the most engaging subjects to him.

"In 1877, Adolph F. Bandelier traveled extensively throughout Mexico and Central America for the purpose of studying the archeological and ethnological history of the aborigines of



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shown a thorough knowledge of the sources of information and native races at the time of the Spanish Conquest.

"Bandelier had never appeared very devout, though with his wife, Josephine, he had attended Protestant services in Highland.

"However, in 1881 he became a Catholic. It is said that he took this step to gain easier access to Catholic Church records. He unquestionably did attend Mass often, even when his wife 'Joe' was still going to the Protestant church in Santa Fe.

"He paid more than lip service to the Catholic Church and made many close friends among the New Mexico clergy; one of these friends was Archbishop Salpointe."

This quote by Madeleine Rodack, in her biography of Adolph Francis Bandelier. (You will hear the name Archbishop Salpointe again, when we reach the year 1886.)

"Also in 1881 Bandelier extended his research to Cholula in Mexico, this time as representative of the Archaeological Institute of America on the Lorillard Expedition, financed by the tobacco millionaire, where he spent four months studying the famous pyramid.

"In June of that year, he went to Milta, later Tlacolula and Monte Alban, all in Mexico. After preparing a report on his Mexican observations, (his 'Archaeological Reconnaissance in Mexico', was published in 1884) he returned to the United States to resume his investigations among the Pueblos."

All of this was interspersed with several trips to Highland.

From 1883 to the winter of 1886, he continued studying

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