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Brother Knights,

We are **Catholic Gentlemen** – but what does that really mean? Merriam-Webster identifies a gentleman as, “a man whose conduct conforms to a high standard of propriety or correct behavior.” As Knights of Columbus, we profess to be Catholic gentleman, but is it a label we put on for special occasions – only to remove it when convenient or when secular society scoffs at it? Is it a prerequisite of entry into our order that’s to be adhered to during a meeting, only to be shelved when we retire to the bar for social time? I’m often reminded of the saying, “What would your mother think if she heard you talk that way?” As a Catholic gentleman, we should consider the saying, but instead consider our Holy Mother in that statement. We all struggle with the pressures of our culture and the desire to conform. But it takes courage to maintain our identity, to be ever mindful of our promise to be *Catholic gentlemen*. We all claimed to be when we joined the order – not just sometimes – but at all times. Let us all work together to support each other in this, and pray for each other always.

Vivat Jesus!

Scott Gring, Grand Knight



Council 553 Helps Out Sisters of Daughters of Mary, Mother of Mercy With New Refrigerator and Food

A day before a meeting of the Knights of Santa Maria Council 553 in South Bend a member had heard that the refrigerator at the convent of the Daughters of Mary, Mother of Mercy, had failed and all their food was spoiled. He spoke with Sister Jacqueline Oranye, D.M.M.M., who confirmed that they had no refrigerator and no food. The Santa Maria council unanimously authorized \$600 to be used to help the Sisters. The next day he drove all over town until he found a nearly identical new 18 cubic foot refrigerator listed at \$579.00 on sale for \$448.00. Using his 10% discount as a retired Naval Officer reduced the price to \$431.00. He then used the remaining money to buy \$175.00 in gift cards for the Sisters to use in buying new groceries. The Sisters were absolutely delighted.

Knights in action - this is why we joined!

Knights of Columbus College Scholarship Opportunity!

For the 2014-2015 academic year, the Knights of Columbus awarded scholarships totaling more than \$1.06 million to 519 students. Most recipients are the children of Knights or Knights working toward bachelor’s degrees at Catholic colleges and Catholic universities in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico and the Philippines. These figures include \$266,275 in grants to 108 seminarians in the United States and Canada.

If you have a son or daughter who is applying for college the **application process for these scholarships opened on October 1, 2015 and it will close on March 1, 2016**. I encourage you all to take advantage of this great scholarship opportunity! There are specific scholarships for students seeking a graduate degree at the Catholic University of America, students studying to teach children with intellectual disabilities, and Seminarians. For seniors in high school who plan to enroll in college next year there are a limited number of endowed scholarships and a number of general scholarships including, the “Fourth Degree Pro Deo and Pro Patria” scholarships and the “John W. McDevitt Fourth Degree” scholarships.

For applications or more information you can contact me or visit: www.kofc.org/scholarships .

**Fraternally,
Andrew Weiss**



Gabe Rodriguez
leukemia patient
blood & platelet recipient

OCTOBER 24 — COUNCIL BLOOD DRIVE Response has been very slow, and to be honest—I'm quite worried the South Bend Medical Foundation will cancel our drive. Please [go online](#) and schedule your donation or email sgring1024@gmail.com.

OCTOBER 24 — REVERSE RAFFLE There are still lots of tickets to sell and Steve can always use an extra pair of hands (dealers, raffle people, food service help) to pull off this fun event! Call Steve at [\(574\) 220-1212](tel:5742201212) to help.

OCTOBER 31—SOUTH BEND FARMER'S MARKET Our **Campaign for Intellectual Disabilities**, commonly referred to as our **Tootsie Roll Drive**, will be out in force the last Saturday of October. The overwhelming generosity of the patrons at the South Bend Farmer's Market will once again be sought to assist with state and local groups such as the Indiana Special Olympics and the Michiana Down Syndrome Family Advocacy and Support Group. **Simply ask, "Help Knights Help Kids!"**

YOUR HELP IS STILL NEEDED 11/14 -Council 553 has teamed with **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** to operate concessions at Notre Dame Stadium during home football games. We would need 7 knights to work, and profits from the even would be split with St. Paul's based on the number of volunteers each group produced. Please consider giving several hours during a home game weekend for this great opportunity to help your council. Please contact **Steve Sommers** for more information or to sign up: [\(574\) 220-1212](tel:5742201212) or e-mail steve@stamprint.net.

COUNCIL 553 WILL HOST A 2ND AND 3RD DEGREE Yes, you heard that correctly. It's been a long time since a 2nd and 3rd degree was hosted by Council 553. Be sure to put **November 8** on your calendars and come out to support this great occasion. The event will take place at the **HOLY CROSS SCHOOL GYMNASIUM** on Wilbur Street.

DEGREE TEAM MEMBERS NEEDED: While we are staffed, we are always looking for more members to step up and be part of our **1st Degree Team**. We need back-ups for those times when all the members can't be present. For more info email me at sgring1024@gmail.com.

DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS
—Thanks **Bela Szalay, Tom Kramer, Bob and Babette Zilienski & Rick Alexander** for helping out our wonderful friends at **Michiana Down Syndrome Family Support and Advocacy Group** on Saturday, 10/10 at Bethel College. We cooked lots of burgers and hot dogs for this well-attended event. Cheryl gave us a thumbs-up!



COATS FOR KIDS—Our annual donation of 12 each boys and girls coats were distributed to the St. Vincent de Paul Society on October 15 and will be given to families in need this winter.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE—Wednesday prayer at the Women's Pavilion concludes in November. Join brother knights with silent prayer, recitation of the rosary and witness for life. 6—7 pm.

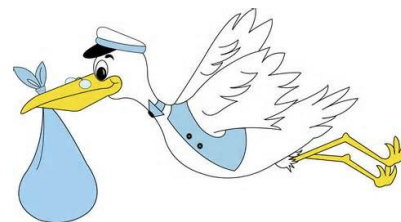
GIBALT ONLINE BOOK FAIR—Shop **Barnes & Noble** online between November 21-27 at bn.com/bookfairs and enter bookfair ID 11677002 at checkout to help support Gibault's mission. Barnes & Noble has a large selection of religious, inspirational and educational books and materials that would make wonderful Christmas gifts for those you love.



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Don and Cathy Dietz
James & Paula Kay Szekendi
Gregory & Cordelia White
Julius & Mary Alice Mikulak



Congratulations to
Luke & Ellen Reilander
PATRICK JOSEPH THADDEUS REILANDER
born 9/19/15—9 lbs, 4 oz.
Mary Kate's now a big sister!

SANTA MARIA COUNCIL 553
happily welcomes
LUKE CUSACK &
DR. ANTHONY RANGLES,
recent transfers to us from other
councils. We're so glad to have
you join us!



Gibault Online Book Fair



Hosted by Barnes & Noble
November 21 - 27, 2015

**You can help support Gibault's mission by doing your
Christmas shopping online!**

Shop Barnes & Noble online between
November 21 - 27 at:

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Enter bookfair ID **11677002** at checkout.

Barnes & Noble has a large selection of religious,
inspirational and educational books and materials that
would make wonderful Christmas gifts for those you love.

Call Zach Pies at 800-264-1156 ext 3120 if you have any
questions about this awesome opportunity!

**If you live in the Evansville area, visit the
Barnes & Noble located at 624 S Green River Rd, Evansville
on November 21 and make your purchases in the
store to support our mission.**

Thanks to your support last spring this bookfair
was a great success for our mission!

We hope to have your support again!



**Attention First Degree Knights, Grand Knights, District
Deputies, Financial Secretaries**

South Bend Santa Maria Council 553 will host a

**Second and Third Degree Exemplification
Sunday, November 8, 2015
South Bend, IN**

Location: Holy Cross Parish
School Gymnasium
1050 Wilbur St.
South Bend, Indiana 46628

- Gym is behind parish school.
- Candidate Registration: 12 Noon-12:45 p.m. EST.
- 2nd degree will begin at 1:00 p.m. EST.
- 3rd degree will follow immediately after the 2nd degree.
- Candidates should arrive no later than 12:45 PM. There will no admission after 12:45 as doors will be closed.
- *Candidates must present their current First Degree membership card at registration.*
- Other K of C members attending as guests must also present their current membership cards for admittance. Members should be seated by 12:45 p.m.
- Attire is business casual.

The ceremony will be held in the school gymnasium. Sign in for candidates will be at special marked door. Look for signs. There is plenty of parking.

A light lunch will be served to the candidates and guests immediately following the ceremony.

Remember: If you are a sponsor of a candidate you should bring him to the degree

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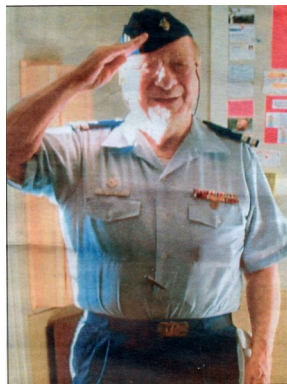
UPCOMING EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

- 4th Euchre Night
- 5th 4th Degree Meeting
- 8th 2nd & 3rd Degree (Holy Cross School Gymnasium)
- 9th Officer's Meeting/Business Meeting
- 11th Senior Card Day/Euchre Night
- 14^h **Notre Dame Concessions**
- 17th Columbus Club Meeting
- 18th Euchre Night
- 23th First Degree Exemplification/Social Meeting
- 25th Senior Card Day/Euchre Night
- 26th **THANKSGIVING DAY**



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

- 2nd Euchre Night
- 3rd 4th Degree Meeting
- 5th Little Flower Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 9th Senior Card Day/Euchre Night
- 14th Officer's Meeting/Business Meeting
- 22nd Columbus Club Meeting
- 23rd Euchre Night
- 25th **CHRISTMAS**
- 28th First Degree Exemplification/Social Meeting
- 30th Senior Card Day/Euchre Night



CONGRATULATIONS TO AWARD RECIPIENT ALDEN BAUMGARTNER

who received the **Membership Service Award**, given in recognition of 40 years of service to the **United States Coast Guard Auxiliary**. Alden is a young man of 85 years, and has been a knight since 1980.

COUNCIL 16203 SAN JUAN PABLO II CABALLEROS DE COLON

We enthusiastically welcome our Brother Knights of the new council at **Our Lady of Hungary Parish** to our order. We look forward to working with these new knights and know they will inspire us with their enthusiasm and passion. *Vivat Jesus!*

OCTOBER 27-30—"STRENGTHEN THE FAMILY" SHAREATHON

Support your local **Catholic Radio** with your time, talent and/or treasure. Knights are needed to assist during the four-day event—whether as a greeter, support staff or even through prayer.



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Anchor Submissions

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Entries are due by the 18th of the month prior to publication.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Euchre Night	5 4th Degree Fr. Nieuwland Assembly #242 Business Meeting	6	7
8 2nd & 3rd Degree Exemplifications at Holy Cross School Gymnasium	9 Officer's Meeting 7:00 pm Business Meeting 7:30 pm	10	11 Senior Card Day Noon-4:00 pm	12	13	14 Notre Dame Football Concessions
15	16	17 South Bend Columbus Club (SBCC) Meeting 7:00 pm	18 Euchre Night	19	20	21 HALL RENTAL
22	23 Admission Degree/ Social Meeting 7:30 pm	24	25 Senior Card Day Noon-4:00 pm	26 THANKSGIVING	27	28
29	30	1	2 Euchre Night	3 4th Degree Fr. Nieuwland Assembly #242 Business Meeting	4	5

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