

CROW'S NEST



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Council News

Please be aware of the upcoming council activities and where you can help:

Saturday, September 17: Soccer Challenge. Brother Ryan Grill still needs a couple of volunteers to help at 11:30am at Queen of Peace sports field. Contact him at ryangrill@gmail.com to volunteer. Ryan will also need help with the Regional Contest on October 1, 2016 which our council is hosting!

Tuesday, September 20: Knights Information Night. This is an opportunity for Catholic men who are interested in joining the Knights to learn more about us. Members are also encouraged to attend to meet with prospective Knights. Invite and/or bring someone you think would want to join and enjoy being a member!

Saturday, October 1: Habitat for Humanity. Come help build a new home with your Brother Knights from 11:30am-2:30pm. Email Jim Kramer if you are available, kramer.james@comcast.net.

Tuesday, October 4: First Degree Exemplification at our council. We are hoping for a large group of new members and ask the Brother Knights attend to support them.

Saturday, October 8: Fourth Degree Exemplification, Notre Dame Council. There is still time to reserve your spot.....you won't be alone! At least 5 members from our council will be making their fourth degree!

Future Dates to Save:

October 15: St Matthew Memorial Mass for Children lost Pre and Post birth. 4:30pm Mass. Our council is helping with several activities. Watch for more information.

October 15: Council building and grounds clean-up starting at 9:00am. Projects and chores will be available for those of all talents: cleaning, fixing, building. This is YOUR council too! Come help make it something to be proud of!

January 25-28: March for Life in Washington D.C. See article on page 3.

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Membership and Degree News

We welcome our brother Knight Russell Burch to the Council. Russell made his first degree at the August exemplification. He is a member of St. Jude parish.

Our next Admission (First) Degree is scheduled for October 4. If you have a potential member to propose or sponsor, contact membership co-chairman John Burzynski at jburzynski@gmail.com so we can get the candidate in for this exemplification. Candidates and sponsors should arrive by 6:30 p.m. Guests should arrive by 6:45 p.m.

At this time, there are no major degree exemplifications scheduled for this area.

A Fourth Degree exemplification will be hosted by Notre Dame Assembly 3600 on October 8. As of this writing, five brother Knights from Council 5521 will be among those receiving the Patriotic Degree.

Don't Crowdfund Your Family's Future

There is a new phenomenon sweeping the internet: crowdfunding. Pioneered by organizations like GoFundMe, crowdfunding allows anyone to donate to a project or cause online.

Crowdfunding is increasingly being used to raise funds for grieving families. Chances are you've seen this more than once. Someone passes away, and within a day or two, a representative from the family opens a crowdfunding page to raise funds to pay for funeral expenses and medical bills.

Without question, crowdfunding is a great way to harness the power of the internet for charitable ends, but it is often insufficient.

Recent studies show that the average crowdfunding memorial page raises \$2,000-\$2,200 — far below the average cost of funeral services. Grieving families are left to deal with the shortfall as well as the additional stress of soliciting donations, figuring out how to access the money and calculating platform fees.

September is designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month. It's a great opportunity for you to evaluate your life insurance coverage and make sure your family's future will not be left to a crowdfunding page. Your insurance questions can be answered by your K of C Insurance field agent. Give Andrew Weiss a call at (574) 274-6929.

Upcoming Events

Unless otherwise noted, all Council meetings, First Degree exemplifications, Council planning meetings, Knights Nites Out, and South Bend Francis Club meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. Fish fries and spaghetti dinners are from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

September 17 – K of C Soccer Challenge: District
11:30, Fathers' Fields, Queen of Peace parish, Mishawaka

September 19 – South Bend Francis Club meeting

September 26 – Officers' planning meeting

October – Respect for Life Month

October 1 – K of C Soccer Challenge: Regional
11:30, Fathers' Fields, Queen of Peace parish, Mishawaka

Habitat for Humanity home building
11:30-2:30

October 4 – First Degree Exemplification

October 6 – Right to Life Dinner
7:00 p.m., Century Center

October 7 – Fish fry

October 10 – Columbus Day
Council meeting

October 15 – Council clean-up day
9:00 a.m.

October 17 – South Bend Francis Club meeting

October 21 – Spaghetti dinner

October 24 – Officers' planning meeting

November 1 – All Saints Day

November 2 – All Souls Day
Knights' Nite Out

November 4 – Fish fry

November 5 – Wine and Beer tasting

November 8 – Election Day

November 14 – Council meeting

November 15 – Clergy Appreciation dinner
Council chambers by Fourth Degree Assembly 242

November 18 – Spaghetti dinner

November 21 – South Bend Francis Club meeting

November 24 -- Thanksgiving

A New Way to Record and Report Your Volunteer Hours

Most of you are aware of our requests to you to report your volunteer hours each year, so that we can report your hours to the Supreme Council. This year, that reporting requirement got a little easier – you can now do it online.

Go to our council website www.kofc5521.org, and in the left column, click “Members Only”. On the Council 5521 Members Only Login page, you will have to enter your member number (from your membership card) and your pass code (your birth date). On the Members Only page, scroll down to “Record your volunteer hours”, then click on the “More Information” button. This will give you all the information you need to record your volunteer hours. You can even enter an estimate of all the hours you have already volunteered. Bear in mind that you might not be able to enter all of your prior hours at once: for example, if you’ve already volunteered 38 hours of community service, you might have to enter 10 hours, 10 hours, 10 hours, and 8 hours in 4 separate entries.

In December, when you receive our request to report your volunteer hours, you will not have to reply if you’ve been reporting them on line. The council will already have them. Of course, if you haven’t reported them on line, just figure your estimate the way you always have and send it back to us. Either way, it’s important that you report your volunteer hours. It plays a big part in the Order justifying its status as a non-profit organization.

“It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish.”

-- Saint Teresa of Kolkata

Article deadline for next issue: November 10.

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2017 March for Life

The Indiana Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Department has put together a *very* affordable trip to the March for Life in D.C. for 2017. Transportation, lodging and food will be provided at a cost that we had in 2012! Because of the disappointment that we experienced this past January this pilgrimage will be that much more inspiring.

The upcoming MFL will be the most important ever. One of the candidates has promised to increase the amount of our tax money used to fund the number one baby-murdering organization, Planned Parenthood. They have also promised abortion on demand, at any stage of the baby’s development and have stated that the unborn child has *no* legal rights at all.


We need your participation more than ever in fighting the Culture of Death that has gripped our nation. We invite you to join us on our 2017 trip to the MFL. You *can* make a difference.

The trip will depart approximately 8:00 p.m. on January 25, and return on January 28, arriving at approximately 8:00 p.m.


For more information, you may call the Indiana State Pro-Life director at (219) 663-0509.

For members who receive the *Crow's Nest* by email, a registration form included as a separate attachment to the email. For others, a registration form for the 2017 March for Life is at the Indiana State Council website: http://www.indianakofc.org/download/prolife/2017_March_Application.pdf

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Volunteer Corner

The Council is continuing its Tootsie Roll sale to aid our intellectually challenged citizens. We raised over \$650 one weekend last month! We need volunteers for shifts at various locations, including weekend Masses at our parishes. To volunteer, contact Cel Lopez at (574) 291-4589 or email at cellopez@sbcglobal.net.

October marks our council's turn to host the WNDU-TV Mass. We still need a volunteer for October 9. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Jim Kramer at kramer.james@comcast.net or by phone at 286-4151 (cell) or 291-6683 (home). Volunteers should bring a half gallon of orange juice and a gallon of milk; doughnuts will be provided. Please arrive at the station by 10:15. Our next opportunity for this project will be the 4 Sundays in March.

Novenas for Our Nation

Knights, their families and all people of good will are encouraged to join in the Rosary Novena for Our Nation being conducted from August 15, the solemnity of the Assumption, through October 7, the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary.

We encourage you to consider saying a daily rosary during this period. Many parishes are praying the rosary daily. Check your parish bulletin for details.

Father Frank Pavone, national director of Priests for Life, has announced a nine-week novena, from September 6 through November 8, Election Day, that focuses on the 2016 elections. The novena prayer can be found at www.electionprayer.com. Pray that we may not vote just according to party loyalty or self-interest, but according to principle and the Word of God.