

CROW'S NEST



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Council News

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

From now until December 18, we're collecting clothes and toys for the needy families that we adopt for Christmas. Watch for notices and then sign up to buy gifts for specific children and parents. (Last year, we adopted 5 families.)

Tuesday, December 6, 6:45 p.m. 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. See article on page 2.

Saturday, December 17: Breakfast with Santa. Bring your children or grandchildren to have breakfast with Santa Claus, 10 a.m. to about noon. We also need volunteers for set-up, clean-up and to help cook breakfast.

Sunday, December 18: Gift-wrapping party, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Bring your family and help wrap gifts for the needy families that we adopted, and enjoy camaraderie, Christmas candy and cookies, and Christmas carols.

Saturday, December 24, 8:30 a.m.: Deliver gifts and food to the needy families that we adopted.

January 1-15, 2017: Your report of your 2016 Volunteer hours is due by January 15. You can report your hours online on the council's web page www.kofc5521.org (see article in the October *Crow's Nest*), or report them in writing or email, as in the past. This information is needed by the Supreme Council to calculate the number of hours that Knights have volunteered in 2016. It is also instrumental in supporting our Order's tax exemption as a non-profit organization.

Future Dates to Save:

Wed., January 25 - Sat., January 28: March for Life in Washington D.C. See article in the October issue.

Saturday, January 28, 7 p.m.: Our annual Trivia Night. Proceeds from this event are used to support our seminarians. Watch your email for more information.

Sunday, February 5, 5:30 p.m. Annual chili cook-off. How does your chili compare to that of your brother Knights? Find out at the cook-off before kickoff.

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Membership and Degree News

We welcome two brother Knights who have recently transferred into our council. Father David Violi, a third-degree member is currently assigned as parochial vicar at St. Matthew Cathedral. Tom Dlugosz, a first-degree Knight, teaches at Marian High School. He is a parishioner of St. Jude.



At our Admission Degree on October 4, we initiated two new brother Knights: they are Oliver Chmell, left, of St. Matthew parish and Kirby Falkenberg of St. Jude parish. Please welcome them to council 5521!

Our next admission degree is scheduled for December 6. 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.



Four members of council 5521 took the Patriotic (4th) Degree at Notre Dame on October 8. Pictured above with Faithful Admiral SK George Adams (center) are, left to right, SKs Matthew Cloud, John Burzynski, Timothy Bonadies and Eric Van Meter. Congratulations to these new members of Father Julius A. Nieuwland Assembly 242!

Upcoming Events

Unless otherwise noted, all Council meetings, Admission (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.

November 1 – All Saints Day – Holy Day

**November 2 – All Souls Day
Knights' Nite Out**

November 4 – Fish fry

**November 7 – K of C St. Joseph Valley Chapter meeting
Council 553, 7:00 p.m.**

November 8 – Election Day

November 14 – Council meeting

**November 15 – Clergy Appreciation dinner
Council chambers, 6 p.m., Fourth Degree Assembly 242**

November 18 – Spaghetti dinner

November 21 – South Bend Francis Club meeting

November 24 – Thanksgiving

November 27 – 1st Sunday of Advent

November 28 – Council planning meeting

December 2 – Fish fry

December 6 – Admission (First) Degree

December 8 – Immaculate Conception – Holy Day

December 12 – Council meeting

December 16 – Spaghetti dinner

**December 18 – Christmas wrapping party for needy
Council chambers, 6:30 p.m.**

December 19 – South Bend Francis Club meeting

**December 24 – Deliver Christmas gifts to needy
Council chambers, 8:30 a.m.**

December 25 – Christmas – Holy Day

December 26 – Council planning meeting

January 1 – Mary, Mother of God – Holy Day

January 3 – Knights' Nite Out

January 6 – Fish fry

South Bend Francis Club News

Brothers,

Our council building is a gift given to us by our Brother Knights who came before us. This is *our* Council – each of us is an owner! Because of this, we have a responsibility and obligation to take care of it and use it to further our purposes as Knights.

Our current board of directors has been dedicated to keeping our building and grounds in good order so all can enjoy it: Church groups that use it for free, Brother Knights and their families who celebrate special occasions, and non-profit groups to advance their purposes. We want our home to be an extension of our parishes and a place we can be proud of!

In order to do so, these men have given their time, talent and, yes, sometimes their own money for supplies and repairs. Many more and their families have cheerfully helped with our fish fries and spaghetti dinners which are our primary source of income for building expenses.

Thanks to all who have participated unselfishly to support our council!

Recently, however, due to age and deterioration, we have experienced several high-cost repairs to our grounds and equipment, e.g., rebuilding our walk-in refrigerator and back bar equipment, that have seriously depleted our financial resources.

Now we face the fact that our fire suppression equipment in our kitchen needs to be upgraded in order to meet fire code and insurance requirements and keep our building and workers safe.

So, we are appealing to Brother Knights to consider helping by:

1) Supporting our dinners: Fish fries on the first Friday and Spaghetti dinners on the third Friday of every month. Bring your family, friends and neighbors and spread the word!

- 2) Donating your time to help on our dinners and building projects as you can.
- 3) Recruiting new members! We need to keep growing!
- 4) Praying that our Lord will continue to guide and protect us in our work.
- 5) Considering a financial donation. We have received a pledge from one member to match contributions up to \$500! Any amount you can spare would be helpful.

You can be assured that our board scrutinizes each and every expense so that your donations will be put to good use.


Thank you!
Mike Huszar
Grand Knight

Installation of Council Officers




Officers for this fraternal year were installed by District Deputy Brad Soule at the meeting on October 8.

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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 this fall! 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 marked our council's return to hosting the WNDU-TV Mass. The council thanks those who volunteered to help. Our next opportunity for this project will be the four Sundays in March. 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.

Christmas Giving

This December, we are again adopting several families for Christmas, as we do every year. We need people to commit to purchasing gifts for specific persons, people to come in and wrap the gifts at a Sunday evening "party" on December 18, as we've done for the past several years, and volunteers who will deliver the gifts on the morning of December 24. This is a wonderful opportunity to have your children learn the joy of helping others who are less fortunate than we are. More information will be sent out via email. If you would like to help, but don't have email, call any of your officers (see list on page 1).

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