

# CROW'S NEST



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## GOT DUES?

Some of you still have not paid your 2017 dues! Three notices have already been mailed out. Our retention committee is preparing to start calling (and visiting!) members who are in arrears. You can save yourself, and your officers, much time and trouble if you pay your dues now.

If you are unable to pay at this time, please contact GK Mike Huszar or FS George Adams to confidentially discuss your situation. Don't wait for us to call you!



## UPCOMING EVENTS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS

On **Sundays during Lent**: Knights of Columbus Council 5521 will be sponsoring Lenten evening prayer, or **Vespers** (Vespers, also called Evening Prayer, is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office.) services at St. Matthew Cathedral on Sunday evenings during Lent. Evening prayer will be prayed and sung at 6:30pm, (after the Sunday evening 5:30 Mass), each Sunday during Lent. This is a wonderful opportunity for additional prayer and reflection during Lent, and normally will last about 15-20 minutes.

**April 30 and May 28.** Our council is leading the **Fifth Sunday Rosary** at St Jude and St Matthew parishes on the fifth Sunday of the month. To volunteer to help arrange or lead these observances, contact DGK Eric Van Meter at [ericvm729@gmail.com](mailto:ericvm729@gmail.com).

**May 2, 2017. Knights Nite Out and Fraternal Benefits Night!** Join us at 7 pm at our council for a combined social evening of refreshments and snacks and a review of your fraternal benefits by Field Agent Andrew Weiss. Come and learn more about the Knights and enjoy some fellowship with your Brothers.

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## Membership and Degree News

We welcome brother Knight **David Watterson** who has recently rejoined our council. David is a Third Degree Knight and a parishioner of St. Matthew Cathedral.

**Our next admission degrees** are scheduled for April 4 and June 6. If you have a potential member to propose or sponsor, contact membership co-chairman John Burzynski at [jbuzynski@gmail.com](mailto:jbuzynski@gmail.com) so we can get the candidate in for one of the exemplifications. Candidates and sponsors should arrive by 6:30 p.m. Guests should arrive by 6:45 p.m.

**A District Formation (2nd) Degree Team** is now being formed. As of January 1, 2018, Formation (2nd) and Knighthood (3rd) degree ceremonials will be separate events. The Formation degree will now be the district deputy's responsibility. He is seeking volunteers for a degree team that will serve St. Joseph County. This degree team will serve District 11 as well as our neighbors in District 10. Both district deputies are looking for volunteers to participate. Having degrees administered in this manner should make it easier to hold Formation degrees more frequently. If you are interested in joining the Formation Degree team, contact Grand Knight Mike Huszar or District Deputy Brad Soule, e-mail [district11@indianakofc.org](mailto:district11@indianakofc.org).

Most of your officers' terms of office expire on June 30. We will hold an **election of officers at our June 12 business meeting**. Between now and then, nominations for the open positions will be accepted. You will have the opportunity to nominate candidates at the May meeting and at the June meeting before the vote is taken. **You may also make nominations on our website, [www.kofccouncil5521.org](http://www.kofccouncil5521.org)**; just click on the "Members Only" link on the home page. We will elect candidates to the offices of Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Recorder, Treasurer, Advocate, Warden, Inside Guard, Outside Guard, and Three-year trustee. Only Knighthood (3rd) degree members may be elected as council officers.

### Article deadline for next issue: June 10.

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## 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.

**March 24, 31 & April 7, 14 – Lenten Fish Fry**

**March 19, 26 – Host WNDU TV Mass**

**March 25 – Day of the Unborn Child**

**March 27 – Council planning meeting**

**April 4 – Admission (1st) Degree exemplification**

**April 10 – Council meeting**

**April 13-15 -- Holy Triduum**  
(Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday)

**April 15 – Children's Easter egg hunt**  
Francis Club grounds, 10 a.m.

**April 16 – Easter**

**April 17 – South Bend Francis Club meeting**

**April 21 – Spaghetti dinner**

**April 23, 30 – Tootsie Roll sale and Membership drive**  
St. Matthew and St. Jude after all Sun. Masses

**April 24 – Council planning meeting**

**April 30 – Fifth Sunday Rosary**  
Before Sunday Mass, St Matthew and St. Jude

**May 1 – St. Joseph Valley Chapter K of C meeting**  
South Bend Columbus Club (Council 553), 7 pm

**May 2 – Knights' Nite Out**  
Fraternal Benefits Night

**May 5 – Fish fry**

**May 8 – Council meeting – Nominations of Officers**

**May 10 – May Crowning**  
St. Jude, 6:30 p.m.

**May 15 – South Bend Francis Club meeting**

**May 19 – Spaghetti dinner**

**May 22 – Council planning meeting**

**May 28 – Fifth Sunday Rosary**

**May 29 – Memorial Day**

## Council News

Our *first ever* **Beer and Wine Tasting** event was a great success, and so has been designated the First *Annual* Beer and Wine Tasting. The Second Annual Beer and Wine Tasting will be held next winter and we're hoping to improve on this year's success. We raised \$1,056.65 for our charity fund. Contact Chuck Bergman at [chuckbergman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chuckbergman@sbcglobal.net) if you have suggestions or would like to help next year.


Our annual **Trivia Night** that was held on Saturday night of Super Bowl weekend enjoyed its usual success. We raised \$1,136.00 for the RSVP program to assist diocesan seminarians. Council chaplain Father Zimmer did an excellent job as emcee. Please save the date and plan to get your team together for next year. We can accommodate only 12 teams of 8 players each.

**Super Chili Bowl** has returned! Yes, our famous chili contest on Super Bowl Sunday was a success! The approximately 20 persons who attended got to sample the wares of six of our council's best chili chefs. Everyone had a really good time. Oh, yeah – there was a football game on our new large screen TV, too.

Thanks to everyone who helped make **the pancake and sausage breakfast** at St Matthew a great success! We fed about 200 people and St Vincent de Paul Society took in over \$500 in donations!


The **Indiana State Convention** will be **April 28-30** in Indianapolis. If you're interested in going as a delegate, contact FS George Adams as soon as possible. There is only one delegate slot left. In order to attend, you must be a Third-degree Knight, and your dues must be current.

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## Francis Club News

As a member of Knights of Columbus Council #5521, you are automatically a member of our home corporation, **The South Bend Francis Club (SBFC)**. The club is operated independently of the Knights Council and has its own board of directors.

As a member you are asked to assist your Brother Knights with the care and maintenance of our home. You can do this in several ways:

- 1) Attend our monthly SBFC board meeting; take part and assist where you can on cleaning and maintenance projects;
- 2) Frequent the monthly Fish and Spaghetti dinners that raise funds to pay for our building expenses and repairs.
- 3) Volunteer to be on the board and take a position of responsibility.
- 4) Rent our building and grounds for family and group affairs.
- 5) Volunteer to help with the monthly dinners by joining one of the teams.
- 6) Become a licensed bartender to help on dinners and rentals.
- 7) Help on "clean-up and maintenance" days when scheduled.

Currently, the board is looking for willing individuals for the following:

- Rental Manager: take phone call requests, show the hall and make arrangements with renters.
- Grass cutting: Cut our lawn as needed during the growing season.
- Join the board: Take an active and decision-making role in the operation of the club.
- Become a bartender. We always need more Brother Knights to help with bartending duties. Licensing is paid by the SBFC.

### Requiescat in Pace

Pray for our deceased brother.

Donald J. Laurent, March 9, St. Jude

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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 fall! We've scheduled fundraisers for April 22 and 23 at St. Matthew and St. Jude after all Vigil and Sunday Masses. To volunteer to help at either parish, contact Cel Lopez at (574) 291-4589 or email at [celopez@sbcglobal.net](mailto:celopez@sbcglobal.net). The next weekend, April 29 & 30, we are planning a **membership drive** at St Jude and St Matthew churches after all weekend Masses.

**St. Jude Knights:** we are in need of **someone to coordinate the Tootsie Roll and Membership drives**. It simply involves asking the parish for permission to do them, getting the necessary materials together and recruiting volunteers. If you can help, please contact John Burzynski at [jbuzynski@gmail.com](mailto:jbuzynski@gmail.com).

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Saturday, May 20 is **Mayfest** in Mishawaka, at Kamm's Island. Contact Chuck Bergman at 303-7020, email [chuckbergman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chuckbergman@sbcglobal.net) if you want to volunteer to serve beer. Volunteers receive free entry to the event, a \$45 value. Proceeds will go to a veterans' organization and to the food pantry.

### Volunteer for a Habitat Project!

The Knights share a preferred partnership with Habitat for Humanity and this year our Council has committed to help with a local build on Saturday, June 3 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We're looking for ten volunteers (no experience or tools required) to help in the early construction phase of the Habitat home.

If you're interested in volunteering the full shift or two to four hours, please contact Jim Kramer at [jkramer@holycrossusa.org](mailto:jkramer@holycrossusa.org) or by phone at 286-4151 (cell) or 291-6683 (home). Jim will provide you the address of the Habitat home and a link to the Habitat site to register. This is an excellent way to practice one of the corporal works of mercy – sheltering the homeless.

Thanks in advance for making this Habitat build a priority with our Council and in supporting a local family's movement out of poverty.