

# CROW'S NEST



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## Grand Knight's Message



Brother Knights,

October is the Month of the Rosary. I encourage you to make this your prayer for the month. Please keep track of how many Rosaries you pray and let me know. We are reporting to the State how many Rosaries we pray for the month of October. I further encourage you to pray the Rosary with your family. Build the Domestic Church !!!

Join us every Monday in October at 6:30pm at the Rosary Walk just outside of our council doors to pray the Rosary together. Also, October 29 is the fifth Sunday of the Month and we will have more opportunities to pray the Rosary in our Churches.

Also, at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 13, at St. Matthew Cathedral, Bishop Kevin Rhoades will celebrate a Mass in honor of Our Lady of Fatima, on the occasion of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fatima apparitions. Members of the Color Corps of Fourth Degree Assembly 242 will also be in attendance.

Have you picked up your copy of Phoenix Bishop Olmstead's apostolic exhortation, *Into the Breach*? We have copies at the council and it is available to download from the Supreme website. Are you interested in joining a discussion group about the book? Let me know.

*Eric Van Meter*  
Grand Knight

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## Membership and Degree News

**Our next admission degrees** are scheduled for **October 3** and **December 5**. If you have a potential member to propose or sponsor, contact membership co-chairman John Burzynski at [jburzynski@gmail.com](mailto:jburzynski@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** has been established for Districts 10 and 11 (South Bend-Notre Dame-Mishawaka-Granger-Elkhart). As of January 1, 2018, Formation (2nd) and Knighthood (3rd) degree ceremonials will be separate events. Our 2nd Degree Team has filled all of the major speaking roles. We are still looking for a few more Third-Degree Knights who can help with the Formation Degree exemplification ceremony. Our next practice is at 2:00 pm on Sunday, September 24 in Council 553 Hall, downtown South Bend. If you are unable to attend the practice but would still like to help, contact Grand Knight Eric Van Meter or District Deputy Gil Martin, e-mail [district11@indianakofc.org](mailto:district11@indianakofc.org).

## Good of the Order

Please call one of the officers if you know of any member sick or in need of prayer. Your prayers have been requested for Brothers Mark VanDerKlok and PGK Ed Willamowski.

## Installation of Officers, August 14, 2017



District Deputy Gil Martin (left) listens as Chaplain Fr. Eric Albert Zimmer, S.J., blesses the newly-installed council officers. (John Burzynski photo)

## 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.

**September 23 – Council clean-up day**

**September 25 – Council Officers' planning meeting**

**October 1-31 – Month of the Rosary**

The rosary will be said on all Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at the Council's rosary walk, or indoors in case of bad weather.

**October 3 – Admission Degree exemplification**

**October 6 – Fish fry**

**October 9 – Council meeting**  
*Columbus Day*

**October 12 – Right to Life Dinner**  
Century Center, 7 p.m.

**October 16 – South Bend Francis Club meeting**

**October 20 – Spaghetti dinner**

**October 23 – Council Officers' planning meeting**

**November 1 – All Saints – Holy Day**

**November 2 – All Souls' Day**

**November 3 – Fish fry**

**November 7 – Knights Nite Out**

**November 11 – Veterans Day**

**November 13 – Council meeting**

**November 14 – Clergy Appreciation Dinner**  
Assembly 242, Council Chambers 6:30 p.m.

**November 17 – Spaghetti dinner**

**November 20 – South Bend Francis Club meeting**

**November 23 – Thanksgiving Day**

**November 27 – Council Officers' planning meeting**

**December 1 – Fish fry**

**December 5 – Admission degree exemplification**

**December 8 – Immaculate Conception – Holy Day**

## Knights of Columbus Rosary Challenge

Our emphasis on "Building the Domestic Church" requires spiritual leadership in our families and councils. We need good leadership, men of passion that care about our Catholic faith. This is the time to plan the direction of your council. Invite men to be leaders in a special way that impacts your council and the people around them.

The Knights of Columbus are committed to the weapon of the Church – the Rosary! This year is the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of our Lady of Fatima, celebrated throughout the world. Her strongest message was and still is to pray the rosary every day in order to obtain peace in the world, conversion of sinners and reparation of our own offenses. The Rosary is the foundation of which the Knights of Columbus are built on.

## Knights of Columbus Disaster Relief

People throughout North America and the Caribbean are reeling from the devastation caused by hurricanes, forest fires and earthquakes. Thousands have evacuated their homes, many of which have been damaged or destroyed. The recovery process is going to be a long and painful one, and your support is urgently needed. Please DONATE TODAY to help those suffering such devastation. One hundred percent of the proceeds will go directly to relief efforts. This includes providing immediate needs such as food, clean water, shelter and other necessities.

There are three ways you can help: You can donate directly to Knights of Columbus Charities on line at [kofc.org](http://kofc.org). If you shop Amazon on line, you can log in to [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com) and designate 0.5% of your purchase to be a donation to our Indiana Charity Fund. Finally, you may donate, with checks payable to "Indiana State Council Knights of Columbus Charity Fund, Inc.," and mail your contribution to the fund chairman at

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## Chaplain's Column




Football season looms upon us, from high school to the pros, with Our Lady's University somewhere in the middle. This season provides us time to reflect on how much we focus on what is important in our lives and how much we distract ourselves with the unimportant, perhaps even making gods of little things. One of the things I notice at Notre Dame football events is how well-mannered people are. The game is rough, but the surroundings present a good wholesome family friendly set-up. This contrast with our lives outside of the gates of the university gives us pause, as in our ordinary lives we often find that people are pleasant but dismissive of our faith. We find ourselves treated like misguided children who will one day grow up and recognize how silly we are. But, just as the football game contrasts with everyday life, the former simply a game and the latter most serious, we know that the world that looks on us and our faith as unimportant will itself pass away and we will be left standing before what is everlasting. At that time we will stand before our God and asked if we built houses on sand or on rock. Then will we look around us to see what we have, indeed, constructed. The sand will have washed away and the rock will stand, made into houses of the holy, steps to the Lord of Hosts.

Rev. Dr. Eric Albert Zimmer

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### Volunteer Corner

The Council is continuing its Tootsie Roll sale to aid our intellectually challenged citizens. Earlier this year, we raised almost \$1000. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Cel Lopez at (574) 291-4589.

Council 5521 will again host the WNDU-TV Masses on the 4 Sundays in January. To volunteer, call Jim Kramer at 574-286-4151, or send him an email at [jkramer@holycrossusa.org](mailto:jkramer@holycrossusa.org). Volunteers should bring a gallon of milk and a half-gallon of orange juice. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided. Please arrive by 10:15 a.m. You will be able to leave by 11:15.

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

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### LTC Is an Important Piece of the Puzzle

There are many financial consultants and retirement authorities who emphasize the need for a long-term care (LTC) product for estate preservation and family protection. While many commercial life insurance companies have gotten out of the long-term care business, the Knights of Columbus considers LTC a very important piece of the family protection puzzle. The Order has been actively offering our members this product for nearly 15 years without a premium increase on current policyholders. Members who wisely purchased an LTC plan from the Knights in 2000 are still paying the same premiums today. Even better, our LTC coverage is backed by the full strength of the Order, which remains rooted in our strong Catholic values. Talk about stability when it counts.

If we have not spoken about your need for LTC coverage in your family portfolio, please take some time out of your schedule to meet with me.

Remember, long-term care policies are underwritten based on your health, and you most likely will never be any healthier than you are today.

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