

# CROW'S NEST

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## Grand Knight's Message



Once again, the winter weather is upon us and it is hard to believe that 2018 is coming to end.

The Faith in Action Program from Supreme has brought us many new opportunities to serve our community, build our family bonds and grow in our Faith. If you are unfamiliar with this program, please come to a meeting to find out more.

You will soon be hearing about Form 1728, the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Report. This form is about reporting the number of hours we have committed to the Knights of Columbus. Our few hours added to the thousands from all the Knights from around the world show the impact our organization has in helping people.

Advent is our time to prepare for Christmas. We have once again, adopted families to share some Christmas joy with. We are looking for gifts and money donations for these families.

Our Christmas Party where we wrap the gifts, we have for those families, is also a chance for us Knights and our families to come together and build fraternity.

Please talk to a good, Catholic gentleman about becoming a Knight of Columbus.

I pray that you and your family have a blessed Advent season and a Merry Christmas.

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## Membership and Degree News

Start planning now for the **Admission Degree** scheduled for **February 5**. If you have a potential member to propose or sponsor, contact membership director Brad Jordan at [hoss7801@yahoo.com](mailto:hoss7801@yahoo.com) so we can get the candidate scheduled for the exemplification. Candidates and sponsors should arrive by 6:30 p.m. Guests should arrive by 6:45 p.m.

Over 60 First- and Second-Degree Knights attended the **Major Degree** exemplifications at Notre Dame on November 3, including 10 brothers from Council 5521. Those receiving the honors of the Formation (2<sup>nd</sup>) Degree were **Fr. Julius Okojie, Rob Morgan, Kirby Falkenberg, and Todd Mowers**. Recipients of the Knighthood (3<sup>rd</sup>) Degree were **Fr. Julius Okojie, Rob Morgan, Norb Brenner, Todd Mowers, George Spohrer, Brian Krol, Brad Jordan, Thom Fisher, and Charlie Dettmer**. Congratulations to all!

**Attention Third Degree Knights!** A Patriotic (4<sup>th</sup>) Degree exemplification is scheduled for the South Bend area on **February 23, 2019**. Watch for more information in your email and in the February issue of the *Crow's Nest*. If you're interested in progressing to the highest degree of the Order, or have questions, contact Grand Knight Eric Van Meter. More information can be found on the State Council website:

<http://www.indianakofc.org/membership/degree/fourth-patriotic-degree/exemplification>

## Don't Forget to Report Your 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. We prefer that you report your hours on-line on our council website.

Go to our council website [www.kofc5521.org](http://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). *Continued – See "Hours" on page 3.*

## 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.

**December 2 – Advent begins**

**December 4 – Admission Degree exemplification**

**December 7 – Fish Fry – Team Oesterling**

**December 8 – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**

**December 10 – Council meeting**

**December 15 – Breakfast with Santa**

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

**December 21 – Spaghetti dinner**

**December 23 – Gift-wrapping party for needy families**

**December 24 – Delivery of gifts to needy families  
NO council planning meeting**

**December 25 – Nativity of the Lord (Holy Day)**

**December 30 – Council Mass at Sacred Heart (Lakeville)**  
Mass of Consecration to the Holy Family, 9:00 a.m.

**January 1 – Mary Mother of God (Holy Day)**

**January 4 – Fish fry – Team Scanlon**

**January 14 – Council Meeting**

**January 18 – Spaghetti dinner**

**January 21 – South Bend Francis Club meeting**

**January 28 – Council planning meeting**

**February 1 – Fish fry – Team Huszar**

**February 2 – Trivia Night**

**February 3 – Super Chili Bowl**

**February 5 – Admission Degree exemplification**

**February 9 – Beer and wine tasting**

**February 11 – Council meeting**

**February 15 – Last spaghetti dinner before Lent!**

**February 16 – Rekindle the Fire conference**  
9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Century Center

## South Bend Francis Club News

To any member or other person who has South Bend Francis Club keys and no longer has a continuing need for them: We would like the keys returned to a board member so we can control who has or needs a key. We may need to change locks in the future for security reasons.

## Fish Fries and Spaghetti Dinners Members' Kids Eat Free in Dec. and Jan.!

During the months of December, 2018 and January, 2019, children of brother Knights of Council 5521, ages 12 and under, will eat free at all of our fish fries and spaghetti dinners! This is our way of celebrating our families and thanking Brother Knights for their support of our dinners.

Fish fries: December 7, 2018 and January 4, 2019.

Spaghetti dinners: December 21, 2018 and January 18, 2019

All dinners are open 5-7.

Adults: \$9.50

Children 12 and under FREE at these events. A savings of \$3.50 per child! **Just show your Council 5521 membership card and save!**

## Third Sunday Breakfasts

Looking for a place to have breakfast after Sunday Mass? Father Tremmel Council 1975 in Plymouth offers a pancake breakfast at the Plymouth Columbus Club on the third Sunday of each month. All you can eat for just \$5.00. The Columbus Club is located near downtown Plymouth at 901 E. Jefferson, between Oliver Ford and Martin's supermarket.

## Article deadline for February issue: Jan. 15.

*Crow's Nest* is published bi-monthly in February, April, June, August, October, and December by Knights of Columbus, Ave Maria Council 5521, 61533 Ironwood Rd., South Bend, IN 46614-9021. Article deadline is the fifteenth day of the month preceding publication.

## Hours *(continued from page 2)*

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. After you click the "Submit" button, be sure to confirm your entries by clicking the "Confirm" button.

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's justification of its status as a non-profit organization.

## Watch Your Mailbox



Yes, it's that time of year again. **Statements for your 2019 dues will be mailed on December 15, or shortly thereafter.**

**You can pay your dues online**, on the council's website. However, you will still receive your first statement via U.S. Mail.

## **Knights of Columbus**

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### **Volunteer Corner**

#### **Adopting Families for Christmas**

Council 5521 is again adopting families for Christmas. We have a list of needy families, with individual names and needs. We're asking Knights and their families to select one or more persons on the list and purchase gifts for them, and then drop off the *unwrapped* gifts at the council or bring them to the Christmas party on December 23.

The list will be available for sign-ups at council meetings and events between now and December 23, when we will have our annual Christmas party and gift-wrapping event. For more information, call Jim Kramer at 574-286-4151, or send him an email at [jkramer@holycrossusa.org](mailto:jkramer@holycrossusa.org).

We also need volunteers to help deliver the gifts and groceries, on Monday morning, December 24.

Watch your email for more information.

### **It's Not Too Late**

Now is the perfect time to go with us to the March for Life in D.C. on Jan. 18, 2019. This will show your support for the great gift that God gave us and that is life itself. This will be the best \$280 you will ever spend. Even though the deadline has passed, it's not too late to sign up. Contact State Pro-Life Director Mike Velasco at [prolife@indianakofc.org](mailto:prolife@indianakofc.org), or phone (219) 663-0509. If you can't make the march in Washington, you will have another opportunity to witness for life at the annual "Walk the Talk for Life" march in late January at Council 553.

<http://indianakofc.org/programs/life-director/culture-of-life/marchforlife>

### **It's Time for Trivia!**

Our famous annual Trivia Contest will be held on Saturday, Feb. 2. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the contest begins promptly at 7:00. Trisha Sloma has agreed to again be our emcee! The funds raised will be used to help local seminarians. Now's the time to register your team of 8 (limited to 12 teams) for only \$80. Call or email Mike Huszar – (574) 250-1863, email [mj.huszar@comcast.net](mailto:mj.huszar@comcast.net).