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Grand Knight's Message



Thank you for your commitment to the Knights of Columbus. We all lead very busy lives. Please know you are always welcome to come to our meetings, but even if you cannot, you represent the Knights by being active in the work you do. Whether you are involved in a ministry at Church, or active in civil duty, you are a Knight. As a husband and/or father, you are a Knight. Once a Knight, always a Knight! Together we serve the Lord.

Americans Support People of Faith Serving in Government and as Judges

Washington, DC – A new Marist Poll survey finds that Americans overwhelmingly oppose using faith as a factor in appointments to jobs in the federal government. In addition, strong majorities of Americans support protection of religious freedom and think that people of faith should be able to serve as judges and other government appointees.

By a margin of more than eight to one (85 percent to 11 percent), Americans say that faith should not be a factor in deciding a person's appointment to a position in the federal government. This includes about three quarters of Republicans (74 percent), and about nine in 10 Democrats (90 percent) and independents (89 percent).

The survey of 1,066 adults was conducted January 8 through January 10, 2019 by The Marist Poll, sponsored and funded in partnership with The Knights of Columbus. The results coincide with the observance on January 16 of the Federal Government's annual declaration of Religious Liberty Day.

"Americans rightly support religious freedom and reject religious tests for public office," said Knights of Columbus CEO Carl Anderson. "Article VI of the Constitution, which forbids religion tests, continues to strongly resonate with the overwhelming majority of Americans, who believe that faith should not be a barrier to someone's appointment to public service."

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Membership and Degree News

Our next **Admission Degree** is scheduled for **February 5**. Candidates and sponsors should arrive by 6:30 p.m. Guests should arrive by 6:45 p.m.

Exemplifications are also tentatively planned for April 2 and June 4. If you have potential members to propose or sponsor, contact membership director Brad Jordan at hoss7801@yahoo.com so we can get them scheduled for the exemplification.

Attention Third Degree Knights! A **Patriotic (4th) Degree exemplification** will take place on **February 23, 2019** at St. Pius X parish. 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>

New District Deputy

PGK Mike Huszar (pictured below, at right) has resigned his position as Two Year Trustee to accept appointment as District Deputy for District 11. Congratulations, Brother Mike!

Brother Chuck Bergman has been appointed to fill the Two Year Trustee position until June 30.

New Member



Gil Martin, left, transferred to Council 5521 in January. He is a Former District Deputy of District 11, Past Faithful Navigator of 4th Degree Assembly 242, and Past Grand Knight of Council 8617 in Mishawaka. Welcome to Council 5521, brother Gil!

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.

February 1 – Fish fry – Team Huszar

February 2 – Trivia Night

February 3 – Super Chili Bowl

February 4 – St. Joseph Valley K of C meeting
7:00 p.m., Council 553

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

February 18 – South Bend Francis Club meeting
Washington's Birthday (Presidents' Day)

February 25 – Council planning meeting

March 1 – Fish Fry -- Team Slavinskas
Council 5521 founded, 1964 (Happy 55th!)

March 6 – Ash Wednesday

March 8, 15, 22, 29 Lenten Fish Fry
Teams Oesterling, Scanlon, Huszar, Slavinskas

March 10 – Daylight Saving Time begins: “Spring forward”

March 11 – Council meeting

March 18 – South Bend Francis Club meeting

March 25 – Council planning meeting

April 2 – Admission degree exemplification

April 5, 12, 19 Lenten Fish Fry
Teams Oesterling, Scanlon, Huszar

April 8 – Council meeting

April 14 – Palm Sunday

April 15 – South Bend Francis Club meeting

April 18-20 – Sacred Triduum

Lent – Eight fish fries

South Bend Francis Club will again offer fish fries every Friday during Lent, which this year begins on March 6, Ash Wednesday, ending with the celebration of Easter Sunday on April 21. No spaghetti dinners will be available during Lent; the spaghetti dinner on February 15 will be the last one until May 17. Come out for Friday supper and support your Council!

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.

Help us save money!

Each paper copy of this newsletter costs the council approximately \$1.00 in printing and mailing costs. If you have an e-mail address and would like to receive the newsletter in your e-mail, let us know. Contact Financial Secretary George Adams at 273-1198, or e-mail gcadams@alumni.nd.edu.

Requiescant in Pace

We pray for our deceased brother Knights.

Dennis R. Lawson
December 19, 2018, St. Matthew

John L. Hadrick
January 8, 2019, St. Jude

Article deadline for April issue: March 15.

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Chaplain Fr. Zimmer incardinated



The Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades announces that he has incardinated Rev. Eric Zimmer into the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, effective Jan. 13, 2019. Father Zimmer will continue as pastor of St. Patrick Parish, Walkerton.

Incardination is the canonical enlistment in a diocese or religious institute. Father Zimmer has transferred from the Society of Jesus and the jurisdiction of his Jesuit superior and is now a diocesan priest under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

Watch Your Mailbox



Yes, it's that time of year again. First and second notices of your 2019 dues were mailed in December and January. We will start phone calls and personal contacts in mid-February if we have not heard from you by then.

You can pay your dues online, on the council's website. You can also contribute to three charitable programs through the website.

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The Family Council

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It's Not Too Late

Yes, there's still time to register for the Rekindle the Fire Conference. It will be held at the Century Center in South Bend on Saturday, February 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$45. For more information, visit the website at <https://www.rekindlethefire.net>.

Volunteer Corner

Many thanks to those who volunteered their time, talent and treasure to help make Christmas brighter for several needy families in our area by participating in our Christmas Family Adoption project, and to brother Knight Rob Morgan, who stepped up to guide the effort.

We're eager to launch our 2019 Tootsie Roll drive. If you're interested in volunteering, or want more information, contact Cel Lopez at (574) 291-4589 or email cellopez@sbcglobal.net.

2019 Annual Indiana State Handicap Bowling Tournament

The Monsignor Dillon Council #1014 is proud to be hosting the 76th Annual Indiana State Handicap Bowling Tournament in Huntington, IN. The tournament will run on February 9 - 10. All times are EST. All events are to be bowled at Rainbow Lanes, 850 S Briant St, Huntington, IN 46750. Telephone 260-356-5512. The tournament is a handicap/scratch tournament and is open to all types of bowlers from the beginner to the experienced bowler. The prize fund will be 90% to handicap and 10% to scratch. You will be paid on only one side and that will be the highest dollar amount. Come join your Brother Knights for a weekend of fun. The bowling entry fees are \$72.00 per team; Doubles/Singles \$20.00 per bowler, per event; and \$2.00 All Events. Please make checks payable to the K of C Bowling Tournament. No partial fees accepted. If you have questions about the tournament, contact chairman Todd Johnson, 765-744- 7795 (cell) or e-mail: toddwayneproducts@yahoo.com