

CROW'S NEST



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Grand Knight's Message



I hope everyone is having a prayerful Lenten Season. Baseball has begun. Spring is right around the corner, along with the joy of the Easter Season.

Please check the calendar of events and be involved with your Knights of Columbus Council. Just to highlight a few events, Easter Egg Hunt for children on Holy Saturday morning. We will be praying the Rosary together, once again, at 6:30pm on the Mondays in May. The Indy 500 Watch Party. This will be a great afternoon to bring your families and socialize with your brother Knights.

There will be a 1st Degree in June. We have made a great increase in our numbers over the last couple of years. Please take the time to ask your Catholic brothers to join you in the Knights of Columbus.

Also, do you know we have a Fish Fry every Friday in Lent? The proceeds from the dinners make it possible for us to have the council building and grounds. Please support the Fish Fry by bringing your family and enjoy a dinner together. Let your friends know !!!

Elections are coming!

No, not the municipal primaries. Well, those too, but this refers to our council's annual election of officers. At next month's meeting, on May 13, we will nominate candidates for all the positions shown in the column at right (except for the appointed positions: Chaplain, Lecturer, and District Deputy). Candidates for all elective positions must be Third-degree Knights in good standing, and must be willing to serve in the position. *Please, before you nominate a candidate, make sure he meets these criteria; ask before you nominate him.*

We will hold the election at the regular meeting on June 10. Officers elected at that time will assume the duties of their offices on July 1, when we begin the new Fraternal Year. Installation of Officers will take place at one of the meetings during the first quarter (July, August, September).

2018-19 Officers

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S.K. Brad Jordan
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(574) 291-4589

Advocate

Jim Kramer
(574) 291-6683

Warden

Rob Diltz
(574) 277-5384

Inside Guard

S.K. George Spohrer
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Outside Guard

Charlie Dettmer
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Lecturer

*Vacant position
Please consider*

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S.K. Mike Huszar, PGK
(574) 250-1863

K of C Insurance Field Agent

S.K. Andrew Weiss
(574) 274-6929

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.

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

April 21 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 22 – Council planning meeting

April 28 – Pancake and sausage breakfast at St. Matthew
After all Masses

May 3-5 – Indiana State K of C Convention
Marriott East, Indianapolis

May 3 – Fish Fry --Team Slavinkas

May 6 – St Joseph Valley K of C Chapter meeting
Council 553, 7:00 p.m.

May 6, 13, 20 – Council Rosary 6:30 p.m.

May 11 – Tootsie Roll drive

May 13 – Council meeting – Nominations of Officers

May 17 – Spaghetti supper

May 20 – South Bend Francis Club meeting

May 27 – Memorial Day

June TBA – Admission (1st) Degree Exemplification

June 7 – Fish Fry – Team Oesterling

June 10 – Council Meeting – Election of Officers

June 17 – South Bend Francis Club meeting

June 21 – Spaghetti supper

June 24 – Council planning meeting

July 10 – Annual K of C Golf Outing
Juday Creek Golf Course (Details TBA)

Membership and Degree News

Our next **Admission Degree** will take place in June, on a date to be announced later. If you have potential members to propose or sponsor, contact Chancellor Brad Jordan at hoss7801@yahoo.com so we can get them scheduled for the exemplification. Candidates and sponsors should arrive by 6:30 p.m. Guests should arrive no later than 6:45 p.m.

A **Patriotic (4th) Degree exemplification** was held on February 23, 2019 at St. Pius X parish. A total of 77 Sir Knights from around the State entered into the Fourth Degree. Our local Assembly, Fr. Julius A. Nieuwland, C.S.C. Assembly 242, had 20 attend the exemplification, including 7 new Sir Knights from Council 5521: **John and Jacob Arndt, Thom Fisher, Ryan Grill, Brad Jordan, Rob Morgan, and George Spohrer**. Congratulations to all the new Sir Knights!

We welcome two **new members** who joined the council in March. **Michael Wypasek**, of Mishawaka, is a Third-degree Knight, and a member of St. Bavo parish in Mishawaka. **Robert Gorny**, also of Mishawaka, is a First-degree Knight, and a member of St. Joseph parish in Mishawaka. Join us in extending a warm welcome to both these brother Knights.

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 June issue: May 15.

K OF C INSURANCE NEWS

By Sonny Sangemino

As a member of the Knights of Columbus, you have access to a professionally trained field agent who can help you and your family plan for life's eventualities.

Your Knights of Columbus field agent has the tools, expertise and products to address your concerns and needs. Specifically, all agents employ a powerful tool — "Profiles & Forecaster," a proven industry financial analysis. By sitting with your agent and answering a few questions about your current financial situation, your agent can generate an accurate report of your financial needs in the event of death, disability, long-term care, retirement or university funding. This comprehensive review will identify areas in your financial plan where you are on-track and areas that may need attention. It is a complimentary benefit, available through your Knights of Columbus field agent to members and their families. This review is provided in the comfort of your home and is, of course, confidential.

Another complimentary benefit available to members is our Knights of Columbus "Personal Planning Workbook." This guide assists members in compiling important personal and financial information and helps you prepare crucial documents, such as your will and powers of attorney. You will also be walked through how to plan a Catholic funeral, as well as the steps you must take when someone passes away. This workbook has been prepared from a Catholic perspective by brother Knights for families just like yours. You can obtain your complimentary copy by inviting your assigned Knights of Columbus field agent to visit with you and your family.

Your field agent is an expert in the many complimentary services and participatory benefits available to K of C families.

As we continue through 2019, I ask you to make two commitments. First, please visit with your field agent and review your personal financial solution. Second, encourage your brother Knights to do the same.

(Sonny Sangemino is a Regional Agency Executive Consultant in Canada.)

Contact your local K of C Insurance Field Agent, Andrew Weiss, for more information. You may contact him at (574) 274-6929.

Founder's Day Observed on March 29

We recently observed Founder's Day, the birthday of the Knights of Columbus, on March 29.

The Knights of Columbus was founded by Father Michael J. McGivney, curate at St. Mary's parish in New Haven, Conn., and a small group of Catholic laymen. The organization received its charter from the state of Connecticut on March 29, 1882. In forming the organization Father McGivney hoped to help Catholic men remain steadfast in their faith through mutual encouragement while establishing an elementary system of insurance so that the widows and children of members in the group who might die would not find themselves in dire financial straits.

Happy 137th birthday, K of C!

Speaking of birthdays, Council 5521 recently marked the 55th anniversary of its charter on March 1.

Special Group Recognition License Plate for K of C

State Deputy Paul Zielinski has requested brother Knights to contact their Indiana State legislators in support of the State Council's application for a Special Group Recognition license plate.

"Application for Indiana Knights of Columbus Charity Fund Inc. Special Group Recognition (SGR) license plate has been submitted to BMV. We need the Interim Study Committee on Roads and Transportation to approve our application. Please contact your State Senator and State Representative and let them know it's important to you for the K of C to have a SGR license plate. We are a fraternal organization similar to the Freemasons and Shriners who already have a SGR license plate. Ask your Senator and Representative to contact Interim Study Committee on Roads and Transportation Chairperson Rep. Holli Sullivan (District 78) and let her know they support our application."

If you do not know how to contact your State legislators, you can go to the Indiana General Assembly website, <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/find-legislators/> to learn their contact information.

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The Family Council

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FISH FRY FRIDAY



Every Friday in Lent!
March 8, 15, 22, 29
April 5, 12, 19
from 5:00pm to 7:00pm

Volunteer Corner

We will kick off our 2019 Tootsie Roll fundraiser on May 11. If you're interested in volunteering, or want more information, contact Cel Lopez at (574) 291-4589 or email cellopez@sbcglobal.net.



The Knights of Columbus Council 553 will show *The Passion of the Christ* on Sunday, April 7. Join us at the Knights of Columbus #553 for a free evening of spaghetti, rosary and showing of *The Passion of the Christ* on April 14th. Dinner will start at 4:00 pm, Rosary at 5:00 pm with the movie beginning immediately afterwards. The Knights of Columbus hall is located at 553 E. Washington Street, South Bend. **This EVENT IS FREE.** The movie is rated "R" for sequences of graphic violence. It is recommended that those under 17 be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian.