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Grand News: IT'S TIME TO VOLUNTEER!

By: Charles Hayes

2 Corinthians 9:7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

A wise man once said, "There's nothing more powerful than the heart of a volunteer". Webster describes a volunteer this way -- one who renders a service or receives a conveyance or transfer of property without giving valuable consideration.

It's so easy to get into the mindset that serving God is a chore, it's our job, our duty -- we give

SFX Council 15126 September Blood Drive

We had a very successful blood drive on September 26th, 2016; we collected 32 units to be used to save lives. I believe this is the best we have ever done. We want to thank everyone who was able to give and a very special thanks to Father Ron for asking for participation through the parish email, this probably helped with walk in's. Our next blood drive will be November 21, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. We hope we can increase our donations every time to exceed the past. Mark and I were invited to attend the

valuable consideration to our giving. The fact of the matter is that God loves a cheerful giver. He loves a volunteer. When I think of that verse, the first thing that comes to my mind is monetary giving, but God wants us to cheerfully volunteer every good thing He has so mercifully allowed us to have -- things we often take for granted -- our time, our energy, our abilities, our talents, our homes, our cars, our families -- all that we have -- all that He has cheerfully given to us!

Let's make a point to volunteer some of these things to the Lord



this week. Let's begin to bless the Lord and those around us! You can begin with participation in our Knights of Columbus!!
Chuck Hayes

Taken from Worthy Devotion:
[https:// www.worthydevotions.com](https://www.worthydevotions.com)

annual Community Blood Center appreciation dinner, where we accepted the Knights of Columbus top organization award of 2015. Come to the October regular meeting and see the nice award. We will also be doing the background work for the school blood drive in January of 2017.

Thanks
Mike and Mark



Betty Werner's first time giving blood

Council 15126 Celebrated First Corporate Communion Mass



Knights as Alter Servers.

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Ray Heitman speaking about our council.



As our parish-based Knights of Columbus council we celebrated our first Council Corporate Communion Mass at 10:30 am on Sep. 18th by coming together as a group along with our families to demonstrate our faithful involvement and practical support for the mission of St Francis Xavier Parish. Brother Knights performed all of the duties of Servers, Ushers, Lecturers, and Eucharistic Ministers during the mass and then staffed information tables at the exits to provide council information and answer questions regarding our recruitment efforts directed at men of the parish. Chancellor Ray Heitman gave an informational presentation about the Knights and our council from the pulpit before the mass closing. His comments were as follows:

“I am here today representing the St Francis Xavier Parish Knights of Columbus Council. There are currently over 1.9 Million member Knights in over 15,000 councils world-wide that form the largest Catholic fraternal group in existence. As individual member Knights, we serve our local parish and community while working to create a better world through works founded on the four principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Over the past decade, men like us have enabled the

charitable donations of the Knights of Columbus to reach more than \$1.5 Billion dollars, and individual Knights have donated more than 690 Million volunteer hours

to charitable service. Today, we would like to offer you the opportunity to join us in our work for God and neighbor.

Our council has undertaken many activities this past year that benefit our parish: The Priest Appreciation Dinner for Parish, Chicken dinners for Parish 125th anniversary, K of C \$1000 Scholarship annual award given to St Francis Xavier School, Serve masses on 3rd weekend of each Month, Prepare Friday Lenten Dinners during lent, Coordinate Quarterly Parish Blood Drives, Served dinners at the yearly Parish School Auction, Provide weekly volunteers to work at the House of Bread, Conduct parish Rosary on the Third Monday of each Month, Help Parish Breakfast Club Serve Sunday Breakfast during winter, and Volunteer coordinators for the Discovering Christ Programs,

Activities that benefit our community: K of C float in Apple Blossom and St. Patrick’s parades, Coordinate and lead the annual St Joseph Walk For Life Event in October, Volunteer work for Habitat for Humanity and building of houses, Multiple projects in support of St Joseph Youth Alliance and the Faith In Action program and support for Catholic Youth Programs.

And the charitable donations we have made:

House of Bread Ministry, Special Olympics of Missouri, Catholic Charities of St Joseph, Benedictine Sisters of Mary Queen of Apostles in Gower, Boy Scouts of America, Pregnancy Resource Center, Open Door Food Kitchen, and the Missouri K of C Religious Information Bureau.

If you are looking for a social ministry centered in this parish to live out your faith in a spirit of Charity by helping others, our Knights of Columbus Council invites you to join us. As a member of our council, you should expect to strengthen your faith and become a better Catholic, husband and father. Through your support of our parish and community, you will form solid personal friendships with fellow Knights that can last a lifetime. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. We meet one evening each month in the Parish Center. Today we invite you to join our council and help us make a difference in our parish and community. You will find member Knights in Gasper Hall following mass today to answer any questions you may have about joining our council. As much good as our council has done over the past year, we know that we could do even more with your help. Thank you.”



Knights Support Developmental Disabilities

Knights of Columbus Council 15126 will be helping people with Developmental Disabilities through the annual Tootsie Roll Drive on Oct 15th and 16th. Brother Knights will sell Tootsie Rolls from 10 am to 4 pm at Ray's Green Hills and at the South Belt Apple Market on Saturday Oct 15th and after all SFX masses during the Oct 15-16th weekend. Frank Still is the event chair for our council for this event. Please plan to sign up at our next council business meeting on Oct 4th to volunteer some of your time

or contact Frank directly by email through the webpage.



Leo Hoefler preparing to give out Tootsie Rolls

“Dan needs volunteers to help set up the audio system at Le Blond and take photos throughout the event.”

St Joseph Life Day Walk Event Oct 2nd

This year's annual St Joseph Life Day Walk event will begin at the Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church at 1:50 pm Sunday Oct 2nd. The walk will proceed to Missouri Western State University's spring outdoor sports complex at approximately 2:15 pm where others will join for the final walk to Le Blond High School's football stadium where the concluding ceremonies

will take place at 3:30 pm. Council 15126 has taken the lead in organizing this event, thanks to the efforts of Dan Deatherage who is the event chair for the Knights of Columbus. Dan needs volunteers to help set up the audio system at Le Blond and take photos throughout the event. Contact Dan Deatherage to volunteer.



LeBlond HS Cross Country Coach

Big congratulations to Gregg Mrkvicka a member of council who is now the Head Cross Country Coach at Bishop Leblond High School. We wish you luck and success with the rest of this years season.



2016 Bishop LeBlond High School Cross Country Team



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Newsletter deadline for articles and pictures is 10 days prior to monthly meeting. Email content to dwelchert@hotmail.com.

October Calendar of Events

SFX Parish Workday

Saturday, October 1, 2016 8:00 am

St. Joseph "WALK FOR LIFE" Event

Sunday, October 2, 2016 1:00 pm

1st Degree Event at Council 15126

Tuesday, October 4, 2016 6:30 pm

Council Meeting at SFX

Tuesday, October 4, 2016 7:00 pm

"St. Joe Serve" Neighbor Clean-Up Event

Saturday, October 8, 2016 9:00 am

**Council 15126 Tootsie Roll Drive– Green Hills and S. Belt
Apple Market (10/15)10:00 am to 4:00 pm and after all masses
October 15-16, 2016**

Serve All Masses

October 15-16, 2016

Council Officers Meeting

Tuesday, October 18, 2016 7:00 pm



FYI: THERE'S A TOOOOOOON OF PEOPLE DOWN THERE THANKING YOU THAT IT IS FRIDAY

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