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## Grand News: Candy Cane

By: Charles Hayes

Do you know the story of the candy cane?

Well, there's this old legend about a nice old candy maker in Indiana. He loved to make candy, especially for little boys and girls.

One Christmas he decided to make a special kind of candy that would tell a special story, the story of Jesus.

The nice old candy maker from Indiana took a stick of pure white, hard candy. The color white reminds us that he never sinned.

If you ever ate a candy cane you know how hard it is, right? Like a rock. Mr. Candy Maker made it hard – to remind us that Jesus is our shelter—like a rocky cave.

And what letter does it look like? Yes a J! Which not only represents the name Jesus, but also the staff of the “Good Shepherd.” A shepherd picks up sheep with the rounded end then fights off wild animals with the other. Jesus helps us and keeps us safe.

Finally the candy maker put

three red stripes around it to remind us of the pain Jesus went through on the cross for our sins, all so that we can be with God forever and have a life of peace.

So that's the story of the candy cane. It tells us of Jesus and his great love for each of us. It also tells us of the peace we can have in life because of what he did.

Chuck Hayes



## Annual Council Memorial Mass for Deceased

The Corporate Communion Mass at 9:00 am on Nov. 20th served as the annual Memorial Mass for Deceased Knights of the Council. All support positions for the Mass (Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, and Ushers) were filled by member Knights. Assembly 569 4th Degree Knights provided a ten-member Honor Guard in support of the Memorial service. Deceased Knights John Marmaud,

James Grant Jr., and Walter Chipp were remembered for their service as members of the Knights of Columbus. Following the Mass, Council members were involved in new member recruitment efforts in Gaspar Hall as well as promotional efforts selling tickets for the upcoming St. Francis Xavier Wing Ding Ministry competition to be

held on Dec. 10th. Mark your calendars for the next Council Corporate Communion event which will be conducted at the 7:30 am Mass on Sunday, January 15th.



## COMING SOON DECEMBER 10TH ST FRANCIS WING DING



*"We are in need of about 10 more people to help with the Wing Ding, please contact Ray Heitman rdheit@fusemail.com"*



Debbie and Ray getting ready for the Wing Ding

There has been much excitement going around parishioners and ministries about our upcoming Wing Ding event. We currently have 19 ministries participating. I know many ministries have had meetings to plan their booth decorations and plan their favorite recipe. I think many of the ministries have enjoyed the planning stage of this event. We have 5 well known and qualified celebrity judges to do the sampling and select winners.

Entertainment will be provided by the 6th 7th & 8th grade students and a WONDERFUL ALL YOU CAN EAT MEAL. Our meal will consist of a variety of chicken wings prepared by our parish Ministries and our Knights of Columbus, Smoked baked beans, cole slaw assorted chips, celery & carrots.

Hopefully we can raise a good sum of money to help our House of Bread and provide funding for our

\$1000 scholarship provided by the knights of Columbus for our school.

Thanks go out to Lance Walker for providing the 2500 Wings and Green Hills for providing additional food items. A large thanks to Len Archer for providing much of the Communication to our parishioners.

We are asking the help of all members of our council to sell tickets after Mass on the Weekends of 11/26-11/27 and 12/03-12/04. The tickets and Money bag for sales are in the rectory office. We additionally would like to see all our members attend this fun event.

A number of our brother Knights have volunteered for this event however we are in

need of about 10 more > please contact Ray Heitman rdheit@fusemail.com so we can complete our list for that evening

The event is scheduled from 5PM -7PM

5:15 A Brief Opening of the events for the Evening

5:25 Introduction of School Children Entertainment

6:00 Blessing by Fr Ron ( Sampling of Wings from Ministries & Dinner)

6:45 A word from our judges and Award Presentation

With your help lets make this one of our big events for the Year. Thanks to the many members that work hard each month to support our Parish and our community

Ray Heitman

## Your Pathway To Knighthood During This Fraternal Year

An examination of the Knights of Columbus Degree Schedule Calendar of Events for this region of the state reveals the following dates and places where all of the Knight's advancement degrees are going to be offered in the coming months culminating with the 4th Degree Exemplification on April 1st:

**1st Degree (Admissions Degree)** - Cameron, MO on Dec 7th at 6:30 pm, Maryville, MO on Dec 14th at 7:00- pm, Parkville, MO on Jan 9th at 7:00 pm, Conception Junction, MO on Jan 12th at 7:00 pm, and Maryville, MO Mar 8th at 6:00 pm.

**2nd and 3rd Degrees (Formation and Knighthood Degrees)** - Conception, MO Abbey Seminary on Jan 29th at 1 pm and Smithville, MO on Mar.

26th at 1:00 pm at Good Shepherd (both degrees can and will be conferred on the same date)

**4th Degree (Patriotism Degree)** - Kansas City, MO on Apr. 1st beginning at 10:00 am at the Airport Hilton Hotel in KCMO. (Special Honoree for this event will be Bishop James V. Johnston, Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph)

All of these exemplification events are being offered within 60 miles of our Council's location and provide a timely and flexible schedule for any brother Knight to plan their individual pathway to Knighthood for whatever degree they wish to attain during this fraternal year. Contact your Council Financial Secretary or Grand Knight if you wish to participate in any of these advance-

ment events **including the recruitment of new Council members.** We expect additional 1st Degree opportunities will be added to this schedule if the need arises within our own Council. The Council is already planning as a group to participate in the 2nd and 3rd Degrees at Conception Abbey on Jan 29th and will also help sponsor and coordinate your participation in the 4th Degree Exemplification in Kansas City on Apr. 1st. Additional information on any of the events can be found on the Council webpage under the degree schedule tab. Mark these dates now and make an active plan to achieve your Knighthood.

## Council Knight of the Year and Star Council Awards Presented

Past Grand Knight Leo Hoefer was selected as **Council 15126 Knight of the Year for 2016**. He received the award plaque from Missouri State Deputy Joseph Rosenthal in a presentation during the SFX Priests Appreciation Dinner on Nov. 6th. The complete award citation listing the year's accomplishments of Leo is displayed on the council webpage. The State Deputy also presented **Council 15126 the Star Council Award for 2016** which was

accepted by Leo Hoefer as Past Grand Knight, Chuck Hayes as Program Chairman, and John Catron as the Membership Director for 2015-2016. Each individual received a Star Council lapel pin for their efforts to direct the council efforts during the year of the award. There are 15342 Knights of Columbus Councils worldwide, only 2178 of which received Star Council status this year which means that only 1 in 7 Councils achieved this status in 2016. Con-

gratulations to all members of the Council for this significant accomplishment.



## Membership In Action (MIA) Plan Adopted By Council Officers

At the Nov. 15th planning meeting officers approved a Membership In Action (MIA) Plan which involves the division of Council members into 6 council teams (10-11 members each) formed to work toward improving attendance and member participation in all Council activities. Each of these teams includes at least two Council officers (one of which is appointed as team Captain), a number of more active members and a number of less active members. The purpose of this program is to encourage each team to promote the full participation of each of its team members at regular council meetings and all other council sponsored events. Officers discussed various strategies for how to most effectively implement this plan. If you are an active team member you will probably be seeking the involvement of your other team members. If you are a less active team member you will probably be contacted shortly by one or more of your fellow

team members with support and encouragement to help you to get more involved in future meetings and events. This program was adopted with an immediate starting date. Please be cooperative while operating in each of these team member rolls as we strive to make our Council even more effective as a fraternal organization. At each successive regular Council meeting the team captains will be polled to ask how many members of their team are present for business. The officers have challenged each other in this effort to see who can achieve the most team member participation. The membership is asked to give their full support for this new Council effort toward improved participation. The ultimate goal of this program is to get 100 % council member participation with the hope of improving our Council's ability to accomplish the overall Knights of Columbus mission. With this goal in mind the

Council will conduct a "General Council Muster" at the January 3rd business meeting (similar to the military muster concept where all unit members show up for monthly pay day activities) in a directed effort to secure that all members attend, thereby making it more expeditious for the Financial Secretary to collect annual dues during the initial month of the year and to get the new fraternal year started off with full membership support and participation. We hope to see you all present and active at the next business meeting on Dec. 6th

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**Newsletter deadline for articles and pictures is 10 days prior to monthly meeting. Email content to [dwelchert@hotmail.com](mailto:dwelchert@hotmail.com).**

**December Calendar of Events**

**Council Meeting at SFX**

**Tuesday, December 6, 2016 7:00 pm**

**SFX Wing Ding Benefit**

**Sunday, December 10, 2016 5:00 pm**

**Serve All Masses**

**December 17-18, 2016**

**Rosary at SFX**

**Monday, December 19, 2016 6:15 pm**

**Council Officers Meeting — Cancelled**

**Tuesday, December 20, 2016 7:00 pm**



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