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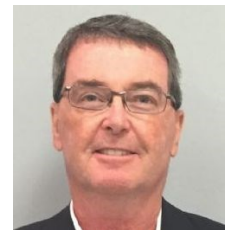
## Grand News: End of Another Year

By: Charles Hayes

The end of another year. Where do they go? There are many things for us to be thankful for from this past year. Have you reflected on that? Take some time in the next few weeks to be thankful. So many times we only pray or reflect when something

goes bad in our lives. We only pray when we need something. If you pause and think about this past year, there was probably a lot of good that happened in your life. When you watch the news, you see how blessed we are to live in this country, compared to most parts of the

world. I have been thankful for my friendship and support from all of my brother Knights this year. Have safe, joyful holidays and I hope to see you "next year".



## INITIAL ST FRANCIS XAVIER WING DING SPONSORED BY COUNCIL #15126

A friendly, spirited and fun-filled benefit chicken wing cooking competition took place on Saturday, December 10th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm among teams representing 15 of the Ministry groups of St Francis Xavier Parish. Ministry cooking teams competed for the "People's Choice Award" as judged by parishioner sampling of their tasty chicken wing entries. Singing entertainment was provided by the SFX Elementary 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Choir. An "All You Can Eat Holy Smoked BBQ Chicken Wings" meal was prepared and served by the Knights of Columbus Council 15126 who were the event coordinators and sponsors for this first ever parish Ministry competition. All proceeds were directed to the Knights of Columbus Education Fund for SFX Elementary School students and the St Francis Xavier House of Bread. Attendees at this dinner had an opportunity to sample the "Heavenly Delectable" chicken wing recipes of the Ministry competition cooking teams and directly determined the "People's Choice Award" by their level of cash donations di-

rected toward the booths of the Ministry chicken wing providers. Overall competition trophies were awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place Ministry cooking teams as determined in a blind tasting event conducted with independent celebrity and guest judges. A "Best Decorated Ministry Booth Award" will also be selected by the competition committee. The SFX Wing Ding event main meal included the "Knights of Columbus Holy Smoked BBQ Chicken Wings - It's What Wings Will Taste Like In Heaven!" Congratulations to the overall benefit competition winners who are announced here:

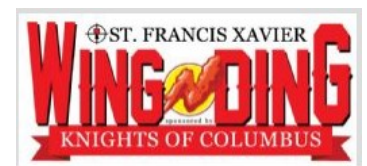
1st Place Taste Trophy – School Advisory Board (Eat More Chicken)

2nd Place Taste Trophy – Altar Society Day (Angle's Wings)

3rd Place Taste Trophy – Eucharistic Ministers (Taste and See the Goodness of Our 1st Annual Wing Ding)

Best Decorated Ministry Booth – School Advisory Council (The SAC Ranch)

People's Choice Award – Altar Society Night (You Can Be My WING-man Anytime)



## SFX Council Free Throw Contest

By: John Bitunjac

The sounds of basketballs swooshing through nets will again be heard in the Saint Francis Xavier Elementary Gymnasium as the K of C Council 15126 will be hosting both the Saint Francis Xavier qualifying Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest as well as hosting the Saint Joseph District 2 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship.

Because of demand for use of the Saint Francis Xavier Gym the Saint Francis Xavier Elementary School qualifying contest is going to be held on two different dates. Competition in the 9, 10, and 11 age groups for both boys and girls will be held on Wednesday January 11, 2017 starting right after school at 3:30 pm with shooting being completed by 5:00 pm. Competition in the 12, 13, and 14 age groups for both boys and girls will be held on Wednesday January 18, 2017 starting right after school at 3:30 pm

with shooting being completed by 5:00 pm.

Winners of the local Free Throw Championship will become eligible to shoot at the Saint Joseph District 2 Free Throw Championship to be held in Saint Francis Xavier Elementary Gym on Wednesday January 25, 2017. The contest will start at 4:45 with shoot off competitions involving other Saint Joseph Catholic Schools. The regional qualifying shooting will begin immediately after words and will run until completion. This will be the first time that the District 2 shoot will be held at Saint Francis Xavier.

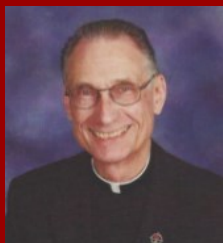
Knight of Columbus Council 15126 will be furnishing the workers for all three contests. If you are interested in working any of the contests either

sign up at the January 3, 2017 meeting or contact contest director John Bitunjac for information. It will take 5 to 6 Knights to work each of the contest dates.

The contest is open to the general public and Knights are encouraged to stop by and support their local athletes.



*“ God is preparing you and me for what is on the road ahead, just around the bend. We need to take time to be still in God's Presence so that he can strengthen us. ”*



## Chaplain's Message

By: Fr. Ron Will, C.P.P.S.

We continue to celebrate the Christmas Season until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 9. At the very beginning of this Christmas Season, early on Christmas Eve morning, I sat in our dark church with only the Nativity scene lit. As I gazed at the scene, there was an obvious empty space between the statues of Joseph and Mary waiting for the placement of the baby Jesus. As I reflected on the scene, I realized that there is also an empty space in my heart, in my life, that can only be filled with Jesus. I invited Jesus to fill me in a new way this Christmas; and during the entire new year of 2017 with his presence. Now I desire to take that presence with me into all of my relationships.

But desire is not enough. Just like a hungry or thirsty person has to put him/herself in a kitchen or next to a water fountain to satisfy their need, so I have to put myself in a place where Jesus can continue to fill me.

God is preparing you and me for what is on the road ahead, just around the bend. We need to take time to be still in God's Presence so that he can strengthen us. The busier we become, the more we need this time apart with God. So many people think that time spent with God is a luxury they cannot afford. As a result, they live and work on their own strength - until it becomes depleted. When we sit in the presence of God, we absorb

his light and reflect God to the world around us, like a glow-in-the-dark statue does.

A parent does not hide supper and see if their child can find it on their own. A parent puts it on the dinner table where the child can obviously find it and enjoy it. In a parallel way God takes the initiative to help us and bless us as we begin a New Year. I know better than to try to live this year on my own and without God's blessing. So I want to consciously put myself in places where I can experience it - at Mass first of all, plus daily prayer.

I hope that you will do the same as individuals and as a family.

# FOOD FOR FAMILIES UP DATE

By: Gordon Carmichael

St. Francis Xavier Council 15126 has made another donation to our House of Bread in early December. We have now donated a total of 293 pounds toward our goal of 1,000 pounds. Please keep the donations coming.

Remember that during LENT we will have our 40 CANS FOR 40 DAYS food drive to also donate to our House of Bread. Non-perishable food items or even cash donations will be taken. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 816-364-1714.



## 4th Degree Exemplification

By: Gordon Carmichael

The 4TH Degree Exemplification will be held on Saturday April 1, 2017 at the Kansas City Airport Hilton (please see below) for more details.

Applications to the 4th Degree may be obtained at our regular council meetings or please contact Gordon Carmichael at 816-364-1714. All application have to be in the mail by MARCH 10, 2017.

Bishop James Johnston will be the Honoree and St. Joseph General Assembly will be the host Assembly for this Exemplification so we would like to have a great turn out for this event.

If you are interested please contact me at 816-364-1714 or email [gcarmichael571@yahoo.com](mailto:gcarmichael571@yahoo.com)

### 4th Degree Information:

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DECREE

MISSOURI DISTRICT- FATHER PADILLA PROVINCE

John S. Appelbaum-District Master

KANSAS CITY, MO- EXEMPLIFICATION

Honoree- Most Reverend James V. Johnston

SATURDAY- APRIL 1, 2017

Kansas City Airport Hilton  
8801 NW 112th Street  
Kansas City, MO 64153

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:00 am-11:30 am Registration

11:30 am Candidates Line-Up

12:30 pm Exemplification

12:30 pm Ladies Tea

4:00 pm Mass

6:30 pm Banquet

The Exemplification fee is set at \$70 per candidate by Supreme. The cost for clergy is \$37. This fee includes a

social baldric, lapel pin, and one Banquet ticket for the candidate. (Suspender baldric is an additional \$10).

The Hotel room rate will be \$93 plus applicable taxes. Deadline to reserve room is March 10, 2017.

Candidates are required to wear a black tuxedo, white tuxedo shirt with regular collar, black bow tie, black

cummerbund, black shoes and black socks.

Clergy, Military, Law Enforcement and Fire personnel have the option to wear dress uniform.

Fourth Degree Members are urged to attend the degree and banquet to support the new members.

Mail all copies of Fourth Degree Membership Documents (properly signed) with a check (payable to Knights of

Columbus Fourth Degree) for your \$70 Exemplification fee (plus optional fee for Suspender Baldric) to:

John S. Appelbaum, District Master

105 Forest Glade

Imperial, MO 63052

Banquet Request Forms and checks for additional guests must be mailed no later than March 10, 2017, to:

Brad Grill, Secretary to the Master

5524 NW 89th Terrace

Kansas City, MO 64151

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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).**

## January Calendar of Events

### Council Meeting at SFX

Tuesday, January 3, 2017 7:00 pm

### SFX KC Free Throw Competition ages 9, 10 & 11 yrs.

Wednesday, January 11, 2017 3:45 pm

### Serve All Masses

January 14-15, 2017

### Council Corporate Communion Mass

Sunday, January 15, 2017 7:30 am

### Rosary at SFX

Monday, January 16, 2017 6:15 pm

### Council Officers Meeting

Tuesday, January 17, 2017 7:00 pm

### SFX KC Free Throw Competition ages 12, 13 & 14 yrs.

Wednesday, January 18, 2017 3:45 pm

### District #2 KC Free Throw Competition SFX Gym

Wednesday, January 25, 2017 4:30 pm

### Enchilada Sales After All Masses

January 28-29, 2017

### 2nd & 3rd Degree Conception Abbey

Sunday, January 29, 2017 1:00 pm



## SFX Council Blood Drive

We feel like we had another good Blood Drive on November 21st, thanks to our wonderful volunteers. We had 25 donors give 27 units of blood; every donor received a Kansas City Chiefs t-shirt which was a coordinated effort between the chiefs and the Blood Center. We would like to have some kind of give away for every drive. If anyone has any Idea's please feel free to let us know what it might be. Our next drive will be credited to the School on February, 6th. 2017.

Thanks

Mike and Mark

## Council Dues for 2017

The dues for St. Francis Xavier Council 15126 are \$36.00 per year and are due January 1, 2017. The dues statements have been sent out and you should have received them by now. If you are an Honorary member your dues are less than the \$36.00. If you are an Honorary Life member you pay no dues at all. We are not assessed by Supreme for Honorary Life members. Please send your dues payment to our Financial Secretary Gordon Carmichael at 3410 Seneca St., St. Joseph, MO 64507 and he will send you a current Travel Card. You can pay your dues at our regular business meeting on January 3, 2017 and save yourself the postage.