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Grand News: First of 4 New Years Resolutions

By: Charles Hayes

Number 1: GAIN WEIGHT!

How much did Florence Nightingale weigh when she founded modern nursing?

How much did Rosa Parks weigh when she took her seat on that Alabama Bus?

How much did Malala Yousafzai weigh when she started writing about lives of girls in Pakistan under Taliban rule?

You don't know?

That is the right answer! Because it doesn't matter.

Losing weight can be a laudable goal, but this year, think about weightier matters—weighty as in “of greater importance,” a definition that does not apply to pants size. Resolve to refocus on adding weightier meaning to your life. Do some reading about im-

migration. Adopt a simple new ministry like regularly visiting one elderly shut-in. Become active in your Knights of Columbus.



Newest Council 15126 Third Degree Knights

By: Len Archer

Scott Hudson and Ron McElhane became the newest Third Degree Knights in Council 15126 following their participation in the 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification ceremonies conducted at Conception Abbey Seminary on Sunday afternoon, January 29th. The Degree team from District #2 conducted the 2nd Degree and consisted of member Knights from the St Joseph Assembly 569 which included Grand Knight Chuck Hayes from Council 15126. The 3rd Degree team which was appointed by State Deputy Joseph Rosenthal was led by State Service Director Thomas M Caffrey. A total of 30 member Knights from 6 different Councils in the Northwest Missouri region were advanced through their Formation and Knight-hood Degrees in the back to back ceremonies conducted in one of the large classrooms within Maur Hall at Conception Abbey Seminary. Twenty of the participants were seminarian members of the event host Council 13750 which is located at Conception Seminary.

The other participants were member Knights from councils located in Maryville, Conception Jct., Stanberry, and two councils in St Joseph. At the conclusion of the ceremonies State Membership Director Michael A Grudzinski from Maryville encouraged all attendees to increase their individual recruitment efforts within the state for new Knights since the average age of our membership is increasing and due to the number of member deaths this past year we actually have fewer member Knights in the state of Missouri than last year. Following the ceremonies Council 1931 from Conception Jct. invited those in attendance for a fish dinner prepared by their members at their council hall. Congratulations to our newest 3rd Degree Knights - Scott Hudson and Ron McElhane. They were accom-

panied to the Conception exemplification ceremonies by Brother Knights Gordon Carmichael, Mike Violett and Len Archer.

The next available 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification event will be hosted by the Good Shepherd Parish Council 9272 located at 18601 N 169 HWY in Smithville, MO on Sunday March 26th at 1:00 pm. Contact Chuck Hayes, the Grand Knight, or Gordon Carmichael, the Financial Secretary, if you are interested in attending.

Those interested in signing up for the Fourth Degree Exemplification to be held on Saturday April 1st at the Airport Hilton Hotel in Kansas City should plan to complete the necessary application paperwork at the February 7th council business meeting.



Gordon Carmichael, Scott Hudson, Mike Violett, Ron McElhane and Len Archer Attended the 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification Ceremonies at Conception Abbey Seminary

SFX Council Free Throw Contest

By: John Bitunjac

.The saying goes; "A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words" and if you don't believe it check out the action on our web site relating to the 2017 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Shooting Contest. Again this was a very successful year for Council 15126 as almost 40 students from Saint Francis Xavier Elementary School participated in the Council Level Shoot. This is the largest number of entries to date. Competition for the 12 entry spots to the District 2 Contest was fierce and when the balls stopped bouncing the following Saint Francis Xavier students were declared Council Champions: Age 9 Claire Heater and Jayden Ulmer, Age 10 Gracie Grom and Grant Arens, Age 11 Ryan Olvera and Zane Ulmer, Age 12 Cadence Crews and Parker Wegenka, Age 13 Peyton Netten, and Age 14 Libby Weddles and Jeff Johnston.

The next step for this very talented group of free throw shooters was to compete in the Knights of Columbus District 2 Free Throw Contest held at Saint Francis Xavier on January 25, 2017. Making it through to the Regional Contest to be held at Saint Thomas Moore High School in Kansas City on Sunday February 25, 2017 were: 9 year old Claire Heater, 11 Year old Ryan Olvera, 11 year old Zane Ulmer, and 14 year old Libby Weddles.

Several SFX students finished 2nd to include 10 year old Grant Arens and 13 year old Peyton Netten. They are alternates to the Regional contest and should the champion in their bracket not be able to participate, they will be allowed to shoot in their place.

The success of this year's contest came about because of the hard working knights who gave of their time to make it work. A big thank you goes out to fellow Knights: John Morid, Mark Werner, Joe Marmaud Jr., Mike Violet, Father Joe Miller, Lynn Archer, and Chuck Hayes.





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

February Calendar of Events

Parish Quarterly Blood Drive– Sponsored by SFX School
Monday, February 6, 2017 2:30 pm—6:30 pm

Council Meeting at SFX
Tuesday, February 7, 2017 7:00 pm

Serve All Masses
February 18-19, 2017

Rosary at SFX
Monday, February 20, 2017 6:15 pm

Council Officers Meeting
Tuesday, February 21, 2017 7:00 pm

Potluck Dinner and Raffle Drawing for Assembly 569–
Hosted by Council 15126
Monday, February 27, 2017 6:30 pm



Missouri State Knights of Columbus Scholarships

Brother Knights: As you know, the Missouri State Council sponsors eleven \$1000 scholarships each year. A description of these scholarships can be found on P43 in the state council directory and via this link on the state website: <http://kofcknights.org/States/Scholarships.pdf>. The application can be found here from the state website: [http://kofcknights.org/States/kcapp17\(1\).pdf](http://kofcknights.org/States/kcapp17(1).pdf). Many in your councils would benefit from this program, also please spread the word to the Catholic high schools in your area. Please have all applications postmarked by February 20th (an additional week from the initial deadline). Scholarship chairman Mike Deamos, scholarship@mokofc.org or 816-405-7418 can answer any questions.

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