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Grand News: Future Direction

By: Charles Hayes

As we move through the last few months of our council year below is a brief summary of questions I posed and some discussion points:

- Discussion on the upcoming dinners and activities are voted on as a council and not decided by one or two individuals. Many are tired of all the cooking and clean up involved. Many feel they have no involvement in the planning and thus take no ownership in activities planned.
- Discussion on how to involve more of our members. Many feel the numerous emails that are sent out are either not getting read or to easily being ignored. A suggestion was made about dividing up Officers into two teams and having each team responsible for 1/2 of the activities each year. Each team would be responsible for phone calling if needed to ask some of our members who rarely participate to

help with certain activities.

If this worked it would take some of the pressure off those few that are doing most all of the work activities and also is an attempt for other members to take ownership.

- It was suggested we do more fun and family activities. It was decided to have a family game night at a location off church grounds. Also have all food brought in so members could just have a fun night with no work.

The following items will be brought up for a vote next council meeting :

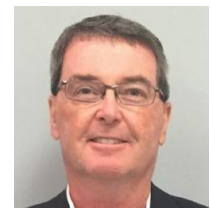
1. Do we want to continue our corporate Communion Mass after the May 21st date we have committed to do.
2. Do we want to have our second annual wing Ding on September 9? (discussion on where we want the pro-

ceeds to go suggestions were made for the school youth program and the Parish Maintenance Fund)

3. Do we want to participate in a food for families program for this year holiday season. Members involved would be responsible to fill a box for a individual family dinner. Suggested box would include a (Ham or Turkey Donated). Member would purchase potatoes, canned vegetables, Salad Mix Salad dressing, rolls, pie or desert item. Catholic Charities would be contacted for needy families.

4. Suggestion to visit nursing homes to distribute poinsettias to residents first part of December.

On a closing note think of candidate (s) for officers for this upcoming year.



KofC Drug Awareness Poster Contest

By: John Bitunjac

How can a the Knights of Columbus Drug Awareness Poster Contest be like a track meet? The answer is simple....as long as your entry keep winning the entry keep moving up to the next level. And so it was for 7th grader Lucy Goodman and 8th grader Tessa Pinkelman.

The two girl's art work, having negotiated the hurdles of the council level contest, moved on through the

District Level and the Regional level contests to finally arrive at state level judging. Their posters arrive at the sight of the state judging in early November and had to wait for the final judging to be held in late March.

As the final placing were reported in the April 2017 the Mariner, Lucy Goodman finished 2nd in the State of Missouri in the age 9-11 category. Tessa Pinkelman was

awards first place in the State of Missouri in the 12-14 age bracket. Having won the older age bracket Tessa's entry will automatically move on to be judged at the national level contest.

The Saint Francis Knights of Columbus Council 15126 want to congratulate these the two young ladies for their efforts in the council's name and hope their success will encourage future artists in Saint Francis



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FOOD FOR FAMILIES UPDATE

As of April 15, 2017 we have donated 726 pounds of food to The House of Bread this year. is 75% of our goal of 1,000 pounds for the year in order to receive the \$100.00 back from Supreme. In May we will donate peanut butter and some more Mac & cheese. We can always

use non-perishable goods, pasta's, dish soap, shampoo and such things. If you regularly give to the House of Bread consider getting the items to me so they may be counted toward our goal. Also remember that this summer when you have excess fresh produce just take it

to the House of Bread and give me an idea of how many pounds are given and that can also be counted. Just tell them it is for the Knights of Columbus. Thanks for all of your donations.

Gordon Carmichael



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

Council Dues

If you have not already paid your dues to St. Francis Xavier Council 15126 now is the time to send them in. Our dues are \$36.00 per year. If you have paid you should have your new travel card. Second notices were sent out in March. Help the council save on it's postage by sending your dues to Gordon Carmichael, 3410 Seneca St., St. Joseph, MO 64507. Please make checks payable to K of C #15126.

Gordon Carmichael, Financial Secretary

May Calendar of Events

Council Meeting at SFX
Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 7:00 pm

Rosary at SFX
Monday, May 15, 2017, 6:15 pm

Council Officers Meeting
Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 7:00 pm

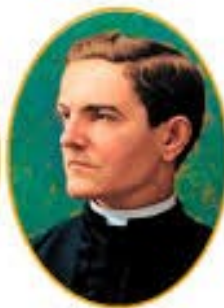
Council Corporate Communion Mass
Sunday, May 21, 2017, 7:30 am



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