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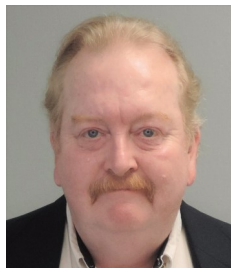
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Grand News

My Brother Knights,



First of all, I would like to congratulate Ray Heitman and Len Archer for their Knight of the Year awards. I would also like to congratulate John & Nyla Bitunjac for their Knight Family of the Year award and Gordon Carmichael for receiving the Council 15126 Lifetime Achievement Award. Thank you also goes to Chuck Hayes for serving as our Past Grand Knight. Each of these individuals continues to show their selfless dedication to the Knights of Columbus every day and in many ways.

We had a very successful parishioner turnout this year for our Priest Appreciation Dinner. I want to thank Ray Heitman for his services in providing the council and parish with an appealing dinner presentation. Thanks also goes to Len Archer for all the dedicated effort and hours that he spent getting everything organized for the planned dinner program. This entire council should be extremely proud of all the work we have accomplished throughout this past year.

This month's council officer meeting has been canceled but that date and time will be used instead to hold a council family social event at the St Joseph Pizza Shoppe (Belt Hwy and Beck Rd) on Tuesday, Dec. 19th at 7 pm. All members and their families are welcome and encouraged to attend. Each member or family will order from the regular menu and pay for their own pizza and drinks.

Thanks to Ray Heitman and all of the other council volunteers who helped purchase, assemble and deliver the Thanksgiving Food Project boxes to Catholic Charities for their needy families who couldn't afford a Thanksgiving dinner this year.

Here's wishing all my Brother Knights a Very Merry Christmas. Hope to see you at our next business meeting on Dec 5th with the social time beginning at 6:30 pm and meeting to follow at 7 pm.

God Bless!

Grand Knight *John Catron*



*Council 15126
Free Competition
In The SFX
Gymnasium*

*St Francis Xavior's
own "Piano Man" is
our Musical Director
Donovan Jones shown
here performing at
the Appreciation
Dinner last month.*



Director's Corner: Youth Activities Schedule and Volunteers Needed

By John Bitunjac

With the four Saint Francis Xavier entries in the local council Knights of Columbus Drug and Alcohol Awareness Poster Contest safely on their way to the State of Missouri level competition I find it is time for me to turn my attention to two more events.

The entries to the local essay contest have now expanded to cover both and 7th and 8th grades and will be ready for judging. I already have 5 volunteers standing by to go through the essays and pick the top entries for each grade. The awards will be presented to the award winners sometime after the first of the year.

What I will need from Council 15126 will be assistance from individuals to help me run the local Basketball Free Throw contests on Wednesday January 10, 2018 and Wednesday January 17, 2018. Both of these contests will begin at 3:45 in the Saint Francis Xavier .Gymnasium and should be done by 5:00. I will need about 4 or 5 volunteers to run each contest.

What is probably the bigger endeavor is the District 2 Free Throw Contest to be held on Wednesday January 24, 2018. The sight is still the Saint Francis Xavier School Gymnasium. However the starting time of this contest will be 4:45 pm and should be complete by 6:30 pm. Last year we had 6 Knights working the contest over the three successive Wednesdays which allowed me to deal with any problems that took place during the running of the contest.

All three days went very well and I was very pleased with the positive comments that Council 15126 received on how the district competition was handled. Sign-up sheets for volunteers will be available at the December 5, 2017 business meeting as well as the January 2, 2018 meeting. If interested in working any at any of these three events make sure you sign the work sheet at the meetings or let me know so I can add your name to the lists.

Knight's December Birthday List

Wish the following Brother Knights a Happy Birthday when you see them during the month.

- Nov 28 - John D Morin
- Nov 30 - Thomas M Carr
- Dec 16 - John J Bitunjac
- Dec 20 - Michael L Flowers
- Dec 22 - Leonard J Archer
- Dec 24 - William B Carr
- Jan 3 - Mark S Werner

May they have many, many more!



Blood Drive—Nov 28th 1-5 pm

Appreciation Dinner Demonstrates Parish Support



**Fr Joe
Receives
Apprecia-
tion Cer-
tificate
From
Our
Grand
Knight**

presented each priest with a Certificate of Appreciation for their dedicated service to the parish and a monetary gift on behalf of all of the parishioners. Each parish staff member was recognized with a certificate of appreciation for being “Pillars of the Parish” and the greater St Joseph Catholic Commu-

The SFX Parish Priest Appreciation Dinner this year was attended by about 25% more parishioners than last year. Council 15126 hosted 215 parish members and guests who socialized and enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Rays Green Hills before hearing some humorous stories about Fr Joe Miller and Fr Bill Walter told by several parishioners. Brother Knight Darin Pollard served as Master of Ceremonies for the dinner program and our special guest speaker was Fr Joe Nassal, Provincial of the Precious Blood Missionaries-KC Province, who added to the evening’s humor by relating some “inside of the order” perspectives of our Priests. Council Grand Knight John Catron then

nity. Joseph Evans (father of parish secretary Pam Evans) was “unofficially adopted” by Council 15126 and recognized for his service to the Knights of Columbus beginning in 1946 and until his death in 1990. Joseph Evans and his wife were life-long members of SFX Parish but he served the Knights of Columbus in Council #571 since that was long before the chartering of the SFX Council. His surviving family members donated his 4th Degree Ceremonial Baldric and a formal picture of him in his Knights of Columbus tuxedo wearing the Baldric. In exchange the Council agreed to display his picture along with his Baldric in the new wood and glass Council memorabilia cabinet designed and constructed

by John Bitunjac to be placed in the main hallway of the SFX Parish Center. The actual display cabinet was then unveiled during the dinner program for all parishioners to see and appreciate the craftsmanship produced by John, our dedicated and talented brother Knight. Thank you John for all your efforts! (The Council 15126 annual service awards were announced at this dinner and are listed in a separate article in this newsletter.) The conclusion of the dinner program was a rousing piano concert performed by Parish Music Director Donovan Jones. Donovan sang and performed several lively and memorable songs by his two “absolute favorite” musical artists Billy Joel and Elton John. A big “Thank You” goes to the Council Appreciation Dinner committee for their successful efforts to plan, set up and host this parish dinner event. Committee members along with their spouses were John Catron, Len Archer, Ray Heitman, Roger Rohrer, Gordon Carmichael, Darin Pollard, John Bitunjac, Mike Violett, Mark Werner and Dan Deatherage.



**Priest and Staff
Award Presentations at the Nov
19th St Francis
Xavier Priests
Appreciation
Dinner**



*Don't forget to
turn in your
personal service
hours by the
December
business
meeting*



*The Immaculate
Conception Basilica
Located at
Conception Abbey—
Site of the
2nd and 3rd Degree
Exemplifications
on Jan 28th*

Dec 19th Pizza Shoppe Family Social Event

The December Officers Meeting has been canceled to allow member Knights, their families and potential members to attend a Council sponsored Family Social event at the St Joseph Pizza Shoppe located at Woodlawn Plaza (North Belt Highway and Beck Road). Deputy Grand Knight Joseph F. Marmaud who is the General Manager of this Pizza Shoppe will be our event host and has reserved the entire back dining room for our group use. This social dining event will begin at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, Dec. 19th. Pizza Shoppe has a Family Feast Tuesday's Special that is \$19.99 for a king size single topping pizza, two house salads and an order of bread sticks or cheese bread. Those attending will order from the regular menu and will be responsible for their own checks. Plan now to attend this social event with your family.

Important Exemplification Dates!

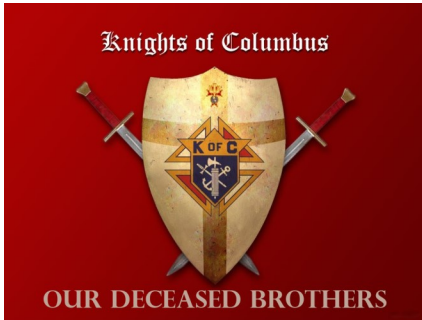
The next Council 15126 Admissions Degree will be conducted at 7 pm in the SFX Parish Center on Jan 2nd immediately preceding our Jan Council Business Meeting. Plan now to recruit a friend to join our council.

All Knights who have completed the Admissions Degree are eligible to attend both the 2nd (Formation) Degree and the 3rd (Knighthood) Degree Exemplification on Sunday, Jan 28th at 1 pm at Conception Seminary College in Conception, MO. Plan now to attend this no cost ceremony to advance to full Knighthood in the 3rd Degree. The council will plan a car pool for those interested in participating on Jan 28th.

All Knights who have completed the 3rd Degree by Jan 28th are eligible to attend the 4th (Patriotic) Degree Exemplification on Saturday, Apr 14th beginning at 10:30 am at the Airport Hilton Hotel in Kansas City, MO. Attendance at this annual regional statewide Exemplification requires a prior application to and a recommendation from the St Joseph 4th Degree General Assembly 569 to which all St Joseph 4th Degree Knights belong for membership purposes (annual Assembly dues are \$15). Cost of the 4th Degree Exemplification is \$70 plus \$10 for a 4th Degree suspender Baldric. Uniform for this Exemplification is a dark business suit, black shoes, white shirt and dark tie (no tuxedo is required for this year)! As of this time, future year uniform requirements are uncertain. This fee includes the Exemplification, access to the afternoon hospitality suite, Exemplification Mass (usually celebrated by the Bishop of KC-St Joseph Diocese) and a formal Exemplification evening banquet following the Mass. Additional activities are planned for the spouses (spouse tea and banquet tickets are an additional cost but most spouses do attend and enjoy their day) .

Contact any officer of the council if you have questions about any of these exemplifications.

Nov 5th Council Memorial Mass for Deceased Knights



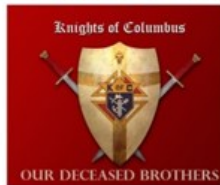
Council 15126 hosted its annual Memorial Mass for Deceased Knights on Sunday, Nov 5th at the 9:30 am SFX Parish Mass service. Council members performed all ministry functions for the Mass including Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers

and Hospitality Ministers. The Council was joined at this Mass by the St Joseph 4th Degree General Assembly 569 Honor Guard who added much dignity to the service by lighting the three memorial candles and rendering sword salutes during the procession and recessional portions of the Mass. Many favorable comments about the Knights overall participation were received from parishioners who attended this special memorial service. The Council also staffed an informational table in Gaspar Hall with recruitment documents

and a photo display of the deceased Knights being remembered. A streaming video replay of this service can be found on the Council webpage in the video galleries tab or by searching YouTube under the title of "SFX1891" (9:30 am 11-5 Mass). This annual memorial council event was the largest and most completely organized and best attended compared to any of our previous Memorial Masses. The event chairman who coordinated this Council Corporate Communion Mass was Ray Heitman.



St Francis Xavier Council 15126



John F Marmaud



James E Grant



Walter D Chipps



2017 Council Annual Recognition Awards

Grand Knight John Catron announced the 2017 Council annual recognition awards during the dinner program for the SFX Priest Appreciation Dinner. Chuck Hayes was given a certificate of Appreciation for his service as the Council 15126 Past Grand Knight. Council 15126 Knight Family of the Year Award for 2017 was presented to John and Nyla Bitunjac for their exemplary overall service to the council and the parish. The 2017 Knight of the Year Award for Council 15126 was awarded to two council members this year. Ray Heitman and Len Archer each received recognition by Grand Knight John Catron as 2017 Knights of the Year for their exemplary service to the council during this past fraternal year. The final Council 15126 Award announced for 2017 was a Council 15126 Lifetime Achievement Award presented to Gordon Carmichael for his dedicated and faithful service to the Knights of Columbus during his 41 years of continuous membership. Congratulations go out to all these individuals for the efforts they have given in service to the Knights of Columbus, their parish and the St Joseph Community.

Plan now to attend one of the upcoming exemplifications to advance your membership in the Knights of Columbus



John and Nyla Bitunjac—Knight Family of the Year



Gordon Carmichael—Lifetime Achievement Award



*Chuck Hayes
Receives his
Past Grand
Knight
Certificate*



Len Archer—Council 15126 Knight of the Year



Ray Heitman—Council 15126 Knight of the Year



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December Calendar of Events

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Nov 28 Blood Drive at Parish Center 1-5 pm

Dec 5 Business Meeting 7 pm

Dec 19th Council Xmas Social Meeting

Dec 25 Christmas Holiday

Dec 28th Admissions Degree at #571 at 7 pm

Dec 30-31 Enchilada & Burrito Sales

Jan 2nd Admissions Degree at 15126 Before Business Meeting at 7 pm

Jan 28th - 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification At Conception Seminary College at 1 pm

Apr 14 - 4th Degree Exemplification At KC Airport Hilton

(Check the council webpage event calendar on the date of interest for additional details)

Thanksgiving Food Basket Project Completed

On Saturday morning Nov. 18th fifteen Council 15126 Knights volunteered their service to help pick up, transfer, sort, repackage and deliver family sized boxes of food to help make a better Thanksgiving holiday meal for 40 needing but deserving families. Council Thanksgiving Food Basket event chair was Ray Heitman who coordinated the standard contents of food to purchase for each box, the actual food products distribution plan through Catholic Charities family assistance program and the transport of the food from the site of purchase store to the Catholic Charities Agency offices. Thanks goes to Scott Hudson and the Reece-Nichols Realty box truck which made quick work of the food transporting, sorting and re-packaging. Individual council member Knights stepped up to cover all of the purchase costs of a \$25

donation for each box of food. A total of 1,800 pounds of food was donated through this council project which will be applied toward our Council's total annual participation in the Missouri State Council's Food For Families Program. Each 1000 pounds of food donated through this state program nets a \$100 rebate to the Council's general fund. Any summer produce donated to the SFX House of Bread and the "40 Cans for 40 Days" individual Lenten non-perishable food donations will also be added to make our total food program goals. Council 15126 has been recognized by the state council for the past four years for meeting the 1000 pound minimum for donated food. Remember those 40 families who benefitted from our Council charity when the 40 days of Lent arrive beginning in February.

