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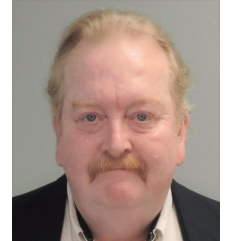
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Grand News

My Brother Knights,

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage any of our Council 1st Degree members to attend the 2nd and 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus Exemplifications at the Conception Seminary College on **Sunday, January 28th**. There is no cost to you for this advancement and we will provide a car-pool for those who want to attend. The Exemplification ceremony begins at 1 pm at the Abbey Seminary location in St Maur Hall and candidates are asked to arrive by noon to allow time to complete the necessary registration. The SFX Council car-pool group will leave the SFX parking lot in front of the Parish Center NLT 11:15 am. Both Degrees will be conferred on that day.



Our major annual fund raiser, the Friday evening SFX Parish Lenten dinners, are coming soon. This year we will be serving four Cheese Enchilada dinners. These Friday dates are **February 23rd, March 2nd, 9th and 23rd**. Mark these dates on your planning calendars now and at the next Council business meeting on Feb. 6th I will have roster sheets for everyone to volunteer to work these dinners. During our first Lenten dinner we will conduct a Knights Council membership recruitment effort. So, let's all make sure to use this time to get some of the men in our parish interested in joining the Knights.

This council will be hosting the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus St Joseph General Assembly 569 annual family covered dish dinner, which is on **Monday, February 26th** at 7 pm in the SFX Parish Center. The Assembly will furnish fried chicken and drinks and anyone who attends is asked to bring their favorite covered dish and a copy of the recipe. The recipes will then be compiled for sharing with the members later. This dinner is a family event and any prospective 4th Degree members and their spouses are welcome to attend and see who and what 4th Degree membership in St Joseph is all about.

On **Wednesday, March 14th** we will sponsor the weekly Lenten soup supper for the parish. We will plan to provide ten crock pots of a variety of soups. I will also provide a signup roster sheet at our next meeting for that event.

From the Grand Knight, to anyone who is having a birthday this month: **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** God Bless.

Grand Knight

John Catron

2nd (Formation) and 3rd (Knighthood) Degree Exemplifications set for 1 PM Sunday, Jan. 28th at Conception Seminary College — Advance Your Knights of Columbus Degree Level In This Beautiful Setting



Director's Corner – February Council Youth Report

By John Bitunjac

Late fall and early winter are some of the busiest times when it comes to Council 15126's activities with the students of Saint Francis Xavier School. This year's involvement has led to much success for the students of Saint Francis Xavier School.

Early November saw grades 6th-8th competing in the **Knights of Columbus Substance Abuse Awareness Poster Contest**. Winners in the 6th grade were 3rd place Mary Daughtery, 2nd place Audrey O'Rourke, and 1st place Amelia Keller. Winners in the 7th grade were: 3rd place Cadence Crews, 2nd place Kat Hudson, and 1st place Lucy Goodman. Winners in the 8th grade were: 3rd place Faith Dryer, 2nd place Anastasia Ausmus and 1st place Anna Hurst. Four of these posters were then picked to move on to further competition. At the time all 4 posters have moved to the state level for judging which will take place in April. Good luck to these students.

December saw the 7th and 8th graders writing for this year's **Knights of Columbus Essay Contest** where the major issue was that of the importance of Building the Domestic Church. Seventeen 7th graders submitted papers for evaluating and the best paper in the 7th grade turned out to belong to Kat Hudson. However, the 7th grade papers do not advance for further judging. Twelve 8th graders turned in papers for judging and after it was all done 3rd place went to Anastasia Ausmus, 2nd place went to Paige Deka, and the best paper in the 8th grade was judged to belong to Miguel Machado. As the top paper in the 8th grade it was moved on for further judging and is now in the hands of the District 2 judges.

January became an even busier month as Council 15126 turned their attention to hosting the **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest**. A total of 35 students were entered to shoot and despite some illness in the school 30 students toed the line in efforts to earn the titles for Council 15126 Free Throw Champions. The winning individuals for this year listed by age bracket were: 13-year old Parker Wegenka and Tatum Studer, 12-year old Zane Ulmer and Carlee Hardin, 11-year old Grant Arens and Makayla Lockard, 10-year old Vincent Nguyen and Jazmine Sperry, and 9-year old Jayden Ulmer and Brooke Gaume. By winning this year's local contest this group earned the right to represent Council 15126 at the District 2 contest to be held at the end of January also here in the Saint Francis Xavier gym. The 2018 District winning results will be reported in the next council newsletter.



**Council 15126
9 Year Old Free
Throw Double
Shoot Out
Contestants 2018**



2017 District Winners

**Fr. Joe and Mike
Violett helped out at
The Council's 2018
Basketball Free
Throw Events**



Knights February Birthday List

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

- Feb 11-Adam Dowell
 - Feb 11-Fr. Ron Will
 - Feb 26-Roger Rohrer
 - Mar 2-Chuck Hayes
 - Mar 8-Doug Glidewell
- May they have many, many more!**



Next Bi-Monthly Parish Blood Drive is Tuesday, Feb. 6th at 1-5 PM in the Parish Center

NW Missouri Council Insurance Comparisons

By Aaron Beavers – Field Agent

Currently Council 15126 has 25% of the membership as insured members. I am letting the council membership that I serve know where they stand compared to others and am encouraging every council to improve these numbers. Now is the time for individual council members to consider taking policies out or to at least sitting down with me and reviewing what is available. For those members with policies, I encourage them to meet with me as well to review the status of their policies.

Here is a screen shot of a spreadsheet I put together that shows the percent of insured members in the councils that I am servicing as a Knights of Columbus Field Agent.

Insured Members % Showing by Council--- December 2017									
Council #	City	Associate Members	Insurance Members	Inactive Members	Total Members	Average % of Insured Members	Rank In MO	Rank with Field Agent Councils	Agent Name
01931	Conception Junction	49	97	7	153	67.97%	16	1	Aaron Beavers
06983	Bethany	8	10	1	19	57.89%	39	2	Aaron Beavers
01339	Maryville	107	84	7	198	45.96%	80	3	Aaron Beavers
04388	Stanberry	44	31	4	79	44.30%	90	4	Aaron Beavers
09401	Plattsburg	25	17		42	40.48%	113	5	Aaron Beavers
06244	Savannah	24	15	1	40	40.00%	115	6	Aaron Beavers
01110	Cameron	63	31	8	102	38.24%	122	7	Aaron Beavers
12463	St Joseph	33	17	2	52	36.54%	130	8	Aaron Beavers
05067	Saint Joseph	233	103	13	349	33.24%	142	9	Aaron Beavers
00571	Saint Joseph	231	81	12	324	28.70%	153	10	Aaron Beavers
15126	St Joseph	54	17	1	72	25.00%	157	11	Aaron Beavers
08063	Hamilton	18	2	2	22	18.18%	164	12	Aaron Beavers
13750	Conception	89	14	3	106	16.04%	165	13	Aaron Beavers
State of MO Council Totals		3531	3564	402	7497	52.90%			

Please note the column with Average % of Insured Members. This column shows the percentage of council members who are presently insured. You will see that all the councils outside of Conception Junction and Bethany are below the State average of 52.90%. This means we have a lot of room in which to grow. Many of the councils I service are doing well with activities to get the Columbian Award, but many lack the level of insured members to get the Founders Award. Those councils who obtain both awards will achieve STAR Council. I would like to help you make the most of your council efforts and get more of your members involved as insured members, so we can make the Knights of Columbus and all our councils stronger. If each of you are willing to work together with me, I feel confident that we can get more of our council members here in NW Missouri insured at a higher than average rate for the state. God Bless.



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Details In Next Newsletter...

FOOD FOR FAMILIES PROGRAM UPDATE

By Gordon Carmichael

The Thanksgiving food baskets which the council donated to Catholic Charities will give us credit for 1,800 pounds of food. Along with other donations received and the Mac and Cheese we have donated to the House of Bread that gives us a total of 2,522 pounds donated so far this year. Lent is just around the corner and we will once again participate in the **40 CANS FOR 40 DAYS** Program from Supreme.

There are several ways for each of you to donate this year. First, since we supply the House of Bread with MAC & CHEESE, cash donations through the Council are always welcome. Second, I will continue to accept canned goods and take to the House of Bread. Third, (AND THIS IS NEW) If you give to the House of Bread directly or donate by bringing food to Gasper Hall **JUST LET ME KNOW THE POUNDAGE** so we can credit those donations toward our Supreme numbers.

Either call me at 816-364-1714 or email me at gcarmichael571@yahoo.com with the information. Cash donations can be brought to the meetings or mailed to me at 3410 SENECA ST., ST. JOSEPH, MO 64507.

For every 1000 pounds of food donated, we will receive a \$100 rebate from Supreme. Let's make our Council goal to top 3,000 pounds for the first time ever this year, which will get us a \$300 rebate! **THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED DONATIONS.**



*A portion of
Our Council's
40 Cans For 40 Days
Food Donation To
SFX House of Bread
During Last Year*



*Jay Pflugradt, Jr.— Faithful
Navigator of Assembly 569*

*The Assembly 569 Covered
Dish Dinner Meeting At St
Francis Xavier Council Usually
Attracts a Large Annual
Attendance*



Council 15126 Will Host 4th Degree Assembly 569 Covered Dish Family Dinner On Feb 26th

The Assembly 569 membership is composed of those 4th Degree Knights who are members of the four St Joseph, Missouri Councils (Bishop Le Blond Council, St Francis Xavier Parish, St James Parish, and St Joseph Council) and the Council in Cameron (St Munchin Parish) and therefore does not have a permanent meeting location. It is traditional for most Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assemblies to rotate their meetings between the 3rd Degree Council halls of their membership as is the case with Assembly 569. As a result of this, St Francis Xavier Council usually hosts two Assembly 569 monthly meetings during the year. Jay Pflugradt is our appointed State District Deputy and also this year is the elected Faithful Navigator for Assembly 569. When he announced at the January Assembly meeting that St Francis Xavier Council would be hosting this year's Assembly Covered Dish Family Dinner on Monday, February 26th, he specifically mentioned the great hospitality that is always shown by our council when it hosts the Assembly meetings and that he always looks forward to the meetings at our location. This February event will be an opportunity for any prospective 4th Degree members to attend the dinner and get to see the Assembly in action and meet some of the members that make up the St. Joseph 4th Degree General Assembly 569. Spouses also attend this mostly social event. Applications for membership in the 4th Degree are due on this date and there is always a short business meeting convened to consider and approve these applications. All 3rd Degree members of our council should consider making application for membership and with their spouses are cordially invited to attend this dinner meeting. RSVP's for this dinner are being handled by Gordon Carmichael. Please plan to attend and see what 4th Degree membership is all about.



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Newsletter deadline for articles and pictures is 10 days prior to monthly business meetings. Email content to: archer@missouriwestern.edu

February Calendar of Events

- Jan 28th-Exemplification for 2nd & 3rd Degree
1 pm at Conception Seminary College (carpool from SFX parking lot at 11:15 am)
- Feb 6th-Blood Drive - SFX Parish Center 1-5 pm
- Feb 14-Valentine's Day, Ash Wednesday (Lent begins)
- Feb 19th-Council Rosary 6:15 pm
- Feb 20th Council Officers Meeting 7 pm
- Feb 23rd-Lenten Dinner #1 5-7 pm
- Feb 26th-Council Hosts Assembly 569 Covered Dish Family Dinner 7 pm
- Mar 2nd-Lenten Dinner #2 5-7 pm
- Mar 6th-Council Business Meeting 7 pm
- Mar 9th-Lenten Dinner #3 5-7 pm
- Mar 23rd-Lenten Dinner #4 5-7 pm

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

Cheese Enchiladas Prepared and Ready For Lenten Dinners

The Council 15126 Enchilada Preparation and Packaging teams have prepared around 115 dozen cheese enchiladas for our use during the four Friday Lenten Dinners that we have scheduled for this Lent. It took our teams two different prep sessions to get that many enchiladas assembled, packaged, frozen and readied for this major Council money making project.

The beginning of Lent is early this year and occurs on Ash Wednesday which is February 14th. That date is also the traditional date set for Valentine's Day making the start of Lent easy to remember this year. We generally do not serve a dinner on the first Friday in Lent since it occurs so close to Ash Wednesday. We will then be serving our Lenten dinner menu (Cheese Enchiladas, Fideo, Spanish Rice, Chips and Salsa and

Drinks) at the Parish Center during the next three successive Fridays (**Feb 23rd, Mar 2nd and Mar 9th**) beginning at 5 pm and lasting to 7 pm. We will then take a brief week off from enchiladas to instead make about 10 crockpots of soup for the **Wed. Mar. 14th Parish Lenten Soup Supper.**

Friday, Mar. 16th the Council will not serve an enchilada meal due to the proximity to Saturday's traditional celebration by many Catholics of the Feast of St Patrick on Mar. 17th. Our fourth and final Lenten dinner will then be served on Friday **Mar. 23rd**. 115 dozen may sound like a lot of enchiladas, but we usually go through about 20 dozen at each Lenten meal and we also need to have some available for direct sales to parishioners and for our next 5th Sunday sales weekend scheduled for Apr 28th and 29th.



Make sure to place these bolded dates into your planning calendars now so that you can be available to help your brother Knights out at these very important Council events. Just let Event Chair, John Catron know that you are coming, and he will assign you one of the various event duties. Come and join us in service to our parish. You can also sign up to volunteer for these dinner events on the volunteer sheets to be circulated at our next business meeting on Feb 6th. Proceeds from these Lenten dinners are used to fund our Council's charitable activities. Come join us and make sure to invite your family and friends.