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Grand News

My Brother Knights,

Welcome to March and the season of Lent. Our Council will be finishing up the Lenten dinners on the dates of **Mar. 2nd, 9th, & the 23rd**. We serve between 5 pm and 7 pm. I ask the Council volunteers to come in at 3:30 pm on these dates to help set up. Also this month the council is hosting one of the **Parish Lenten Soup Suppers, on Wednesday, March 14th**. We plan to prepare ten crock pots of a variety of soup flavors. Plan for an arrival time of 5:30 pm, with serving to begin at 6:30 pm. I am also asking for some volunteers who can't come in as early as the others, to come later each evening to help us clean up.

March 16th, 17th & 18th marks the **MO State Special Olympics Indoor Games** hosted by the NW Region Special Olympics Office in St Joseph. They have asked for many volunteers from throughout the community to work the events. The Knights of Columbus Councils have been asked to help with their Opening Ceremony and two evening dinner events (Friday and Saturday). I will have more specific information about this at our next business meeting.

A reminder to all members who have not paid their annual dues yet – you will have until March 31st to get them payed in full. After that date you will be removed from the membership roster until you pay. Contact Gordon Carmichael to pay your dues. His e-mail address is gcarmichael571@yahoo.com.

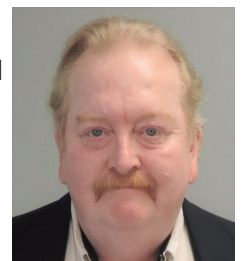
During the Lenten season the Council is collecting dried and canned foods for our 40 Cans For 40 Days canned goods drive. This year if you take your canned or dried goods directly to the SFX House of Bread, please then contact Gordon Carmichael or John Catron to let us know how much you have given to the House of Bread. Our goal is to reach 3000 pounds of food donations this year. The phone numbers to contact are Gordon: 364-1714 or John: 689-4053.

Remember that each of you is a Brother Knight and we all have pledged to serve our Parish, our Priest, our Community, and our Lord. So, step it up a little more during Lent and be proud of your Knight membership and do your part to help serve with your other Brother Knights in Council activities. Our webpage calendar of events has many opportunities listed for you to serve. **We need your assistance and will appreciate your efforts with our mission of service to the Lord.** Help us out when you are called to volunteer your service.

To those member Knights who have birthdays this month, I wish you a very blessed birthday and may God Bless you all. Have a great month.

Grand Knight

John Catron



If you have not already paid your 2018 Council dues please do so now. Second notices will be mailed out in March. Help us save the postage. Send your dues to Gordon Carmichael, Financial Secretary.

Director's Corner – A Complete Wrap Up Of Youth Activities

By John Bitunjac

Basketballs “swooshed” through the nets on February 18, 2018 at St Thomas More Elementary School in Kansas City as some of the best free throw shooters in the western half of the State of Missouri toed the free throw line in the **Western Regional Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest**. At stake were more than just plaques as the winner in each age bracket punched their ticket to the **Missouri State Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest to be held March 11, 2018 at Father Tolten High School in Columbia, Missouri**.

The four entries representing Council 15126 and Saint Francis Xavier all shot well enough to be in the top half of their age Brackets. **Jazmine Speer** shot 9 out of 25 to finish 4th out of 7 in the 10-year-old girls bracket, **Grant Arens** hit 19 out of 25 to finish 3rd in the 11-year-old boys bracket, **Zane Ulmer** hit 22 of 25 free throws but finished second out of 6 in the 12-year-old boys age bracket.

Council 15126 will have one representative at the state contest as **Vincent Nguyen** shot 21 or 25 free throws to tie in the preliminary round and then hit 5 of 5 free throws in the extra shoot out to move on to the state contest. Good luck, Vincent!

And while we all celebrate Vincent's making it to the Missouri State Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest, as Director of Youth Activities, I want to thank all the **35 kids that started this process in January** and all their parents for their support of Knights of Columbus Council 15126 in this activity.



Council's 10 Year Old Free Throw State Contestant - 2018

Vincent Nguyen



2018 District Medal

Council Members Who Helped With The Basketball Free Throw Events



Knight's Birthday List For March

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

- Mar 2-Chuck Hayes
- Mar 8-Doug Glidewell
- Apr 2-Alex Luke
- Apr 3-Joseph F. Marmaud

May they have many, many more!



John Morin and Ron Olinger Received Their 2nd and 3rd Degrees At Conception Seminary College on January 28th. Congratulations Brother Knights!

40 CANS FOR 40 DAYS Food Program: Our Annual Lenten Food Drive

By Gordon Carmichael – Financial Secretary

We are now into the Lenten season and our council is participating in the **40 Cans For 40 Days Food Program**. Under this program, for each 1000 pounds of annually donated food our council will receive a \$100 rebate from Supreme Council. Remember there are several ways to give to our St Francis Xavier House of Bread and still be counted toward this program. If you donate by bringing canned goods to Gasper Hall just let me know how many pounds you donated and there is no amount too small. If you take to the House of Bread just let me know how many pounds. Remember also that we supply the House of Bread with Mac & Cheese on an as needed basis so cash donations will also be accepted. The 1800 pounds of food donated during our Thanksgiving Food Basket drive for Catholic Charities also counted in this program. Our food total this year is currently at 2604 pounds with a goal of 3000 pounds. If you donate food to any cause please email me at gcarmichael571@yahoo.com or call me at **816-364-1714** or send donations to me at 3410 Seneca St., St. Joseph, MO 64507. **Thank you in advance for your participation in this program.**



Project Food Baskets -Catholic Charities Delivery

Thanksgiving Food Delivered to Catholic Charities



1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification Ceremonies Begin at 12:30 PM Sunday, Mar. 11th at St Joseph Council #571 (on Mitchell Ave) — Begin and Advance Your Knights of Columbus Degree Level In This All Inclusive Ceremony



BLOOD DRIVE PROGRAM UPDATE



By Mike Violett

We had 25 donors at the last blood drive and ended with 22 units of blood collected; considering a flu epidemic and a snow storm that day I think we did very well. Mark and I attended the annual community blood center banquet and received another **Blood Drop** for our Council's participation in the blood drives for last year. **Our next drive will be Friday April 20th 2018**, we will be discussing this at the next council meeting.



Parishioners Josh Mathias and Steve Lorenz Donating Blood At The Feb. Blood Drive

*Don't Forget To
Keep Donating
Blood—You Will
Save Lives*

Thanks— **Mike and Mark**

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



The Assembly 569 held their annual covered dish dinner for members, spouses and their guests at the St Francis Xavier Parish Center hosted by The St Francis Xavier Council 15126. Assembly Faithful Comptroller, Gordon Carmichael was the event chair for this dinner. The Assembly provided fried chicken and drinks and the members and guests brought a wide variety of cover dishes to share with those attending. MC for this event was Assembly Faithful Captain, John N Miles who welcomed and thanked those attending for their delicious dishes. The Assembly conducts an annual fund raising raffle associated with the dues collection period to support the costs of the 4th Degree Exemplification ceremony held in Kansas City. Winners of this raffle are selected during this annual dinner event. Joseph Mazur's ticket was drawn as the \$250 raffle winner.

Faithful Captain John N Miles Conducts Assembly 569 Ticket Raffle at Covered Dish Dinner Meeting At St Francis Xavier

Thank you goes to Council 15126 Fourth Degree members attending this dinner who served as the hosting members. They were: Len Archer, John Bitunjac, Gordon Carmichael, John Catron, Dan Deatherage, Roger Rohrer and Mike Violett.





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March Calendar of Events

Mar 1st-Annual Dues Payment Deadline

Mar 2nd-Lenten Dinner #2 5-7 pm

Mar 6th-Council Business Mtg 7 pm

Mar 9th-Lenten Dinner #3 5-7 pm

Mar 11th-1st, 2nd & 3rd Degrees At Council 571 -12:30 pm (1st) & 2 pm (2nd & 3rd)

Mar 14th-SFX Knights Serve Parish Soup Supper 6:15 pm

Mar 16th-Special Olympics Opening Dinner & Ceremonies at Le Blond High School-TBA

Mar 19th-K of C Founders Day and Council Rosary 6:15 pm

Mar 20th-Council Officer Mtg 7 pm

Mar 23rd-Lenten Dinner #4 5-7 pm

Mar 26th-Assembly 569 Mtg TBA 7pm

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

First Responders “Blue Mass” Sunday, April 8th at 11:30 AM

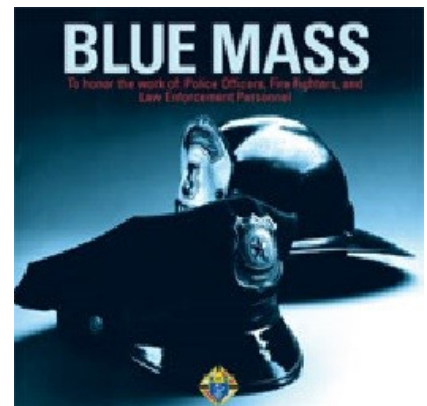
St Francis Xavier Knights Council will host a Catholic Blue Mass for all First Responders in St Joseph on Sunday, April 8th at the 11:30 am Mass. **The purpose of a Blue Mass is to recognize and show appreciation for the many first responders that go out each day to serve and protect the citizens within our community.** This will mark the first ever event of this type conducted in St Joseph.

First Responders and their families will be invited through a variety of contact methods to attend this special mass in their honor. They will have the option to wear either their dress or duty uniform and a section of the front pews will be reserved for them. Representatives of the first responders will be asked to bring up the gifts during Mass. **Honorees should include: SJ Police Department, Buchanan Co. Sheriff Department,**

MO State Highway Patrol, SJ Fire Department, Ambulance Emergency Medical Technicians, and 911 Dispatchers. Parish Knights of Columbus members will serve as hosts at Mass providing Lectors, Communion Ministers, Hospitality Ministers and Servers. A 4th Degree Honor Guard from Assembly 569 will also be in attendance to support this Mass.

Plans call for the participation of the full Parish Adult Choir and will include some patriotic music and flag bearers for the entrance and exit processions of the Mass, in addition to the Knights 4th Degree Honor Guard presence.

St Francis Xavier Pastor, Fr Joseph Miller will celebrate this Mass and give a special blessing to the honorees. The homily and petitions will directly relate to our First Responders and the work they perform in service to our community.



A reception in the Parish Center hosted by SFX Council 15126 with drinks and light dessert will follow the Mass at which the First Responders will be individually recognized and presented with Certificates of Recognition and Appreciation.

Make plans now to support this Parish and Council event with your presence and participation. An event volunteer roster will be circulated at the March 6th Business meeting.