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Grand News

My Brother Knights,

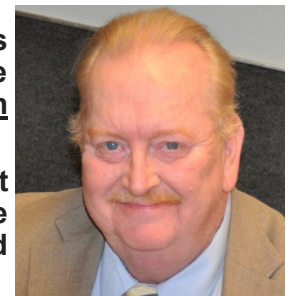
April brings with it a breath of fresh air and Springtime has arrived. Now the Easter season is a reminder of how Christ sacrificed for us and how the activities we perform as Knights can be a valuable and worthwhile service to our fellow brothers and sisters. I understand how it can be frustrating at times when our faithful service to others may not be receiving the desired support in return from our parishioners or even from some of our fellow Council members. I personally am also bothered with some of these same feelings, but when I stop to consider what Jesus has done for us, I believe he would want us as Knights to continue to carry on with our mission of service for our fellow man.

At our scheduled Council planning meeting on April 11th we will brainstorm some new and creative ideas for how to develop more support for our activities from both the less active members of our Council as well as our St Francis Xavier parishioners. Don't forget to complete your survey of council activities so we can use the results for this planning process.

On April 8th at our 11:30 am Mass, we will sponsor, for the first time, a Catholic Blue Mass for all first responders in the Greater St Joseph area. Knights of Columbus Council 15126 and St. Francis Xavier Parish will join to pray for and recognize the key role of members of the St. Joseph Police Department, St Joseph Fire Department, Buchanan and Andrew County Sheriff Departments, Missouri State Highway Patrol, Emergency Medical Technicians, 911 Dispatch Personnel, NW Missouri Hazardous Material Team, Savannah Police Department and State Prison Correctional Officers. Following this Mass, we will host a reception and recognition ceremony in the SFX Parish Center. Make plans now to attend and support this significant community-wide event. I ask for the help of all our Council members to make this event a success. If you can help us in any way, please contact me by phone or e-mail me. Phone # 816-689-4053 or email yogi.dad2016@gmail.com

For those Brother Knights who have birthdays this month, I wish you a happy and blessed birthday. Have a safe and pleasant month. I hope to see you all on Apr. 3rd at our next monthly business meeting.

My thought for this month: (1 Timothy 6:12) "Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses."



Grand Knight *John Catron*



Congratulations Vincent Nguyen 10-Yr Old State Free Throw Competition Winner From SFX

Saint Francis Xavier Council 15126 Received A 2017 Blood Drop Award For Top Blood Producing Organization at the Community Blood Center Awards Dinner Recently. The Award Was accepted by Council Blood Coordinators Mike Violett and Mark Werner.



Director's Corner: St Francis Xavier Youth Wins State Basketball Event!

By John Bitunjac

While all the youth activities for the 2017-2018 school year have come to a close the final placements have not all been completed. The Council is presently waiting for the final placements of the entries to state for the poster contest and essay contest which are announced at the Missouri State Convention. One activity, the Knights of Columbus Free Throw State Contest has ended on a positive note for one Saint Francis Xavier Student.

Ten-year-old Vincent Nguyen participated in the Missouri State Free Throw shoot on March 18, 2018 where he hit 24 of 25 free throws in the opening round to close out the shooting and earned himself the title of Missouri Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Champion of the 10-year-old boys division. While there is no national champion shoot, his state score will be submitted to the national council for comparison with other state champions and a final ranking will be made.

This year Council 15126 supported over 130 entries in the three contests and look forward to closing out another great year with the final results coming in mid-April.



Panoramic View Of The District Basketball Free Throw Event

Knight's Birthday List For April

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

- Apr 1 - Alex Luke
- Apr 3 - Joseph F. Marmaud
- Apr 18 - John Catron
- Apr 24 - Doug Holland
- Apr 30—Scott Hudson

May they have many, many more!



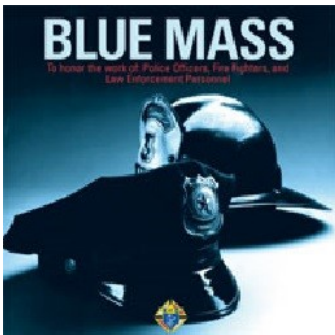
Four Lenten Dinners Served At Parish Center

Council 15126 members prepared and served four Cheese Enchilada Lenten dinners at the Parish Center during the past Lenten season. Other items on the menu included Fideo, Rice, Chips and Cheese dip, Lettuce and Salsa, dessert and drinks. The event chair for these dinners

was John Catron. Each dinner required a crew of twelve brother Knights to handle all of the kitchen and dining room duties. By the fourth dinner these individuals performed their duties in a very efficient manner and there was much comradery experienced during the process.

This is one of our Council's main fund raising activities for the year. Thanks to all those Council members, parishioners and others who supported us in this Council Parish activity. The final report on overall funds raised by these dinners will be available at our next Council business meeting.



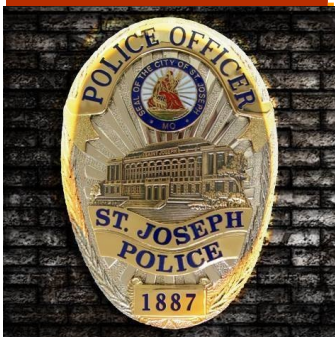


Don't Forget to Mark Your Calendar for Apr 8th to Attend this Significant Community-Wide Event



"This Is The First Ever Event of This Type In The City of St Joseph and We Want To Show Our Appreciation For Those Who Serve Us Every Day in This Way"

Ray Heitman



Community "First Responder Blue Mass" Set For Sunday, April 8th at 11:30 AM

By Len Archer

The first Blue Mass in St Joseph will be Sunday April 8th at the 11:30 am SFX Parish Mass. The Mass gets its name from the typical color of the dress uniform worn by our First Responders. Invitations have gone out to First Responders from the St Joseph Police Department, St Joseph Fire Department, St Joseph 911 Dispatch, Missouri Troop H Highway Patrol, Buchanan and Andrew Co. Sheriff Departments, Buchanan County EMT and Hazardous Material Teams, and the Savannah Police Department. This Mass will be held in conjunction with one of our Council Corporate Communion Masses and member Knights will perform all the Mass support roles (Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Hospitality Ministers as well as provide support from the 4th Degree Assembly 569 Knights of Columbus Honor Guard). This Mass is sponsored by the Council and the Parish.

Ray Heitman is the Event Chair and has contacted all invited First Responder departments to coordinate representative participation, department vehicles, flags and uniform expectations. Mass opening procession will include the National, State and Parish flags, and a flag from each department represented. The body of the Mass will feature the full adult choir, a homily tailored to the honorees, a special blessing of the 1st Responders before exiting. The 4th Degree Honor Guard will escort participants into and out of the Mass and to the reception. Keynote Speaker for the reception in the Parish Center following the Mass will be Bill McMurray. This event will follow the election for city mayor this year and Bill is currently favored to be the newly elected mayor by that date. A static display of First Responder emergency equipment and vehicles will be staged outside of the church.

Ray Heitman has the volunteer event roster nearly complete (see web calendar for Apr. 8th). The Fourth Degree Honor Guard is coming to participate. Mike Violett will oversee the parking of the static display of emergency vehicles on the SFX premises. John Morin will coordinate the Hospitality Ministers and oversee on-site registration of First Responders attending this service before the Mass in Gaspar Hall on forms provided by Len Archer. Michelle Carmichael and Renee Rohrer will enter hand written names on Recognition Certificates provided by the Council with the personal names of the registrants. Larry Bahr has planned and will coordinate the post-Mass reception in the SFX Parish Center (Drinks, Cookies, Brownies and Punch) and Ray Heitman will serve as Master of Ceremonies for the Certificate Award Ceremony at the reception. John Catron is coordinating with the Parish Musical Director for the Adult Choir participation and other special music.

Public Relations duties to include information releases for TV, Radio and Newspapers; coordination of TV coverage on the day of the event from KQTV and KPNP; planning a possible "Live at Five" session on KQTV; preparation of personal appreciation certificates; and coordinating streaming video and photography of the entire event will be handled by Len Archer. Final specific details and other assignments will be communicated to the membership at the Tuesday, Apr. 3rd Council business meeting. Don't miss this very special event for our Parish and Community.

MO Special Olympics State Indoor Games Held Here



St Joseph Council 571 and St Francis Xavier Council 15126 combined efforts to provide the pre-Opening Ceremonies meal for the Missouri State Special Olympics Indoor Games recently staged in St Joseph. The St Francis Council smoker/cooker wagon proved invaluable for the deep frying

preparation of 1300 fish patties for fish sandwiches within a three hour period on Friday, March 16th outside of the old gymnasium at Le Blond High School. Knights from both Councils worked side by side to unpack the patties, deep fry them and then transport them inside to the St Joseph Optimists Club volunteers for serving. Other items on the menu included 14 large roaster pans filled with Cheesy Potatoes prepared by the Council 571 cook team. In the absence of an adequate kitchen facility at Le Blond High School this meal could not have been prepared on-site without the Council 15126 portable cook-

ing trailer designed and built by Brother Knight Dan Deatherage. Thank You Dan! It worked Great!

Following this dinner, the opening ceremonies were conducted in the new gymnasium at Le Blond beginning at 7:00 pm that same evening. These ceremonies included a "Parade of Athletes" in which all 2500 participants were given the opportunity to experience an Olympic style opening event. The Assembly 569 Fourth Degree Honor Guard was present with a 26 person Honor Guard composed of additional Knights from Maryville and Kansas City. See some pictures of this event below:



New Council Third Degree Knights

James Lindsay is the newest member of Council 15126 following his completion of the Admissions Degree ceremony on Sunday, March 11th at the St Joseph Council 571 Council Hall on Mitchell Avenue. James, along with his wife Sandy, are members of St Francis Xavier Parish. James is the CEO of Barlow Truck Line and lives in St Joseph.

He not only received his 1st Degree on that date, but also participated in back to back 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus Exemplifications conducted on that same date. Also from our Council joining James in completing the 2nd (Formation) and 3rd (Knighthood) Degrees was Greg Herner. As a result, we now have two more Brother Knights who have reached full Knighthood in the 3rd Degree.

Congratulations to both of these individuals in reaching full Knighthood and make sure to introduce yourself to James when you see him at our Knights functions or around any of the parish activities.



James Lindsay—Council's Newest Member



Greg Herner—Completed Third Degree Knighthood

Council Planning Meeting Is On April 11th

Grand Knight John Catron has scheduled our annual Council activity planning meeting with all Officers and Program Directors for Wednesday April 11th at the Parish Center beginning at 7 pm. At this meeting we will identify all of next year's potential activities and dates and we will be discussing new and innovative ideas for social activities and any additional major fund raising projects for this council that could be employed next year in place of some of our current ones. Plan now to attend and be prepared to give us your own personal ideas for better ways to operate this council. All Council members are welcome to come and give us their thoughts and ideas. The Council on-line survey will also be used to inform our discussions on activities.

One Stop—

All Three

Degrees!

What a Deal !!!

*It Could Have
Been One Of
Your Friends.*

*Recruit A New
Gentleman For
Membership in
the Knights of
Columbus*

***This
Month!***



*Douglas
Glidewell Will
Receive His
4th Degree of
Patriotism on
April 14th*

Council Paraphernalia Opportunities Through Personal Ordering



Tan Long Sleeve Dress Shirt

This article provides a list of places, items, procedures and contact information for obtaining new Knights of Columbus Council 15126 outerwear paraphernalia.

Tan dress shirts with the Knights of Columbus embroidered

logo and Council name and number designation can now be obtained at the Mark-It located at 2339 North Belt Highway. The long sleeve shirt is available for \$33 and the short sleeve shirt is \$30 which take about a week to produce after

ordering. It is not too late to get one before the next Council Corporate Communion Mass – The Blue Mass. (see picture)

You can also get golf style shirts at the Mark-It made up in a variety of colors and fabrics with the same embroidered logo. Maroon is the preferred Council color for wear by members at most of our activities, but other members have white golf shirts as well (see pictures). Just take this article in to show them exactly what you want.

If you need a Council cap you can order a personalized one from Knightsgear.com for \$21 (see the last issue of the Columbia magazine). While they come in nine assorted colors, maroon is the preferred color for our Council. (see info and pictures).



Personalized Cap

Perfect for any council or assembly, this structured mid-profile 100% cotton hat comes in many colors and is sturdy and easy to wear. Featuring a hook and loop closure, it adjusts to various sizes so one size fits most, and is personalized with your council or assembly name on the front and your name on the back. Please allow 10-12 business days for your custom order to be produced. Available in royal blue, khaki, charcoal, red, Texas orange, purple, Kelly green, maroon and Carolina blue. \$21 each



Maroon Council Golf Shirt

knightsgear.com

Questions? 1-855-GEAR-KOC
(855-432-7562)

Additional shipping costs apply to all orders.
Please call before mailing in an order.



Maroon Council Ball Cap



White Council Golf Shirt

Jean Paul Mundungu - "In Demand" Speaker



Jean Paul Is Now A United States Citizen

Paul comes from the Democratic Republic of the Congo in Africa. He was one of the parishioners who gave presentations about their native country at one of the Lenten Parish Soup Suppers. He gave a very interesting account of how he and his family had to adapt to the culture and lifestyle of this country. He spoke of his need for English language training and his desire to continue his education here. Jean Paul is now working as a Network Administrator for NPG and has recently purchased his first home here.

listen to panelists Jean Paul Mundungu, the Rev. Tom Russell, Gena Villegas and Nancy Clisbee share their experiences and knowledge of services in their fields.

He said he came to America for his two daughters to have professional careers and opportunities not available to women in his country.

"Ultimately, every American is an immigrant, even those who were born here and whose ancestors came from elsewhere," he said. "I don't believe in luck, I believe in action and prayer and I believe in education, nothing comes easy. It takes time and it takes energy."

We are proud to have a person of Jean Paul's talent, personality and diversity as a member of our Knights Council.

Jean Paul Mundungu has acclimated rapidly to his new life in the United States. He and his wife and children all became US Citizens in a naturalization ceremony last October in Kansas City, MO.

He is one of the St Francis Xavior parishioners whose native country flag is now displayed in the rafters of Gaspar Hall as someone who now lives here but was born in another country overseas. Jean

He recently also consented to speak at an Interfaith Alliance for Immigrants community forum. About 50 people filled the First Presbyterian Church meeting hall to



Jean Paul and Family At Their US Citizenship Ceremony

Jean Paul Speaking at IAI Meeting



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April Council Calendar of Events

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- Mar 29 Knights of Columbus Founder's Day
- Mar 30 Good Friday
- Apr 1 Easter Sunday
- Apr 3 Business Meeting 6:30 pm
- Apr 8 Council Corporate Communion– Blue Mass At 11:30 am Parish Mass
- Apr 11 Council 2018 Planning Meeting 7 pm
- Apr 14 Fourth Degree Exemplification KCMO Airport Hilton Hotel
- Apr 16 K of C Parish Rosary 6:15 pm
- Apr 17 Council Officers Meeting 7 pm
- Apr 20 SFX Bi-Monthly Blood Drive 1-5 pm
- Apr 27-29 MO State K of C Convention
- Apr 28-29 Enchilada Sales at all Masses
- May 1 Business Meeting 6:30 pm
- May 13 Mother's Day K of C Flower Handout At All Masses

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

Just 381 More Pounds To Reach Food Goal !

By Gordon Carmichael

We only need 381 more pounds of food in order to reach our annual goal of 3000 total pounds donated to various organizations this fraternal year. This will earn us a \$300 rebate from Supreme Council which we can use to obtain

more food to help out SFX House of Bread or next years Thanksgiving Food Basket food project. If you did not contribute to the 40 Cans For Forty Days Lenten food program, here is your second chance to help us get to our goal. If you donate to our House of Bread please continue to do so but let

Gordon Carmichael know how much. We also will accept cash donations so that we can continue to provide our House of Bread with Mac and Cheese since summer is coming up and their need to feed families increases. Contact Gordon with any cash donations. Thank you for all of your past donations.

