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Grand News

My Brother Knights,

Gentlemen, we have just experienced *March Mania* and it was a very busy and productive month as our council sponsored many events. A special thank you to those who organized these events and to all those members who volunteered their time and talents to make them a success. We still have several significant events coming up in the next few months as we move through Spring and into Summer.

Based on individual and collective comments made during our March council officers meeting, it is my judgement that our council would greatly benefit from more parishioner support for our parish Knight-sponsored events. Perhaps we as a council need to demonstrate and communicate more fully to our parishioners that we are a religious-based organization that strives in all ways to support our Parish, our Priests and our Community. I suggest we might start this effort by discussing with our parishioner friends why they either are, or perhaps are not, demonstrating more support to their parish based Knights of Columbus council. In the next couple of months, I ask that our council members can help this issue by getting feedback from fellow parishioners about the many parish associated activities and services that we perform. Try to write down any specific return comments you get and bring them to our council business or officers' meetings to share them with us. It will be critical for the continued success of our council, as we make plans for another fraternal year, that we collect valid and useful information on this issue. Please ask the probing questions that will get us meaningful information to help us solve and correct this concern experienced by our council leadership and several other parish ministries as well. I also ask the active members within this council to contact the members who are not so active to find out the specific reasons why they are not being as supportive of their council as they could be. I do not believe that any of us joined the Knights of Columbus just to pay annual dues and be a name on the membership roster. We each took a membership oath committed to active service for our Lord by fraternal charitable works in service to our parish and community.

I am extremely proud to be able to report that this council has established a reputation as a well organized, functional and working council, but we will need the help from all our members to sustain our level of organizational service and commitment. Every member needs to be a part of our council team.

Our Officers & Directors Meeting this month will be our annual activities planning meeting. We will be developing some new ideas and modifying some of the previous ones for our next fraternal year. Members are asked to voice your ideas to me or any council officer and we will discuss them at the meeting.



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Knights From Saint Joseph, Maryville and Kansas City Participated In The St Jean Vianney "Heart Of A Priest" Supreme Council National Relic Pilgrimage Which Stopped At St Joseph Co-Cathedral On Tuesday, March 19th. Approximaely Three Thousand Individuals Took The Opportunity To Venerate This First Class Relic.



Grand News (Continued) ...

Coming events for this month will be our last parish breakfast for this year. It will be on Sunday, April 7th. Serving time is 8:30 am to 11 am. The menu will be biscuits and sausage gravy, scrambled eggs w/ fruit and coffee cake. Volunteers for this event need to arrive by 7 am. Please talk up this breakfast gentlemen. On Saturday, April 13th is the school action and we have been asked to serve the food they will provide for the auction dinner meal. If you can help please contact me or sign the volunteer roster at the next business meeting. Email or call my cell: 816-558-2695.

Friday, April 5th will be our last Lenten dinner. We are serving from 5 pm to 7 pm. Volunteers should arrive between 3:30 pm and 4 pm. Again members, please talk up this Lenten dinner. Our next business meeting will be held at 7 pm in the Parish Center on Tuesday, April 2nd.

For those who have birthdays this month I wish you a **HAPPY & BLESSED BIRTHDAY!**

Until next moth may God be with you. God Bless.

Your Grand Knight & District Deputy

John Catron

Bi-Monthly Blood Drive—May 1st

St Francis Xavier Council 15126 will host a Blood drive in the Parish Center on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 from 1 PM to 5 PM. There is an extreme shortage of blood because the flooding in all the surrounding communities has cause a lot of cancellations of drives. If you know of anyone able to give, please notify Mark Werner or Mike Violette so they can schedule them for an appointment. Walk-ins are always welcome.

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 30—Scott Hudson

May they have many, many more!



Four Lenten Dinners Served At Parish Center

By the time Lent is over, Council 15126 members will have prepared and served four varying menu Friday Lenten dinners at the Parish Center. In addition to the Friday dinners the council also provided the soup for the Wednesday, March 27th weekly parish soup supper. Member Knights also helped to serve the MO Special Olympics

State Indoor Games pre-opening ceremony noon meal to 1000 state wide athletes. Items on the various Friday menus included Fish sandwiches, Mexican cheese enchiladas, Shrimp Tacos, and Baked Tilapia. The event chair for these dinners was John Catron. Each dinner utilized a crew of twelve to fifteen brother Knights to handle

the kitchen and dinning room duties. This completes 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 May Council business meeting.



Dinner Theater Event Scheduled

By Ray Heitman

This year all members, wives, friends and families are invited to attend The New Theatre in Overland Park, KS to see "JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT." This event is scheduled for Sunday, August 25, 2019. The dinner portion of this event begins at noon.

The stage show is based on the Coat of many colors story from the Bible Book of Genesis this upbeat musical is filled with a cornucopia of musical styles from Country Western to Calypso to Bubblegum Pop and Rock 'n' Roll. The Old Testament tale emerges both timely and timeless. With its family-friendly storyline, universal themes and catchy music, JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT is a musical theatre event not to be missed. From the composer of PHANTOM OF THE OPERA, EVITA, CATS AND SCHOOL OF ROCK.



Those wishing to attend need to send an email message to Ray Heitman at rdheit@fusemail.com or call his cell phone 816-262-2112 to make your reservation. We have 40 tickets reserved, so if you wish to go please let Ray know as soon as possible. The cost per person is \$51 which includes your Dinner, Show, Gratuity and non-alcoholic drinks. Payment for this event is due to Ron Olinger by July 1st. Members will carpool to KC from St Joseph.

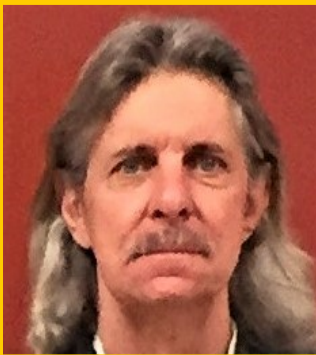
Council Planning Meeting Is On April 16th

Grand Knight John Catron has scheduled our annual Council activity planning meeting with all Officers and Program Directors for Tuesday, April 16th 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. This is the one meeting each year when we plan ahead for the entire fraternal year. Your attendance is encouraged.

You Should Approach One Of Your Friends About Joining The Knights Of Columbus!

Recruit A New Gentleman For Membership in the Knights of Columbus

This Month!



Ron McElheny Will Receive His 4th Degree of Patriotism on April 13th In KCMO

Refund Support Vocations Program (RSVP)

Council 15126 is keeping our faith alive by supporting a Precious Blood seminarian under the RSVP program. As the strong right arm of the church, the Knights of Columbus are committed to providing moral, financial and spiritual support to future priests and religious at all stages of their formation. RSVP is used by seminarians and those in religious formation to cover needs such as books, car insurance / maintenance, emergency expenditures and other living expenses. Matt Perez was selected as our RSVP recipient having been recommended by our Pastor Fr Joe Miller and because he is preparing to become a Priest in the Order of The Precious Blood which has served this parish continuously for nearly 130 years.

Knights of Columbus councils are called to aid their "adopted" seminarians with moral and emotional support as well as with prayers for their vocation and vocations throughout the church. This element is central to RSVP. Knights of Columbus councils provide support in a variety of ways including writing letters and birthday cards to their seminarian or religious postulant, sponsoring dinners to



Matt Perez Is Our Sponsored Seminarian

support them, and inviting them to fraternal events.

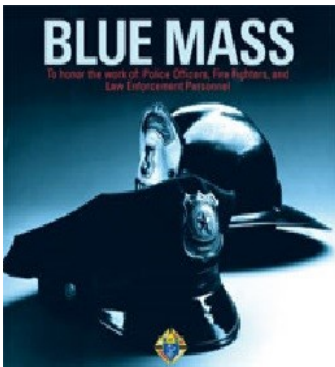
Our Council Recorder, Len Archer, recently corresponded with Matt and here is his introductory letter of response to the council:

My name is Matt Perez. I am currently in the Initial Formation Program with the Society of the Precious Blood, Kansas City Province. I am 49 years old and I was born and raised in Garden City, Kansas. For most of my adult life I was in the grocery industry. I worked as a Parish Administrator and Youth Director for St. Dominic Parish in Garden City for 3 years before taking the leap of faith and deciding to enter in religious life. I came into the Initial Formation Program in August of 2015. In this stage of formation, I have been living in community with the Society of the Pre-

cious Blood and have been attending Saint Xavier University in Chicago IL. I will graduate this spring with a degree in Liberal Studies and a Minor in Religious Studies. After I graduate, I will enter the Special Formation Program, which is, the equivalent of a Novitiate Program. Here I will be exposed to the spirituality of the community and experience how our Precious Blood priests and brothers live the spirituality of the community. Most of my time in Special Formation will be traveling and could possibly take me out of the country for a while. I am looking forward to my time in Special Formation. After completing Special Formation, I will most likely return to Chicago and attend Catholic Theological Union. This is considered Advanced Formation, where we learn ministry, preaching, and presiding. I look forward to the opportunity when my travels around the community bring me to St. Joseph, Missouri. I am so thankful for your support and I look forward to the day when I can fully serve you and be in your presence.

Thank you

Sincerely, *Matt Perez*



Don't Forget to Mark Your Calendar for May 5th to Attend this Significant Community-Wide Event



"This Will Be The Second Event of This Type In The City of St Joseph and We Want To Continue To Show Our Appreciation For Those Who Serve Us Every Day in This Way"
- Ray Heitman



Community "First Responder Blue Mass" Set For Sunday, May 5th at 11:30 AM

By Ray Heitman

Plans are underway for our second annual BLUE MASS. This second Blue Mass to be staged in St Joseph will be conducted on Sunday May 5th 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. The Blue Mass is intended to honor and show gratitude to current and past First Responders and their families who put themselves in harm's way daily to serve, protect, and defend our safety so others can live more safely.

The planning committee was formed and met on February 25th. The committee discussed what worked last year and what we could improve upon for this year. The contact list was finalized and invitations were e-mailed out on March 8th. Fourteen invitations were sent to First Responder agencies throughout our community. A follow up will be done starting the first week of April to finalize the list First Responders that will be attending this year.

Members forming the committee were assigned various tasks to include Coordinator for the Mass, First responder vehicle static display, Communication, Mass music, Welcoming at Mass, Reception in the Parish Center, Refreshments, 4th Degree participation, MC for the reception and a Program Power Point presentation.



Following the Blue Mass, a reception hosted by The Knights of Columbus will be held in the Parish Center to demonstrate community appreciation and show recognition for the individual first responders in attendance

This Mass will also be a Council Corporate Communion Mass and all members from our council and their families are encouraged to attend.

MO Special Olympics State Indoor Games Held Here

More than 25 Knights from St Joseph Council 571 and St Francis Xavier Council 15126 combined efforts to provide the pre-opening Ceremonies noon-time meal for the Missouri State Special Olympics Indoor Games recently staged in St Joseph. The collaborative Knight team of cooks grilled 1000 hamburgers for sandwiches at the St Joseph Civic Arena to feed the state-wide assembled athletes attending these indoor games on Friday, March 29th. Knights from both Councils worked side by side to grill the hamburger patties,



on large gas grills provided by Nodaway Valley Bank and Mierhoffer Funeral Home and then transported them inside for other brother Knight volunteers to serve them to the Special Olympics athletes. Additional items on the menu included chips, applesauce, cookies and drinks.

Following this lunch, the day's events involved the opening ceremony that same evening which was conducted on the Civic Arena main floor beginning at 7:30 pm. These ceremonies included a Knights of Columbus presentation of the American flag and a "Parade of Athletes" in which the games participants were given the opportunity to experience an Olympic style opening event. The Assembly 569 Fourth Degree Honor Guard was present with a 10-person Honor Guard. See some pictures of this event below:

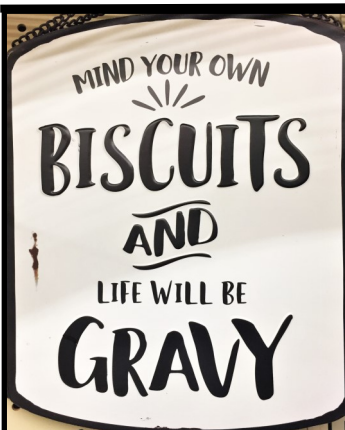
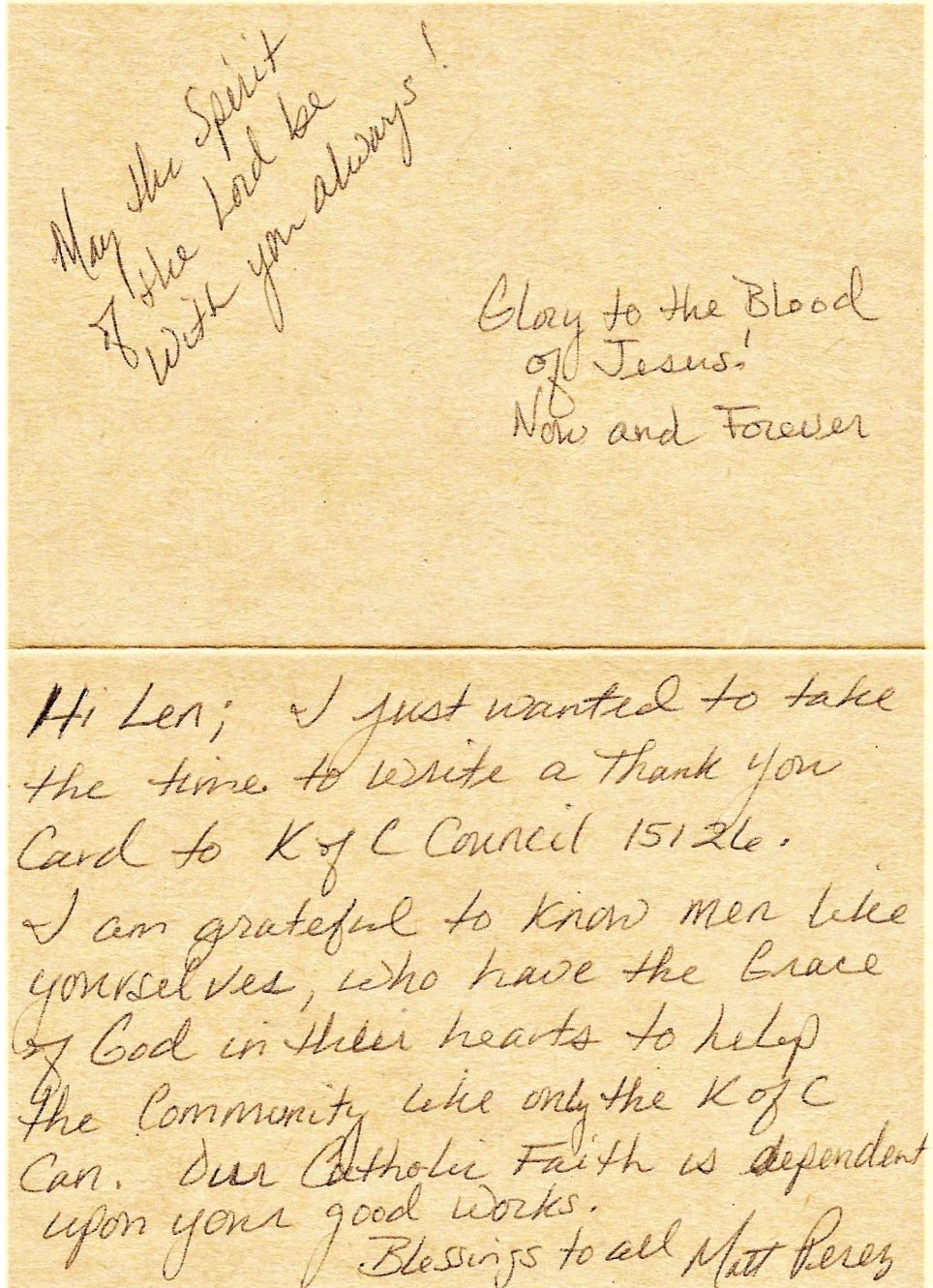


Matt Perez (RSVP) - Thank You Note To Council

The following Thank You note was received by Council Recorder (Len Archer) from Matt Perez, our newly adopted RSVP Seminarian candidate.

Part of the RSVP program, in addition to financial assistance, is to provide this individual with moral support in the form of direct individual personal messages from council members. If you wish to correspond with Matt, most of his time is centered around Chicago, because that is where his formation program and schools are located. He looks forward to receiving our emails, letters, and other forms of communication. He can be reached by regular mail at the following address: Matt Perez, 845 Drexel Square, Chicago, IL 60615.

He can be reached by email until his May graduation from Saint Xavier University at: perez.m12@mymail.sxu.edu and his new email after graduation will then change to: STA06020922@gmail.com His cell phone number is: 620-521-2451.



Spring Has Sprung! Stop by the Parish Center to visit and eat with your family and friends for a delicious breakfast of Biscuits, Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage and Coffee Cake served up by the SFX Knights of Columbus Council at the Parish Center on Sunday, April 7th from 8:30 - 11:00 am. **April 7th is National Coffee Cake Day and you are encouraged to start your day with us by having a piece of coffee cake with your breakfast.** Some of your favorite springtime music will also be playing. Proceeds of this family breakfast event will be directed to our Knight's Faith and Family activities within the parish and community. Walk-ins wel-



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April Council Calendar of Events

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

- Apr 2 K of C SFX Parish Rosary 6:00 pm
- Apr 2 Council Business Meeting 6:30 pm
- Apr 5 Lenten Dinner in Parish Center 5-7 pm
- Apr 7 Parish Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast in Parish Center 8:30-11 am
- Apr 13 Fourth Degree Exemplification KCMO Airport Hilton Hotel
- Apr 13 SFX School Auction In Parish Center
- Apr 16 Council 2019 Planning Meeting 7 pm
- Apr 21 Easter Sunday
- Apr 26-28 MO State K of C Convention
- May 1 SFX Bi-Monthly Blood Drive 1-5 pm
- May 5 Council Corporate Communion- Blue Mass At 11:30 am Parish Mass
- May 7 Council Business Meeting 6:30 pm And Admissions Degree Ceremony
- May 12 Mothers Day K of C Flower Handout At All Masses

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

Council Youth Program Summary For Year

Youth & Program Director - John Bitunjac

As I sit to finally write this article two things are becoming painfully clear. My excuse for not getting to this sooner is really that, just an excuse, and as I watch the snow fall, winter is not yet over!!!!

Yesterday (Friday 29th) I had the "privilege" of donating my time to work this year's Missouri Special Olympics Indoor Games opening ceremonies event. For those who know me well, know that my whole life has revolved in some way around being with kids and doing things that make them stronger individuals.

I worked the food serving line for the noon lunch provided by the St Joseph Knights of Columbus councils and to see the beaming faces of these individuals and the pride that they had in their accomplishments made for a bright sunny day in what has been a long trudging winter. It truly was a gift from God to be able to stand next to them, even if it was for just a few moments. A big thank you goes out to the ten members of Council 15126 who gave of their time to volunteer at this Special Olympics event. Know that your efforts were appreciated by all those kids who encountered you and as a Knights of Columbus

Council those efforts are also being recognized.

Our Council's time for this year working with kids is coming to an end and I would like to thank all those who gave of their time, talent, and treasures to help the Saint Francis Xavier and St Joseph kids. Whether it was through Coats for Kids, the Poster, Essay and Free Throw Contests or Student of the Month awards, I know that what we do makes a difference.

I would encourage anyone who didn't get involved this year to think about giving just a little bit of your time next year to these and other programs that I know make a big difference in the lives of kids.