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Grand News

My Brother Knights,

To start with I would like to thank all the Council members who volunteered to work at the Appreciation dinner this past month. A BIG thanks goes out to Dan Deatherage for doing a masterful job on the smoked beef brisket. Also, a Big thanks to Ray Heitman for furnishing the rest of the meal and to Len Archer, John Bitunjac and Darin Pollard for the setup and for putting together a wonderful evening's program. And to all the other Council members who worked during the dinner - a Great BIG thank you. I was so happy to see twenty-one of our member Knights working smoothly together like a well-trained team hosting one of the biggest and best dinners that this parish has ever experienced. All I have heard from everybody who attended were wonderful comments. **WAY TO GO GENTLEMEN - A GREAT EFFORT!!!** This truly is your *Faith In Action*.

Mark your calendars now for our next Council business meeting on Dec. 4th at 7 pm. A Rosery in the church begins at 6 pm and the pre-meeting refreshments will be served at 6:30 pm.

Our next Parish event will be the Breakfast With Santa on Sunday, Dec. 9th from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. I will have a volunteer roster sheet for this breakfast at our Dec. 4th meeting. Mrs. Claus will also be accompanying Santa for this event so give your family members a heads up that this will be an excellent photo opportunity and a chance to find out just what the kids want for Christmas.

Also, this month we will have our Council Christmas Family Dinner and annual awards social. This dinner is a new event for the Council and will be held at the Ground Round Bar & Grill at 119 South 6th Street on Dec. 18th beginning at 7 pm. You are encouraged to bring your wives and family. Each member will be paying for their own meals and drinks. We will need firm RSVPs as soon as possible to plan around any space limitations in the size of room we are getting. Make your reservations at the next meeting on Dec 4th or you can contact me at home 816-689-4053 / Cell 816- 558-2695 or e-mail me at yogi.dad2016@gmail.com

I also want to thank John Bitunjac and Len Archer for helping distribute the Coats For Kids to the children of St Joseph Head Start. Seeing the smiles on those kids that day made my heart feel warm that the charitable efforts of our Council and Council 571 were able to help these deserving children. Remember gentlemen that it is a plus in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ for every good deed that we do for our parish, our community and its children.

To those who have a birthday this month I wish you a blessed Birthday! And to all members of Council 15126, I wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Until next time have a safe and great month.

Your Grand Knight and District # 2 Deputy

John Catron



Director's Corner: Youth Activities And Faith In Action Winter Events Schedule

By John Bitunjac Deputy Grand Knight and Director of Youth and Programs

I hope that this newsletter finds all of you having had a great Thanksgiving and looking forward to a wonderful Christmas season.

Friday November 30th Council 15126 work on the Missouri Essay Contest was completed as three SFX students were recognized for their efforts. The 2018 winners were: 3rd place winner Kat Hudson, 2nd place Cadence Crews, and this year's 1st place entry and our entry into the District 2 contest was penned by Michael Sperry. This fall, Council 15126 has made great progress on its goals through *Faith in Action*. Our involvement in projects like the Missouri State Essay Contest, March for Life, Coats for Kids, helping feed the needy during Thanksgiving, and most recently the success of our Priests Appreciation Dinner are a testament to our Council's commitment to our parish, the community of Saint Joseph, and our faith in the principles of our religion.

As successful as the fall has been, we need to continue striving as we enter the winter season. I anticipate that by mid-December the students in grade 6-8 will have completed the poster contest and will be looking toward January's 2019 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest. We will be completing the requirements of the R.S.V.P. program by offering financial support to a Precious Blood Seminarian. We need to continue to donate food to the parish food pantry, as well as, work on more of the important projects listed in *Faith in Action*.

With the Supreme Councils sudden implementation of the *Faith in Action* program into our program plans with little to no warning, I am so proud of the way this council has taken the initiative to embrace its principles. I ask that this winter all Council 15126 Knights take a closer look at the programs offered in *Faith in Action*, find one that is meaningful to you and let's get to work on it.

I know that my Christmas season will be brighter because of the effort I have put in and I want all of you to find the same inner peace that this work has given me. May you have a great Christmas and New Year's and I encourage you to join with your fellow Knights working on the many projects coming in 2019.



Council 15126 Sponsored The St Joseph Walk For Life At Le Blond High School Gym On Sunday, Oct 7th

Former Pastor, Fr Mike Volkmer Looks Up To Greet One of His Former Mass Servers along with The Server's Newborn Son and His Father



Knights' December Birthday List

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

- Dec 6 - Michael A Thomas
- Dec 15 - Ron J Olinger
- 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—Dec 18th 1-5 pm

Parish Appreciation Dinner—A Social Highlight Event



**Fr Joe
Receives
Apprecia-
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tificate
From Our
GK and
DGK**

was displayed on the video screens along with background music which highlighted our priests involvement in the many ministries and support groups of the parish. Following the dinner the attendees heard some humorous stories about Fr Joe Miller, Fr Bill Walter and Fr Mike Volkmer as told by fellow parishioners Russel Foster, Bob Slater, Mike Violett and Briana Netten.

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. SFX Pastor Fr Joe Miller then finished up the evening by thanking all of the parishioners for their support of the Parish and it's staff and Priests during this last year. He then encouraged all to get even more involved in the both the religious and the social life of the parish.

The SFX Parish Priest Appreciation Dinner this year was attended by about 210 parishioners and guests. Council 15126 hosted the event beginning with a social gathering period where attendees got to welcome former Pastor (1997-2007) Fr. Mike Volkmer back to St Francis Parish before enjoying a delicious meal of smoked beef brisket cooked by Council Member Dan Deatherage with the remaining food items catered by Rays Green Hills. During the dinner and social hour a slide program

Our brother Knight Darin Pollard served as Master of Ceremonies for the dinner program and our special guest speaker was Fr Mike Volkmer of the Precious Blood Priests who is now the Pastor of St Mary's Parish in Albia, Iowa, who reminisced about his time as Pastor at SFX and his fond memories of working with the Knights Of Columbus in Saint Joseph. Council Grand Knight John Catron then

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 were John Catron, Len Archer, Ray Heitman, Darin Pollard, John Bitunjac, Mike Violett, Mark Werner, Ron Olinger and Dan Deatherage. A total of 21 member Knights volunteered their time and efforts to make this year's 10th Parish Appreciation Dinner a very successful event.





Don't forget to RSVP for the December 18th Council Christmas Dinner and Awards Social At The Ground Round Restaurant



Maur Hall Classroom Building Located at Conception Abbey— Site of the Next 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplifications on Jan 27, 2019

Dec 18th Family Christmas Dinner And Council Awards Social Event

The December Officers Meeting has been canceled to allow member Knights, their families to attend a Council sponsored Family Christmas Dinner and Council Awards Social event at the Ground Round Bar and Grill located at 119 South 6th Street in downtown St Joseph. This is a new Council social event and will begin at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, Dec. 18th. The Ground Round has a wide variety of regular dinner menu items that we will be available to choose from that evening. 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. Since space in our venue is limited we will need a firm RSVP from each member planning to attend this event. Reservations can be secured by signing up at the next Council business meeting on Dec 4th or by calling or emailing Grand Knight, John Ca-tron. All of the annual Council awards will be announced at this event so plan to attend and help to formally recognize our most active brothers.

A Message From The Council Chaplain

Dear Fellow Knights,

May the grace of the Season of Advent help all of us to walk closer with our God and each other as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

As I write this letter, I am preparing to head to Ohio to celebrate Christmas with my family. I look forward to it. I missed it last year because of taking chemo. Being cancer free is a real blessing. Thank you for your prayers. I have a great family. We have a great council. We can be a better council if we would all get involved.

As you know, I like rainbows. They are beautiful and remind me of God's love and presence in our life. A rainbow is beautiful even if it has only 5 colors, but it is more beautiful if it has all 7 colors. There are 7 colors to a rainbow. The same is true with our council. If you are one of the missing colors, an inactive council member, would you please consider getting involved during 2019? Your brothers and I miss having you as an active member of our council. We can be a better council when we are all working together. Make this one of your New Year's resolutions.

I also want to thank the council for all you did to make the Parish Priest Appreciation Dinner go so well in November and for all you did with the Wing Ding event earlier in September. They were great parish celebrations. I pray they help us to grow a better parish family. I believe the Knights of Columbus are here to help me as well as our parishioners to grow as a parish family.

May God bless you and our parish as we journey this Advent Season in preparation for Christmas and 2019.

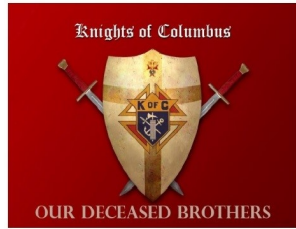
Fraternally,

Fr. Joe Miller. C.P.P.S.

Chaplain

Nov 11th Annual Council Memorial Mass for Deceased

Saint Francis Xavier Council 15126



John Marmaud



James E Grant



Walter D Chipps



Donald E Hall

the 7:30 am SFX Parish Mass service. Council members performed all ministry functions for the Mass including Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Minis-

tee General Assembly 569 Honor Guard who added much dignity to the service by lighting the memorial candle 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 set up a Memorial display table in Gaspar Hall with a photo display of the deceased Knights being remembered. The event chairman who coordinated this Council Corporate Communion Mass was Ray Heitman.

Council 15126 hosted its annual Memorial Mass for Deceased Knights on Sunday, Nov 11th at the St Joseph 4th De-



Parish Breakfast With Santa—Dec 9th

Santa and Mrs. Clause are stopping at our parish to visit with you and your family. Enjoy a delicious breakfast of Biscuits and Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage and Fruit served up by the SFX Knights of Columbus Council at the Parish Center on Sunday, Dec 9th from 8:30 -11:00 am. Throughout this breakfast children are invited to sit on Santa's lap and tell him just what they'd like for Christmas this year! Parents are encouraged to bring a camera to capture the moment – it will be a great photo opportunity and lots of fun! Some of your favorite Christmas movies and Christmas music will also be playing. Proceeds of this breakfast with children and for children will be directed to our Knight's Educational Scholarship fund for students within this parish. Walk-ins are welcome. No reservations are needed.



Council Members Prepare To Serve The Smoked Brisket Parish Meal At The 2018 Priest Appreciation Dinner Nov 18th



John Bitunjac Helped Distribute Coats To Kids At The Mid-Town St Joseph Head Start Location

Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids



**Councils #15126
& #571 Support
The Knights of
Columbus Coats
For Kids Program**

Three cases of new coats were distributed by the Knights of Columbus on Nov 19th to needy children throughout St Joseph who are participants in the Head Start Program. Thank you to those generous Knights and those parishioners who also helped to support this international effort. St Francis Xavier Council 15126 and St Joseph Council 571 sponsored this year's Coats for Kids event involving these younger and teen aged students. The smiles on these deserving kids says it all!



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

December Calendar of Events

- Dec 4 Council Business Meeting PC 7 pm
- Dec 8 Parish Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast With Santa 8:30 –11 am
- Dec 13 Admissions Degree #571 at 6:30 pm
- Dec 13 SFX School Xmas Programs 7 pm
- Dec 18 SFX Quarterly Blood Drive PC 1-5 pm
- Dec 18 Council Xmas Social & Awards Dinner, Ground Round Bar & Grill 7 pm
- Dec 25 Christmas Holiday
- Dec 29-30 Enchilada Sales After Masses
- Jan 3rd Admissions Degree #5067 6:30 pm
- Jan 8 Council Business Meeting PC 7 pm
- Jan 16,23,30 BB Free Throw Contest at SFX
- Jan 22 Council Off & Directors Mtg 7 pm
- Jan 26 SFX School Faculty Spaghetti Dinner
- Jan 27 - 2nd and 3rd Degree Exemplification At Conception Seminary College at 1 pm

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

Thanksgiving Food Basket Project Completed

On Saturday morning Nov. 17th nine 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 needy but deserving families. Council Thanksgiving Food Basket event chair was Ray Heitman who coordinated the contents of food to purchase for each box. The food was actually distributed through the Catholic Charities family assistance program. The food was transported from Ray's Green Hills to the St Joseph Catholic Charities Agency offices on South 10th Street. Thanks go to Mike Violet, Mark Werner and Ray Heitman for the use of their pickup trucks which made quick work of the food transporting, sorting and repackageing. 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 *Faith In Action* council project this year which duplicates our donation of one year ago. This food donation 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 this year.

