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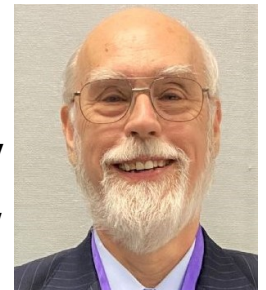


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Grand News

My Brother Knights,

On its face, last year was challenging on our Knights of Columbus Council since we had no sources of income but still had to carry through on our typical financial commitments. This also became an all too familiar situation for many families in the United States. Even when out of work, the bills still kept coming. With this situation now in the rear view mirror, it is great to see that Council 15126 has again started to begin projects that actually will return some money.



First, I want to give a huge acknowledgement this month to Sir Knight Dan Deatherage to recognize him for all the work he has done to facilitate our Holy Smoked Meat Sale. While the final sales are not yet totaled, Dan has already taken in over 60 orders for meat which will potentially net around \$900 in profits for the Council. A well-earned thank you is extended to Dan for his dedicated efforts.

I was surprised the other day when a couple of parishioners stopped me to ask for the exact date of the upcoming parish Chicken Dinner since they didn't want to miss it. What really amazed me was the fact that we haven't yet officially announced it! I am truly pleased that our parishioners are talking about it already and eagerly awaiting the return of this annual parish event. The financial success of these two projects will go a long way toward paying for the cost of several projects that our Council will be funding this fall including the St Joseph Walk for Life, Coats for Kids, Tootsie Roll Drive for Developmental Disabilities, Thanksgiving Food Baskets For Families, and the Priests Appreciation Dinner. Being philanthropic can leave one with great feelings, but to do philanthropic work one has to have sufficient financial resources. Fundraising is so crucial to our Council efforts.

Being the Grand Knight coming out of the pandemic, I knew could be a bit overwhelming. However, I find myself very thankful these days for all of my Knight brothers that have stepped it up to help make our early projects successful. As a Council, let's strive keep up the pace of these good works. This month I am challenging each one of you to volunteer your time to work at least one of our Council events this fall. You could start by volunteering at our next meeting on Sep 7th to help with the upcoming SFX Parish Chicken Dinner scheduled for Sep 19th. It would really be great if all of us could go into this Christmas season with a shared satisfied feeling that comes from being successful philanthropists. Hope to see you at the next meeting and one or more of our events.

Grand Knight

John Bitunjac

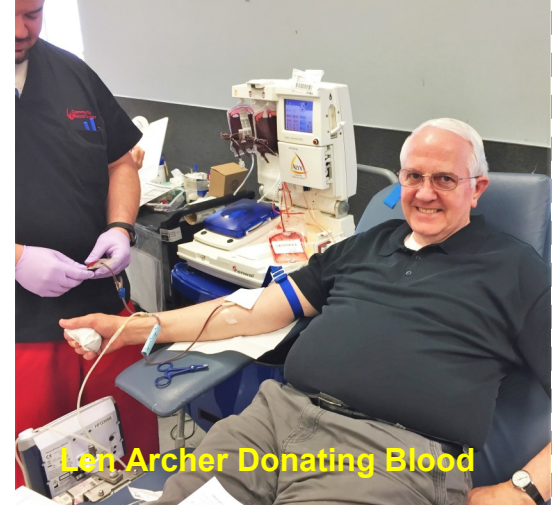
Next Parish Blood Drive On Sep 27th

Special Recognition:
Council 15126
 achieved 100% of
 their Missouri state
 Religious Information
 Bureau goal for the
 2020-21 year and was
 inducted into the
 Circle of Honor
 Society receiving a
 Commemorative
 Certificate of
 Recognition (shown
 below). The Council's
 name was inscribed
 with all the other MO
 Councils attaining
 this award and was
 on display at the
 State Convention.
 Congratulations
 Council 15126!

Our next St Francis Xavier Parish bi-monthly blood drive will be held from Noon-5 pm on Monday, September 27th in the St Francis Xavier Parish Center. The Parish blood drives are sponsored by the St Francis Xavier Knights of Columbus Council and are coordinated by Mike Violett and Mark Werner. Appointments are preferred to donate blood at the next drive and can be requested through this link:

https://donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/72478

Or by contacting Mike Violett at 816-233-8509 or Mark Werner at 816-232-3064. Walk-in donations are always welcome. This is a very critical time for blood donations due to the COVID-19 pandemic medical demands. **Make every effort to contribute blood if you can.**



Len Archer Donating Blood



Sep Birthday List

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

- Sep 7—Frank Still
- Sep 10—Leo Tilden
- Sep 10—Anthony Loeffler
- Sep 13—Donald Reid
- Sep 14—Larry Bahr
- Sep 20—Ray Heitman
- Sep 22—Ken Girard
- Sep 27—Jerry Rodriguez
- Oct 1—Richard Sadler
- Oct 3—Darrin Welchert

May they have many, many more!

CIRCLE OF HONOR



2020 – 2021

#15126 St. Francis Xavier Council

Missouri
 Religious Information Bureau

Mike Grudzinski

Mike Grudzinski, State Deputy

Michael Tesmer

Michael Tesmer, RIB Director

Faith In Action Council Activities Planned For 2021-2022

The K of C Faith In Action Program category matrix (shown in Table 2 below) includes all of the programs suggested for implementation by the Supreme Council. They have further designated some of these programs as Featured Programs (shown in Table 3).

For awards consideration the featured programs are worth 2 points each and the others are worth one each. To qualify for the Columbian Award a Council must successfully complete four points in each of the program categories before June 30th of each year. **Our Council will do the following featured programs: Spiritual Reflection, Coats for Kids, Food for Families, and March for Life. Our set of program goals to complete the other Faith In Action activities are underlined in red. Watch for and monitor these activities as they come about.**

FAITH	COMMUNITY
RSVP Into the Breach <u>Spiritual Reflection</u> Holy Hour Pilgrim Icon Program Building the Domestic Church Kiosk <u>Rosary Program</u> <u>Sacramental Gifts</u>	<u>Coats for Kids</u> Global Wheelchair Mission Habitat for Humanity Leave No Neighbor Behind** Disaster Preparedness <u>Free Throw Championship</u> <u>Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest</u> Soccer/Hockey Challenge Helping Hands
FAMILY	LIFE
<u>Food for Families</u> <u>Family of the Month/Year</u> Family Fully Alive Family Prayer Night Keep Christ in Christmas Family Week <u>Consecration to the Holy Family</u> Good Friday Family Promotion	<u>March for Life</u> Special Olympics Ultrasound Program <u>Pregnancy Center Support</u> Christian Refugee Relief Silver Rose Mass for People with Special Needs <u>Novena for Life</u>

Faith in Action Programs — Table 2

Bold denotes Featured Programs

**Only for this Fraternal Year

FAITH	COMMUNITY
RSVP Into the Breach <u>Spiritual Reflection</u> Holy Hour	<u>Coats for Kids</u> Global Wheelchair Mission Habitat for Humanity Leave No Neighbor Behind
FAMILY	LIFE
<u>Food for Families</u> <u>Family of the Month/Year</u> Family Fully Alive Family Prayer Night	<u>March for Life</u> Special Olympics Ultrasound Program <u>Pregnancy Center Support</u>

Featured Programs — Table 3

St Francis Xavier Parish Chicken Dinner Is Sunday Sep. 19th

Fr Bill Walter To Celebrate His 60th Anniversary of Ordination As A Precious Blood Priest Sep 11-12

On Saturday and Sunday Sep 11th and 12th following each of the SFX Parish Masses a punch and cookies reception will be hosted in the SFX Parish Center by the members of the SFX Knights of Columbus Council to recognize and celebrate Fr Bill Walter's 60th Anniversary as a Priest of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. Our Council is especially appreciative of Fr Bill's recent commitment to our members as an Officer and new Council 15126 Chaplain. Thank you Fr Bill for all that you do for us and have done over your many years of serving in the priesthood!



Council Hosts Virtual 4th Degree Exemplification At Parish Center

Joseph F. Marmaud from St Francis Xavier Council and Richard LaFollette the Grand Knight from Le-Blond Council each advanced to their 4th Degree of Knighthood at the state-wide virtual exemplification ceremony hosted locally by Council 15126 at the Parish Center on Aug 10th. This ceremony originated from St Louis and was presided by Past Missouri State Deputy, Robert Hawkins via a Zoom conference meeting displayed on the projection screen in the SFX Parish Center for local participants and observers. **Congratulations goes to new Sir Knight Joseph F. Marmaud and Sir Knight Richard LaFollette for their degree advancement. They were tapped by Faithful Navigator Mike Violet**t at the Aug Assembly Meeting.



Major Upcoming Council Activities

- Aug 29—Holy Smoked Brisket And Pork Sale
- Sep 19—Saint Francis Xavier Parish Chicken Dinner
- Sep 27—SFX Parish Bi-Monthly Blood Drive
- Oct 3—St Joseph Walk For Life Event
- Oct 8-10—Drive For Developmental Disabilities
- Oct 21-24—Parish Recruitment Membership Drive
- Nov 7—SFX Parish Priests Appreciation Dinner
- Nov 13—Deceased Knights Memorial Mass (4 PM)

St Francis Xavier Chicken Dinner Planned For Sep 19th

St Francis Xavier K of C Council will sponsor the Annual SFX Parish Chicken Dinner to be held on Sunday Sep 19th and all member Knights will be called upon to volunteer their time and talents to make this event a culinary, social and financial success. Due to the lingering COVID-19 restrictions we have decided to offer **“Drive Thru Only Service”** for this dinner. **Please plan to attend the Sep 7th Council Member Meeting so you can sign up to help out.** This is a major Council fundraising event and there is great anticipation among our parishioners to get back to “normal” parish activities. Pictures of the setup for our last Chicken Dinner event are shown below.



The Drive Thru Lane Will Be Located In The Parish Center Alley



A Chance To Improve Your Cooking Skills While Having Fun!

On-Demand Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity — A Direct Link

https://goto.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1359367&tp_key=9eb24b3a45&sti=invitationpdf

Annual LIFE DAY CELEBRATE



life worth defending



WALK, LIFE CHAIN AND RALLY SUNDAY OCT. 3, 2021

Choose either Walk Event #1 or Life Chain Event #2, Both Events followed with Rally Event #3

1 WALK FOR LIFE



WALK STARTING POINTS - TIME - DISTANCE

Choose the starting point that best suits your walking ability and join together as the walk comes to you

- A. FREDERICK BOULEVARD BAPTIST CHURCH 1:50 PM - 3.7 MILES
- B. MWSU SPRING SPORTS COMPLEX 2:15 PM - 2.2 MILES
- C. EAST HILLS LIBRARY 2:40 PM - 1 MILE

2 Life Chain @ Bishop LeBlond 2:00 PM

The Life Chain will provide Pro-Life non-walkers and disabled to participate in this event by displaying signs and praying in front of Bishop LeBlond H.S.

3 RALLY

One hour family friendly program
@ BISHOP LEBLOND
HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM - 3:30 PM
music, inspirational speakers

Shuttle Bus Will Be Provided After the Rally to Return Walkers To Their Starting Point

Catholic Diocese of Kansas City & St. Joseph • St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church • St. Joseph Pregnancy Resource Center
Missouri Right to Life • St. Joseph Knights of Columbus • The Catholic Newman Center
Facebook Page LifeDayStJosephMissouri



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Newsletter deadline for articles and pictures is 10 days prior to monthly business meetings. Email content to editor: Lenarcher15@gmail.com

Sep. Council Calendar of Events

- Sep 2 Mariner Luncheon Noon-1pm Council 571
- Sep 6 Labor Day Holiday—No SFX School
- Sep 7 Council Members Meeting 6:30 PM in PC
- Sep 11 Exemplification 4th Degree in St Louis, MO
- Sep 19th SFX Parish Chicken Dinner 10:30 AM-1:30 PM in Parish Center (Takeout Only)
- Sep 21 Council Officers and Directors Meeting 7 PM PC Conf Rm
- Sep 27 SFX Blood Drive Noon-5 PM in PC
- Sep 27 Assembly 569 Business Mtg at St Munchin Council 1110 at 7:00 PM in Cameron. MO
- Oct 3 St Joseph Walk For Life to LeBlond HS
- Oct 5 Council Members Meeting 6:30 PM in PC
- Oct 7 Mariner Luncheon at Noon
- Oct 8-10 Drive For Developmental Disabilities-Tootsie Roll Sales at Two Locations
- Oct 21-24 Membership Drive at SFX Parish

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

K of C Church Drive For Membership Oct 21-24

Have you ever heard someone say to you that “An Important Job Has To Be Done”? Read further because we do have an important job to do next month. We all will be recruiting new members for our Council ranks. It is not somebody else's job. It is everybody's job. Any of us can recruit so don't put it off to others or eventually nobody will be doing it. **We must hold each other accountable for the sustainment of our Council into the future by helping out with recruiting.**

The plan is to approach as many male parishioners before and after all SFX Parish Masses on the weekend of Oct 23rd and 24th and ask the Question: “**Are You a Knight? Would you be interested in joining the SFX Council?**” Simple and straight forward questions will get the best results. We will also set up a display and interact with the parents of SFX school students during the Parent Teacher conferences scheduled on Thursday, Oct 21st in the school. A volunteer recruiter list will be circulated at the Sep 7th Council Member meeting. Do your part.

SO NO EXCUSE—RECRUIT!



“An important job had to be done and **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it. **Anybody** could have done it, but **Nobody** did it. **Somebody** got angry about that because it was **Everybody's** job. **Everybody** thought that **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realized that **Everybody** wouldn't do it. It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have done.”