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## Grand Knight's Letter by GK Steve Berns

Brothers Knights,



With the loosening of social restrictions, there are a number of events that have been scheduled.

One of the first events will be the K of C Night at the Dayton Dragons on Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Tickets need to be ordered by August 2<sup>nd</sup>. A flyer appears in the newsletter for your consideration.

Installation of Officers and the Annual Awards ceremony is scheduled for 6:30 PM on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The picnic shelter has been reserved and the All Saints room is available in case of poor weather. Refreshments will be served, but this will not be our usual picnic event.

Blessed Michael McGivney's first feast day is August 13<sup>th</sup>. Officially, his feast day will be celebrated in the Archdiocese of Hartford, where he served as a diocesan priest and where he was beatified. This will be a perfect opportunity to recite the Prayer for Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney, which provides a description of his life and ministry. I suggest that we also take the opportunity to ask him to pray for some favor that is important to us. A litany of Blessed Michael McGivney was issued on the date of his beatification, so that we might ask him to pray for us as we address him as "Humble Servant of God," "Gentle Shepherd of Souls," "Protector of the Poor," "Apostle of Christian Family Life," "Exemplar of Charity," "Model of Unity," "Builder of Catholic Fraternity," "Instructor of Christian Patriotism," and naturally, "Founder of the Knights of Columbus." For more information about Blessed Michael McGivney's beatification, please go to <https://www.kofc.org/en/events/father-mcgivney-beatification/index.html>.

Our State Deputy, Mark Siracusa has announced the new state program theme: Lord, I am Your Servant will hopefully allow us to again complete the maximum number of programs. The free membership incentive has been continued through the end of the year and additional incentives have been established to award not only those who recruit, but also the councils and the candidates who join the Order.

I pray that each member and their family can continue to safely navigate through these difficult times.

**Vivat Jesus!**  
**Steve Berns**  
**Grand Knight**

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**2021 BOOMERFEST AT ST. LEONARD**

BoomerFest at St. Leonard is an all-day community festival featuring free music and entertainment inspired by the Baby Boomer era. 2021 marks the fifth year for this popular event featuring food trucks, a selection of craft beers, free kids' area and a cruise-in featuring classic cars, hot rods and motorcycles.

for more details:  
[HomelsHere.org/boomerfest](http://HomelsHere.org/boomerfest)

On the campus of St. Leonard  
8100 Ctyo Road  
Centerville  
937.433.0480

CHI Living Communities

"BoomerFest was an absolute HIT!"

**2021 Music Lineup:**

- 12:30-2:30pm *Stranger*
- 3:00-5:00pm *Brass Tracks*
- 5:30-7:30pm *Parrots of the Caribbean*
- 8:00-10:00pm *The Fries*

Sponsors and food vendors can register at [HomelsHere.org/boomerfest](http://HomelsHere.org/boomerfest)

"Gorgeous day, superb music, wonderful, friendly crowds and great food... fun for all!"

August Birthdays			
Mike Nowak	2	Tom Poppenhouse	12
Fr Brian Phelps	5	Mike Hummel	13
Chris Duval	6	Alexander Tyre	15
Thomas Fagan	6	Michael Romero	17
Charles Ginn	6	Jack Sederstrand	26
Andrew Devito	9	Eugene Fehskens	27

**Council 14504 Meeting Minutes – July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was held in person. The Grand Knight, Steve Berns, called the Council to order at 7:30 pm and led the Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

The Council meeting minutes from June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, was previously distributed to all members. After motions by Danny Sprouse and Michael Tortorici, the Council approved the minutes as written.

**Chaplain's Message:**

Nothing reported.

**Grand Knight's Report:**

The Grand Knight reported the following:

*Installation of Officers and Council Awards* – Scheduled for Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, at St Francis of Assisi church. Refreshments will be provided.

*State Program Road Show* – Scheduled Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, in Vandalia. Don Hirst will represent the Council. It's anticipated the Council will have earned the Gold Administrative award and may have earned the Star Council award (depending how latest new member was accounted for).

**Financial Report:**

Treasurer, Cal Frank, reported the receipts, disbursements, and checking account balance for the month. The Financial Secretary, Bob Luppino, reported on the bills (vouchers) received. He also reported the annual Council audit was completed.

**Membership Report:**

Membership Program Director, Michael Freil, introduced new transfer member, Gerald Holten. Michael emphasized the need to take action to recruit new members, especially as he takes on new responsibilities at the State level. He also discussed financial incentives offered by the State for new member recruitment.

**Other Reports:**

*Program* – Don Hirst discussed possible activities for Council involvement and encouraged Knights to volunteer for those activities.

*4th Degree* – Cal Frank reported on the successful Flag retirement which occurred on June 14<sup>th</sup>; over 2000 flags were properly retired.

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**Council 14504 Meeting Minutes – July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (Cont'd)**

*Field Agent* – Agent Jim Wagner discussed the new/improved financial needs analysis tool and gave recent examples of how it successfully assisted fellow knights. He encouraged all to take advantage of this benefit.

*District Deputy* – District Deputy, Ken Haacke, reported the Council annual membership (5% of membership, as of July 1<sup>st</sup>). He discussed new rules concerning suspended members, and Supreme Council's emphasis on retaining those members. He also announced the annual Dayton Dragons "KofC night" is scheduled Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> (\$12/ticket).

**Unfinished Business:**

Nothing reported.

**New Business:**

Nothing reported.

**Good of the Order:**

*Knight of the Month* – Joe Schmidt

*Family of the Month* – Al and Sue Fullenkamp family.

**Closing Prayer:**

All were asked to pray for Father Brian Phelps, the soul of John Metzger (and all who assisted him), Roger Krass, Nick Hoffman (father of John Hoffman), Steve Bern's brother, Ken Haacke's relative, friends and relatives of Knights, and all Knights in sickness and distress.

**Adjournment:**

There was no 50/50 or Attendance prize. The meeting was closed with a prayer led by Grand Knight, Steve Berns, at 8:05pm.


**Submitted by Recorder, Joe Schmidt**

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