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Grand Knight's Letter by GK Steve Berns



Brothers Knights,

The benefits presentation that was tentatively scheduled for September 19th will be rescheduled as a virtual event at another time.

The parish picnic is scheduled for September 26th, after the 11 AM mass. Volunteers are always needed for this event.

The Soccer Challenge is scheduled to be held at the same time as the parish picnic, in order to allow 9 to 14 year old boys and girls to participate at a convenient time. The assistance of 2 or 3 Knights is always appreciated, particularly if they have completed the safe environment training.

40 Days for Life will include 3 vigils at 1401 East Stroop Road in Kettering. The 2 PM events will be on September 19th, October 17th and October 31st. Each vigil last about 1 hour and features a speaker who

shares a pro-life message.

A spaghetti dinner is being planned for October 9th, after the 5 PM mass.

Football Crazr tickets can be turned in to the K of C mailbox near the parish office or at the next meeting. Ticket sales run through the end of October.

New recruitment incentives are being provided each month and candidates can use the MCGIVNEY2020 code to obtain free membership through the end of the year. Please consider inviting a man to join, so that he can share in the vision of Blessed Michael McGivney. Candidates can lean more and join at the following link:

<https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-the-knights.html>

Vivat Jesus!
Steve Berns
Grand Knight

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September Birthdays

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Council 14504 Meeting Minutes – August 10th, 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 July 13th, 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:

Dayton Dragons – The annual Dayton Dragons “KofC night” is scheduled Tuesday, August 17th (\$12/ticket).

Forty Days for Life – Archbishop Schnurr will lead a rosary in preparation of this Fall's Forty Days for Life campaign. The event is scheduled 2:00pm, August 29th, at the Women's Medical Center (abortion clinic) 1401 E. Stroop Rd, Kettering. This is a great opportunity for Knight participation.

Fraternal Benefits Seminar – Our Field Agent, Jim Warner, plans to conduct a Knights of Columbus Benefits Seminar, tentatively scheduled September 19th after the 11:00 am Mass. This will be open to the entire Parish.

2020-2021 Council Awards – Last fraternal year the Council earned 1) the General Program, First Place award for Division 2 Councils, 2) General Program, 4th in the State award, 3) and the Gold Award.

Football Craze – The football sweepstakes fundraiser for the state of Ohio involves the last 10 weeks of games played by the NFL this season. Tickets are now available at \$20.00 donation per ticket. At least \$2,500 in prizes will be awarded each week or at least \$25,000 over the contest period.

Annual Council Budget – The proposed Council annual budget for the 2021-2022 fraternal year will be voted on next month.

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 on Matching Funds. Matching Funds are Council donations which go to the State level; the State matches donations to fund Catholic religious education.

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Membership Report:

Membership Program Director, Michael Freil, reported the newest member, Jeff Cutlip, joined the Council in July. 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 in the month of August.

Other Reports:

Programs – Don Hirst requested Knights review a list of Council programs and encouraged Knights to volunteer leading and supporting those programs throughout the year.

4th Degree – Steve Berns reported the next 4th Degree of Exemplification is scheduled in October.

Field Agent – Agent Jim Warner reflected upon the upcoming Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary. Each Knight is called to leadership in the domestic life and called to support one another (both temporally and spiritually). He discussed the various Knights of Columbus benefits and financial products/analysis software that are available.

District Deputy – District Deputy, Ken Haacke, reported the Council annual membership (5% of membership, as of July 1st). He also discussed upcoming Degree opportunities and Council dues and documentation deadlines.

Unfinished Business:

Nothing reported.

New Business:

Bishop Fenwick Society – Danny Sprouse announced an upcoming facility tour of the seminary in Cincinnati scheduled October 5th.

Rosary Rally – Bob Luppino reported the annual Rosary Rally is scheduled October 10th.

Good of the Order:

Knight of the Month – Sean McManamy

Family of the Month – John and Michelle Nehrbass family.

Closing Prayer:

All were asked to pray for Father Brian Phelps, Roger Krass, Mike Manzo, Hank Borchers, 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 8:03pm.


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