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Grand Knight's Letter by GK Steve Berns



Brothers Knights,

I hope that all enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving.

Thank you to all who assisted with the church drive in October. At least one candidate has stated plans to join the Order. I would also like to thank those who assisted with the Highway Cleanup, Donut Sunday and the Spaghetti Dinner. All of these events underscored our commitment to advance the Order, serve the Church and assist the community.

We have all received an invitation to attend a K of C Town Hall scheduled for 7 PM on November 4. All members are encouraged to attend. Our State Deputy will be visiting in order to interact and take questions. There is not only the option to attend in person at St. Francis of Assisi in Friendship Hall, but you can attend virtually on Zoom at the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84318678005?pwd=WHd6Vk9NOUNNaW9WMTBCejlFUEJ3UT09>

Please e-mail me at s.berns@att.net if you plan to attend the Town Hall in person.

If a member has not already reported that they attended the fraternal benefits night, please e-mail about that also. Our council receives credit based upon member participation.

Our council will host the first of two in-person degrees on November 9th, at our usual meeting time. At least one candidate is expected to attend and this will also provide a great opportunity for those who have not yet advanced to the 3rd degree to become a 3rd degree member. This degree allows a member to serve as an officer and to qualify for advancement to the 4th degree, if they wish.

At 3 PM on November 27th, members will be assisting with placement of the new Breaking Bread books in the pews at St. Francis of Assisi. Volunteers will be appreciated.

I will close by thanking those who applied for membership to the Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Assembly. We expect to add 7 new members to Assembly 3056 after they attend the 4th Degree Exemplification on November 13th.

Vivat Jesus!
Steve Berns
Grand Knight Council 14504
Faithful Navigator Assembly 3056

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Council 14504 Meeting Minutes

12 October 2021

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The Council meeting minutes from September 9th, 2021, was previously distributed to all members. After motions by Danny Sprouse and Michael Tortorici, the Council approved the minutes as published.

Chaplain's Message:

Nothing reported.

Grand Knight's Report:

The Grand Knight, Steve Berns, reported the following:

Thank You – Thanked fellow knights who supported the recent [Spaghetti dinner on October 9th](#), The Walk to End Alzheimer's and the Family Rosary Rally on October 10th.

40 Days for Life – 40 Days for Life will continue with 2pm vigils on October 17th and October 31st at 1401 East Stroop Road in Kettering. Each vigil lasts about 1 hour and features a speaker who shares a pro-life message.

Recruitment – As part of our recruitment efforts, a Delta Church Drive will be held in the Gathering Space on October 16th, 17th, 23rd, and 24th. Members are welcome to assist with this effort as we welcome men who are practicing Catholics to join the Order.

Next Exemplification – Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity is scheduled at the next Council meeting on November 9th, 7:30pm. This is open to new candidates and family members. Any member who has not already attained the 3rd Degree will be advanced by attending.

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.

Membership Report:

Membership Program Director, Michael Freil, announced new member, Steven Gentile. Michael emphasized the opportunity to recruit new members at the upcoming Delta Church Drive.

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Other Reports:

Program – Steve Berns reported on Council support to the recent Spaghetti dinner which raised \$675 for Seminarians, the Walk to End Alzheimer's which raised \$750, and Family Rosary Rally.

4th Degree – Steve Berns announced a 4th Degree Exemplification scheduled November 13th at the Dayton Marriot Hotel. Those interested in joining the 4th Degree are welcome to talk to any 4th Degree member or find a Form 4 in the KofC mailbox near the parish office.

Field Agent – Steve Berns reported on behalf of Field Agent Jim Warner Announced a virtual Fraternal Benefits Night webinar scheduled October 13th at 7:30pm with Industry Leader Van Mueller. Details were in an available flyer.

District Deputy – District Deputy, Ken Haacke, reported the following on the training seminar, 'You Are Your Programs', scheduled October 7th, 16th, and 26th. Final turn-in for Football Fund Craze is November 7th. He also discussed October membership recruitment incentives.

Unfinished Business:

Nothing reported.

New Business:

Highway Cleanup – The next I-675 intersection cleanup is scheduled for 9am, October 16th.

Donut Sunday – The sale of donuts benefits Seminarians and is scheduled after the masses on October 17th.

Christmas Cards – Now for sale; see Steve Berns.

Council Shirts – See Cal Frank.

Good of the Order:

Knight of the Month – Mike Manzo

Family of the Month – Gregg and Kim Nartker family.

Closing Prayer:

All were asked to pray for Father Brian Phelps, Frank Borchers, Glen Bakle (Cal Frank's brother-in-law), Tom Poppenhouse, 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

JOIN US AT THE STATE DEPUTY'S ARCH TOWN HALL MEETING

Thursday, November 4, 2021

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
6245 Wilmington Pike, Centerville, Ohio 45459
Meeting will be held in the Parish "Friendship Hall"

7:00 pm to 8:30/9:00 pm
Our Host Council is Fr. Francis X. Hoffer #14504
Steve Berns – Grand Knight

This open forum event provides an opportunity to speak with our State Deputy Mark Siracusa and members of his team about any questions you may have with regards to State or Supreme programs, training, membership initiatives or just help and ideas or more.

LIVE and ONLINE via ZOOM

This event will also be streaming for those of you who are not in the Dayton Area, and you will also be able to ask questions!




The link is provided in the accompanying email or by emailing diocesan state officer Mike Felerski at mfelerski@icloud.com.



October Birthdays			
Ed Dandenau	2	Bryan Link	14
Bob Witman	2	Paul Quolke	16
Pat O'Christie	9	Jeff Geraghty	25
Lawrence Nartker	10		

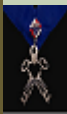
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