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Grand Knight's Letter by GK Steve Berns

Brothers Knights,



Thank you to all who assisted with Donut Sunday and with decoration of the church for Christmas.

As we look to the new year, it will be an important time to support our Church and our brother Knights. The Church will need our support in regards to Beacons of Light. The State Council has continued to provide incentives for new members to join and this ensures the success of the Order. Please feel free to invite a candidate to join.

For those who might wish to learn more about the Order's charitable programs, there is a page at [https://](https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/charity/index.html)

www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/charity/index.html and there is also a page for disaster relief at <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/donate/disaster-relief.html>

Please continue to pray for those affected by COVID and for those affected by the recent storms.

I wish all a safe and Happy New Year.

Vivat Jesus!
Steve Berns
Grand Knight Council 14504
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Council Shirts for Sale

We will have a supply of council shirts at the January 11th Council Meeting. Price is dependent on the final price we get from the supplier as raw materials have been raised. There will be sizes from M to XXL with XXL being \$2 more. Please contact SK Cal Frank if you have questions.

2022 Council Dues

Brother Knights,

Dues notices will be mailed to the membership this month. The dues will remain at \$35 with voluntary assessments of \$5 each for Measure Up and the Fenwick Society. If anyone is financially unable to pay their dues this year, please let me know by returning your dues invoice with a request to forgo your dues this year. That information will remain private.

SK Bob Luppino

Council 14504 Financial Secretary



January Birthdays			
Craig Deanthony	4	Tom Kwest	16
Christopher Nolan	4	Trenton Nartker	16
Chris Rauch	4	John Nehrbass	18
James Holanhan	7	Ken Haacke	20
Robert Komoff	11	Bob Wissel	21
Skip Fromm	13	Donnie Bell	26
Eric Crouch	15	Fernando Branquinho	26
David Faas	16	David Marek	26



Volunteers Needed St Vincent de Paul

The St Vincent DePaul Breakfast Ministry, which prepares and serves breakfast on the first Saturday of each month needs volunteers. We prepare and serve food for two locations. The first location is Apple St which houses single woman and families. The second location is Gettysburg which houses single men.

COVID health guidelines have resulted in needing more people to serve the food at each location. In addition, the preparing of breakfast is done both at St Francis and Apple Street because neither location has a kitchen facility to prepare what is needed to serve 250 – 350 people.

The food that we serve is the only warm breakfast that the homeless receive each month since other organizations do not have a kitchen facilities available to them that can support the preparation of so much food.

Help is needed to serve breakfast which begins at 6:00 am at both locations. In addition, help is also needed to prepare food at the Apple St location beginning at 4:30 am.

Anyone interested in helping please call **Mike Manzo at 937 689 2570.**

Council 14504 Meeting Minutes

14 December 2021

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The Council meeting minutes from November 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 all involved in the distribution of Breaking Bread Books in the pews of the church on November 27th.

Donut Sunday – The sale of donuts benefits Seminarians and is scheduled after the masses on December 19th.

Volunteer Opportunity – Request Knight to assist with decoration of the church for Christmas on December 23rd, at 6:00 pm.

Blessing – Wished all a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

Financial Report:

Treasurer, Cal Frank, reported the receipts, disbursements, and checking account balance for the month. He also reported on the bills (vouchers) received

Membership Report: Grand Knight Steve Berns emphasized the need to recruit new members at every opportunity and discussed recruitment incentives being offered.

Other Reports:

Program – Don Hirst reported the Christmas church decoration was the last Council scheduled event for the calendar year.

4th Degree – Nothing reported.

Field Agent – Field agent, Jim Warner, discussed tax deferred products (i.e., traditional IRAs) and changes to KofC policy regarding required minimum distributions.

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December Council 14504 Meeting Minutes, Cont'd

District Deputy – District Deputy, Ken Haacke, reported the following four items: 1) The State will perform an online Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity through the end of the fraternal year on Wednesdays at 7:00pm. To register, visit “www.kofcoho.org/exemplification-registration”. 2) Supreme will return Supreme Assessments on January 1st, 2022. Per capita assessments for membership will be \$1.75 per member (excluding Honorary and Exempt members). Catholic advertising will be \$.50, and Culture of Life will be \$1.00. 3) The first turn in for “Support our Seminarians” program is due December 15th and should be sent to former State Deputy Bob Byers. The form is available via the State website. 4) The District Deputy also reviewed the incentives offered for recruitment of members before December 24th.

Unfinished Business:

Nothing reported.

New Business:

Charity – Mike Tortorici made a motion for the Council to donate \$250 towards disaster relief, specifically for those affected by the tornadoes in Kentucky on December 11th. After Danny Sprouse seconded, the Council approved the motion.

Mulch Sale – Cal Frank discussed plans for sale of mulch this Spring. He suggested the distribution of mulch on either April 9th or 23rd.

Good of the Order:

Knight of the Month – Donald Hirst

Family of the Month – Dave & Barb Laurash family.

Closing Prayer:

All were asked to pray for Father Brian Phelps, Father Tom Gaeke, Roger Krass, Hank Borchers, Tom and Linda Tortorici, Frank Leon, Paul Quolke, Sean Gammon and his wife, Matilda (Greg Hazenfield’s granddaughter), those affected by the recent tornadoes, 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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