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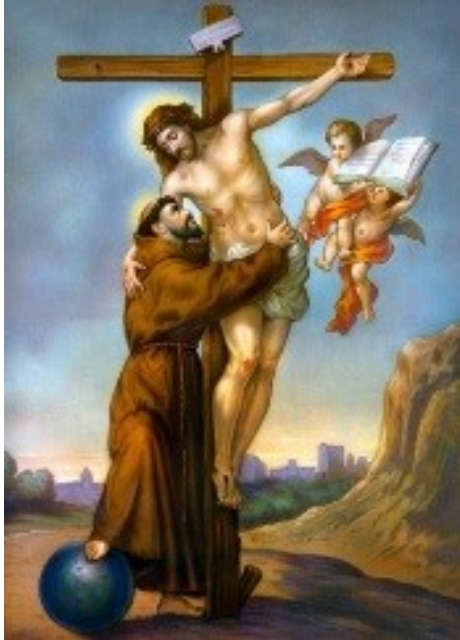
March 1, 2022

Knights of Columbus

Council 14504

Grand Knight's Letter by GK Steve Berns

Brother Knights of Council 14504,



March will be a busy month, based upon the number of activities: 40Days for Life will be from March 2 to April 10. After the Opening Rally at the abortion clinic on February 27, 40 Days will continue from 7 AM to 7 PM on the noted dates with prayer to end abortion on the sidewalks outside the center at 1401 East Stroop Rd in Kettering. Participants will be asked to park only on the city streets and not go on to the center grounds.

On March 10th, there will be a Virtual Fraternal Benefit Night titled "Purpose Driven Retirement Strategies". Brother Knight Joe Jordan will discuss the two fundamental questions you will face when planning for retirement: How will you spend your time? How are you going to pay for it? There is no cost to attend, and all Catholics are welcome! You can register for the 7:30 PM event by visiting: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_isS2QDTFSJKFhR3nHACpAg

On March 11th, we will be hosting Stations of the Cross at 7 PM.

It will soon be time to hold another Membership Drive at St. Francis. My plan is to request a table on the weekend of March 12 and 13. Please feel free to invite men to join our council.

On March 21st, there will be a virtual 4th degree exemplification. Any 3rd degree member who wishes to join Assembly 3056 is welcome to let me know.

Cash Bonanza raffle tickets are expected to be provided by mail. All are encouraged to purchase these \$5 tickets. The proceeds benefit the many charitable causes supported by the State Council and our share will be used to support our own charitable causes.

Nominations for Youth of the Year and Lady of the Year are welcome. Please use the format noted on the attached nomination form. Our Worthy Trustees will be asked to vote from among the monthly awardees for Knight of the Year and Family of the Year.

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Grand Knights 14504 Meeting Minutes

The State Convention has been scheduled for May 13 to 15. The delegates are to be approved by vote of the council. The delegates are to be the Grand Knight and a past Grand Knight.

The K of C night at the Dragons will be on June 12th. We plan to have 65 Sir Knights in attendance to display not only the national colors, but also the flags of all states. Please see the attached flyer.

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



March Birthdays			
Tom Gervais	1	Joe Ritzel	20
Philip Mals	1	J Barry Berty	21
John Teter	3	James Durning	21
Jeff Mays	5	Denis Egan	21
Brad Miesle	8	Daniel Kulhanek	22
Jeffery Travers	10	Greg Kothman	24
Donald Hirst	13	Cal Frank	25
Stephen Haller	14	Mark Rodney	25
Brian Repka	14	Greg Hazenfield	27
Steven Peterson	16	Todd Irlbeck	28
Michael Tortoricil	17	Robert Mehlick	28
Jonothan Pryor	19	Michael Chongl	29
Darren Pollock	20	Nick Meyer	31

Looking Ahead—Upcoming Events

March 10th—Semi-Annual Fish Fry

A Fraternal Benefits night is scheduled for March 10th led by award-winning author and brother Knight Joe Jordan. Register at

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_isS2QDTFSJKFhR3nHACpAg

March 26th—Semi-Annual Fish Fry

An annual St Francis Lenten Event sponsored by the Men's Club



April 9th—Spaghetti Dinner

After the 5PM Mass. Proceeds support our Seminarians.



June 12th Knight's Night at Dayton Dragons

Tickets \$14. \$7 goes to Dayton Chapter. See attached flyer in email



ELIZABETH'S NEW LIFE CENTER

Elizabeth New Life Center is hosting a Banquet at the Hope Hotel and Convention Center on Thursday, April 7th with nationally known speaker Dr. Allen Hunt . The theme of this year's banquet is "*Arise and Rescue*". The banquet has the goal of raising \$205,000.

If you are interested in attending this fundraising event for lifesaving programs and services for babies and mothers, please contact Cheryl Brockman at 937-885-4326 or email at tabcabpurple@gmail.com

There are two individual who have sponsored tables for those who would like to attend:

- Respect Life is hosting a table for Elizabeth's New Life Center spring partnership banquet. If you are interested in attending this fundraising event for lifesaving programs and services for babies and mothers, please contact Cheryl Brockman at 937-885-4326 or email at tabcabpurple@gmail.com
- In addition, SK Danny Sprouse has registered/paid as a table sponsor at the ENLC Banquet on Thursday 7 April. He has 8 more seats to fill at the table and is opening it up to anyone that would like to attend. He will also add their names to the attendee list so there would be no need to register separately.



ST FRANCIS of ASSISI 34th ANNUAL MULCH SALE

The St. Francis - Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring the 34th Annual Mulch Sale on the Weekend of April 23, 2022.. The mulch will be the same type and quality that we delivered last year.. It is dark brown, shredded hardwood mulch packaged in *2 cubic foot bags*. **NOTE: Bag size was changed in 2017 for easier handling and will be same size this year. Price increase due to increase from supplier along with additional transportation cost.**

The sale is a major fundraising event to support charity, Youth and our Veterans programs.. **The cost of the mulch will be \$5.00 per bag.** We do offer delivery services. **A delivery charge of \$10.00 will be added for each order delivered.** Delivery services will be limited to 10 miles from St. Francis Church. Since we order only a nominal amount over that which is pre-ordered it is important that we receive your order by April 17, 2022. **Payment is due with your completed order form.** Orders may be placed in one of three ways:

Clip off and mail the form below to: Jeff Bennett, 1157 South Alpha Bellbrook Road, Bellbrook, OH 45305.

Sign up or drop off your completed order form after any of the Masses the weekends March 12th & 13th, March 19 & 20st, March 26th and 27st, April 2nd & 3rd, unmanned table on April 9rd and April 10th at the designated table in the Gathering Space.

E-mail your order to Jeff Bennett at bennettje454@gmail.com. Please include in your order the same information that is requested on the order form below.

Your order will be available for pickup on Saturday, April 23, 2021 from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM in the St. Francis parking lot. If you are unable to pick up your mulch during this time frame please contact us to make other arrangements. Deliveries will be on Saturday, April 23, 2021.

Please keep the above portion of the order form for your records and information.

ORDER FORM

_____ **Last Name**

_____ **First Name**

_____ **Phone Number**

_____ **Street Address**

_____ **City**

_____ **Zip Code**

Number of bags _____

Delivery Requested? (Circle Choice) Yes No

Payment requested at the time of placing order.

Make Checks out to "Knights of Columbus"

Checks deposited upon delivery

Ohio State Council Knights of Columbus

NOMINEE OF THE YEAR

Send this form with supporting documents by April 1st to the appropriate Director as listed in the State Directory.

Check the Appropriate Nominee Category

<input type="checkbox"/> BLUE COAT - Community Dir	<input type="checkbox"/> KNIGHT - Council Dir	<input type="checkbox"/> VOLUNTEER - Community Dir
<input type="checkbox"/> CHAPLAIN - Church Dir	<input type="checkbox"/> LADY - Council Dir	<input type="checkbox"/> YOUTH - Youth Dir
<input type="checkbox"/> FAMILY - Family Dir	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS - Church Dir	

Council Name: _____

Nom. Parish: _____

Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

City/Zip _____

Telephone: _____

Telephone: _____

Occupation: _____

Spouse: _____

Church Activities:

Interaction with K of C:

Community Activities:

Reasons for Nomination:

Submitted By: _____

Telephone: _____

Grand Knight: _____

Telephone: _____

Council 14504 Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2022

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

Mike Nowak previously e-mailed the Council meeting minutes from January 11, 2022, to all members via Council newsletter. After motions by Danny Sprouse and Jeffrey Travers, the Council approved the minutes as published.

Chaplain's Message:

Nothing reported.

Grand Knight's Report:

Recruitment – A Recruitment Delta Church Drive at the Parish is anticipated late February or March. Standby for details.

Super Cash Bonanza – Super Cash Bonanza is the Ohio State Council's annual charity campaign which provides significant amount of funding to our church, school systems and community projects. The campaign is funded through ticket sales. The Grand Knight will pick up tickets for the Council on Saturday, February 12th.

Fraternal Benefits – There will be a fraternal benefits webinar presentation on March 10th at 7:30 PM. Registration for the webinar is required; the Grand Knight will send details by e-mail.

Membership Incentives – The February Membership Incentives allow the Proposer to receive \$30.00 for each Council that obtains their membership quota by February 14th. The council that maintains that quota through June 30th will receive \$100.00

Donut Sunday – Scheduled between Parish Masses on Sunday, February 20th.

First Holy Communion – The Parish has asked the Council to assist with the receptions following the First Communions after the 5:00 PM Mass on April 30th, the Sunday Masses on May 1st, and the Sunday Masses on May 8th. The Council will provide donuts; the cost will be reimbursed by the Parish.

Financial Report:

Treasurer, Cal Frank, reported the current deposits, expenses, and checking account balance. He also read letters of appreciation from the Charities of Kentucky (for \$250 donation towards tornado relief) and from the Oasis House (for \$250 donation supporting women survivors of exploitation and trauma).

The Financial Secretary, Bob Luppino, reported that 80 of 180 members have paid their annual membership dues. He encouraged all members to pay as soon as possible.

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Membership Report:

State Membership Director, Michael Freil, reported on the membership incentives.

He also reported the Council's newest member is Mr. Greg Hahn.

Program Reports:

Deputy Grand Knight, Don Hirst, discussed plans for the Council to lead the Stations of the Cross during Lent. He also discussed plans to distribute eggs to children during Easter.

Report of the Fourth Degree

Nothing reported.

Field Agent Report

Field Agent, Jim Warner, reported that his goal is to reach out to as many members as possible. He also discussed the value of permanent (Whole Life) insurance which has three major benefits: 1) use for generational wealth transfer, 2) use with Long Term Care Insurance, and 3) use as an asset to draw supplemental income.

District Deputy Report

District Deputy, Ken Haacke, was not able to attend. John Hoffman reported on the upcoming semi-annual audit.

Unfinished Business:

Mulch Sale – Cal Frank discussed the upcoming mulch sale; deliveries are scheduled April 23rd.

New Business:

Fenwick Society – The Bishop Fenwick Society honors the legacy of Cincinnati's first bishop, Edward Fenwick (1822–1833) which supports the education of tomorrow's priests, deacons, and lay ministers. No payment was made last year although \$500 was budgeted. Michael Friel made a motion to donate \$500. The motion was seconded and approved by the Council.

Ultrasound Machine – Mike Tortoricci made a motion to donate \$500, as budgeted this year, to Elizabeth's New Life Center for purchase of an ultrasound machine. Danny Sprouse seconded the motion and the Council approved.

Parish Fish Fry – Mike Manzo announced a Parish Fish Fry is planned for March 25th; he asked Knights to volunteer; sign up will be after Masses in early March.

Ushers – Michael Friel discussed the need for ushers during the 08:30 and 11:00 AM Masses. He also discussed the need for usher security training.

Good of the Order

Knight of the Month – Dan Turner

Family of the Month – Michael and Charlotte Nowak

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Closing Prayer:

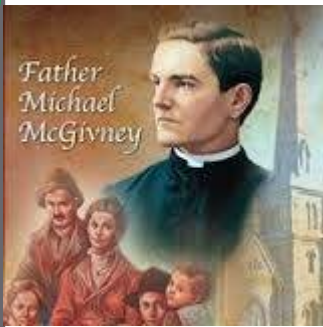
All were asked to pray for the late Tom Poppenhouse, Jeffery Mays' late mother, Greg Narker's father, Cletus Schmidt (Joe Schmidt's father), Roger Krass, Bob Whitehouse, Paul Quolke, Tom Kwest, Joe Kreis, Frank Leon, Bob Caperall, Joyce Braver (Danny Sprouse's sister-in-law); Jason Holton (son of Gerald Holton), and all affected by COVID-19.

Adjournment:

Grand Knight, Steve Berns closed the meeting with the Prayer for Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney at 8:10 PM.

Submitted by Recorder, Joe Schmidt

PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY



God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.


Our Father Hail Mary Glory be to the Father

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