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Grand Knight's Letter by GK Steve Berns

Brother Knights of Council 14504



The new fraternal year is underway. Some big changes have happened in our country and require us to double down. The overturning of Roe vs Wade has sparked action on both sides. Many states are working to outlaw abortion, while others are setting it in stone within state constitutions. Many mainstream and other vocal people claim we are nothing but pro-birthers. We, as pro-lifers, know life is sacred and is to be protected from conception until natural death. This brings us to our newest program within the Knights: Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP). For every \$500 we spend towards pregnancy resource centers or maternity homes (up to \$2,000), the Supreme Council will donate \$100. So, \$2,000 turns into \$2,400 towards these resources. Read more here: <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/life/aid-support-after-pregnancy.html>

On the Church front, we are undergoing not only the process of being one Parish Family, but also a Eucharistic Revival. Only 1/3 of Catholics believe in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Through Substantiation, Jesus Christ is fully present Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. We are encouraged to deepen our devotion in the Eucharist. This past June, we participated in a Eucharist Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi and expect this to be something we do with our Parish on a yearly basis. As well, our Parish's Youth promote Quarterly Eucharistic Adoration XLT. The next XLT Adoration is on October 2nd from 7pm-8:30pm.

On the topic of the True Presence of Christ, this is a reminder that we should never be receiving the Eucharist in a state of Mortal Sin. I encourage everyone to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least monthly. Our Reconciliation times are Tuesday, Noon-1pm and Saturdays, 11am-Noon. Reconciliation is also available by appointment (937) 433-1013 ext. 1001. You can use [masstimes.org](https://www.masstimes.org) to find Confession any day of the week at nearby Parishes.

Lastly, do not forget about our Insurance Program. If you haven't talked to our agent, reach out to him and schedule a consultation. They can provide a Benefit Needs Analysis and help determine what you may still need. As well, if you have policies within the Knights, ensure all information and beneficiaries are up to date.

Vivat Jesus!
John Hoffman
Grand Knight Council 14504

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Congratulations!

Council 14504 has earned the 2021-2022 Star Council Award!



Worthy Brother Hoffman,

Congratulations!

Council 14504 has earned the 2021-2022 Star Council Award, recognizing excellence in program activity, membership growth (100% of quota), insurance promotion, fraternal reporting, and Safe Environment compliance.

During this challenging year, your council adapted and continued to stand in the breach, serving your brothers, families, parishes, and communities. The Supreme Council is pleased to recognize these achievements and acknowledge the hard work of you and your brother knights.

Your council's award plaque will be shipped to your District Deputy for presentation. Production and delivery of awards is currently estimated at 10-12 weeks. Additionally, to help celebrate this accomplishment and promote your council, attached please find a [bulletin announcement](#) and [press release](#) for your use. These are great tools that will highlight your good works in the community.

There is still much to be done and we need your council to lead the way. Keep the momentum going and start planning now for another successful fraternal year! The new 2022-2023 Star Council requirements, which can be found at KofC.Org/Star, will help guide your council to excellence in the year to come.

Thank you and *Vivat Jesus!*

Fraternally,

John Moulder
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August Birthdays			
Michael Nowak	2	Raymond Finney	10
Fr Brian Phelps	5	Mike Hummel	13
Thomas Fagan	6	Alexander Tyre	15
Charles Ginn	6	Michael Romero	17
Andrew Devito	9	Eugene Fehskens	27

Council 14504 Minutes for July 12th, 2022

Call to Order:

The meeting was held in person. The Grand Knight, John Hoffman, 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 May 10, 2022, to all members via Council newsletter. After motions by Danny Sprouse and Dan Pfeiffer, the Council approved the minutes as published.

Chaplain's Message: Nothing reported.

Grand Knight's Report:

Happy New Year – The Grand Knight welcomed all Knights and wished all a very happy fraternal new year (which started July 1st).

Beacons of Light – The Grand Knight discussed the Beacons of Light, and the supporting of our new family parish, the Church of the Incarnation.

State Tour – Ohio State Council State Officers and team will meet this Saturday (16 July, 1:00pm) at Council 500 (Holy Trinity Church) to discuss this year's programs.

Financial Report:

Treasurer, Mike Nowak, reported the current deposits, expenses, and checking account balance.

The Financial Secretary, Bob Luppino, reported on the Council's "Measure Up" campaign which occurred in April. "Measure Up" is an annual fundraising drive which supports and assists people with developmental disabilities. He also reported the Council's semi-annual financial audit paperwork is due no later than August 15th.

Membership Report: Nothing reported.

Program Reports:

Danny Sprouse asked for Knights to volunteer at Masses. Volunteers are needed to serve at daily and all weekend Masses, specifically as servers, eucharistic ministers, and ushers.

Report of the Fourth Degree

Steve Berns reported the Assembly's installation of officers is scheduled July 23rd, at St Francis of Assisi church. Michael Freil will be installed as the Assembly's Faithful Navigator. A virtual 4th Degree exemplification is scheduled July 27th. See Steve for sponsorship and the necessary forms.

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Field Agent Report: Nothing reported.

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Council 14504 Minutes for July 12th, 2022 (cont)

District Deputy Report

District Deputy, Ken Haacke, reported on the following:

Membership Goal – The Council’s membership goal for the new fraternal year is 10 new members.

Recruitment Incentive – The Supreme Council is offering incentives. For the first quarter of this fiscal year Council’s offers \$7 jurisdictions per new member. Also, the top five Grand Knights (per percentage of intake goal attained) will earn an all-expense trip (with spouse) to visit Supreme Headquarters, St. Mary’s Church, and the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center in New Haven, Connecticut.

Exemplifications – The State Deputy requests each District to hold an Exemplification of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity once a month. It’s recommended to schedule exemplifications before Council meetings.

Boomer Fest – The District Deputy announced “Boomer Fest” scheduled Saturday, August 13th, from noon to 10:00pm at St Leonard’s.

Fatima USA – The District Deputy also announced “Fatima USA” event schedule Friday, August 12th, 7:30pm at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

Upcoming Events – Mike Manzo requested volunteers for the following upcoming events:

Spaghetti Dinner – Sponsored by the Council (proceeds go to supporting Seminarians), will be scheduled the 3rd or 4th Saturday in September.

Parish Golf Outing – Scheduled August 28th at the Locust Grove Golf Course.

Parish Fish Fry – Scheduled this Fall, date and time to be determined

Parish Rosary on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Wednesday of each month (at 6:00pm)

Nametag Holding Case – Tom Kwest made a motion to purchase a new holding case for plastic nametags. After discussion on the current plastic nametags and new metallic nametags yet to be acquired, the Council disapproved the motion and recommended further research before purchasing a case.

Good of the Order

Knight of the Month – Steve Berns.

Family of the Month – The Jason Brandeberry family.

Closing Prayer:

All are asked to pray for Father Brian Phelps and Father Ignatius Madanu, Bob Merland, Roger Krass, Danny Sprouse’s sister-in-law, (Teresa Ambol, recovering from a stroke), Dan Pfeiffer’s wife (Mary), Steve Berns (for upcoming surgery), Steve Berns’ sister (Diane Babcock); Pat Allen’s brother (Dan, for cancer treatment), Danny’s Sprouse’s sister (Joy Barder, battling cancer), Cal Frank’s wife (Kathy), and for all those affected by the war in Ukraine.

Adjournment:

Grand Knight, John Hoffman, closed the meeting with the Prayer for Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney at 8:12 pm.

Submitted by Recorder, Joe Schmidt



**COUNCIL 14504
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

SPAGHETTI DINNER
SEPTEMBER 24, 2022
AFTER 4:30 PM MASS

DINNER INCLUDES SPAGHETTI, MEATBALLS, SALAD
COOKIES AND BROWNIES

FAMILY DINING AFTER 4:30 MASS

TICKET PRICES

ADULT \$ 10.00


FAMILY \$ 25.00

**PROCEEDS GOES TOWARD SUPPORTING
FOUR SEMINARIANS**




Men's Club Fish Fry
Friday, November 18th.

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