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Grand Knight's Letter by GK John Hoffman



Worthy Brothers,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We are now in the Twelve Days of Christmas, which is not some 18th Century song, but a season of feasts and solemnities leading up to the Epiphany. On a side note, the song 12 Days of Christmas isn't some song to teach tenants of the Faith. That was made up in 1979. You cannot trust everything you see on Facebook.

If you would like to know more about the 12 days of Christmas, I really liked this blog post: <https://www.thescottsmithblog.com/2017/12/what-are-twelve-days-of-christmas.html>

As I write this newsletter, it is now Day 6, December 30th and the Feast of the Holy Family. Let me share with you one of my favorite pieces of Catholic art I have in my home; the image of the Holy Family.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, image of the Blessed Trinity here on earth, ... Pray for us

As for our reading list, since we didn't have a book in July, I doubled up this December. Here were my recommendations:

Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives by Pope Benedict XVI

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary: Unveiling the Mother of the Messiah by Brant James Pitre

Both books are great reads leading up to and through Christmas.

Book 7 will be announced at the next meeting.

The Eucharist continues to be a central theme, in our Faith in Action Program, The Archdiocese Beacons of Light, and the Eucharistic Revival. Continue to make it the central part of your lives.

As part of this, Archbishop Schnurr is requiring those leading in the Churches and recommends for all others to take part in a study about the mass by Robert Barron. Please sign up here for a wonderful series on the mass and a great opportunity to further the development of your faith.

https://catholicaoc.org/themass?vgo_e=s6yY6J7fkgdBDnIF84F7Jovy7T5YEJ8ohjC9vauJg30%3D

The Officers of this council will meet on the First Tuesday of the month at 7pm in Room #6 in preparation for our normal monthly meeting.

Lastly, remember the wonderful gift of the Sacrament of Confession. Take advantage of it often.

Vivat Jesus!
John Hoffman
Grand Knight Council 14504

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Council 14504 Minutes for December 13th, 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 October 11th, 2022, to all members via Council newsletter. After motions by Danny Sprouse and Steve Berns to correct the minutes concerning Resolution 1 of the Bylaws, the Council approved the minutes as corrected.

Chaplain's Message:

Nothing reported.

Grand Knight's Report:

The Grand Knight, John Hoffman, encouraged continued Pro-Life outreach. He reported the Council's successful "Coats for Kids" program which bought and distributed two containers of coats for boys and girls in the local area. He also encouraged all to read, "Jesus of Nazareth" by author Pope Benedict XVI, and "Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary" by author Brant Pitre.

Financial Report:

The Treasurer, Mike Nowak, reported on deposits and expenses. The Council's checking and savings accounts balances total \$18,404.93.

Membership Report:

State Membership Director, Michael Freil, reported on the current statewide membership results. He asked all Knights to invite a man to join the Order, and to use the E-Member process. He also announced a recruitment incentive for bringing in new members before Christmas.

Program Reports:

Community Report – Steve Berns reported that the "Keep Christ in Christmas" cards are for sale. Cal Frank reported that over \$6500 was raised by the Parish Men's Club "Fish Fry" in November.

Report of the Fourth Degree

Michael Friel reported that five men from the Council became 4th Degree Knights during the recent exemplification on November 19th. The next Exemplification is scheduled in March 2023 at St Gertrude Church in Cincinnati.

District Deputy Report

District Deputy, Ken Haacke, reported that Supreme has started the Affiliate Program. This program allows Councils to remove non-active members from their rosters without penalty. He also reminded the Council that the "Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity" (Form 1728) is due by January 31st, 2023.

Unfinished Business:

The Recorder, Joe Schmidt, noted the proposed Resolution 1 to the Council's Bylaws as unfinished business. Danny Sprouse made a motion to approve Resolution 1 to the Bylaws. Resolution 1 changes Article 1, Section 4 of the Bylaws to read: "The Financial Secretary shall receive annual compensation, payable in quarterly installments at the end of each quarter, from the council an amount equal to 8% of the

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moneys collected on account of dues from insurance and associate members. The Financial Secretary, at his discretion, may forgo his compensation or have such funds directed to one of the charities supported by the council.” Steve Berns seconded the motion. The Council approved the motion.

New Business:

The Financial Secretary, Bob Luppino, noted the next Council financial audit is due by mid-February of 2023. He also advised that approximately 10 members should be removed via the Affiliate program.

The Financial Secretary advised the Council purchase Spiritual Planner books (\$5/book) for use by Council members. Michael Nowak made a motion to purchase 20 Spiritual Planner books. Danny Sprouse seconded the motion. The Council approved the motion.

The Financial Secretary has acquired the movie, “Mother Teresa: No Greater Love”. The Council discussed how and when to show this inspirational movie to the Parish. This issue was tabled with more discussion to follow.

Cal Frank made a motion to donate \$500 (each) to Father Brian Phelps and Father Ignatius Madanu. Danny Sprouse seconded this motion. The Council approved the motion.

Cal Frank requested that a member assist with the mulch sale activity, which will begin in January. He advised that the funds raised from the sale should allow the council to support five seminarians.

Michael Friel asked all Knights to volunteer as servers, eucharistic ministers, and ushers which are urgently needed to support all Masses and Funeral services. Danny Sprouse also noted that volunteers are needed to perform graveside services.

Joe Schmidt announced the St Francis Parish Men’s Retreat is scheduled January 20-22nd 2023 at the Bergamo Center.

Steve Berns requested volunteers to assist in decorating the church which is scheduled December 23rd at 1:00pm.

Good of the Order

Knight of the Month (November) – Pat Allen.

Family of the Month (November) – Sean Gammon family

Knight of the Month (December) – Tom Kwest.

Family of the Month (December) – Greg Nartker family

All are asked to pray for Father Brian Phelps, Father Ignatius Madanu, Paul Quolke, Roger Krass, Don Hirst, Pat Allen’s daughter-in-law, John Hoffman’s goddaughter, and for all those affected by the war in Ukraine.

Ken Haacke won the 50/50 drawing. Joshua Rankin was not present to win the Attendance Prize.

Adjournment:

Grand Knight, John Hoffman, closed the meeting with the Prayer for Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney at 8:21 pm.

Submitted by Recorder, Joe Schmidt

Jeff Travers Ugly Sweater Party

For those who missed Jeff Travers Ugly Sweater Party, we have included pictures of our two Past Grand Knights wearing the latest in Christmas fashion.



January Birthdays			
Paul Schwab	2	David Faas	16
Deacon Chris Rauch	4	Tom Kwest	16
James Holahan	7	Trenton Nartker	16
Robert Komoff	11	John Nehrbass	18
Skip Fromm	13	Ken Haacke	20
Eric Crouch	15		

January 2023

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| 1 | Solemnity of Mary | 3 | Officers' Mtg: 7:00 PM |
| 10 | Council Meeting: Rosary: 7:00 PM / Council Meeting 7:30 PM | | |
| 15 | Donut Sunday | 16 | MLK Holiday |

February 2023

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| 7 | Officers' Mtg |
| 14 | Council Meeting: Rosary: 7:00 PM / Council Meeting 7:30 PM |
| 19 | Donut Sunday |
| 20 | Presidents' Day |
| 22 | Ash Wednesday |

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