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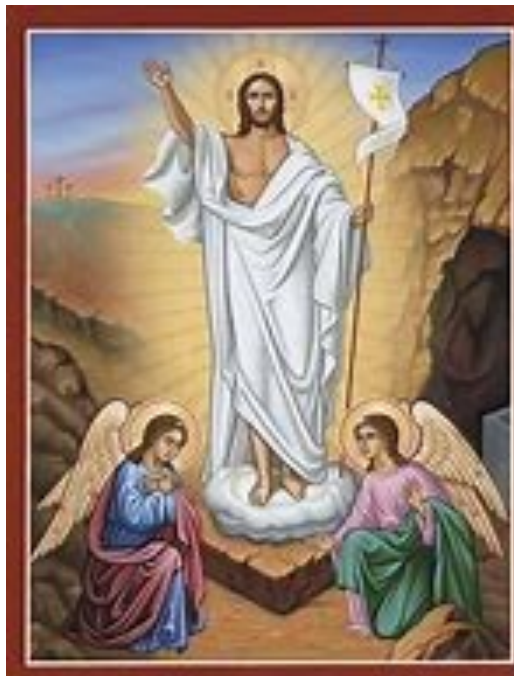


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Grand Knight's Letter by GK John Hoffman



Worthy Brothers,

We are now at the end of the Fraternal Year which is also marking a start to the summer months. Of course that usually means time off. While we take time to review our accomplishments, we need to look forward and plan for the new fraternal year. We'll start with our July meeting being our awards banquet/picnic for our families, rather than a normal meeting. We'll also conduct the installation of officers.

At the June meeting, I'll discuss what happened at the 124th annual Ohio KofC Convention.

The book from last month was "Angels and Saints: A Biblical Guide to Friendship with God's Holy Ones". As we are in summer, I have chosen for the next two months, some lighter/fun reading. Make sure to hear what book I recommend this month!

The Into the Breach series continues this month with the video "Fatherhood". "The presence and involvement of a loving father is critical in the development of a child. True father-

hood models itself on God the Father. Former MLB player Mike Sweeney shares how the faith of a man should shape his role as a father."

Thank you to all who helped with Donuts and Rosary Rings this month. It was a busy month and a lot of people were gone. I am very grateful to all who stepped up and assisted.

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.

In 2024, we'll be entering into the final year of the Eucharistic Revival. We need to continue to pray, devote time in front of the Blessed Sacrament, and pray for the Holy Spirit to come down about our Family of Parishes with a softening of hearts that all may see Christ Present.

Also, our Patron, Fr. Michael J. McGivney is close to Sainthood. We must continue to pray for another miracle to be attributed to him. If you have not done so already, join the Fr. McGivney guild at <https://www.fathermcgivney.org/>

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 May 9th, 2023

Call to Order:

The Council held the meeting 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 April 11th, 2023, to all members via Council newsletter. After motions by Mike Tortorici and Jim Deime, the Council approved the minutes as published.

Chaplain's Message:

Nothing reported.

Grand Knight's Report:

The Grand Knight discussed the upcoming State Convention, scheduled May 19th-21st 2023, at the Columbus Hilton Downtown, in Columbus, Ohio. Council attendees are John Hoffman and Steve Berns with alternate attendees Mike Nowak and Cal Frank.

The Grand Knight reported the upcoming KofC Dayton Dragon's baseball game is scheduled for June 10, 2023.

The Grand Knight announced the Knights will conduct a Eucharistic Procession at an upcoming mass on Sunday, June 11th. Details will be announced.

The Grand Knight encouraged all to read, "Angels and Saints - A Biblical Guide to Friendship with God's Holy Ones Father Who Keeps His Promises" by author Scott Hahn.

Financial Report:

The Treasurer, Mike Nowak, reported deposits, expenses, and account balances.

Membership Report:

State Membership Director Michael Freil reported on the status of state recruitment efforts.

Program Reports:

Cal Frank discussed the recent Council mulch sale; he requested assistance to sell the remaining 380 bags of mulch. Cal also reported the next official US Flag retirement ceremony scheduled June 12th near the church picnic area. Cal also requested assistance distributing rosaries to the Parish at Masses during the weekend of May 20th/21st.

Mike Manzo reported on the recent Spaghetti Dinner which earned approximately \$1,000 to support seminarians attending Mount St Mary's Seminary. He discussed the Council supporting this summer's Vacation Bible School with a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, July 17th. He also invited all members to attend the upcoming Men's Club meeting On Friday, May 12th.

Michael Tortorici discussed the initiative to sponsor a religious-based trip to Fatima, Lourdes, and Barcelona (approximately 10 days, expected in July 2024). He is working on details with Collette Tours, a known reputable travel agency; more information to follow in future meetings.

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Report of the Fourth Degree

Michael Friel reported the next 4th Degree Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Assembly 3056 monthly meeting scheduled on Tuesday, May 23rd (7:00 pm Rosary followed by 7:30 pm business meeting). He also announced an upcoming Fourth Degree exemplification scheduled in November at St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.

Field Agent Report

Field Agent, Brien Hartung, was not present.

District Deputy Report

Nothing reported.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

Financial Secretary, Bob Luppino, conducted the election of officers for the upcoming 2023-2024 fraternal year. The following officers were elected:

Grand Knight	John Hoffman
Deputy Grand Knight	Sean Gammon
Chancellor	Mike Tortorici
Treasurer	Joe Schmidt
Advocate	Michael Friel
Recorder	Kerry Taylor
Warden	Mike Manzo
Inside Guard	Pat Allen
Outside Guard	Dan Pfeiffer
Trustee (1 year)	Shawn McManamy
Trustee (2 years)	Danny Sprouse
Trustee (3 years)	Steve Berns
Financial Secretary	Mike Nowak (not elected, appointed by Supreme)

Lecturer's Reflection

The Council watched the video entitled, "Leadership" from the KofC "Into the Breach" series.

Good of the Order

Knight of the Month – Cal Frank

Family of the Month – Jeff and Joan Cutlip family

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Good of the Order (Cont'd)

All are asked to pray for Father Brian Phelps, Paul Quolke, Dan Pfeiffer, and all those in need of our prayers.

Cal Frank won the 50/50 drawing. Alberto Gay was not present to win the Attendance Prize (up to \$180).

Adjournment:

Grand Knight, John Hoffman, closed the meeting with the Prayer for Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney at 8:23 pm.

Submitted by Recorder, Joe Schmidt

Apparent miracle in Thomaston referred to Catholic experts in Rome

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THOMASTON, Conn. — The apparent miracle that was reported out of a Thomaston church back in March is being referred to Faith experts in Europe.

The Dicastery for the Doctrine of Faith in Rome will determine whether the alleged multiplication of wafers during a mass service in Thomaston was indeed a miracle.

The Archdiocese of Hartford told FOX61 Tuesday that it awaits the Doctrine of Faith's response.

Shortly before Easter, the alleged miracle took place during a Sunday Lenten Mass.

[St. Thomas](#) pastor Father Joseph Crowley addressed his congregation just minutes after the apparent miracle took place.

“What happened is our Lord multiplied himself,” said Crowley.

FOX61 was the only TV station allowed inside St. Thomas Church just days after Eucharistic wafers, which Catholics believe transform themselves into the body of Christ, reportedly multiplied in a blessed serving vessel called a ciborium during communion.

“A very cool miracle. There’s no doubt. I have no doubt,” remarked Crowley during a subsequent service. Crowley said the Eucharistic minister observed that there were not enough hosts for all people in line to get one. He was about to go get more when the hosts reportedly multiplied several times over.

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“Apparent Miracle Referred” Continued

Some parishioners put their faith in the miracle.

“Just feel it in your heart. Just feel it in your heart,” said Jean Beck. “How can you look at everything that’s going on and not believe?”

Beck said it’s a moment she will carry with her for the rest of her life. She had lost her mother just two days before.

“It was such a glorious, joyful, wonderful thing that it brought peace to my heart because she was a parishioner all her life here,” Beck said.

“It surprises me. I hope it’s real. If it isn’t at least, it will bring somebody back to faith and we know that these things can happen,” remarked parishioner Michael Conway.

Speaking exclusively to FOX61 back in March, Archbishop Leonard Blair said the church’s investigation might involve a scientific or forensic analysis of the communion hosts.

“I’m sending out an experienced Priest who has a knowledge of church or Canon law,” explained Archbishop Blair. “They will follow a procedure to examine what happened, under what circumstances and by whom.”

Blair told said the outcome of that investigation would determine if he needed to notify the Vatican.

“The guidelines for these kinds of situations do call for me to notify the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in Rome,” said Blair.

Throughout the entire 21st century, there have only been four Eucharistic miracles recognized by the Catholic Church.

The most recent was in 2013 in Poland, where a host that fell on the floor was put into water to dissolve. It became streaked with red stains that were tested and found to contain fragments of the heart muscle.

St. Thomas Church is the church where Rev. Michael McGivney once served. McGivney has one previous miracle attributed to him. He was beatified in 2020 and given the title “Blessed”. If a second miracle is attributed to him, it could set him on a path to being canonized as a saint.

In order for a miracle to be attributed to McGivney, there would have to be evidence that someone prayed specifically in his name.

June Birthdays			
Deogratias Eustace	6	John Devito	16
Andrew Vogel	6	Stephen Libey	16
Robert Luppino	7	Robert Cwiekalo	27
Andrew Folfas	12	Don Urbansky	27
John Masquid	12		

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

- 6 Officers' Mtg
 13 Council Meeting: Rosary: 7:00 PM / Council Meeting 7:30 PM
 18 Fathers' Day / Donut Sunday

July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

- 3 Officers' Mtg: 7:00 PM 4 Fourth of July
 10 Council Meeting: Rosary: 7:00 PM / Council Meeting 7:30 PM
 15 Donut Sunday

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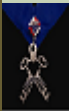
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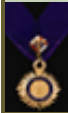
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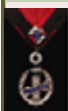
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