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Grand Knight's Letter by GK John Hoffman



Brothers,

WE NEED YOUr HELP TO RUN THE COUNCIL!

WE NEED SOMEONE TO STEP UP AS DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT NEXT YEAR!

April 8 - May 6, we will be hosting "COR - Mission of the Family" in the All Saints Room, from 7-8pm. We'll need married couples ready to help with hospitality and lead discussions in small groups.

Beacons of Light is making some major changes to our Parish Family. One of those is to increase hospitality. One big change is the Parish is picking up the costs of donuts, so anyone can have a donut for free. Fr. Brian is still looking to the KofC to lead the hospitality in this event. As it continues to grow, we will need additional help.

The Into the Breach series continues this month with the video "The Cornerstone". Christ is the only sure foundation of a man's life. We are to know, love and serve God, so we can be with him forever. Actor Clarence Gilyard Jr. shares his testimony of straying from God's plan and how God led him to enter the Catholic Church.

The Officers meeting will be the 1st Tuesday of the Month in Classroom 6 at 7pm.

The council business meeting will be on the Second Tuesday of the month in Friendship Hall, Rosary at 7pm, followed by the business meeting at 7:30pm.

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. McGiveney 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

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Council 14504 Minutes for March 12th, 2024

Call to order:

The meeting was held in person. Grand Knight John Hoffman called the Council to order at 7:35 pm and led the Council with the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of minutes:

Council meeting minutes from February were approved after a motion and subsequent seconding.

Chaplain's Message:

There was no report.

Grand Knight's Report:

The GK reported we are nearing the end of our fraternal year and his time as GK for the Council.

GK asked members present to remain after the meeting, if possible, to help fill eggs with treats for the upcoming Easter Egg hunt after the 11:00 Mass on Easter Sunday.

The Parish has asked for the Council's assistance with hospitality after Mass on June 9th held by Seminarian Ben Mersch as this will be his first Mass after his ordination this year.

GK reports that he and his wife will begin hosting the program, "God and Family" on April 8th to married couples and those couples beginning their marriage process.

On June 26th there will be a prayer service in honor of The Silver Rose Program, a pro-life program which covers eight different cities.

GK recommends as book of the month, "The Great Controversy" by E. G. White

Financial Report:

The Council Treasurer Joe Schmidt reports \$2,456.06 in total deposits and expenses of \$1,815.47 with the checking balance at \$7,548.34 and savings balance at \$15,537.82 for a total of \$23,085.82.

Membership Report: GK reported there were three (3) new members added to The Council, with two new members having just completed their third degree this evening prior to the Council meeting and one member transferring from St. Henry's Parish.

Program Reports:

Mulch Sale: DGK Sean Gammons reported the sales table will be out in the gathering space for the next two weeks and help staffing the table after Masses is always appreciated and needed, as if the table is not staffed, it cannot be in the gathering space.

Spaghetti Dinner: Mike Manzo reported the dinner will be held after the 4:30 Mass and there will be a signup sheet for needed workers. Please consider helping with this Council fundraiser

Fish Fry: Mike Manzo reported that worker slots have been filled in but can use help with the beverage area, second half servers, and a blackjack dealer, a showdown dealer for the 8-11 pm shift.

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Pilgrimage:

Mike Tortorici reported all available slots for the upcoming pilgrimage trip have been filled, as well as Father Ken Fortney being asked to accompany the group.

Fourth Degree Program:

Mike Friel reported the Assembly currently meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month and new members are always sought. There will be some changes forthcoming in the Assembly ceremony allowing for family members to attend.

Field Agent Report:

There was no field agent report. A question was asked as to the field agent not attending any Council meetings. GK Hoffman stated the agent now would only be attending Council meetings where he was requested for any business.

District Deputy Report:

District Deputy John Brown reported the state is looking to have 59 Councils earn the Star Council Award this year. He also provided updates on our Council's status towards this award.

The first turn in for Super Cash Bonanza tickets will be April 1, second turn in date May 10, and the last date will be the date of the drawing on May 18th.

Unfinished Business:

Recorder Stephenson reported a tabled motion from the last meeting regarding funds for a donation towards an ultrasound machine. A motion to un table this motion was made by Danny Sprouse and seconded by DGK Gammons. The motion to donate \$1,000 was passed by the Council with Treasurer Joe Schmidt confirming the availability of the funds.

New Business:

A motion as made by DGK Gammons and seconded by D. Sprouse, to donate \$1,000 each to the SOS fund and the Bishop Fenwick Society. C. Frank inquired as to whether making these donations in the listed amounts might drain the respective accounts. Treasurer Schmidt advised there were adequate funds for both, and the discussion was that these funds are collected throughout the fraternal year and will be made up. The motion was passed by vote of Council members.

Mike Tortorici motioned for a donation from the Council in the amount of \$500 to be given to Father Ken Fortney for his expenses on the upcoming pilgrimage trip. M. Friel had questions as to the Council's role in funding the expenses and Tortorici explained a rebate from the travel agency will be forthcoming and the \$500 will be paid back to the Council. After the Council vote, the motion passed.

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Financial Secretary:

Secretary Nowak reported that most membership dues have been collected and are awaiting a few more to come in, and there are funds available to assist any member needing some financial assistance.

Good of the Order:

Family of the Month: Lou and Judy Bede

Knight of the Month: Mike Manzo

There was no attendance winner.

Lecturers Report:

The Council watched a video regarding evangelization from The Knights of Columbus "*Into the Breach*" series.

Prayers were requested for Hank Borchers, Dan Pfeiffer, Paul Qualke and Ed Dandeneau.

GK Hoffman led the Council in the prayer for Bl. Father Michael McGivney.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Recorder Jim Stephenson

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