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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 FOR NEXT YEAR!

Our End of Year picnic and awards dinner is tentatively scheduled for the June meeting, pending room availability. Please keep an eye out for additional information!

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. You can still show up for the final videos!

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 Kof C to lead the hospitality in this event. As it continues to grow, we will need additional help.

The Into the Breach, 12 part video series is now complete.

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. 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**

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Call to Order:

The meeting was held in person. Grand Knight, John Hoffman, called the Council to order at 7:30 PM and led the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Council Meeting minutes from the March 2023 meeting were approved after a motion by Cal Frank and seconded by Danny Sprouse.

Chaplain's Message:

Nothing to report.

Grand Knight's Report:

Grand Knight Hoffman reported on the addition of five (5) new members to the Council and additional date(s) will be added to have a table in the gathering space after weekend Masses to continue the membership drive.

A fraternal benefit night will be scheduled with the district field agent at the June meeting.

Beginning April 15, GK Hoffman and his wife will begin leading the "Mission of the Family" group meetings at 7:00 pm at the church. The sessions are open to anyone, and Knights are encouraged to attend and pass along information about the sessions to anyone who may benefit.

In May, new Council officers will be elected and sworn into office at the June meeting. The June meeting is scheduled to be a picnic to celebrate the past fraternal year along with the installation of new officers. The position of Deputy Grand Knight is still open, and the GK asked all members to consider this critical position.

The GK reported that Cash Bonanza ticket sale goal had not yet been met and stressed the importance of reaching this goal.

The Council has been asked to help with a cookout on June 9th after Mass. This cookout will be focused on Fathers/Sons/Seminarians and is designed to allow young men of the Parish meet with seminarians and encourage a call to discern the priesthood.

Financial Report:

The treasurer, Joe Schmidt, reports deposits of \$3,618.88 and expenses of \$5,300.65. The account balances reported as follows: Checking-\$7,548.34; Savings- \$15,537.48 for a total of \$23,085.82. It was also reported to The Council that last month's Fellowship Sunday raised \$387.75 for the Seminarian Fund.

Membership Report:

As noted in the GK report, five (5) new members have been added to the Council, including the

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Council 14504 Minutes for February 13th, 2024 (cont)

Membership Report:

installation of a new Knight, Jim Widmer, prior to tonight's Council Meeting. A new member of the Our Lady of Light Parish, whose past membership had expired, has asked to join the Council. A motion was presented by Danny Sprouse to allow the membership to proceed and was seconded by Mike Tortorici. The motion was passed after Council vote.

Program Reports:

Mulch Sale: DGK Sean Gammons reports all is proceeding with the sale, he advised help is welcomed on Friday night to place bags of mulch around the numerous landscape islands around the Church grounds as well as on Saturday morning with deliveries.

Spaghetti Dinner: Mike Manzo reported the dinner was successful and a net profit of \$1,140. He did request at future dinners, if possible, sign up for volunteer help to be done in advance so that shifts may be better scheduled to avoid having too many people at a given time.

A question was asked regarding the Men's Club Fish Fry fundraising results. Knight Manzo reported gross sales of over \$18,000 and that expenses were still being assessed. He also reported later this month will be a planning meeting for the next Fish Fry for those wishing to attend.

Pilgrimage: Mike Tortorici reported a meeting for all participants is scheduled for July 2nd to finalize arrangements.

Chapter News: Michael Friel reported the Chapter is looking for a Knight to fill the Financial Officer position.

Fourth Degree Report: Friel reports he and Steve Berns will be attending the bi-annual meeting where candidates for District Master will be introduced.

Vacation Bible School: Mike Manzo reported the Council has provided food on the two evenings of the session and he will be unavailable this year to coordinate. A volunteer(s) is asked to assist with this work.

Danny Sprouse reported on the upcoming Ordination of priests in the archdiocese will be on May 19th. He will be in attendance at this Mass and on June 9th, current seminarian Ben Mersch will preside over his first Mass after Ordination. After this Mass, the aforementioned cookout will be held for men of the Parish.

District Deputy Report:

The District Deputy reported our Council is in the running for Star Council and the state convention will be May 17-19.

Unfinished Business:

Recorder Stephenson reported no unfinished business.

Financial Secretary:

Secretary Nowak had nothing to report.

Council 14504 Minutes for March 12th, 2024 (cont)

New Business:

GK Hoffman requested the Council provide funds for the purchase of snacks for the Mission of the Family program not to exceed \$500. The motion was presented by Mike Tortorici and seconded by Danny Sprouse. The motion was passes after Council vote.

Michael Friel requested to reestablish the Council Bereavement team. He explained at a recent funeral for a Knight, communication problems with the family and funeral home arose. The team would be able to facilitate the wishes of the family about Council participation and a flower or other memorial donation. Friel made a motion to begin the groundwork for the team and was seconded by DGK Gammons. The motion passed Council vote.

Good of the order:

Knight of the Month: Deogratias Eustace

Family of the Month: Greg and Kimberly Nartker

50/50 drawing was won by GK Hoffman

Attendance drawing: William Smyth who was not present.

Prayers for the repose of Knight Ed Dandeneau and the continued prayers for the health of Joe Kreis, Paul Quolke, Andrew Ridley, Dan Pfeiffer, Father Jim Manning, Father Pat Slonaker and Father Dan Schmidtmeier.

Lecturer's Report

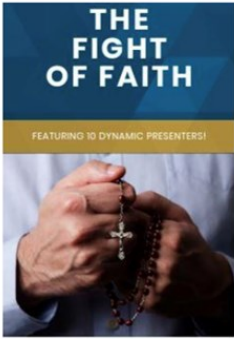
The Council concluded the Into the Breach video series.

Adjournment:

The Council meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Recorder Jim Stephenson

That Man Is You! Fellowship

 THE FIGHT OF FAITH FEATURING 10 DYNAMIC PRESENTERS! "THIS IS A SIGN OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION." —David Cardinal Okoro, Archbishop, Guatemalan Mission Incarnation & St. Francis Parishes TMIY THAT MAN IS YOU	That Man is You - Men's Program Starting Sept 10th * St. Francis & Incarnation Men together * 10 Dynamic Speakers * Saturdays from 6:30AM to 8 with breakfast * Fellowship / Growth / Small Group Discussions *** Please Pick up a Brochure for details *** For more information or to register contact Chris Bramlage @ 937-902-9219 or by email cbramlage@gmail.com
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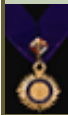
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