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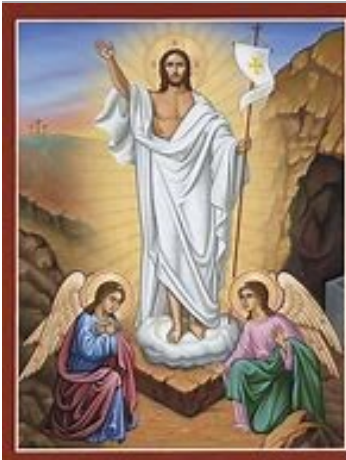


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Council 14504

Grand Knight's Letter by GK John Hoffman



Worthy Brothers,

WE NEED YOU HELP TO RUN THE COUNCIL!

We are looking for the following roles to fill:

- 1) Recorder / Newsletter Chairman
- 2) Evangelization and Faith Formation Chairman
- 3) Additional Team members for Mulch Sale and COR Initiative.
- 4) Our Deputy Grand Knight is looking for his deputy for next Fraternal Year. Our dues letters will be going out. Included in that is the Fraternal Survey. Please take time to fill this form out so we can capture all the hours and money we have donated over the year.

Opportunities for Growth. We have started off this year off slow and need to pick it up. Our recruitment after mass has turned up several possibilities but no

one has joined. We need you to go out and ask people.

The book from last month was "Your Life is Worth Living: 50 Lessons to Deepen Your Faith" by Bishop Fulton J Sheen.

The Into the Breach series continues this month with the video "Sacramental Life". Christ offers his grace through the sacraments. The Eucharist and Confession need to be central to every man's life. Jared Zimmer explores how his experience as a bodybuilder helps him understand aspects of the sacramental life.

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 the All Saints Room. 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 Saint-hood. 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 November 14th, 2023

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

Council meeting minutes from October, 2023 were not yet published.

Chaplain's Message:

Nothing reported.

Grand Knight's Report:

The Grand Knight advised that there is no plan to spend more than the amount budgeted for a specific event in the future.

All were advised that there is an open position for Recorder and Newsletter Editor. It was noted that there is also a Director of Evangelization position that is associated with the new COR initiative. All were reminded that youth are much more likely to remain in the faith if the husband of the family is a practicing Catholic.

The November book of the month was noted to be "Your Life is Worth Living" by Bishop Fulton Sheen. The December book is "Drinking with St. Nicholas".

Financial Report:

The Treasurer report was provided by the Financial Secretary. There were deposits totaling \$2380.80 and expenses of \$5621.57. The checking balance is now at \$3066.61. The savings balance is \$15,536.97.

Membership Report:

No applications.

Program Reports:

Mike Manzo reported that the Mens Club fish fry will be on November 17th and that volunteers are still needed. He advised that the next Euchre Party will be at 7 PM on November 18 in the St. Clare Room. Help will be needed with placement of the new missals, so a reminder will be sent out.

Michael Tortorici provided information on the Pilgrimage trip being planned for July, 2024. Reservations are needed by January 15 in order to obtain a discount.

Steve Berns reported that Christmas cards are available.

Sean Gammon advised that the nest planning session for the mulch sale will be scheduled for January.

Tom Kwest requested volunteers for the Turkey Basket distribution.

Michael Friel advised that a 4th degree exemplification will be on November 18 at St. Francis. 10 members of 14504 will be candidates.

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Council 14504 Minutes for November 14th, 2023 (cont)

Field Agent Report

Field Agent was not present.

District Deputy Report

District Deputy advised that the Council is in compliance with the Safe Environment training, that 10 new members are needed, that SOS funds are due by December 15 and that no membership program reports have been completed.

Unfinished Business:

There was discussion of the proposed budget: Several members questioned if the funds proposed for youth events are not more than should be allocated and there was a suggestion that the dollar amount be limited to \$1000. It was noted by the Financial Secretary that funds donated towards charity and seminarian support are strictly separated from the general fund. Cal Frank motioned that discussion be delayed until June or July, and that higher expense events be handled on a case by case basis. It was also suggested that the budget include the source of funds associated with each expense. Mike Novak and Michael Freil motioned that the budget discussion be cancelled until June or July. The council approved.

New Business:

Sean Gammon and Michael Friel motioned to donate \$500 to Father Brian and the council approved. Ken Haacke and Michale Freil motioned to donate \$500 to Father Joseph and the council approved.

Good of the Order

Knight of the Month – Joe Schmidt

Family of the Month – Al and Sue Fullenkamp

All are asked to pray for Quolke, Dan Pfeiffer, Jim Deime, Joe Schmidts, Michael Chong and Hank Borchers.

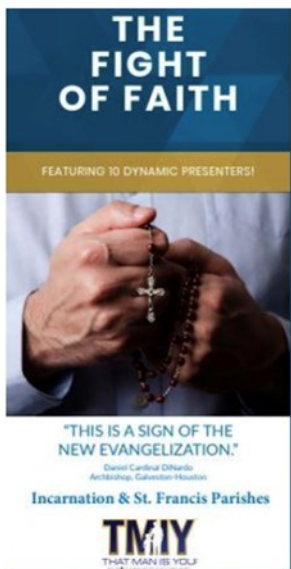
Robert Cwiekalo was not present to win the Attendance Prize.

Adjournment:

Grand Knight, John Hoffman, closed the meeting with the Prayer for Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney at 8:44 PM.

Submitted by Acting Recorder, Trustee Steve Berns

That Man Is You! Fellowship



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

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Below is an excerpt from the pulpit announcement that described the “That Man Is You” Fellowship Kick Off

I hope you are all aware that Satan is actively attacking the family in many ways. The role of the Father is especially under attack. I want to make you aware of a weapon that we can use to fight back.

It's a Saturday morning men's group that will empower you in your daily battles by providing the support we all need – each other. Jesus sent His disciples out in groups, not alone because the devil loves a man who believes that he can go it alone.

We start at 6:30 with breakfast and fellowship (we have several parish ladies who cook the best breakfast in town). We then watch a powerful 30 minute video that draws from scriptures, the lives of the saints and current topics – there is a lineup of 10 dynamic presenters this semester.

We finish with 30 minutes in small group discussion forging the bonds of friendship and inter-dependance. We are done by 8:00 in time to get back with our families for our busy weekends.

Travers 7th annual **UGLY CHRISTMAS
SWEATER Party**

*Please Join the Travers for Eats, Drinks,
Dancing and PRIZES!*

PRIZES!

**If you Don't
believe in
Holiday cheer or
Santa Claus**

STAY HOME!



Dancing
to **SOUL
EXPRESS**

Special Guest
and Sweater
Judge
Santa Claus
(who knows
Dr. Jeff quite
well!)



When:

**Saturday, December 2, 2023;
7:00 p.m. to whenever...**

Where: The Polen Farms Barn

5099 Bigger Road, Kettering, OH 45429

What to bring: *Holiday attire to include
your most atrocious Christmas sweater.*

*Prizes to the **most UGLY attire** will be Given!*

We will provide Snacks and Drinks. Feel free to bring a snack if so inclined.

**Please RSVP if possible by November 28th
to Jeff Travers at jeffrey.travers@wright.edu**



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The Travers Childrens Inheritance Fund

*Students,
Grinches,
Children
& Emeritus
Professors are
**ALL
WELCOME!***



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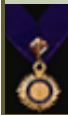
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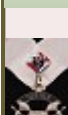
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