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Grand Knight's Letter by GK John Hoffman



Worthy Brothers,

WE NEED YOUR 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 "Drinking with Saint Nick: Christmas Cocktails for Sinners and Saints".

The Into the Breach series continues this month with the video "Spiritual Warfare". The life of a believer is a spiritual battle. Men have multiple spiritual weapons in the fight against Satan, and the stakes are high. Don O'Mara recounts his experience with abuse and addiction and finding forgiveness and freedom in Christ.

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 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 December 12th, 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 November, 2023 were approved after motions by Danny Sprouse and Ken Haacke.

Chaplain's Message:

Nothing reported.

Grand Knight's Report:

The Grand Knight advised that there is a need for volunteers to welcome those attending the Christmas masses. It was reported that a contribution to SOS is due and there was a late request by a family for a Giving Tree gift. It was noted that Easter will be on March 31 and this may affect the planning for programs such as the Easter Egg Hunt.

Financial Report:

The Treasurer reported that there were deposits totaling \$867.77 and expenses of \$1419.58. The checking balance is now at \$3298.07. The savings balance is \$15,537.10.

Membership Report:

No applications.

Program Reports:

Mike Manzo reported that the Mens Club fish fry resulted in a profit of \$4700 and that the next fish fry will be on March 22.

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 8 packs of Christmas cards are available. Steve also advised that volunteers are expected to be needed for church decorating.

Sean Gammon advised that the nest planning session for the mulch sale is scheduled for January 22.

Tom Kwest reported that 32 turkeys and baskets were distributed for the Turkey Basket program. A weight of the food will be provided.

Michael Friel advised that there will be no Assembly meeting in December.

Field Agent Report

Field Agent was not present.

District Deputy Report

District Deputy advised that SOS funds are due by December 15, that no fraternal benefit report has been completed and that no membership program reports have been completed.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business

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Council 14504 Minutes for December 12th, 2023 (cont)

New Business:

Michael Freil motioned that the Council purchase a nativity set. During discussion, it was noted that the Parish has a nativity set that was not put on display.

Sean Gammon and Danny Sprouse motioned that the Council donate \$500 to SOS. The motion passed.

Sean Gammon motioned for the Council to donate \$200 to the Giving Tree. During discussion, the motion was amended to \$400 by Steve Berns and Danny Sprouse. The motion was approved.

Hoe Schmidt reported that Jim Stevenson stated interest in the Recorder position and motioned for his election. Steve Berns seconded and the motion passed.

Good of the Order

Knight of the Month – Sean Gamon

Family of the Month – Brand and Deborah Meizel

All are asked to pray for Paul Quolke, Dan Pfeiffer, Jim Deime, Ann Deime, Ed Dandeneau, Mary Dandeneau, Michael Chong, Loras Berns, Fr. Joseph and Hank Borchers.

A member was not present to win the Attendance Prize.

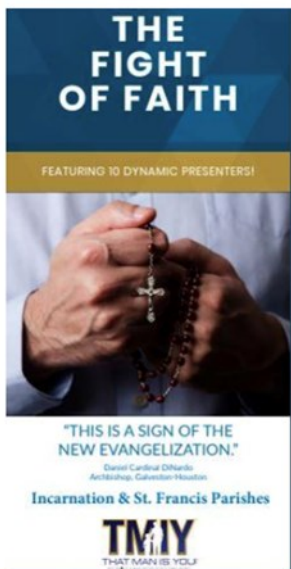
Mike Nowak won the 50/50 drawing.

Adjournment:

Grand Knight, John Hoffman, closed the meeting with the Prayer for Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney at 8:19 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.

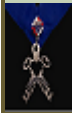
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