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## **Grand Knight's Letter** by GK John Hoffman

Brothers,

### **WE NEED YOU HELP TO RUN THE COUNCIL!**

We are looking for the following roles to fill:

- 1) Evangelization and Faith Formation Chairman
- 2) Additional Team members for Mulch Sale and COR Initiative.
- 3) Our Deputy Grand Knight is looking for his deputy for next Fraternal Year

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

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 "Manual for Spiritual Warfare" by Dr. Paul Thigpen.

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

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## **Council 14504 Minutes for January 9th, 2024**

### **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 the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Council meeting minutes from December 2023 were approved after motions by Ken Haake and Danny Sprouse.

### **Chaplain's Message**

Nothing reported.

### **Grand Knight's Report:**

The Grand Knight advised the Cash Bonanza will be sending tickets out to Councils for pickup. GK stated we need to step up efforts to sell tickets as our Council benefits financially from these sales and our charitable efforts for places such as the Elizabeth New Life Center and other pro-life entities are needed considering the recent passage of state Issue one.

Donut Sunday is coming up the third Sunday of the month. Due to a recent price increase from Bill's Donuts, our profit margin will see a decrease. To help offset this, we will purchase less upper tier style donuts, (which cost more), and increase with lower priced donuts.

There was discussion with Council and other Parish groups with Father Brian about hosting a monthly gathering like Donut Sunday to increase after Mass fellowship. These discussions are still ongoing.

Annual Council dues have been sent to members, it is requested by GK these be returned to Financial Secretary Mike Nowak in person or by mail and to consider the other voluntary giving opportunities of the Step Up and the Bishop Fenwick Society. It was also asked by GK that members complete the fraternal survey which will help the Council document membership giving of financial and time.

GK recommended the book, *The Manual for Spiritual Warfare* by Paul Thigpen.

### **Financial Report:**

The Treasurer reported that there were deposits totaling \$878.74 and expenses of \$1572.95. The checking balance is now, \$2603.73 and the savings balance is \$15,537.23 for a total of \$18,140.96.

### **Membership Report:**

No applications

### **Program Reports:**

Sean Gammon reported there is a meeting regarding the mulch sale scheduled on January 22. This meeting will begin to finalize dates and prices for the sale, it is asked that members consider assisting in the mulch sale given its importance to Council fundraising.

Steve Berns reported a \$200 profit from the Keep Christ in Christmas card sales.

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## **Council 14504 Minutes for January 9th, 2024 (cont)**

Tom Kwest stated there is no report for St. Vincent DePaul

The Grand Knight reported there are eleven spaces still available for the Pilgrimage trip and that if not sold to Council members, they will be opened to all. A space for Father Brian has been secured.

The Men's Club will be hosting their Fish Fry on March 22 and will be looking for help, more details will follow.

The Parish spaghetti dinner is scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup> with more information to follow.

### **Field Agent Report:**

Field Agent was not present.

### **District Deputy Report:**

The District Deputy provided reports on membership goals, program activities, The Super Cash Bonanza ticket distribution, and the need for two Council Members to be present. GK Hoffman reported he and DGK Sean Gammons will be representing the Council. District Deputy advised our Council is currently Safe Environment compliant.

### **Unfinished Business:**

There was no unfinished business.

### **New Business:**

There was no new business to report.

### **Good of the Order:**

Knight of the Month: Jim Stephenson

Family of the Month: Jonathon and Annie Pryor

Special recognition to Sean and Lisa Gammons who were selected by the Supreme Knight as the Ohio Family of the Month for December 2023.

GK Hoffman provided information of two upcoming men's conferences and will forward more details to the Council.

A member was not present to win the attendance prize.

Prayers requested for Knights Joe Kreis, Dan Pfeiffer, Hank Borchers and Paul Quolke. GK Hoffman also requested prayers for all who are sick this winter season, those entering the OCIA, Candidates for Confirmation and all suffering from and with addictions.

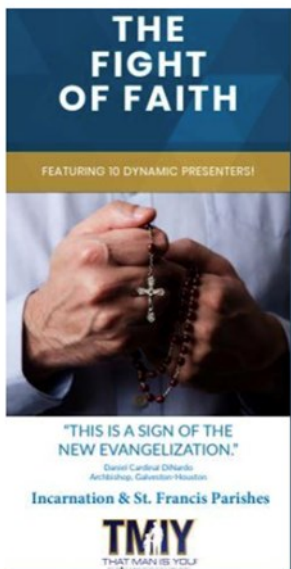
A video from the "Into the Breach" series was viewed.

### **Adjournment:**

Grand Knight John Hoffman closed the meeting with the Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney at 8:20 PM

**Submitted by Recorder Jim Stephenson**

## 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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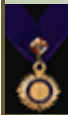
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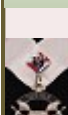
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