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Grand Knight's Letter by GK John Hoffman

Brothers,

WE NEED YOUR 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

We'll have a recruitment table after the masses the weekend of March 9-10. If you have KofC shirts, please wear them for the weekend masses.

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.

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 "Rescued: The Unexpected and Extraordinary News of the Gospel" by Fr. Riccardo. "How can we believe and be transformed by the gospel? Once we understand that the gospel is not merely good news but explosive, life-changing news, we will never be the same again..."

The Into the Breach series continues this month with the video "Evangelization". Evangelization is a invitation, helping people come to know the "one thing that matters," which is Jesus 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 Friendship Hall, Rosary at 7pm, followed by the business meeting at 7:30pm.

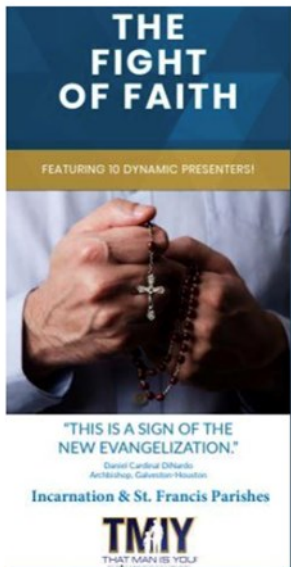
In 2024, we'll be entering into the final year of the Eucharistic Revival. We need to continue to pray, devote time in front of the Blessed Sacrament, and pray for the Holy Spirit to come down about our Family of Parishes with a softening of hearts that all may see Christ Present.

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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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Grand Knight's Letter (Cont'd)

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

Council 14504 Minutes for February 13th, 2024

Call to Order:

The meeting was held in person at St. Francis Parish. 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 January 2024 were approved after motion by Danny Sprouse

Chaplain's Message:

Nothing reported.

Grand Knight's Report:

The Super Cash Bonanza tickets were distributed to begin sales. GK advised the proceeds of ticket sales benefit our Council charitable works, whereas projects such as the mulch sale benefit the Council's operational funds. GK would like all Knights to sell at least seven (7) tickets and if our Council reaches our sales goal, Council will net \$5,000 for our charitable giving.

The Parish Family is focusing on hospitality, GK encouraged all Knights to partake in the activities of the parish and view the social media efforts put forth by the parish. The Council was asked to help with the first Lenten "Soup and Stations" event on February 16th.

Donut Sunday: The parish will be paying for the donuts at the monthly Donut Sundays moving forward, our Council was asked to provide the staffing. The Council will be permitted to place our collection jug out for fundraising initiatives. Our initiatives from the Donut Sunday are divided into three areas, the statewide seminarian fund, our parish seminarian fund, and the Bishop Fenwick Society. Last Donut Sunday, \$815.14 was raised when the typical average is far less. The Council will purchase the donuts as before then be reimbursed by the parish.

Formation: GK reported Father Brian has asked all groups in the parish to provide some type of faith formation in their programs in addition to any charitable endeavors the group engage. As such, GK has suggested the Council utilize the Knight's CORE Initiative program "The Mission of the Family" video series. GK believes this could be presented after Easter on a once weekly basis for eight (8) weeks to married couples and to those couples currently in marriage formation classes. GK asked Council members to consider participation in this effort as session facilitators or help with hospitality.

The Parish will be sponsoring an upcoming series based upon the Rescue Mission Project

GK reports of two (2) upcoming men's conferences in the general area, the E6 Conference in Indiana, and the Catholic Men's Conference in Columbus. GK advised men from the St. Luke Parish will be attending the E6 conference and said if desired, check with him regarding carpool opportunity.

At the end of this fraternal year, GK advised his term will conclude, and the new GK will be DGK Sean Gammons. GK asked members to consider filing the DGK position, this would require a four (4) year commitment with two (2) as DGK and then two (2) as GK.

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The ultrasound program is underway, this is an initiative at the state level where through fundraising efforts, ultrasound machines are purchased for women and pregnancy centers throughout Ohio. The Supreme Council has stated they will match half of any funds raised by local councils. The cost of a machine is approx.. \$20,000 and GK reports the Elizabeth New Life Center on Stroop Road is in need of a new machine. With the recent passage of state issue two allowing through the state constitution abortions, it is the desire of The Knights to help women and new mothers faced with a pregnancy.

A vote on delegates to the state convention is to be held by members of the Council. This year the convention will be hosted by our archdiocese; more information will be discussed in New Business.

Financial Report:

The treasurer reported there were deposits totaling \$4,367.27 and expenses of \$563.00, the bulk of the deposit being made from the collection of annual member dues. The checking account balance is \$6,407.87, savings balance of \$ 15,537.36 for a total Council bank account balance of \$21,945.23.

Membership Report:

There was no report.

Program Reports:

Mulch Sale: DGK Gammons reported the delivery date of the mulch, after order is placed, will be scheduled for April 11th, with the delivery to be held on April 13th. He will confirm table space in the gathering space be made beginning after all Masses beginning the weekend of February 24-25, volunteers will be needed to man the table as well as for the delivery date. More information will be sent out in the future.

Spaghetti Dinner: Mike Manzo reported the dinner will be held at St. Francis on April 6th and volunteers will be solicited at the next meeting. The parish Fish Fry will be on March 22nd with worker signups to be held after all Masses in the gathering space. The cost will be \$17.00 pre-sale, \$20.00 at the door and a family ticket will be available to cover parents and all children under the age of 18. Times for the dinner will be 4:30-5:30 carryout and 5:30-8:30 for dine in option.

There is a Euchre Party on March 9th to benefit Elizabeth New Life Center.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business to report.

New Business:

Bob Luppino asked about a financial gift for seminarian Ben Mersch for his ordination in May. Mike Friel advised the Assembly will be making a gift of vestments for the ordination.

Delegate nominations: After motion by Danny Sprouse and second by Bob Luppino, GK Hoffman and DGK Gammons were selected as delegates with Danny Sprouse and Steve Berns as alternates to the State Convention with the passing of the motion by members.

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A motion was made to donate \$1,000 to the Elizabeth New Life Center towards the purchase of an Ultrasound machine, the motion was tabled until the next meeting due to the amount in excess of permissible amount.

It was reported the annual payment for the church bulletin advertising in the amount of \$300 is now due. A motion to approve was made by Mike Friel and seconded by Danny Sprouse, the motion passed.

A motion was presented by Mike Friel for the Council to pay for 1/3 the cost, not to exceed \$500.00, for vestments for seminarian Ben Mersch's ordination in May. The motion was seconded by DGK Gammons and was passed by The Council.

A motion by Steve Berns was made to donate \$500 to the ASAP program, (Aid and Support After Pregnancy), and after the motion was seconded, it was passed by The Council.

Fourth Degree Report:

Mike Friel reported that 4th Degree Knight meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month and there is a request to bring more Knights up to the 4th Degree level. With the recent passing of 4th Degree Knight, Harold Lammert, Friel spoke of the importance of making your intentions as to funeral arrangements with regards to your Knights of Columbus status as there was some unclarity with the family.

District Deputy Report:

The District Deputy gave report on membership activities and goals, requested Council nomination for our member of the year be submitted as well as the semi-annual audit be completed.

Good of The Order:

Cal frank reported he had Third Degree lapel pins available for anyone interested.

Family of the Month: Trevor and Naomi Nartker

Knight of the Month: Trevor Nartker

50/50 Raffle was won by Jim Stephenson, no member present for the attendance prize which will be rolled into the jackpot.

Prayers were requested for the repose of Harold Lammert and for the continued health and healing of Dan Pfeiffer, Justin Mays, Hank Borchers, Mike Nowak, Paul Quolke, Joe Kreis.

Lecturers Report:

Nothing to report.

Adjournment:

Grand Knight John Hoffman closed the meeting with the Prayer for the Canonization of the Bl. Michael McGivney at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Recorder Jim Stephenson

Grand Knight



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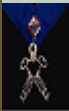


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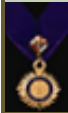
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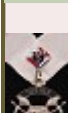
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