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Grand Knight's Letter by GK John Hoffman



Vivat Jesus!

My name is Sean Gammon and I am your new Grand Knight for the 2024-2025 year for Council 14504. Just a little about myself. I have been a member of St. Francis of Assisi Parish for about 4 years and I have been a Brother Knight since 2017 and a member of Council 14504 since 2021. I have been married to my wife going on 3 years, being married at St. Francis, and I have an almost 2 year old son who was baptized at St. Francis. I currently work at Kroger as Inventory/Quality administrative support at the facility that does all of the deliveries and some of the store pickups in the Dayton, Columbus, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Northern Kentucky, and Louisville markets.

I wanted to reach out to all of you to extend my hand as the new Grand Knight to extend my hand to help any brother in need and to ask for your help to further our causes and missions set out by Father McGivney. I also ask as fellow Brother Knights, you help me as well, with being a new Grand Knight.

A couple things to keep an eye out for. We have the Council Business Meetings every second Tuesday night starting at 7pm with the rosary and followed by the Business Meetings at 7:30pm in Friendship Hall. There is a VBS dinner that we are helping with on July 15 and July 17 at the St. Francis of Assisi parish. There was a link for sign ups sent out or you can reach out to Michael Freil. Also, every third Sunday after both masses in Friendship Hall is fellowship donut Sundays. This is a great Parish Fellowship event and it also helps fund our Seminarian Fund that helps us support our five Seminarians.

Looking into this Fall going into next year, between the Mens' Club and us, we have the Fish Fry and Spaghetti Dinners. We also have the Parish golf outing in September that a lot of Brother Knights help with. We will have events in the Spring as well like the Easter Patch Hunt.

Between the officers, we are also looking at replacing or supplementing the Mulch Sale in the spring as our mulch sales have tapered due to inflation and other organi-

zations running mulch sales as well (i.e. Centerville Baseball and Alter).

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We also have further fundraising guidelines possibly coming from the Parish and/or Archdiocese. Although this is a change, we are in great financial shape as a council and between our Treasurer, myself, and our Financial Secretary, we will have a budget out either in the July or at the latest August to vote on.

One last note, as the two Campuses are finalizing coming together as one Parish Family, I will be reaching out to Council 10215 at Incarnation. As we collaborate on some things like the advertisement in the bulletin and some of the Parish event dinners, I want to build better communication and collaboration with Council 10215 and possibly do more collaborative events (i.e. family movie nights, etc.) as they are Brother Knights in the same Parish family.

Any questions, reach out to me at gammonnew@gmail.com

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