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Grand Knight's Letter by GK Sean Gammon

Hello Brother Knights!

Hello Gentlemen! As your Grand Knight, I wanted to let you know of some events coming up for both our Council and Parish!

As many of you are aware, there are more mass times coming to our Parish Community, including a Sunday evening mass at 530, starting in July. Please consider becoming ushers and Eucharistic ministers as our Parish Community grows and our masses expand. As Catholic men and Knights, let us lead our Parish!

Also, look out for COR announcements from John Hoffman. More to come this month. Mike, our chancellor, is planning a Pilgrimage as well in Fall 2026. Keep an ear out for both as it strengthens our faith.

We are looking at a couple events this month. We have an Easter Egg hunt at 10am on the picnic lawn by the shelter Saturday, April 19th. Usually, we do after the 11am mass, but we have been as by Father to host in conjunction with the blessing of the baskets. Deputy GK Deo will be leading it. We ask to come out and help out.

We are also hosting the April 11 soup and bread Lenten Dinner. Please consider signing up to bring soup to this event and serve. If you can help, please reach out to me at gammonnew@gmail.com or sign up at the council meeting. We only have 6 knights so far, and we want at least a dozen or more. We would like one or two people to take charge of serving as well. Please reach out to me, if interested.

April 26th will be our Annual Mulch Sale. Please consider helping that day. We usually start around 7:30 and 8 and we will provide donuts and coffee in the morning and pizza for lunch. More gentlemen we get out, the quicker it will take. Also, if you have a truck and/or trailer, please reach out to me, Mike Manzo, or Mike Nowak. Other than dues, this is our only source of income for our general fund, which funds both our general expenses as well as various misc. charities and projects for the parish, community, and the Knights.

We are also going to be recognized at a dinner for the Bishop Fenwick society in May for our continued support for seminarians.

At the end of May for Memorial Weekend, our Financial Secretary and Deputy GK, Mike and Deo, will be going

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going up to Cleveland for our State Convention as our two delegates, with Steve as our back up delegate. Any questions, reach out to me, Mike, or Deo. It is an election year and we have a couple good candidates.

Last thing is we got elections coming up. If you are interested, please reach out to the officers. We will present the slate later this month.

As always, please reach out to me or any officer with questions.

Important Dates

April 1-7pm-Officers Meeting-Class room 6-St. Francis Campus

April 8th-7pm-Rosary, 7:30-8:30pm-Council Meeting-Friendship Hall

April 11th-6pm-Bread and Soup Dinner-Friendship Hall St. Francis

April 19th-10pm-Easter Egg Hunt-St. Francis Picnic Shelter (classrooms as rain backup)

April 26th-7:30am-noon-Mulch Sale-St. Francis Parking lot

May 6th-Officers meeting cancelled since most of officers work the election polls

May 13-7pm-Rosary, 7:30-8:30pm-Council meeting-Friendship Hall

May 23-25-State Convention, Cleveland. Deo and Mike delegates, Steve-backup

Vivat Jesus!

Sean Gammon

Grand Knight

Council 14504—St Francis of Assisi

Council 14504 Minutes for March 11th, 2025

Call to order:

The meeting was held in person. The Grand Knight, (GK), called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM after leading the Council in an opening prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of meeting minutes:

Council meeting minutes from February 11, 2025, were submitted to the Council by GK Sean Gammons for approval. A motion to approve was made by Cal Frank, seconded by John Bradfute, and was approved by Council vote.

Chaplain's Message:

Nothing to report.

Grand Knight's Report:

GK Gammons reminded the Council of our needed participation in the Soup and Bread meal prior to the April 11th Stations of the Cross.

Help will be needed after tonight's Council meeting and next month in stuffing Easter eggs for the egg hunt on April 19th. GK noted a change in the date of this year's hunt being at 10:00 AM the day before Easter instead of after 11:00 Mass on Easter Sunday. Help will be needed on the day of the hunt as well to facilitate the event.

April 26th will be the date for mulch distribution, help will be needed and all who do will enjoy coffee, donuts, and pizza.

A benefits meeting will be held at the April Council meeting.

Super Cash Bonanza tickets are available for sale and knights are encouraged to sell these as the Council will benefit with cash proceeds. GK also asked for any money raised to be turned into Financial Secretary Mike Nowak.

Fellowship Sunday will be held March 16th after both Masses, knights are encouraged to join in the fellowship and help with the event.

GK met with the GK of the Incarnation Council about both Councils assisting one another with various projects and about more cooperation and participation between the two Councils as we are part of one family of parishes.

Treasurer's Report:

Council Treasurer Joe Schmidt provided a financial report outlining the sources of deposits and the expenses during the previous month. The treasurer reports checking account balances of WPCU \$21,320.93 Fifth Third \$2076.52; Savings account balance of \$ 155.96 for total account balance of \$23,553.41. It is noted that the money in Fifth Third, (5/3), is being transferred to Wright-Patt Credit Union as checks written on 5/3 clear payment.

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Membership Report:

No report.

Program Reports:

Mike Manzo reported a \$900 profit made from the recent spaghetti dinner.

This Friday's men's club meeting has been cancelled.

A sign-up sheet will be available after the meeting for staffing of the mulch sale table in the gathering space. For a pulpit announcement, at least one knight is required to staff the table.

Candy and some new plastic eggs have been purchased for the Easter Egg hunt and help is requested after the meeting to stuff the eggs.

A request was made for The Council to assist with providing meals once again for Vacation Bible Camp this summer. It was noted by Treasurer Schmidt that \$400 was budgeted for this event to purchase food and supplies. Manzo noted that not only has this Council been asked, but also the Men's Club. Help is needed and much appreciated.

Evangelization Director John Hoffman reported on the development of a parish Cor program which will be held on a separate night from Council meetings. The desire is to have a Cor program meeting at least once a month and it will be open to all men, not only Knights.

Hoffman also provided additional information on the state convention.

Mike Tortorici reported the pilgrimage planning for 2026 is coming along, and an approximate cost for the trip will be about \$4,000. More details to come as they are finalized.

Fourth Degree Assembly:

Steve Berns reported an Exemplification Ceremony will be held on March 29th at St. Gertrude's.

District Deputy Report:

District Deputy John Brown provided The Council with updates on our activities towards program goals.

There will be a Night with a Knight program at the seminary at Mount St. Mary's.

The state convention will now be held May 23-25 in Cleveland, the date has been changed due to conflicts at the hotel and accommodation not being available.

Field Agent Report:

Field Agent Livio Santos reported there will not be any increase in premiums this year and is looking forward to meeting with The Council next month for a benefits night.

Financial Secretary's Report:

Secretary Mike Nowak was unable to be at the meeting, GK Gammons provided the report. GK reminded Knights who have not submitted their fraternal year dues to do so as soon as possible, and to turn in any Cash Bonanza monies either to Nowak or the pass-through drawer at church.

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Council 14504 Minutes for March 11th, 2025 (cont)

Unfinished Business:

Recorder Jim Stephenson reports there is none.

New Business:

John Hoffman made a motion to nominate DGK Deo Eustace and Mike Nowak as Council representatives for the state convention with Steve Berns as alternate. The motion was seconded by Mike Tortorici and passed by vote of Council.

John Hoffman made a motion for the Council to increase its contribution to the Bishop Fenwick Society to \$1,500. The motion was seconded by Danny Sprouse and it was noted that as this amount had been budgeted for, the vote was to make the payment in question. The motion passed the Council vote.

A similar motion was made by Hoffman for an increase in Council contribution to \$1,500 for the Support our Seminarians (SOS) and seconded by Steve Berns. Again, this amount had been budgeted so a vote to send the money was required. The motion was passed by the Council vote.

GK Gammons welcomed three new Knights into the Council who had been brought in prior to the business meeting. Gammons welcomed David McCain, Zach Randall, and Mike Hoendorf.

[Hoendorf](#) also made a motion for a \$500 donation be made to his organization, *Catholic Athletes for Christ*, which will be hosting an eight team Catholic high school baseball tournament at the end of March. He explained that the organization is a national group which helps promote the Church through athletes and events such as this. The games will be held at the Athletes in Action complex and will host teams from this area and from around the state. The donation will help with the expenses in providing a meal for all teams on the Friday night of the tournament and with small gifts for the teams.

The motion was seconded by John Hoffman and was passed by vote of Council.

Good of the Order:

Knight of the month- Jeremy McCoy was recognized for his contributions to the Council since recently joining.

The family of the month- Tom and Cheryl Brockman were recognized for their many efforts around the parish, including the Right to Life ministry and a recent parish blood drive.

50/50 raffle: Stu Harvey claimed a \$20 prize.

Attendance raffle: Dan Pfeiffer claimed the \$128 prize.

Prayers were requested for all clergy, especially for The Holy Father, Pope Francis, Archbishop Schnurr and for our incoming Archbishop Casey.

Lecturer's Report:

Don Hirst provided thoughts on the importance of the sacrament of reconciliation, especially during this season of Lent.

Adjournment:

GK Gammons led The Council in the prayer for canonization of the Bl. Father McGivney and adjourned the meeting at 8:23 PM.

Submitted by Recorder Jim Stephenson

Grand Knight



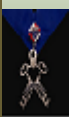
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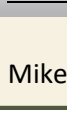
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