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Grand Knight's Letter by GK Sean Gammon



Hello Brother Knights!

I just want to thank everyone who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt at St. Francis as well as the mulch sale! The Easter Egg Hunt was a good family event for our parishioners!

Looking ahead, we are looking at elections this coming month as well the council picnic in June. Deo as well as Mike Nowak will serve as our two delegates this year to State Convention as I am in a wedding for a good friend that week. I will be representing us this past week on the 2nd at the seminary as this council has been donors.

Membership is our last goal for star council. We need 3 more new members to make star council. Please ask! We will have a CUF before the next Council Meeting on May 13th. Also, mention that the first year's membership is free and the amount of good this council and Knights everywhere do!

As I said in last meeting, Deo and I will continue to serve as DGK and GK respectively for the next year, but I am asking for two Knights to step up as DGK and GK starting 2026-2027 fiscal year. With family and work commitments, we will finish our two-year commitments and pass the torch to two fellow Knights. Please consider this as this is a great Parish, Council and community to serve. And we have plenty of experienced officers to help.

As always, please reach out if you have anything!

Vivat Jesus!

Sean Gammon

Grand Knight

Council 14504—St Francis of Assisi

Upcoming events

- May 6th-6pm Officers meeting in Classroom 6
- May 13th-7pm-CUF followed by Council meeting
- Fellowship/Donut Sunday starting back up on Sunday, May 18th. Please consider helping after Sunday Mass
- June Council Meeting will be held at picnic shelter-
- Please watch out for emails for help for VBS food as well help for the parish picnic on Aug. 24

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Council 14504 Minutes for April 8th, 2025

Call to Order:

The meeting was held in person and called to Order by Grand Knight Sean Gammon at 7:30 PM. GK led the Council in an opening prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Council meeting minutes from March, 2025, were approved after a motion to approve and vote by the Council.

Chaplain's Message:

Nothing reported.

Grand Knight's Report:

GK Sean Gammon reported that the council is in need of 3 new members to meet the growth requirement needed to obtain Star Council. GK Sean reported that there will be an open position for Deputy Grand Knight on the officer slate, that Steve Berns volunteered to run for Recorder and that there would then be an open position for Trustee. Cal Frank advised that he would be willing to run for Trustee. GK Sean reported that volunteers will be needed to set up for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 19, volunteers will be needed to deliver mulch on April 26 and that a recruitment table will be planned for May. All were encouraged to attend the Stations of the Cross event on April 11.

Financial Report:

Council Treasurer Joe Schmidt reported deposits totaling \$5771.83 and expenses of \$5717.43. The checking account balance is \$8415.92. The savings account balance is \$15,191.89. The total balance is \$23,607.81.

Membership Report:

It was reported that Robert Learned applied for re-admission. The council voted in favor of the application after motions by Mike Nowak and Steve Berns.

Program Report:

Mike Manzo reported that there will be a Euchre Party on April 12, that the next Mens Club meeting will be on April 11 and that help will be needed for the rosary service on April 23. Mike reported on plans to have a spaghetti dinner in June.

John Hoffman reported that Shawn McManamy is expected to assist with the COR program as part of his deaconate formation.

Michael Freil reported that highway cleanup will be scheduled once weather allows.

Danny Sprouse described the Elizabeth New Life Center programs that members can support.

Field Agent Report:

Nothing reported.

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District Deputy Report:

The District Deputy advised that there is still need for 3 new members and that the benefit night held on April 8 was expected to allow the council to meet the Founders Award. It was noted that the council was expected to meet the requirement for the Columbian Award with the grading of a final report.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

All were advised that the 2 candidates for State Warden are expected to speak at the Dayton Chapter meeting on April 16.

All were advised to consider running for Deputy Grand Knight or any position on the open slate.

Good of the Order:

Knight of the Month: Bill Bradfute

Family of the Month: Brad and Deborah Miesle.

Prayers were requested for Paul Quolke, Joe Kreiss, Jeff Lehman, Father Joseph, Bill Mock, Joni Rauch, the late Loras Berns, Archbishop Robert Casey, the late Leslie Shepherd, and baby Orr.

50/50 raffle: The \$11.00 prize was won by GK Sean Gammon.

Attendance raffle: The winner was not present.

Lecturer's Report:

Don Hirst provided a review of the Rule of Saint Benedict.

Adjournment:

Grand Knight Gammon led the Council in the prayer for the Canonization for BL. Michael McGivney and adjourned the meeting at 8:25 PM.

Submitted by Trustee/acting Recorder Steve Berns

Grand Knight



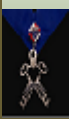
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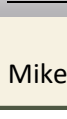
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