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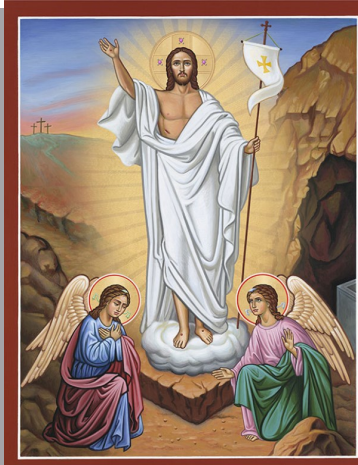


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Grand Knight's Letter by GK John Hoffman



Brothers,
Thank you all for your hard work to the council and the parish the last year! I officially got word at the Ohio State tour a couple weekends ago that we made Star Council. We will be bringing the plaque in for display when we get it.

A couple things to look forward to is a recruitment event in the next month or two, with a date being set by the next council meeting. But, I challenge every member to ask a fellow man of the parish to become a Brother Knight! Just ask!

Also, we have fellowship Sundays with Donuts every third Sunday after masses as well as the Fish Frys and Spaghetti Dinners this fall. Be on the lookout for that.

One last thing, the Budget was presented at last council meeting and will be up for the vote this coming meeting. Any questions, please reach out to me or Mike Nowak.

Vivat Jesus!
Sean Gammon
Grand Knight, Council 14504

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Vacation Bible Camp Thank You!

Thank you to the Knights who helped with Monday's Spaghetti Dinner and with the Wednesday Burger Burn to feed children, families and staff who attended VBC. Unfortunately we did not take photos of the Spaghetti Dinner but did take a few of the burger burn.

Council 14504 Minutes for July 9th, 2024

Call to Order:

The meeting was held in person at St. Francis. The Grand Knight, Sean Gammons, called The Council to order at 7:33 PM and led the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of meeting Minutes:

The council meeting minutes from the June 2024 meeting were approved after motion by John Hoffman and Mike Tortorici.

Chaplain's Message:

Nothing reported.

Grand Knight's Report:

Grand Knight Sean Gammons took a few minutes to introduce himself as the new GK, and to thank all for their trust in him through his election. GK Gammons looks forward to working with all in The Council for a successful fraternal year. GK thanked outgoing GK John Hoffman for his assistance in the transition.

Our Council was awarded the Star Council Award for the 2023-2024 fraternal year. The Star Council Award is the highest possible award which recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and programming.

GK reported that Council member, Deogratias "Deo" Eustace volunteered to fill the vacant Deputy Grand Knight position contingent on Council vote to take place during the New Business portion of the meeting. Michael Friel made a motion to have the nomination and election at this point in the meeting, the motion was seconded by Mike Tortorici. Joe Schmidt made a nomination for Eustace to be DGK, after the motion was passed, members elected Eustace as the new Deputy Grand Knight for the Council.

It was at this time other new members present at the meeting were also recognized.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Joe Schmidt reported deposits of \$2,591.55, expenses of \$1,040.05, resulting in a checking balance of \$10,808.01, savings balance of \$15,537.81 for a total balance of \$26,345.82.

Membership Report:

The new fraternal year begins a new year of recruitment efforts by the Council. GK Gammons asked members to help at future recruitment opportunities held after Mass. Michael Friel made the point of we as members must ask men to join, sometimes more than once, but we all can try to recruit more men into the Council.

Fourth Degree Report:

Michael Friel reported the Assembly's recruitment year also begins anew, with ten (10) new members being the goal.

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Pilgrimage Report:

Mike Tortorici reported there were a few last-minute cancellations, but the group is excited and ready for the departure date of July 14.

Evangelization and Faith Formation:

John Hoffman reported he will be heading up Council efforts in assisting Father Brian with the continuation of The Rescue Project. Hoffman provided some background on the Project and said there will be team leader training offered here at the Parish. The project is small group focused and lasts for seven (7) weeks.

Hoffman reminded the Council of the "Into the Breach" video series produced by Supreme Council as well as literature available in the gathering space.

There has been discussion to begin a diocese-wide monthly hour of prayer for vocations.

District Report:

John Hoffman reported the district will be providing training for Council financial secretary officers. The District road show will be held on July 20th at St. Leonard's fellowship facility.

Mulch Sale:

GK Gammons reports that all but approximately 5-7 bags have been sold. A complete report on the financials will be presented upon Mike Nowak's return.

Unfinished Business:

The Recorder reported there is no unfinished business from past meetings.

New Business:

GK Gammons presented the proposed budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year. During the presentation, there were several questions/concerns raised by some members regarding the budget. John Hoffman noted the point of order that this meeting is only to present the budget, that only after presentation and notification of all members being given a chance to review the budget, would there be discussion. The budget will be presented at future meeting(s) as old business and voted on for approval.

John Hoffman made a motion to submit the presented 2024-2025 budget for Council consideration. The motion was seconded and approved after the Council vote.

John Hoffman made two motions for donations in the amount of \$500 each to the Elizabeth New Life Center (ENLC) one for the Ultrasound program and the other for the Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program. These donations will be used towards the purchase of a new ultrasound machine and to support the needs of mothers and infants after birth. The motions were seconded and approved after the Council vote.

Michael Friel proposed adding name tags for new members and for others which may need replacement. This will be discussed at the next officer's meeting.

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A thank you card from Father Ben Mersch was passed around to members. Father thanked the Council for the gift of his vestments upon his ordination.

Lecturer's Report:

Don Hirst provided a reading for the Council.

Good of the Order:

Family of the month: Tom and Cheryl Brockman

Knight of the Month: Tom Varney

Don Hirst won the 50/50 Raffle, and the attendance raffle had no winner.

Prayers were requested for Archbishop Schnurr, Fathers Manning, Serafin and Schmitmyer for their continued health concerns. Prayers were also requested for members Paul Quolke, Dan Pfeiffer, Mike Manzo, Bob Krebs, and the repose of Bill Patton.

Adjournment:

GK Sean Gammons closed the meeting with the Prayer for Canonization of Bl. Father Michael McGivney at 8:40 PM.

Submitted by Recorder Jim Stephenson

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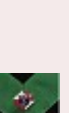
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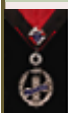
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