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Grand Knight's Letter by GK John Hoffman



Brothers,

We have some exciting news coming along! Consider helping out with the Mens' club fish fry coming up! Also, we got the benefits night with our agent at our November council meeting, so bring questions.

I also ask every one of you to bring one name of a potential new member. All we ask is one new member from each current member and we can grow and meet our quota.

As always, our council business meetings are in Friendship Hall at 7:30pm with a rosary at 7pm. I look forward to see all of you at the council meeting, with a social and snacks afterwards, plus we had a winner of 511

dollars last month on the attendance fund!

Feel free to contact me at gammonnew@gmail.com or 317-294-9294 about questions, comments, concerns, or ideas.

Happy All Saints Day and Vivat Jesus!

Sean Gammon

Grand Knight, Council 14504

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Council 14504 Minutes for October 8th, 2024

Call to Order:

The meeting was held in person and called to Order by Grand Knight (GK) Sean Gammons at 7:30 PM. GK Gammons led The Council in an opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Council Meeting Minutes from the September 10th meeting were previously transmitted to members for review. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mike Tortorici and seconded by Mike Nowak. The minutes were approved on a vote of Council members present.

Chaplain's Message:

Nothing to report.

Grand Knight's Message:

GK Gammons thanked all Knights who helped at the recent spaghetti dinner and that Mike Manzo would have a report on the dinner later in the meeting.

Spoke of the Council's potential in donating funds to the Supreme Council's disaster relief fund to benefit victims of the two recent hurricanes. GK said more discussion would be held in the New Business portion of the meeting.

Football Crazr tickets are still available for sale.

GK Gammons said he and GK from the Incarnation campus have had discussions of a joint service project between our two family of parish Councils. The two will have further discussions to formulate plans.

GK welcomed our District's new insurance representative, Livio Santos, who gave a brief introduction. It was announced that a benefits session will be offered at the November Council meeting.

Financial Report:

Council Treasure Joe Schmidt had transmitted his report to members prior to the meeting as he is out of town and unable to attend in person. Schmidt reported deposits totaling \$902.67; expenses of \$1,074.55. The checking account balance stands at \$13,955.07; savings account balance of \$15,752.18 for a total of \$29,707.25.

Membership Report:

Michael Friel advised of a potential new Knight who may soon be joining the Council. He related this is a church member he has asked several times, so he reminded all Knights to keep asking men to join. GK reiterated the importance of all Knights acting as a recruiter to men of the Parish.

Program Report:

4th Degree- Nothing to report.

Mike Manzo provided an update on the spaghetti dinner, noting a profit of \$878, after all expenses, which will be provided for deposit into the Seminarian's account.

The Parish fish fry will be on November 22 and volunteers will be needed; a sign-up sheet will be placed in the gathering space after future masses as well as an email request.

The Parish Respect Life ministry asked for help in the meal portion of their upcoming presentation on human trafficking.

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A request for a Knight to step forward in leading the Wednesday evening rosary for the months of October, November, and December.

Manzo reported he was advised by the Parish office that any tables in the gathering space need a person to staff, and as such, he will need a Knight to staff the table for the breakfast casseroles and food requests for St. Vincent's shelter the weekend before the last Saturdays of each month.

Evangelism- John Hoffman reports that a joint CORE initiative is being planned through the district during the season of Advent.

District Deputy Report:

District Deputy John Brown encourages recruitment efforts, gave a report on this Council's progress in various programs, and encouraged all to make note of and participate in the 40 Days for Life program which will run to November.

Unfinished Business:

Recorder Jim Stephenson reported the only unfinished business was regarding the cash gift to be made to retired priests who serve the Our Lady of Light family. The item was tabled for further discussion.

New Business:

Financial Secretary Mike Nowak brought up for discussion the Council's contribution to the Supreme Council's disaster relief fund. A motion to donate \$500 was made by John Hoffman and seconded by Mike Tortorici. The motion was passed upon vote of Council members present.

A reminder that the Football Crazr tickets are available and help our Council with money being returned based upon sales.

Good of the Order:

Knight of the Month- Joe Schmidt

Family of the Month- Denny and Patty Sprouse

50/50 Raffle- Michael Friel won the \$11.00 jackpot.

The attendance raffle, with a prize of \$511, was won by John Bradfute who was present to collect the prize.

Prayers were requested for the victims of the hurricanes, and the repose of Father Jim Manning who recently passed away, prayers were also requested for members and family members facing illnesses and surgeries.

Lecturer's Report

Lecturer Don Hirst provided an informative talk on the Angelus prayer, giving some history and origin of the prayer. Hirst recommends a book titled, "An Introduction to Prayer," written by Bishop Robert Barron.

Adjournment:

GK Gammons led the Council in a prayer for the Canonization of Bl. Michael McGivney and adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Submitted by Recorder Jim Stephenson

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