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Grand Knight's Letter by GK Sean Gammon

Hello Brother Knights!

As we are making through these winter months, I hope you are staying warm! I just have some items and stuff to highlight!

As many of you are aware, we have a lot of fellowship events coming up within and outside the council! The spaghetti dinner will be happening Feb. 22 at St. Francis. Please feel free to help or support, please see Mike Manzo for signups soon. Also, many men attended the Mens' Retreat with Farther Joseph. There is a women's' retreat coming at the end of the month. Please invite your wives! The parish is also hosting a Mens' night with Father Brian after the 4:30 mass on March 8th!



For all those that want to learn more about the Knights and meet more Knights outside the Council, the E6 Mens' Conference is in St. Leon, Indiana on Saturday, February 22nd. Please contact John Hoffman or see the email Mike Nowak sent out last week about it.

Within our council, we are hosting the Easter Egg Hunt after the 11am Mass on Easter Sunday. Please consider helping as this is one of biggest family events we do for our parish! For new members, we continue to have our Fellowship Sunday in Friendship Hall after both masses on the third Sunday. Next one is Sunday, February 16th! All proceeds go to helping seminarians and it helps bring the community together. Consider grabbing a donut or helping!

We will also be have the Family Movie Night with the movie Cabrini on February 21st from 6 to 9pm. This is a re-schedule from last fall as it was postponed for weather. Pizza will be provided, as was voted to budgeted last year. At one of the upcoming meetings, our Chancellor Mike T., will be discussing the upcoming pilgrimage to Italy in 2026. Our last pilgrimage was a success. Please consider going.

As many of you are aware, we have a goal of adding 10 new members to this council. We are currently at net of three. Please consider asking fellow men of the parish to join, especially all these fellowship events that we will be having both within the council and in the Parish. All I ask is to ask one fellow man each week until we hit our goal. We will also be looking a recruitment drive the weekend of March 1st and 2nd in the Gathering Space. Please come out after mass and staff the table. It will get our presence known and it will only take fifteen minutes of your time after mass.

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Grand Knight's Letter (Cont'd)

Also near and dear to my heart as I am thirty, married and with a toddler at home, full time job, and being a Grand Knight is joining the Knights young. A lot of fellow Catholic men will brush off as not having time for the Knights of Columbus, especially being younger and raising a family and following a career. Mention to our younger members of our parish to join our council and give time when they do have time. It is a wonderful organization for good!

If you are a third degree member, please reach out to Michael Friel. He can help with any transition to the fourth degree!

Down to our council meeting business coming up on Feb. 10th. We will planning a couple things this spring. April 26th will be our annual mulch sale. We will be only getting one semi this year, so get your mulch fast as well as consider helping. Outside of dues, this considers over half of our non-charity revenue (revenue we do not collect specifically for charities).

Speaking of financials, we are still in a very healthy spot. We are able to provide for our parish community as well as outside. With this, we got to this point with sound fundraising, smart financial moves, and budgeting. Starting this month going into March, the officers' of this council and I will formulate a new budget for the 2025-2026 year. We will be presenting to the Council at the April meeting, with a final vote in May.

Speaking of financials, as GK, alongside Joe (Treasurer) and Deo the Deputy Grand Knight, we are switching from Fifth Third Bank to Wright Patt Credit Union. At the last council meeting, I relayed to everyone that this is a good financial move as Fifth Third is a national bank not reaching down to us as a bank. Wright Patt is a local credit union that will have a more personable touch. Plus as many of you know, Fifth Third was only giving a total of thirteen to fourteen cents in interest a month on our money with them. As always, any questions about financials, please reach out to Joe, Mike Nowak, or myself. We want to be as transparent as possible.

Coming at the next council meeting, we will have the Super Cash Bonanza tickets being handed out. These tickets help the State Council run charities plus the proceeds for us go help us fund our charities. Each envelope will have 5 tickets. Please consider buying some and if you need more, please reach out to me or Mike Nowak. We will be mailing the rest of to all those that cannot make the February Business Meeting.

If you need a council T-Shirt, please see Cal Frank after each mass. We will also have refreshments after each council business meeting. for fellowship and brotherhood.

Lastly, elections will be held in the May Business Meeting. Please send any nominations to me if you want to run for a specific position.

As always, please feel free to contact me at 317-294-9294 or gammonnew@gmail for help as well as any comments, questions, or concerns.

Vivat Jesus!

Sean Gammon

Grand Knight

Council 14504—St Francis of Assisi

Important Council Dates

1st Tuesday of Month-7pm-8pm in St. Francis Classroom 6-Officers meeting

-Any ideas or concerns or comments to be raised, please contact an officer to bring up at the officers' meeting

2nd Tuesday of Month-7pm-Rosary or new member CUF* followed by council meeting from 7:30 to 8:30pm

3rd Sunday-Fellowship Donut Sundays after both masses

February 21-6pm-9pm-Family Movie Night-Cabrini

February 22-E6 Mens' Conference St. Leon-see John Hoffman

February 22-Spaghetti Dinner

March 1-2-Recruitment Drive

March Council Meeting-Insurance Agent Presentation

April 20-Annual Ester Egg Hunt after 11am mass

April 26-Mulch Sale

April Council Meeting-Budget Presentation

May Council Meeting-Budget Vote as well as Vote on Slate of Officers

June Council Meeting-Installation of Officers/Council Cookout

TBD in March or April-Highway Cleanup

*CUF: Charity, Unity, Fraternity—The updated exemplification ceremony for new members.

Council 14504 Minutes for January 14th, 2025

Call to Order:

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Council meeting minutes from the December 2024 meeting were approved after a motion was passed and voted upon by the Council members present.

Chaplain's Message:

Nothing to report.

Grand Knight's Report:

GK Gammons reported on preliminary information about the annual Council Mulch sale. A new vendor is being used, and details are being worked out on the cost and volume of mulch to purchase. The tentative date of the delivery will be April 27th.

The annual Easter hunt will be held after 11:00 Easter Mass. The eggs will be filled with candy after the April Council meeting and GK urged Knights to stay after that meeting to help.

Financial Report:

Treasurer Joe Schmidt was absent from this meeting due to illness but transmitted his report via email to Council Officers.

The report reflects deposits of \$467.89; expenses of \$3,257.67; checking account balance of \$10,120.72; savings account balance of \$15,752.44 for a total balance of \$25,873.16.

Council Financial Secretary Mike Nowak reminded members of their fraternal year 2025 dues, and he passed along several thank you cards from the parish family priests for their Christmas gifts.

Membership Report:

Michael Friel reported no new applications have been received. GK Gammons reported on a new member via an external transfer who would be voted on during the new business portion of the meeting.

Michael Friel notified the Council of the passing of John Monnett after a lengthy illness, he provided information about the upcoming visitation and funeral.

Mike Manzo reported that the spaghetti dinner will be scheduled for February 22 after consulting with the Parish activity calendar.

A new mulch vendor has been located and is currently looking at a price reduction from previous years and again selecting brown as the mulch color.

Manzo also reported that future fish fry events are on hold pending work being performed on the kitchen, he stated he could provide additional information to members after the business meeting.

Mike Tortorici provided an update on the planning of a Parish sponsored pilgrimage in 2026.

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Council 14504 Minutes for January 14th, 2025 (cont)

District Deputy's report:

District Deputy John Brown provided a report on the progress of The Council's progress towards the various programs.

Cor activities are being prioritized with each Council to provide a director of evangelization.

There are grave markers available for purchase from the State for 3rd and 4th degree Knights.

Unfinished Business:

Recorder Jim Stephenson reported there was no unfinished business.

New Business:

GK Gammons made a motion to accept the transfer of Don Freedley into the Council. The motion was second and after the Council vote, the motion was passed.

Cal Frank delivered checks to the Council from family and friends of recently deceased Knight Jim Deime.

Mike Manzo reminded the Council of the Rosary led by Council on Wednesday nights and sought assistance from members to assist in leading.

Good of the Order:

Family of the month: The Manzo family

Knight of the month: Joe Schmidt

50/50 Raffle was won by Phil Yarborough who generously donated his winnings to the Seminarian Fund.

Attendance Raffle went unclaimed this month, the jackpot rolled over until the February meeting.

Adjournment:

GK Gammons led the Council in a prayer for the Canonization of Bl. Michael McGivney and adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Submitted by Recorder Jim Stephenson

Grand Knight



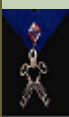
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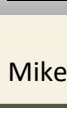
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