

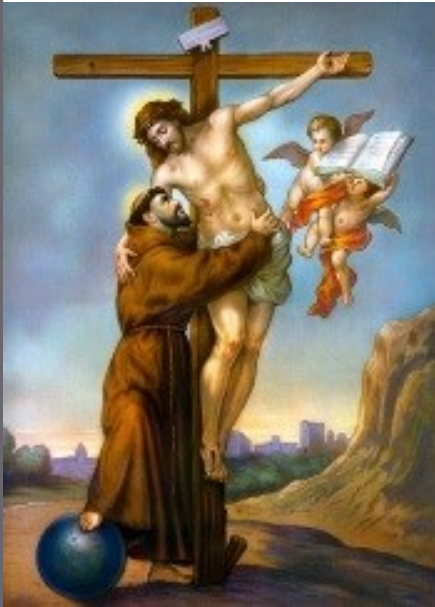
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Grand Knight's Letter by GK Sean Gammon

Hello Brother Knights!

We are coming upon the Lent and Easter Seasons! As many of you are well aware, we have many Knights in our council who very active as Ushers and Eucharistic Ministers. As this is coming into a very busy season for both the Parish Family as well as for Father Brian, please consider helping as Ushers or Eucharistic Ministers. Please feel free to reach out to me and I can forward you to the proper persons to get training.

On top of that note, March will be a calm month. We will be having a CUF/Degree this month at 7pm instead of the rosary right before our council meeting on March 11. We will be bringing in a few new Knights into our Order and Council. Please consider asking more fellow Catholic men to join our Order! This is the perfect time to bring them in.

Last month, we had a spaghetti dinner as well as our first movie night for the community. Going forward, April will have a lot of events for us. April 11, we are hosting the Bread and Soup Lent dinner at St. Francis. More information to come on that, but please mark your calendars to help. We will also be having the Easter Egg Hunt for the parish family on Saturday, April 19th at 10am. Traditionally, it has been on Easter Sunday after the 11am mass, but Father Brian has asked us to do it right after the blessing of the baskets.

Also, we will be hosting our annual mulch sale this year as well. Delivery of mulch will be Saturday, April 26th. Please consider both helping with buying some bags and helping deliver that day. Other than dues, it is our only other source of income for our general operating fund.

Between Michael Nowak and I, we sent out tickets for the Super Cash Bonanza to all the members. The council will get money earmarked for charities. The amount of each ticket will be decided by how many tickets we sell per member. Please mail them back to Michael Nowak or leave in our transfer station by the Parish Office by March 17th so we can get it sent in by the 1st Turn in Date. If you would like more than the 5 allocated tickets, please feel free to contact me or get more at the March council meeting.

If you haven't turned in your dues, or have any questions about your dues, please contact the Michael Nowak.

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Grand Knight's Letter (Cont'd)

Two Tuesdays ago, myself and a couple officers met with some of the officers from the Incarnation council. We had a great discussion on how both our councils can help both campuses of the Parish family as well as the community. They have requested some help with the Diaper Depot, that helps with the distribution of Diapers throughout Dayton, as well as helping Bellbrook Pantry. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to me and I can get you in touch with their coordinator there.

Some of their members are also interested in helping with our programs with Elizabeth New Life and St. Vincent de Paul. We are also looking at doing joint faith activities as well as going forward, possibly doing the movie night together.

One thing as well, keep a look out for an announcement from our Chancellor Mike, for more updates to come for the upcoming Pilgrimage that our Council is hosting for the parish in Fall 2026 to Italy.

We have so much more to offer for the Catholic man. As always, please reach out to me for any comments, questions, or concerns. And if any member has anything they want to bring up to the officers at the officers meeting, please email me.

Important Dates:

-March 3-Officers Meeting-7pm-Classroom 6 St. Francis

-March 5-Ash Wednesday

-March 11-7pm-Cuff/Degree

7:30-8:30-Council Business Meeting-Friendship Hall, social following meeting with light refreshments

-March 17-Super Cash Bonza Turn in

-April 1-7pm-Officers Meeting-7pm-Classroom 6 St. Francis

-April 8-7pm-Rosary

7:30-8pm-Benefit sponsored by our Insurance agent

8pm-8:30pm April Council Meeting with light refreshments and social afterwards

-April 11th-Soup and Bread Lent Dinner sponsored by our council

-April 19th-10am-Parish Easter Egg Hunt Sponsor by the Council

-April 26th-Mulch Sale Fundraiser/delivery

Vivat Jesus!

Sean Gammon

Grand Knight

Council 14504—St Francis of Assisi

Council 14504 Minutes for February 11th, 2025

Call to Order:

The meeting was held in person and called to order at 7:30 PM by Grand Knight (GK) Sean Gammons. The Council was advised by Mike Nowak of the passing of Brother Knight Tom Kwest earlier this day, after which the Council prayed a Hail Mary in his memory.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

Council meeting minutes from the January meeting were put up for approval after a motion by Steve Berns and a second by Cal Frank. The motion passed after the Council vote.

Chaplain's Message:

Nothing to report.

Grand Knight's Report:

As mentioned previously, GK Gammons reported on the passing of Tom Kwest, he noted Tom's active Council and Parish participation and activities. Prayers for Tom's wife and family were requested.

GK reminded all members present to pick up their Super Cash Bonanza tickets and to sell as many as possible, as the Council receives a cash rebate back from each ticket sold.

GK noted the names of the seminarians being financially assisted by the Council are as follows:

Benj Klare (will be ordained Transitional Deacon this year)

Adam Boehnlein (Pastoral Internship)

David Morand (Pastoral Internship)

Luke Danis (Pastoral Internship)

David Slonkosky (I Theology)

As money for the seminarians was already budgeted, no vote will be required to process their individual checks.

GK Gammons reminded the Council that we will be asked to provide soup and bread for The Stations of the Cross on April 11th.

GK will be making a motion for a \$150 donation be made to a parish family Boy Scout making tables for an Eagle Scout project. Prior to the meeting, the scout provided an example of one of the tables which he is making for use in classrooms in the building.

GK reported that all financial accounts are in the process of being moved from 5/3 Bank to Wright-Patt Credit Union. It was decided to make this move due to better interest rates and to support a local institution.

April 26th will be the designated date for mulch distribution in the church parking lot. As always, help from Knights would be appreciated.

Family movie night will be held on February 21st in Friendship Hall.

The annual Easter Egg hunt will be held in the morning of April 19th, the day before Easter at the

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request of Father Brian. All Knights are asked to remain after the April Council meeting to help fill eggs with treats. The hunt will be at 10:00 AM and help is always welcomed.

Treasurer's Report:

Council Treasurer Joe Schmidt updated the Council on the transition of banking institutions and reported all was going smoothly and it should be all completed soon once any outstanding checks have all cleared.

He provided the following report on the Council finances including all recent deposits and expenses.

Checking: \$10,225.70 (including \$465.05 at WPCU)

Savings: \$15,753.10 (including \$505.40 at WPCU)

Total: \$25,978.80

Membership Report:

Michael Friel reported no new membership applications have been received; he reminded Knights to always be seeking out new men to become members.

Another recruiting weekend will be planned to recruit members as well as reach our Council goal of two such events.

Program Reports:

Mike Manzo reminded the Council of the men's club euchre party this week, and along with an update on the spaghetti dinner, requested assistance with the ticket selling in the gathering space after masses this weekend.

Mulch sales will be in April with information on the new vendor and price provided. This year we will be able to provide brown and some black mulch, our sale price will be slightly lower than last year as we will be saving some money on the delivery charge this year. The pre-sale for mulch is tentatively scheduled to begin the weekend of March 22-23 at church. It was discussed that only one truckload may be ordered this year.

Mike Tortorici provided an update on the pilgrimage scheduled for October 2026. Collette Travel will once again be the agency planning the 11-day trip to the Shrines of Italy. Places on the tour will include Rome, The Vatican and Assisi, he referred interested parties to the Collette website searching under, *Shrines of Italy* tour for a complete itinerary.

Financial Report:

Financial Secretary Mike Nowak reported that annual dues continue to come in and reminded those who have yet to pay, please bring in dues to avoid the expense of a second mailing reminder.

The Council audit has been completed and was successful.

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A reminder that for every Super Cash Bonanza ticket sold, our Council receives \$2.49, so this is a good source of money to help with our charitable works. Return the money to him or place it in the pass-through box at church.

Field Agent Report:

Nothing to report.

District Deputy Report:

Nothing to report.

Trustees Report:

Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business:

Recorder Jim Stephenson reports no unfinished business.

New Business:

Michael Friel made a motion for the Council to buy a plant or floral arrangement for the Kwest family. Cal Frank seconded the motion and after the Council vote, the motion passed. Friel stated that he would make the purchase on behalf of the Council.

GK motioned to approve the \$150 donation for the Eagle Scout project benefitting the church, the motion was seconded by Mike Tortorici and passed after vote of Council.

Good of the Order:

Danny Sprouse advised the Council this month a special Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City celebrating the 125th anniversary of the 4th Degree Assembly.

Knight of the Month: John Bradfute

Family of the Month: Brad and Deb Miesle

50/50 raffle: Won by Jeremy McCoy who graciously donated his prize to the seminarian's fund.

Submitted by Recorder Jim Stephenson

Grand Knight



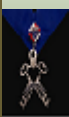
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