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Grand Knight's Letter by GK Sean Gammon

Hello All!

I Hope everyone had a great Labor Day weekend! Watched some football, did some cookouts with family and friends, and such! And thank you for everyone that helped with the Parish picnic.

Just some heads up, we will have a recruitment weekend this coming weekend, September 6th and 7th in the gathering space! If you are attending mass at the St. Francis campus this coming weekend, please wear your council polo with pride and stay a few minutes at the table in the gathering space after mass to talk to men of this parish about the benefits of joining!

We will also most likely be hosting a CUF degree in place of our ro-sary September 9th right before the council meeting.

Coming up, we will be having Friendship Sunday as well. It has been decided with it being free-will donations now and we receiving more per event, we will be rotating benefits since our seminarian fund is well funded. Next couple months, we will be using to build up our coats for kids fund, which if anybody has a truck or SUV to help, please consider helping with pick up and drop off this year. Dates are TBD.

One last thing, please pray for our Worthy Financial Secretary, Michael Nowak. Because of health concerns, he will be resigning from his post. We are looking for a new FS and this is an important role to fill in our council! And there will be training by both Michael Nowak and various officers of this council who have been in this position before. And again, please pray for Michael Nowak and his family.

As always, any questions, please reach out to me or any of the officers.

Vivat Jesus!

Sean Gammon, Grand Knight
Council 14504—St Francis of Assisi

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Council 14504 Minutes August 12, 2025

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance and opened with prayer.

Approval of Minutes

The July meeting minutes, previously emailed to members, were approved.

Grand Knight's Report - The Grand Knight, Sean Gammon

- CRAZR Sweepstakes: Ticket sales are underway. Tickets are \$20 each and will be distributed at upcoming events.

- Budget Review: Copies of the proposed budget were available at each table. A vote was scheduled under Unfinished Business.

- Volunteer Opportunities: Assistance is needed for the Parish Picnic and the Spaghetti Dinner. Please consider signing up.

- September Recruitment Event: Scheduled for the first week of September (details forthcoming).

- Benefits Night: In October, our benefits agent will host a session for members to learn more about available programs.

- Mass Assistance: Additional volunteers are especially needed for the late Sunday evening Mass.

Treasurer's Report –Joe Schmidt

- Starting Balance (July 1, 2025): \$24,674.81

- Deposits (July): \$1,987.62

- Disbursements (July): \$3,093.70

- Ending Balance: \$23,568.73

Membership Report – Michael Friel

- No new membership applications.

- Members are encouraged to actively recruit.

- Continued promotion of the Shining Armor Award.

Faith Formation – Brad Miesle

- The third season of the Rescue Project is underway.

- Fr. Brian emphasized greater focus on discipleship pathways, with the Rescue Project as the entry point.

Other Updates– Mike Manzo

- In October, the parish shelter will be torn down and rebuilt. A contractor has agreed to complete the work at material cost only.

- Spaghetti Dinner: Volunteer roster is full.

- Parish Picnic: Menu adjustments being made (e.g., pre-cooked hamburgers). Volunteers are asked to help with setup on Saturday.

- Proceeds from these events will support Coats for Kids and the Elizabeth New Life Center.

4th Degree – John Hoffman

- No report.

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Additional Notes

- One seminarian, previously supported by the Council, has withdrawn from studies.
- Financial assistance provided: \$500 to Fr. Joseph (to support his mother) & \$500 to a seminarian sponsored by Fr. Joseph

Financial Secretary's Report

- Awaiting Supreme's update on rebate.
- \$500 was donated to Texas Flood Relief.
- One-for-one match available when purchasing Coats for Kids boxes (five boxes purchased).
- Semi-Audit completed.

District Deputy's Report – John Brown

- The State requests that each council hold at least one Benefits Training Session by December.
- New campaign launched to support Religious Education.
- Youth Compliance Training required for the Grand Knight and Faith & Family Director.

Unfinished Business

- Budget Vote: Approved.

New Business

- Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup: Scheduled for Saturday, September 13th at 9:00 a.m. (Meet at the mowing shed; need 10–12 volunteers).
- Council Website: Updates in progress.
- Alternate Payment Options: Jim Stephenson will explore options beyond cash/check.
- Event Photos: Members are asked to take photos at parish and KofC events for website use.
- Christmas Party: Date TBD at the hall. Plans include a Christmas tree and bringing gifts for the Elizabeth New Life Center.

Our Lady of Light Ministries

- Gifted and Called: September 27th.
- Planning Meeting: August 6th at Maker's Mark.
- Men's Retreat: January 2nd–4th (same week as the SEEK Conference).
- EDGE Program: Volunteers needed on Sundays between Masses.

Good of the Order

- Family of the Month:
- Knight of the Month: Phil Mras
- 50/50 Raffle: Steve Berns
- Attendance Raffle: Paul Steiner

Adjournment

The meeting concluded with a closing prayer and the Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney. Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm..

Submitted by Worthy Recorder

Jeremy McCoy

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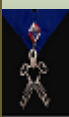
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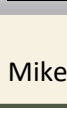
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