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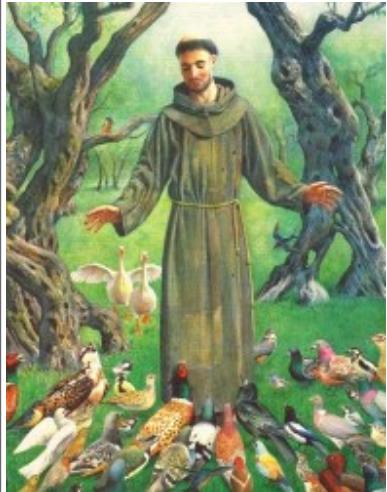
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Council 14504

Grand Knight's Letter by GK Sean Gammon



Hello All!

Hope all are having a good start to fall! I just have a few announcements this month.

We will be hosting the Coats for Kids coat distribution for this part of the state. It will start at 7pm in friendship hall at the St. Francis Campus on November 14th. Consider helping for either the distribution or set-up. More info to come from John Hoffman.

Also, we will be having our Fall benefit night with our Insurance Agent at 7pm before the meeting on October 14th. Any questions, please bring them, or contact our Insurance Agent. The contact info for our Agent is found in this newsletter.

One last thing, please consider stepping up for our Financial Secretary position. Our current FS, is stepping down. Please ask the officers for any questions on the position. The Knight selected for this position will have plenty of guidance, as we have plenty of past FS as well as State officers in our council.

Vivat Jesus!

**Sean Gammon, Grand Knight
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Council 14504 Minutes September 9th, 2025

Grand Knight's Report – Sean Gammon

- Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup: Saturday, Sept. 13 at 9:00 a.m. Meet at the mower shed.
 - Coats for Kids: Volunteers with vehicles are needed for delivery.
 - Financial Secretary Vacancy: Our current Financial Secretary is stepping down. Please prayerfully consider serving in this key role.

Treasurer's Report – Joe Schmidt

Council Financial Summary

- Total Funds on Hand: \$21,548.95 (Checking: \$3,141.63 | Savings: \$18,407.32)
- August Deposits: \$2,267.81 (includes CRAZR ticket sales, shirt sales, Fellowship Sunday donations, and a generous gift from Stuart Harvey)
- August Expenses: \$4,292.59
 - \$1,592.35 – Coats for Kids (Ohio State Council KofC)
 - \$500 – Charitable donation to Fr. Joseph Chinnabathini
 - \$500 – Seminarian support for Jeeva Suravarapu
 - \$250 – Texas Flood Relief
 - Remaining funds covered food, supplies, badges, and check orders.

Dedicated Accounts

- Coats for Kids: -\$295.35
- Seminarian Fund: \$4,561.83
- Bishop Fenwick Society: \$2,341.02
- Knights in Need: \$1,000.00
- Other smaller funds: Elizabeth New Life Center, Give Me 5, Support Our Seminarians

Additional Notes

- Special thanks to Stuart Harvey for his generosity and to Ron Holzinger for his donation to Coats for Kids.
- The recent Spaghetti Dinner raised over \$1,000 for Coats for Kids—thank you to all volunteers!
- Exploring Clover and other digital payment options.
- The Council website has been updated—please keep sending photos.

Membership Report – Michael Friel

- Reviewed meeting protocol procedures.
 - Welcomed a transfer member, Edward Kopicky, and another new Knight, Brian Steinmetz
 - Please invite potential members—our goal is 8 new members to meet state requirements.

Faith Formation

- No update this month.

Other Updates – Mike Manzo

- Men's Club Golf Outing: 80 participants enjoyed the event. Next year's outing is already scheduled.
 - Volunteer Opportunities:
 - Lead the Rosary (include the canonization prayer for Blessed Michael McGivney).

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• **Other Updates (Cont'd)**

- Assist with the Spaghetti Dinner on Nov. 15.
- Support upcoming Right to Life gatherings (details to follow).

4th Degree – John Michael

- No updates.

District Deputy's Report – John Brown

- Schedule a Fraternal Benefit Night before year-end.
 - Krazer Tickets are due by Oct. 25.
 - Complete Safe Environment Training ASAP if you hold a designated officer position.

New Business

- Volunteers are needed for SEEK Council events (1st and 5th in Columbus, OH).
- A 2026 Pilgrimage is planned, with Fr. Ken as spiritual director.
- Approved Motions:
 - \$500 each for seminarians.
 - \$200 for bourbon.
 - \$500 donation to a state program for Catholic education (matched funds).

Our Lady of Light Ministries

- That Man is You! (TMIY) – Begins Sept. 13 at 6:30 a.m., Incarnation PAC.
 - Rescue Project – Sept. 16 & 18, 6:30–8:30 p.m., Incarnation PAC. Childcare provided. More Info: <https://www.olldayton.org/rescue-project.html>
 - Meet Your Maker's Mark – Oct. 25, featuring Fr. Brian smoking chicken wings.
 - Men's Retreat – Jan. 2–4.
 - Men's Cursillo – Feb. 12–15.

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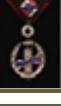
- Knight of the Month: Skip Fromm
 - Family of the Month: Gallagher Family
 - 50/50 Winner: Joe Schmit
 - Attendance Prize: Tom Varny
 - Please keep fellow Knights, their families, and our priests in your prayers.

Benediction & Adjournment

The meeting concluded with a closing prayer and the Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Worthy Recorder

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