



St. Richard Council 15131

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John Edward Tracy Assembly 3863

-Mississippi District-

April 2024 Newsletter



Knight's Prayer

Our Lady, Queen of the Knights, bless all the activities of our Order. Keep us true to our pledge, to extend the kingship of thy divine son on earth. Through Thine intercession, win for us the grace, ever to exemplify in our public and private lives, the virtues that should characterize those especially dedicated to the service of the heavenly court. Make us always aware that as your Knights, we are constantly observed, our faith judged, and our Order appreciated. Accept, O Mary, this renewed pledge of fealty and devotion, of Thy Servants, the Knights of Columbus.

Council News

- Next pancake breakfast will be May 5, 2024. This will be the last one till August 2024.
- Next ushering will be 10:30 AM Mass on May 19, 2024. Please wear your red polo shirt.
- Next Council meeting will be May 12, 2024 at 6:00PM.
- Carmelite Monastery had a workday March 16 to do plumbing issues and general repairs. Grand Knight Chris Champagne authorized \$100 toward new dishwasher for convent.
- A Nominating committee will be compiling names for the 2024-2025 year. Voting will occur at May meeting. Please contact Chris Champagne if interested in a position or a new to you position.

Financial reports were submitted from the Financial Treasurer Harold Hardin and Treasurer Robert Munroe.

New Business: No new business

No unfinished business

No District Deputy Report

Good of the Order

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 after prayer and closing ceremony.

Assembly News

- Next Quarterly meeting will be held May 13, 2024 at 6:30 following the 6:00 Council meeting.
- Next VA Bingo event to be May 9, 2024 at 2pm at the VA Hospital on Woodrow Wilson. Contact George LaFontaine if interested in volunteering.
- Flag planting will occur Saturday morning May 25, 2024 at Cresview Memorial Cemetery on the Star Road in Brandon. Plan on arriving by 9:30AM rain or shine. We will be planting at a minimum 141 flags. Bring family, kids and grandchildren.
- A spaghetti takeout dinner has been proposed as a fundraiser. FN George LaFontaine will run this by Fr Tonos soon for approval and setting a date. TBD.
- In conjunction with the Council 15131 a necrology Mass/service will be planned for K of C members deceased at St Richard Church. The Council and Assembly will run this by Fr Tonos for approval and to set a date. TBD.
- FN George LaFontaine sent out an email Feb 13 to start the process of nominations for Assembly positions. A refresher was issued April 14. Please review the email again to familiarize yourselves with the current officers. All Fourth degree members are eligible.
- Justin Coursin and Dave Forlenza attended an Exemplification Ceremony April 6, 2024 in Meridian, MS. FN George LaFontaine also attend to support them and serve in the Honor Guard. Congratulations to both gentlemen!!
- Sponsored by Assembly 3863 John Malanchak assisted by George LaFontaine set up a garden at the VA Hospital for the residents and staff on April 12. The Assembly approved not to exceed \$200 for John to procure dirt and plants. John will continue to support the garden with weekly visits. If interested in helping John please contact him directly. This is a valid Fourth degree effort supporting our service men and women resident at the VA Hospital.
- Worthy Faithful Navigator,
- We have had two highly successful back-to-back Patriotic Degrees in the State with classes of 26 and 30 respectively of 3rd Degree members completing their journey into full Knighthood and who now have the distinct honor of the title Sir Knight.
- The final 4th degree exemplification (Patriotic Degree) for the fraternal year is being hosted by Holy Savior Council 7854 / Bishop R. O. Gerow Assembly 554 in Clinton, Mississippi on Saturday June 8, 2024, at 2 pm.
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- For any questions or matters concerning the Assembly please contact Faithful Navigator George LaFontaine at Elizabeth11022020@gmail.com.

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney
Founder of the Knights of Columbus

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request). Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please report all favors received: The Father McGivney Guild, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510-3326.

2023-2024 Council Officers

Grand Knight	Chris Champagne	Faithful Scribe	John Gomez
Deputy Grand Knight	George La Fontaine	Inner Sentinel	Michael Furini
Chancellor	John Gomez	Outer Sentinel	Greg Hampton
Financial Secretary	Harold Hardin	Trustee – 1 st year	Charles Caskey
Treasurer	Robert Munroe	Trustee – 2 nd year	Robert Munroe
Recorder	Kyle Jones	Trustee – 3 rd year	Guy Heying
Advocate	Louis Clifford		
Warden	Greg Hampton		
Inside Guard	Dave Fisher		
Outside Guard	Frank Tuminello		
Trustee – First Year	Charles Caskey		
Trustee – First Year	Al Goodman		
Trustee – Third Year	Steve Cochran		
Lecturer	TBA (appointed by Grand Knight)		

2023-2024 Assembly Officers

Faithful Navigator	George LaFontaine
Faithful Captain	Chris Champagne
Faith Admiral	Louis Clifford
Faithful Comptroller	Harold Hardin
Faithful Purser	Mike Hart
Faithful Pilot	Steven Cochran