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IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL

Statement from Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly

In recent days, many Catholics and other people of goodwill have been deeply disappointed by the disparaging comments directed at Pope Leo XIV by the President of the United States. The Successor of Saint Peter is not a politician — he is the Vicar of Christ, entrusted with proclaiming the Gospel and shepherding souls.

The Knights of Columbus has always stood in solidarity with the Holy Father, recognizing in him a spiritual father who calls the world not to division, but to unity, not to conflict, but to peace. In this moment, we reaffirm that commitment with clarity and conviction.

At the same time, we recognize that faithful Catholics can and do engage vigorously in the public square, and that nations have a right and duty to safeguard the security of their own people — always in accordance with the demands of justice and the pursuit of peace. The Church does not ask Catholics to withdraw from civic life, but to engage with and elevate it — bringing to our civic dialogue the light of truth, respect for the dignity of every human person, and a steadfast concern for the common good.

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Minutes of the April Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM on April 14, by Grand Knight Waverly. No guest was present at the meeting. The Chancellor, Warden, and Trustee one year were excused. Roll call followed our Chancellor leading us in prayer. The Warden led the Pledge of Allegiance. Minutes from March were approved with one correction. The family pot luck is scheduled for Sunday May 17, the minutes reflected a different day and time.

Membership Report

Two Candidates are interested in joining the council. One of the men, Eric Forsberg, was interviewed on April 14 and there was a M/S/A to proceed with exemplification.

Grand Knight Report

The cook was thanked for the dinner. Nominations of officers for the next Columbian year will take place soon. If you are interested in the treasurer's position, please contact one of the Trustees.

The GK reported on a request to build caskets for Mary's Hope organization. Brothers Koenig and Magee volunteered to assist with the construction. Thank you brothers.

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April Meeting Minutes**Continued from page 1:****Chaplain's Report –**

No report

Treasurer Report

Checking account balance - \$12,308.04

Financial Secretary Report**Income –**

Dinner - \$94

Fish dinner - \$235 for food purchased

Bills –

Brother Strazzo - \$214.45 food and supplies

Brother Simpson - \$126.15 Hospitality Sunday donuts

Communications

The Amador County Pregnancy and Family Help Center sent a note informing of a change in their address to a new location.

Hannah and Mia DeBenedet submitted a letter of request to pray for and consider a financial contribution to aid a group of six students plus themselves to attend a mission trip to Peru.

Programs Director Report

Donut Sunday is hosted by the council on the first Sunday of each month after the 10:00 AM Mass. Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve and clean up. The recitation of the rosary is scheduled for the Tuesday before the first Wednesday of each month at 5:15. A Rib dinner is scheduled for April 25. Help is needed to set up at 10AM, cook at 3:30 to 6:00 and cleanup during and after dinner. Raffle items will be accepted until 5PM on the 25th. A Budget planning meeting will be held on April 30 at SKD. Sunday May 17 is the family pot luck hosted by Mark and Nancy Koenig.

Unfinished Business

Safe environment, life scan completion is in progress. The WGK will be contacting several brothers

who need to go through training.

New Business

Join the Fourth Degree on July 3 in Jackson during a parade to celebrate Americas 250-year birthday. 8AM set up, 9AM parade. After much discussion and an amendment, it was M/S/A to cease serving hard alcohol at K of C events held at SKD. This new request shall begin after the next rib dinner. There was a motion and second to approve a \$500 donation to help send eight students to Peru on a mission trip. The motion was tabled for a 30-day comment period. Direct any comments to the Worthy Grand Knight Brother Waverly.

Fourth Degree Assembly

Meetings are in Placerville on the fourth Thursday of each month, and attendance is growing at meetings. Join the Forth Degree Assembly on Memorial Day at St. Pat's cemetery in Jackson for mass at 10AM and a flag ceremony.

District Deputy Report

No report

Good of the Order

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Bob Dobbs, Fred Knittle and Adrian Brummer. Pray also for Kay Placido, Tim Moniz, Jacob Schmidt, Linda Renzleman, Lisa Trassare, Jenny Dobbs, Deacon Jaime, and Fr. Arlon.

Lecturer Report

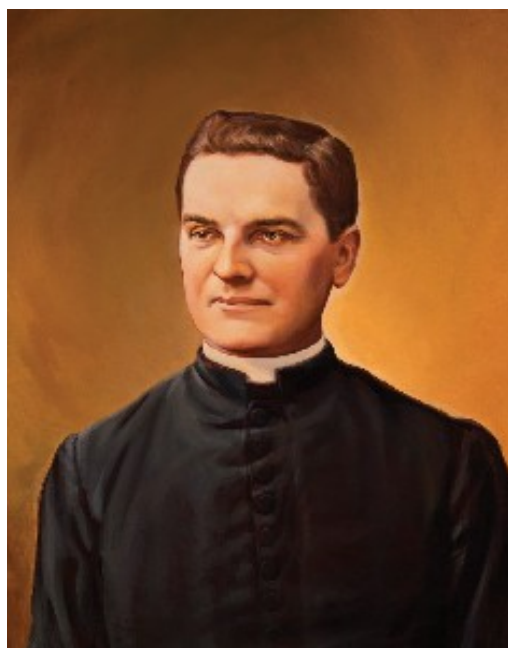
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Chaplain's Summation

The meeting was closed in prayer.

GK Waverly closed the meeting at 8:14.

Respectfully submitted by David Sanders



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.

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May Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 3: Knight's Donut Sunday at Saint Katharine Drexel after the 10 AM Mass.

Tuesday, May 5: Knight's Prayers of the Rosary at Saint Katharine Drexel at 5:15 PM.

Wednesday, May 6: Planning Meeting at St. Patrick's Hall at 6:00PM.

Tuesday, May 12: Business Meeting at Saint Katharine Drexel at 7:00 PM. Dinner at 6:00 PM.

Sunday, May 17: Family Potluck at Mark and Nancy Koenig Residence at 4 PM.

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