



St. Richard Council 15131

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John Edward Tracy Assembly 3863

-Mississippi District-

DECEMBER 2024 Newsletter



VERSION 1

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

The meeting was called to order by GK George LaFontaine 6PM with 9 members present in attendance. A motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and to approve the same was made and approved.

Grand Knight report

- Convention Committee meetings (2) to be scheduled in JAN 2025 at 3:00PM Sundays TBD.
- Knights will usher at the 10:30AM Mass on , 2024. PleasDecember 15. Please wear your red polo shirt.
- Coats for Kids Drive NOV 16, was a huge success. Tanks to the Knights that volunteered
- Food Drive that ended.11:23 was a huge success. Guesstimate under 500 cans and boxed items.
- December 15 is still on for our Christmas Parish event sponsored by the Knights. A pancake breakfast will be served by the K of C as well as a visit from Santa for the children. The St Richard Children's Choir will perform, and parish staff will be available to wrap up the Baby Jesus figures for parishioners to place in their nativity scenes at home awaiting Christ's birth.
- Feast of the Holy Famil cards to be distributed Sunday DEC 29 at Masses.
- For any questions or matters concerning joining the Assembly 3863 4th Degree please contact Faithful Navigator George LaFontaine at Elizabeth11022020@gmail.com.

Financial reports:

- Reports were submitted from the Financial Secretary Harold Hardin and Treasurer Robert Munroe.

Membership Committee:

- Two potential prospects are currently in the docket awaiting interviews. They will be presented for a vote for membership at the December meeting.

Unfinished Business:

- Initial K of C shirts are on order with Harrell Printwear. We are awaiting shipment details. If all shirts ordered are sold, we can place another order. Shirt images due by 12/12 for review.
- Motion was duly made and approved to appropriate \$300 to Charles Caskey and \$200 to Louis Clifford to procure supplies needed for the MS State Dinner to be held at St Richard on DEC 7, 2024.

New Business:

- Council 15131 Christmas Social to be cancelled and reset as a K of C Family Night in late JAN or FEB.
- K of C 121st Convention 2025 will be upon us the last full week in April 2025 to be held at the Jackson Hilton on County Line Road. Louis Clifford is our Chairperson and George LaFontaine our Deputy Chairperson. All Councils involved especially St Richard will be solicited to help with the Ad Book Campaign for sponsors. Further details will be discussed at our JAN/FEB Council meetings. The next Convention meeting will be JAN 2025 TBD at 6PM. All are invited. We still need volunteers from all local Councils.
- Discussion was held and ultimately tabled for the moment concerning new sources of income to fund Knight's charity. Wednesday night dinners were suggested as fundraisers which could be designated for a particular charitable endeavor for the Council's regular operating fund. Mr. Mike Hart has an interesting idea to be taken up at the next meeting

District Deputy Report

Good of the Order:

- Pray for the healing of and comfort for Dave Fisher's daughter and their family.
- Pray for the healing after back surgery for Robert Munroe's friend Evelyn

Meeting was adjourned by GK at approximately 6.14pm after prayer and closing ceremony.

Assembly News

- The quarterly meeting was held Nov 10, 2024 at approximately 6:30 following the 6:00 Council meeting and led by Louis Clifford filling in for FN George LaFontaine.
- The next bingo volunteer effort is scheduled for Dec 12 2024 at 2pm at the VA Hospital on Woodrow Wilson Ave. We meet in the lobby around 1:30PM and the bingo concludes around 3PM. This is a joint effort of St Paul/St Jude and St Richard Assemblies.
- In conjunction with the Council 15131 a necrology Mass/service will be planned for K of C members deceased at St Richard Church. FN to work with Fr Andrew for a Mass. TBD.
- A Wreathes Across America ceremony is to be held DEC 14 at Crestview Cemetery in Brandon and The Old Clinton Cemetery in Clinton at 11AM.
- For any questions or matters concerning the Assembly 3863 4th Degree please contact Faithful Navigator George LaFontaine at Elizabeth11022020@gmail.com.
- Assembly polo shirts can be ordered. They will be light gray with our Assembly name and Assembly logo. Cost is expected to be \$32 up to LG, \$34 for XLG and \$36 for XXXLG. Your name can be added also but not sure yet if at additional cost. Will know shortly. The Faithful Navigator has ordered one for himself and will take a photo to share when it arrives with the Assembly if anyone else would like to procure a new one.

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.

2024-2025 Council Officers

Grand Knight	George LaFontaine
Deputy Grand Knight	Steve Cochran
Chancellor	John Rommel Gomez
Financial Secretary	Harold Hardin
Treasurer	Robert C Munroe
Recorder	Nathan Kyle Jones
Advocate	Carroll Louis Clifford IV
Warden	David Forlenza JR
Inside Guard	Dave J Fisher
Outside Guard	Frank T Tuminello
Trustee – First Year	Al W Goodman, JR
Trustee – Second Year	Charles Caskey
Trustee – Third Year	Christopher L Champagne
Lecturer	TBA (appointed by Grand Knight)

2024-2025 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

Faithful Scribe	John Gomez
Inner Sentinel	Michael Furini
Outer Sentinel	Greg Hampton
Trustee – 1 st year	Charles Caskey
Trustee – 2 nd year	Robert Munroe
Trustee – 3 rd year	Guy Heying