



**St. Richard Council 15131**

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**John Edward Tracy Assembly 3863**

**-Mississippi District-**

**OCTOBER 2024 Newsletter**

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VERSION 2

## **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 14 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 meeting to be this Sunday October 20 at 3:00PM
- Knights will usher at the 10:30AM Mass on October 20. Please wear your red polo shirt.
- Recognized Mike Hart and Grandson Austin for participating in the Mississippi Pro-Life March for Life on September 21.
- Recognized Knights and parishioners' attendance at the Our Lady of the Rosary recited prior to the 8AM Mass and led by Warren Sawieki.
- Recognized Council members and lead by Mr. John Dorsa for the Our Lady of Fatima Rosary that was recited on Saturday Oct 12 under the oaks at St Richard Church at noon. Mr. Dorsa thanked the K of C at St Richard for hosting.
- All members have been invited to stay for a commemoration of Christopher Columbus Day after the meeting with beverages and pizza. Thanks to all who attended.

#### Financial reports:

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

#### Membership Committee:

- Motion was duly made and approved to accept the petitions for membership from Mr. John Bethea and Mr. Dan Rodrigues. Motion was made and approved to waive dues for Mr. Bethea given his age.
- The membership drive will be held on the weekend of October 26-27, 2024. We will have a speaker address the congregation after each of the weekend Masses and have an info table set up outside for interested prospective Knights.

#### Unfinished Business:

- Awaiting final confirmation from Harrell Printwear to move forward with an order for red polos and camo t-shirts for work.
- State Deputy Guy Heying encouraged all members to sign up for Magnolia Knight Newsletter and the good of the Order emails on the State website.
- The Carmelite Monastery is anticipating the need for more repairs to its plumbing issues. FYI
- Motion was duly made and approved to pay out the proceeds of the Macke Benefit Dinner in the following manner: Ten (10) checks of \$400 each sent monthly and a final check of \$510 made payable to Mr. Macke's daughter Cheryl Macke.

#### New Business:

- Knights who Usher should be at the upcoming 10:30AM Mass on Oct 21. Please wear your red polo shirt or a plain red polo shirt. If unable to attend, you need to please find a replacement.
- GK George LaFontaine will be placing an initial order for new red polos and working t-shirts with Harrell Printwear LLC. Motions were placed prior, and the Council polos will be red and Assembly polo shirts will be gray. A work t-shirt will be offered also which may double for the runner's shirts for the K of C convention 2025. The work t-shirt will be a camouflage motif with blue in it versus all brownish. Knights of Columbus will be on the back of it.
- The Silver Rose will be at St Richard at 2PM Monday October 21 in the church celebrated with a ceremony including the school children. Silver Rose for St Richard is led by John Malanchak.
- Our first membership drive for new K of C members from St Richard will be held on October 26/27, 2024, timeframe at all Masses and led by Steve Cochran who is our DGK and Membership Director. He will be assisted by GK George LaFontaine and several volunteers to cover every Mass. Steve and the GK will discuss with Fr Tonos for the weekend to speak at all masses and set up a station for after mass discussions with potential new members. Please reach out to family and friends in the meantime to consider membership in the Knights of Columbus.
- K of C 121<sup>st</sup> 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 Sept/Oct Council meetings. The next Convention meeting will be Sep 15 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
- Mike Hart is our Council Team Captain for the MS Pro-Life Walk for Life in Flowood on Sept 21. We need walkers and sponsors. More information and details have been sent in an email Council members, and is also in the MS Pro-Life website, <https://prolifems.org/>.
- Motion was duly made last month and approved to appropriate \$300 to support the Knight of Columbus Coats for Kids program and apply to the State's Convention's "buy one, get one free" program for the same.
- Motion was made and approved to support the State Christmas Dinner on December 7<sup>th</sup> here at St Richard. A budget will be presented for approval at the November meeting. Mr. Louis Clifford and Mr. Charles Caskey will be discussing the dinner menu in the interim.
- The Council voted, motioned and passed an expenditure of \$100 for St Richard Meal Ministries.
- The Council voted, motioned and passed \$50 each for Fr. Joe and Fr. Andrew Christmas gifts.

#### District Deputy Report

- DD Mr. Nat Zummo presented the Council and FGK Chris Champagne the Columbian Award for the 2023-2024 Fraternal Year

#### Good of the Order:

- Please keep the victims of Hurricane Helene and its aftermath in your prayers and intentions
- GK George LaFontaine again thanked all Knights able to participate at our first Pancake Breakfast.
- Charles Caskey niece and god daughter Mary lost one of her unborn twins they are fighting to save the other. Please keep her and their family in your prayers and pray for the repose of the soul of the child.

Meeting was adjourned by GK at approximately 6.52pm after prayer and closing ceremony. Pizza and refreshments were served promptly after in honor of Christopher Columbus.

## **Assembly News**

- Next Quarterly meeting will be held Nov 11, 2024 at approximately 6:30 following the 6:00 Council meeting.
- Motion will be made for to appropriate \$125 for a full page advertisement in the upcoming State Convention Program from Assembly 3863.
- The next bingo volunteer effort is scheduled Nov 14, 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. Fr Joe recommends we merge our memorial with the parish necrology on All Soul's Day Sat Nov 2 in 2024.
- Sponsored by Assembly 3863 John Malanchak created a garden environment at the request of the VA Hospital in Jackson with regular Tuesday and Friday visits. George LaFontaine assists on many Fridays. John continues to educate the residents and staff on the progress of the garden and maintenance. Photos were attached to prior emails of the initial event and growth progress. John is now planning a flower arrangement effort using Ball glass jars for the VA clients to decorate. John may need \$\$ to support the effort. When available the FN will reach out to the Assembly via email with costs for approval if it exceeds \$99. Volunteers will be appreciated.
- Veterans Day will be Nov 11, 2024. Flag planting at Crestview Memorial Cemetery in Brandon, MS with at least 141 veterans would be the venue for our Assembly. New flags will need to be procured and will be reusable. Motions will be made via email correspondence. Data to follow shortly.
- For any questions or matters concerning the Assembly 3863 4<sup>th</sup> Degree please contact Faithful Navigator George LaFontaine at [Elizabeth11022020@gmail.com](mailto: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 XXLG and \$36 for XXXLG. Your name can be added also but not sure yet if at additional cost. Will know shortly. Your Faithful Navigator at a minimum intends to order one. I will send an email to the Assembly if anyone else is interested TBD.

## **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	Faithful Scribe	John Gomez
Deputy Grand Knight	Steve Cochran	Inner Sentinel	Michael Furini
Chancellor	John Rommel Gomez	Outer Sentinel	Greg Hampton
Financial Secretary	Harold Hardin	Trustee – 1 <sup>st</sup> year	Charles Caskey
Treasurer	Robert C Munroe	Trustee – 2 <sup>nd</sup> year	Robert Munroe
Recorder	Nathan Kyle Jones	Trustee – 3 <sup>rd</sup> year	Guy Heying
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)		

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