



KNIGHTS

Church of Saint Francis of Assisi
Knights of Columbus Council 14170
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Notes



Council Officers

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Fr. Timothy Reker

Grand Knight

Jeff Fallon

Deputy Grand Knight

John Hunt

Chancellor

Jim Arendt

Recorder

Bruce Anderson

Financial Secretary

Paul Tieskoetter

Treasurer

Don Hint

Advocate

Art Mueller

Warden

Bill Klein

Inside Guard

Joe Wick

Outside Guard

Gary Drugg

Trustees

Duane Melvin

Dave Oeth

Dave Klinkhammer

District Deputy

Jeff Bagniewski

289-3145

Dear Brother Knights,

Grand Knight Jeff Fallon is on vacation during spring break with his family, so that gives me a chance to write a sort of State of the Union message to you Knights.

In reflection we have done fairly well since we were chartered. We began 2007 with 59 members, and through transfers and recruitment we have made it to 85 members. That is good, but I do think we have the potential to reach 100. We do have a fair amount of older Knights, some of which are quite active, and we have a good core of younger Knights, so all in all our Council has the mix to bring results. We have had great support from Fr. Reker, Father Hall, the Deacons and the rest of the parish staff. Also, thanks to efforts of many of you, we also are doing well financially.

I have seen through experience that it is often very difficult to get an activity going in an organization. But after you have done it a few times it becomes easy to conduct. You find the members and the ways to do it! We are in that mode now. We are learning our way!

I feel there is a need to do a better job of bringing the family into our activities. One idea that I think may help is to subsidize the annual Knights of Columbus fund raiser for parochial schools held in January. It could be sort of an after Christmas party. It is a fun time out and nothing pleases my wife more than to eat out! And how often do you get a night out with the Bishop!

As far as our Council is concerned, I think that we should move closer to the guidelines of our Order. And we could get a bit more religious. Let's say a Rosary once in a while!

We need to increase our visibility to increase our membership. Art Mueller suggests more exposure of the Fourth Degree to St. Francis parishioners. A good idea, I think.

It is no doubt my fault that we have not done some things we should do. I did not want to create too much of a time burden on officers, but I think now that perhaps we should try meeting earlier before meetings, maybe quarterly, so have more input from every officer.

Let's do a little brain storming to see if we can come up more ways to increase our support of the church and further enrich our faith.

Yours in Christ,

John Hunt

Deputy Grand Knight



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Norbert Fitzpatrick	3 rd
Jim Arendt	19 th
Bernie Leitzen	22 nd
John Spading	23 rd
Mark Paukert	25 th

Happy birthday & God bless you!

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN REPORT

It seemed to be a difficult environment for conducting a membership campaign. We certainly received full cooperation from Father Reker and Father Hall, but it appears that we need to change our methods if we are going to get an appreciable increase in members.

At our Open House on Tuesday, April 1st we did sign up two new members for Knighthood. And we will have several members completing their second and third degrees on April 6th, so we are making progress. Our present member count is 85 Knights. We have had four transfers out because of the establishment of a Council at Christ the King in Byron.

We will have a lull in recruiting now until this fall. In the meantime I am going to look for all the information I can regarding recruiting. However, if in your conversations with friends they appear to have an interest, please contact me and I will do my best to recruit them.

Membership Director John Hunt
huntjohn@charter.net 288-7550

TOOTSIE ROLL CAMPAIGN
APRIL 25TH THROUGH 27TH

Plans are being laid for the annual Tootsie Roll Campaign for the mentally handicapped starting on Friday, April 25th. Last year we covered Silver Lake Shopping Center and did quite well. We collected approximately \$3,000, and the total city-wide campaign brought in close to \$15,000. This campaign is conducted by Knights of Columbus all throughout the state and nation, though often at different times. I have been solicited in Madison, Wisconsin in the summer and in Florida in the winter.

We will again need volunteers to cover Silver Lake Center. If you are called on to participate please say yes. It is certainly a worthy cause and all the money collected stays in Rochester.

ST. FRANCIS SPRING CLEANUP
SATURDAY, APRIL 12TH

We Knights have again been asked to help with the St. Francis grounds clean-up. Clean-up starts at 8 a.m. until done or 12 noon. (Last year we were done very early). Please bring your gloves, rake, and maybe wheel barrow. You can sign up in the Gathering Space or just show up Saturday morning.

4TH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION
SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH

We have had terrific news about the 4th Degree Exemplification. Wow!! Berry Hobbs states that as of April 5th forty-five Rochester Knights have signed up and paid for the Fourth Degree initiation that will be held on Saturday, April 19th. St. Francis Council will have five members joining as of this writing. It is always a gala and colorful event. Most events will be at the Kahler Hotel, with mass at St. John's. We can still squeeze you in. For information contact John Hunt at 288-7550.

Dates to Remember

- Sunday, April 6th**
1st, 2nd, 3rd Degree Initiation
Lourdes High School
- Tuesday, April 8th 7:00pm**
Monthly Meeting in St Francis Social Room
- Saturday, April 12th 8:00am - 12:00pm**
Grounds Clean-up at St Francis
- Saturday, April 19th**
4th Degree Exemplification
Kahler Grand Hotel
- Friday, April 25th thru Sunday, April 27th**
Annual Tootsie Roll Campaign
- Tuesday, May 13th 7:00pm**
Monthly Meeting in St Francis Social Room
- Saturday, May 17th 8:00am - 12:00pm**
Mulching Spreading at St Francis



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Minutes from March 11, 2008



The Council was called to order at: 7:06pm by Chancellor Jim Arendt

Prayer was offered by: Chancellor Jim Arendt (Our Father)

The Roll of Officers was called and noted as follows (P=Present; A=Absent)

P Chaplain..... Fr. Timothy Reker	A Warden..... Bill Klein
A Grand Knight..... Jeff Fallon	P Inside Guard..... Joe Wick
A Deputy Grand Knight... John Hunt	A Outside Guard..... Gary Drugg
P Chancellor..... Jim Arendt	A Trustee (3rd Year)..... Duane Melvin
P Recorder..... Bruce Anderson	A Trustee (2nd Year)..... Dave Oeth
P Financial Secretary..... Paul Tieskoetter	P Trustee (1st Year)..... Dave Klinkhammer
A Treasurer..... Don Hint	A District Deputy..... Jeff Bagniewski
P Advocate..... Art Mueller	

MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

MOTION WAS SECONDED & APPROVED.

Grand Knight Report (PROVIDED BY JIM ARENDT)

- Still need volunteers for the Deluxe Pancake Breakfast to be held on Sunday, March 30th. Please sign up on the sheets on the table at the conclusion of the meeting.
- The Special Olympics is also looking for volunteers on Sunday, March 30th.

Chaplain Report – Fr Timothy Reker

- All Knights of Columbus are encouraged to fully participate in the Great Tridium.
- A Civilization of Love – What Every Catholic Can Do to Transform the World by Carl Anderson, Supreme Knight, will be released on March 25th.
- Saturday, March 29th is Founders Day and will mark the close of the 150th Year celebration.
- Father gave a summary of the Supreme Chaplain’s write up from the Columbia Magazine
 - Asked some discussing leading questions
 - Discussion centered on the incorrect belief that all faiths the same.

Treasurer Report

- Checking \$3,526.50 (2/29/2008)
- Savings N/A

The Financial Secretary reported:

- Deposits \$748.20
- Disbursements \$2,087.55

MOTION WAS MADE TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER’S REPORT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED & APPROVED.



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Committee Reports

Membership Director Report – John Hunt

- We need to encourage 1st degree members to attend the 2nd & 3rd degree exemplification.
- Volunteers are needed after each Mass on the week of March 29th & 30th to solicit men of St Francis to join Council 14170.
- There will be an informational meeting in the St Francis Social Room for those interested in joining the Knights of Columbus.

Auditors/Trustees Report – No report

Church Director Report – Joe Wick

- In preparation for Pope Benedict's visit to the US the CCW would like to work with the KC Council
 - There are prayer cards & pamphlets available for distribution
 - There is also need to set up a display in the Narthex
- Volunteers are also being requested to join in Prayer for Vocation Group within the parish.
 - There are no meetings or work items to report on
 - For those interested a list of requested actions will be available at the end of the meeting.
 - Completion of the tasks is up to the individual & there will be no follow up
 - Pastoral Council decision to implement this activity

Council Director Report – Jim Arendt

- No report

Community Director Report

- No report

Family Director Report – Andy Simcox

- In His Name Program
 - Delivered food to 17 families in February.
 - The number of deliveries appears to be increasing
 - Sign up sheet for March 22 at 11:00am is available after the meeting.
- Mini-retreat with Fr Hall was held on Sunday, February 24th.
 - Approximately 10 couples attended
 - The cost was slightly over \$100.
 - Thanks to those who helped with set-up & clean-up

Youth Director Report – Jeff Fallon

- No report

4th Degree Report – Art Mueller

- Art Mueller provided some quick facts about the Knights of Columbus in Rochester
 - 1905 Council 1013 was established in Rochester
 - 1906 The first 4th degree exemplification was held in our district with over 300 candidates.
 - 1914 Rochester may have had a 4th degree assembly
 - 2008 There are more than 100 candidates signed up for April's exemplification.
- Anyone interested in becoming a 4th degree Knight still has time to sign up!



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Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Field Agent Report – No report

District Deputy Report - No report

Knights to be Remembered in Prayer

- Wayne Techau

Under Good of the Order – No report

Closing Prayer was a Hail Mary lead by Chancellor Jim Arendt

Meeting Adjourned at 8:01pm

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 8th at 7:00pm in the St Francis Social Room