



St Francis of Assisi
Council 14170 Meeting Agenda
March 26, 2024

Council Meeting Minutes – March 26, 2024

- Call to Order
- Opening Prayer
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
Motion was made to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Chaplain's Message
 - Holy Week & Easter Triduum
 - *Please attend the services, there are many opportunities*
 - *19 confirmations and 5 baptisms at the Easter Vigil*
 - Catholic Ministries Appeal
 - *Over \$22,000 donated so far. Thank you!*
 - Lenten Devotions
 - *Thanks for attending!*
 - *Remember to support St. Vincent de Paul and the Resource Room*
 - *Parish Mission was a success*
 - Monthly Holy hour
 - *Next Holy Hour - April 13 at 5:30*
 - Knights of Columbus Exemplification
 - *See Grand Knights Report for details*
 - Membership
 - *Keep working on membership*
 - *Bulletin reminder to transfers and inactive members*
 - Eucharistic Revival Mass on June 2nd & Procession to Saint Francis
 - *Mass will be at the Civic Center*
 - All night adoration on June 2nd
 - *We will be involved, more to follow*
 - Farewell
 - *Fr. Berning will be saying all the masses and will be available after mass*

- March 2024 Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

“By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.” (Gospel for April 28, Jn 15:8)

Have you noticed the progression in the challenges over the past months? If we recognize who Jesus truly is, we must listen to him and serve him. We have St. Joseph as a true model of that faithful service and discipleship. Now we are told that the Father is glorified through our discipleship and the fruit we bear. By being faithful disciples of Christ, may we bear much fruit and so glorify the Father.

This month, I challenge you to prayerfully ask yourself if you are bearing much fruit as a disciple of Christ and then identify and undertake one way you can be more fruitful.

Questions for Reflection:

- What fruit do you currently bear — in your marriage and family, in your relationships at work or among friends, and in the broader community?
- Are you mindful of the needs of those around you and the opportunities they present to bear fruit?



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- Are there things you can do to become still more fruitful in your Christian witness?
- Grand Knights Report
 - *Thanks to Fr. Berning for being our Chaplain*
 - *Thank you to everyone who helped with the last Pancake Breakfast*
 - *Next Pancake Breakfast is May 19th*
 - *4th degree (as well as other degrees) will be offered in Rochester. Exemplification April 26 – 28.*
 - *Tootsie Roll sign up (will be May 3-5)*
 - *Sweet corn update - Sales: July-August timeframe (will need help picking corn)*
- Treasurer's Report
 - *The financial report was presented and the balance in the account is \$5,925.06 (as of 2/28/2024)*
 - ***Motion was made to accept the combined Financial/Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and approved.***
- Membership Report
 - *Michael Bonde still needs to attend exemplification*
 - *Current council membership – 73 members*
- Program Director Report
 - *See Activities for details*
 - ***Motion was made to donate \$300 towards the St. Joseph Family Day Camp at Ironwood Springs. The motion was seconded and approved.***
- New Business
 - Flower Sale - Paul Tieskoetter
 - *Pick up starts the first week of April*
 - *Sold 100 bouquets (8 less than last year, but better than 2 years ago)*
 - Steubenville Conference July 12-14 Mayo Civic Center - <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/events/nroch/>
 - *Need volunteers - Contact Shawn Peters*
 - 4th Degree
 - *Target for registration is April 8 (can go later if needed)*
 - Corn Sales
 - *We need a point of contact for the Council*
 - *Bruce will coordinate with the Hispanic Council*
 - Tootsie Roll May 3-5
 - *Paul Tieskoetter has the sign up sheets and will be reaching out*
 - *Please volunteer*
 - Golf Outing
 - *Tentative - September 8*
 - *May need to change due to the Bishop's open house at the new Diocesan Pastoral Center*
- Good of the Order
- Insurance Agent Report (Shawn Peters)
 - *2024 03 March Council Meeting Message*
 - *Happy Easter! Easter is the very end of March, the 31st, so I will take this time to hope you conclude your Lenten observances with a celebration of the Resurrection!*



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March is Ethics Awareness Month for the insurance industry. Oxford Languages defines ethics as “moral principles that govern a person’s behavior or the conducting of an activity” In many professions there is an ethical code that practitioners are to observe. In medicine, we’ve boiled down the Hippocratic oath to, “First, do no harm.” Attorneys have the American Bar Association’s “Model Rules of Professional Conduct.” In psychology there are codes of conduct for both treatment and for research.

The insurance industry is no different. Here at the Knights of Columbus I think all members are familiar with our founding principles: Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. These have been ingrained in us. However, there are also four Core Values that all who represent the Knights subscribe to. By “represent the Knights” we include Supreme Officers, employees, independent contractors like me, and other vendors and contractors who are expected to live up to our four Core Values. From our Code of Ethics and Conduct handbook the Core Values are these:

- *Integrity: Firm adherence to ethics, honesty, and a moral code.*
- *Professionalism: Promoting the highest standards in all we do.*
- *Excellence: Leading by example and constantly striving to be the best.*
- *Respect: Treating each other with the highest regard.*

I consider it an honor to be assigned to serve your council and I take seriously my responsibility to care for each of you members. Furthering Blessed Michael McGivney’s vision of caring for the widow and orphan is my goal. I hope to always live up these Core Values in all my work with the council and with each and every one of you.

Vivat Jesus!

- Closing Prayer
 - Intentions
 - *Pray for peace in the Israel, Ukraine, Sudan & for our brother Knights*
 - *For Fr. Berning and Fr. Vargas as they assume their new roles*
 - *Pray for Shawn Peters’ wife, Sonja Peters, & their family*
 - *Pray for Jaun - seminarian here from Guatemala*
 - *Pray for Ryan Saltness, seminarian student from the Church of St Francis of Assisi*
 - *Currently studying in Rome*
 - Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney
- Adjournment
 - *Next meeting – April 23*

Upcoming fraternal benefit events: (contact Shawn Peters for details)

- Apr 2, 7:00 pm: Retirement Savings and Distribution Planning with Ed Slott.
<http://tinyurl.com/KofCApr2>
- Apr 18, 7:00 pm: What the Knights can do for you <https://tinyurl.com/FBN-cybart-04-18-23>

May will cover some retirement planning and June will cover Special Needs Planning



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Remember, these events are not just for current knights, they are open to all parishioners. Fraternal Benefit Events are a great way to invite non-knights to look into joining. I would encourage the council leaders to get these dates and messages into the bulletins and keep them in there as the dates get updated.



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Council Activities:

March 2024 Activities

Date / Time	Description
Friday, March 1	KC Flower Sale - Tickets & money need to be returned
Saturday, March 9 at 5:30PM	Holy Hour & Adoration - St Francis of Assisi
Wednesday, March 13 at 6:30PM	St Francis Communal Reconciliation
Friday, March 15 - Sunday, March 17,	Mission - Lent a Journey That Leads to Life
Saturday, March 16 at 1:00PM	Egg cracking for KC Breakfast (McCarthy Hall kitchen)
Sunday, March 17 at 7:00AM	KC Breakfast for Coucil 14170 Charities
Sunday, March 24	Palm Sunday - Regular Sunday Mass Schedule
Tuesday, March 26 at 7:00PM	Council 14170 Meeting - St Clare Room
Thursday, March 28	Holy Thursday
Friday, March 29	Good Friday
Saturday, March 30	Easter Vigil
Sunday, March 31	Easter Sunday

April 2024 Activities

Date / Time	Description
Thursday, April 4	KC Flower Sales - Pick up flowers ordered at Flowers by Jerry
Friday, April 5	KC Flower Sales - Pick up flowers ordered at Flowers by Jerry
Saturday, April 6	KC Flower Sales - Pick up flowers ordered at Flowers by Jerry
Monday, April 8	KC Flower Sales - Pick up flowers ordered at Flowers by Jerry
Saturday, April 13 at 5:30PM	Holy Hour & Adoration - St Francis of Assisi
Tuesday, April 23 at 7:00PM	Council 14170 Meeting - St Clare Room
Friday, April 26 - Sunday, April 28	Spring Exemplification - Rochester
Sunday, April 28	St Francis of Assisi Spring Event

May 2024 Activities

Date / Time	Description
Friday May 3 - Sunday May 5	Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities (Tootsie Rolls)
Friday May 3 - Sunday May 5	MN Knights of Columbus Convention - Breezy Point, MN
Saturday, May 11 at 5:30PM	Holy Hour & Adoration - St Francis of Assisi
Saturday, May 18 at 1:00PM	Egg cracking for KC Breakfast (McCarthy Hall kitchen)
Sunday, May 19 at 7:00AM	KC Breakfast for St Francis Youth Group
Tuesday, May 28 at 7:00PM	Council 14170 Meeting - St Clare Room