



St Francis of Assisi  
Council 14170 Meeting Agenda  
February 27, 2024

## Council Meeting Minutes – February 27, 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
  - Catholic Ministries Appeal 2024 Kick-off
    - *Our post goal projects are:*
      - *Redo the concrete under the canopy*
      - *Power wash the building*
      - *Resurface the parking lot*
  - Lenten devotions
    - *St. Francis of Assisi will be combining soup suppers with the Stations of the Cross on March 8*
    - *March 8 and 9 - 24 hours of confessions at St. John the Evangelist*
    - *March 13 - Communal reconciliation service at St. Francis of Assisi*
  - Lenten parish mission
    - *March 15 - 17*
    - *Fr. Sergio will be returning, using the same bilingual format as last year*
  - Chrism Mass
    - *Church of the Sacred Heart - Monday, March 25*
  - Holy Week and Easter Triduum
    - *Lots of people coming into the faith at Easter Vigil!*
  - Eucharistic procession
    - *June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Eucharistic procession will be in Rochester*
- March 2024 Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:  
**“Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.” (Gospel for March 17, Jn 12:26)**  
Next to Our Lady, what greater model of faithful service to Jesus do we have than St. Joseph, the Lord's own adoptive father? In humble obedience to God, Joseph protected Mary and Jesus under the most difficult of circumstances. Although he says not a word in Scripture, the “silent” Joseph speaks volumes through his faithful actions. He is a model of manhood and discipleship for all Knights today.

This month — in which we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph — I challenge you to pray a novena or another prayerful devotion to this great saint..

### Questions for Reflection:

- What virtues do you see in St. Joseph as you read the Gospel narratives about the nativity and early life of Jesus?
- How well do you practice these virtues in your own life, not only as a husband or father, but as a faithful disciple of Jesus?
- What specific, concrete things can you do to grow in these virtues in your day-to-day life?
- Grand Knights Report



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- *Thank you to everyone who helped with last month's Pancake breakfast*
- *Next Pancake breakfast is March 17th*
- *4th degree (as well as other degrees) will be offered in Rochester on April 27*
- *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 \$5,491.82 (as of 1/31/2024)
  - ***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
- New Business
  - Flower Sale - Paul Tieskoetter
    - *Sold 90 bouquets so far (down 18 from last year)*
  - KC Donor Advised Fund- Dale Frank
    - *4 applications funded*
      - *Bundles of Love*
      - *Elder network*
      - *Sea-La-Luz*
      - *Catholic charities*
  - Steubenville Conference July 12-14 Mayo Civic Center - <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/events/nroch/>
    - *Need volunteers - Contact Shawn Peters*
  - Tootsie Roll May 3-5
    - *Paul Tieskoetter will be the chair - Thank you!*
  - 40 Days for Life
    - *Joe Wick will be reserving a time slot for our council to pray in front of the Rochester Planned Parenthood office*
    - *Once the date/time is finalized, Joe will announce to the council via email*
- 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! 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*



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*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*
    - *Pray for Shawn Peters’ wife, Sonja Peters, & their family*
    - *Pray for Ryan Saltness, seminarian student from the Church of St Francis of Assisi*
      - *Currently studying in Rome*
    - *Pray for Jim Stalberger, Bob Stalberger’s father (continued recovery)*
    - *For Dale Mickow, health*
  - Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney
- Adjournment
  - *Next meeting – March 28*

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

- Mar 21, 7:00 pm: Estate Planning and Trust Basics, and How to prepare  
<https://tinyurl.com/FBN-cybart-03-21-24>
- 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

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.