

Regional Fraternity of Eastern Canada

SUGGESTED FORMAT FOR FRATERNITY MEETINGS

The following is one example or model of a fraternity meeting. Meetings must be punctual, spiritual, welcoming, interesting and orderly in order to remain inviting and fruitful. The business meeting should be **brief** and separate from the spiritual part of the meeting.

WELCOME OPENING – MINISTER

PRAYER- see Ritual, page 35

ARTICLE OF THE RULE – TEAM OF THE MONTH

One or more fraternity members on a rotating basis, take charge of the meeting. The topics and schedule are organized by Council.

PRESENTATION BY TEAM (ONGOING FORMATION) 20 minutes
(See **Ongoing Formation: Suggested Resources** in the handbook)

SMALL GROUP SHARING ON THE TOPIC PRESENTED BY THE TEAM 20 minutes
How do you personally identify with the topic of the evening?

FRATERNITY SHARING

In large fraternities it may be necessary to form sharing groups with 2 to 4 people per group - One person appointed by each small group will report on a key idea or action for the month. (Some fraternities like to give each member an opportunity to share on their Franciscan apostolate or something spiritual. It is important to keep such personal sharing to **2 minutes maximum**. There is a further opportunity to share during the **fellowship** portion.

MESSAGE FROM SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT 5 minutes

FELLOWSHIP

BUSINESS MEETING – CHAIRED BY MINISTER

- Minutes of previous meeting made available
- Report/Recommendations from Council
- Formation Team's Report
- Pastoral Care Report – cards, visits
- Report on various ministries or fraternity action projects
- New Business

CLOSING PRAYER- (see **Ritual**)