

Knights of Columbus  
Father Downey Council #4934  
**Council Members Meeting Minutes**  
Monday, October 21, 2024, at 7:00 pm

A quorum was met, the meeting was called to order at **7:00 pm** by Leo Decker, GK.

## 1. "OPENING CEREMONY PER RITUAL"

- Members in attendance: **(45)**
- Members on Zoom: **(3)**
- Number of guests in attendance: **(3)**
- Dignitaries in attendance: **(2)**
- Members reciting the rosary before meeting: **(36)**

Louie Benishek, who we've all seen and talked with around the Sacred Heart Campus, preceded our **Council Members Meeting** with the story of "The Ragged Old Flag." A heartfelt tribute to the history of our country and how our men & women in uniform fought for our freedom with many making the ultimate sacrifice. Louie was presented with a Knights hat adding to his Knights shirt and building his wardrobe as an honorary member of our council. As was presented at our **Council Members Meeting** April 17, 2023.

## 2. Officers Reports:

- **Chaplain's Message** Fr. Aldrin reported:  
Every Tuesday after the 8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart there will be a Novena for Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Please try to attend.
- **District Deputy** – John O'Malley presented a comprehensive report on all the activities planned or being planned in our district. Much of said report can be found on page **9**.
- **Deputy Grand Knight** – Chris Hennessy reported:
  - The Members' Information Form will be available electronically on our council's website in the very near future so all the brothers that have not attended our **Council Members Meeting** will have no excuse to fill out said form. Watch your emails for posting & instructions.
  - With the New Fraternal Year in progress, the Officer's proposed that the rosary will be recited at Sacred Heart before the **Council Members Meeting**, beginning at 6:15 pm.

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- A notice to all members attending all future **Council Members Meetings**, bring your rosaries, if you don't have them with you a \$1 fine will be collected by the Outside Guard from those without and put into the **good-of-the-order** safe.
- An important reminder from previous meetings; It's important that all brothers working with children complete the *“Safe Environment Training Program”* which can be done online in a matter of minutes and upon completion your certificate can be printed out. Also, must be fingerprinted, see Ella in the church office to set up an appointment.
- We have changed over to the Football Mania \$10 game cards that must be sold quickly because the first of ten weekends begins October 31<sup>st</sup> – November 4<sup>th</sup>. Our council purchased 100 paper game cards plus all the e-tickets that we can sell. The buy five receive one free is in effect as it was with the \$20 game cards. How about the newbies we accepted into our council the last six months step up and get your feet wet in fundraising by buying or selling some Football mania \$10 game cards.
  
- **Chancellor** – Patrick Clark had no report at this time.  
As a reminder though to all members who want to look spiffy, new emblmed shirts are available for purchase. And what Knight does not look and feel proud when wearing the color of our council?
  
- **Recorder** – John Gawdun will request approval of the minutes from the **September 16, 2024, & October 21, 2024, Council Members Meetings** at the **Council Members Meeting**, Monday **November 18, 2024**.
  
- **Treasurer** –John Martens:
  - As of September 30<sup>th</sup>, the primary checkbook balance was **\$14,750.97**
  - As of September 30<sup>th</sup>, the secondary checkbook for CC purchases balance was **\$1,206.11**. *The balance of both checkbooks was reported by the Financial Secretary.*
  
- **Financial Secretary** – Roland Medeiros reported:
  - There are still dues that are unpaid and costing our council per capita charges and assessments. That's a great deal of money. Please take care of your yearly financial responsibility to the council. Thank you.

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- [If you find yourself in a financial bind due to health issues, unemployment or other unforeseen financial obligations and cannot pay your dues please explain your situation in writing addressed to the Grand Knight who will place it before the officers for a decision. Thank you.] added by John Gawdun
- **Council's Financial Advisor** – Jerome Williams absent for family funeral.
- **Advocate** – Frank McCarron had nothing to report:
- **SVdP Watchdog** - Frank McCarron report was similar to last month's.
  - SVdP has been preparing (65) food bags per week for the past few weeks and expects it to rise as the holidays approach. There are several "Snowbirds" who have returned and have stepped up to help as they have done in past years. A reminder asking everyone to try and make a monthly donation to SVdP either in the envelope in your box of envelopes designated just for that purpose or cash. SVdP will be happy to accept either. Thank you.
- **Warden** – Shane Harrington had nothing to report:
- **Captain of Knights on Bikes Council 4934** – Shane Harrington.

Had nothing new to report. For those brothers interested in joining Knights on Bikes see Shane after a meeting. Knights of Columbus flags will be available for \$20 for the Knights on Bikes members to be proudly displayed on your bike.
- **Trustees** –3-year Robert Hook, 2-year John Pitera, Sr., and 1-year Jerry Williams, there were no bills or expense accounts for approval.
- **Web Master** – Mark Cerretani had nothing new to report:

From past meetings, our Web Master explained to the newbies our council's website and how to access it. If any member is still having difficulty in setting up an account or signing-in, see the Web Master after the meeting. Also, Mark is working on setting up small albums showing pictures of us Brother Knights in action at fun events, impacting the church, school or community.

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**3. Membership Report** – Patrick Clark reported:

- Our fourth CUF Exemplification was held starting at 5:30 pm at Sacred Heart Church prior to our monthly **Council Members Meeting**. The CUF team was comprised of Fr. Aldrin, Religious; Patrick Clark, MC; Chris Hennessey, Charity; David Jenkins, Unity; John Stratman, Fraternity; Nick Stuart acting Warden. There were six candidates, **William H. Hunt, James G. Gonyea, Philip Bovano, Brian Kilkenny, Michael L. Hoblik and Richard C. Shotak** being initiated in the first three Degrees of the Knights of Columbus. Upon completion a heartfelt applause and congratulations went out to them. See Pages **7 & 8** for more detail. The rosary followed at 6:15 pm, afterwards we all met in the chamber, for our **Council Members Meeting**.

**4. Faith in Action Programs** – Program Director, Chris Hennessy reported:

A reminder from the Recorder: A written report from the Directors is needed if they want it to be made part of the minutes, otherwise, it will be stated that only a verbal report was given.

- **Faith** – Director Stephen Higgs on travel:  
An important reminder that every Saturday between 9:00 am – 3:00 pm “Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament” is open to all in the Chapel.
- **Family** – Director Patrick Clark had no report at this time.
- **Community** – Director Nick Stuart reported:
  - Community Hot Meals Program (CHMP); Our elite team has been called into emergency duty to prep, serve and clean-up on Monday October 28<sup>th</sup>. The final two CHMP meals for 2024 are on November 18<sup>th</sup>, and December 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - Also, the Spaghetti & Meatball dinner has been rescheduled for Saturday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>.
  - The CHMP elite team is headed by Director Nick Stuart with elite team members in charge of preparation are Eddie Grambo, Glenn Strobel, & Glenn Space “chef's de cuisine.”
- **Life** – Director Richard Ross reported:
  - Director Richard presentation was on GOD being infinitely perfect, and I quote” When GOD created Michael, it wasn’t a mistake and meant to

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be Michelle, or Christopher vs Christine, Samuel vs Smantha, et cetera, it was a follow up to his presentation a few months ago.

**5. Updated Meeting Schedule** – Grand Knight, Leo Decker reported:

- **Installation of Officers** October 26, 2024. After 4:00 pm Mass
- **Officers/Planning Meeting** November 11, 2024, – 2:00 pm
- **Council Members Meeting** November 18, 2024, – 7:00 pm
- **4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification** November 30<sup>th</sup> – All day at Resurrection in Orlando,
- **Church / School Schedule** – Leo Decker
- **Unknown**

**6. Grand Knight's Talking Points** – Leo Decker

- Phil the Box – how much money did we receive for May – September?
- SHS Trunk and Treat October 25<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 pm.
- Raise the Roof #2 fundraiser November 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. See bulletin.
- Funeral Mass Brother Nicholaas J. Bratton October 26<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 am St. Gerards.
- We have (100) \$10 Football Mania game cards, covering the final ten weekends before the playoffs begin, ready to be sold. The first weekend for this sweepstake begins Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup>. It's the last Thursday night game for the 2024 season and is only (17) days from today.
- Volunteers still needed Monday afternoon/evenings, 3:30 pm – 7:30 pm, as grill master's for Bingo?
- Volunteers still needed at the Car Show on Canal Street to help with the set-up and breakdown of street barriers?
- 600 Club 2024 – 7<sup>th</sup> drawing, at the upcoming **Council Members Meeting**.
- Baby Bottle Drive ends Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup>. Norm Martin took charge at St. Gerard.
- SK Philip Skip Stermer has been chosen to be awarded the "Quilt of Honor" at the Veterans Dinner November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Have one or two members join Color Guard.

**7. Field Agent** – Jim Booritch, Field Agent was not in attendance:

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**8. Fourth Degree** – Bill Lewis, Faithful Navigator was not in attendance.

See page **10** for excerpts from Bob Gillikin, PFN to remind us of the many activities needing our help and support.

**9. Left Empty**

**10. Good of the Order -**

- **Lecturer's Reflection** – Deacon Tom Meyer's reflection can be found on page **11**.

**11. Upcoming Awards for Members & others -** Grand Knight, Leo Decker

- Kight of the Month for October 2024 – **Jared Burke**
- Family of the Month for October 2024 – **Jake & Jessie Williams**

**12. Drawings -**

**600 Club – 2024 drawing:**

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(157) \$50 – John Peteria, Sr.

(103) \$100 – Norm Martin

(013) \$150 – Charlie Ekblom

**50 / 50 drawing:**

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Bob Gillikin- winner

Winner drawn by Jeff Jacobsky

Winners drawn by Roland Medeiros

**13. Names of Brother Knights and Immediate Family members of Brother Knights that requested to be added to our council's prayer list.**

Let's keep all our brothers and their immediate family members in our prayers.

**14. Grand Knight's Summary** – Not presented due to the activities of the evening.

**15. Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney:**

**16. "CLOSING CERMONY PER RITUAL"**

Meeting was adjourned at **8:10 pm** John Gawdun, Recorder

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**3. Membership Report** – Patrick Clark reported:

- One new candidate, *William H. Hunt*  
was voted on for acceptance into our council,  
and participate in the CUF Exemplification on this day.
  - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
  - ❖ Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Tim Meade
  - ❖ Motion approved
  
- One new candidate, *James G. Gonyea*  
was voted on for acceptance into our council,  
and participate in the CUF Exemplification on this day.
  - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
  - ❖ Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Terry O'Donnell
  - ❖ Motion approved
  
- One new candidate, *Philip Bovano*  
was voted on for acceptance into our council,  
and participate in the CUF Exemplification on this day.
  - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
  - ❖ Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: David Jenkins
  - ❖ Motion approved
  
- One new candidate, *Brian Kilkenny*  
was voted on for acceptance into our council.  
and participate in the CUF Exemplification on this day.
  - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
  - ❖ Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Leo Decker
  - ❖ Motion approved

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- One new transferee, *George R. Norton*  
was voted on for acceptance into our council.
  - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
  - ❖ Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: unknown, to many responded
  - ❖ Motion approved
  
- One new candidate, *Michael L. Hoblik*  
was voted on for acceptance into our council.  
and participate in the CUF Exemplification on this day.
  - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
  - ❖ Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: unknown, to many responded
  - ❖ Motion approved
  
- One new candidate, *Richard C. Shotak*  
was voted on for acceptance into our council.  
and participate in the CUF Exemplification on this day.
  - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
  - ❖ Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: unknown to many responded
  - ❖ Motion approved
  
- One new candidate, *John H. Osterfeld*  
was voted on for acceptance into our council.
  - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
  - ❖ Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: unknown, to many responded
  - ❖ Motion approved

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**2. District Deputy – John O'Malley**

DD Report for October 2024

Greetings from Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and State Deputy Rick Hughes.

Thanks to all our councils for responding to the recent hurricane.

We're off to a great start for the new Columbian Year. As of October 1, we have already taken in 30 new members for the district – 97-percent of our goal. All three councils are at least 42-percent, with 8086 leading the way with 18 new members (120 percent) – already surpassing its goal of 15 for the year and second in the state behind Flagler Beach!

Congratulations to Council 8086 for achieving the required two Fraternal Benefit Events, while Father Downey Council 4934 has held its first FBE. Thanks to Field Agent James Booritch for hosting events at both councils.

For Councils looking to support a deserving seminarian, I would like to recommend Chuan Van Trinh. He is in his Pastoral (third) year of Seminary, serving under Father Gill at the Basilica of St. Paul. His email is: [jos.trinchuan@gmail.com](mailto:jcs.trinchuan@gmail.com). If your Council donates \$500 to seminarians, they can get \$100 back as part of the Knights' RSVP initiative.

Epiphany held its Car Show on Saturday, Sept. 28, overcoming numerous obstacles. GK Robert Riederman and his team had to work around a last-minute large funeral that morning, Hurricane Helene and a threatening weather forecast to hold a successful event on the north side of the parking lot – with around 40 cars and beautiful weather.

The big event of October is Council 8086's Duck Derby at City Center on Sunday, Oct. 13 (Family Days cancelled due to storm; unsure of Duck Derby). Coming up, Sacred Heart has Raise the Roof 2 on Saturday, Nov. 9 with a country dance and picnic on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 10:30 a.m. Our Fourth Degree Assembly's Veteran's Dinner is Saturday, Nov. 2. Let's support each other's key projects! Our local Knights are also conducting a raffle for a Ford Bronco to help the Eastern Deanery's Catholic Schools, leading up to Casino Night on Friday, Feb. 28, at Our Lady of Hope. Outside the District, St. Paul international festival on Sunday, Oct. 27, 10-4 (Knights trying to make a comeback), Prince of Peace 40th on Friday, Nov. 15.

We are continuing with the Cor Ministry, moving to the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m., alternating between Our Lady of Hope and Sacred Heart. This month's meeting is Oct. 22 at Our Lady of Hope. Nov. 26 is also Mass of Remembrance at Price of Peace.

Next Fourth Degree Exemplification is Saturday, Nov. 30, at Resurrection in Orlando.

Vets Bingo – need sound system. Too much shouting.

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**8. Fourth Degree** – Bill Lewis, Faithful Navigator Assembly #2794,

The new Faithful Navigator still has not been able to join us at our **Council Members Meetings**, so I took excerpts from the Past Faithful Navigators reports to remind us of the many activities needing our help and support.

Our Flag Raising Program, honoring veterans or family or friends, is scheduled for the first day of the month, rain, or shine. A new flag is raised in place of the current one that will be retired. A poster is created with basic information about those honored with the last line dedicated to those who requested the flag service. We invite the new family and the previous family to attend. The Flag Raising Program is presently booked through June 2026, yes 2026.

Also, an important reminder; The first Thursday of each month, at the Emory L. Bennet Nursing Home in Daytona, in-person bingo. There are several veterans, and each one is in a wheelchair and can use some assistance with the bingo cards. It was emphasized again that any Knight, you don't have to have the Honor of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, Knights with any degree are welcomed to help.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Assembly's Veteran's Dinner is Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>. A Ford Bronco will be raffled off to help the Eastern Deanery's Catholic Schools.

Another important reminder: For all the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Brothers looking to step up to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, Patriotism, there will be a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification Saturday November 30<sup>th</sup> at Resurrection in Orlando. Forms need to be filled out, see the Faithful Navigator or our District Deputy or our Chancellor.

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## 10. Good of the Order -

**Lecturer** – Deacon Tom Meyer

There is another flag that we also honor as Knights of Columbus and as Catholics. We pass by it every time we enter the church building through the vestibule and may not even know it. This is the flag we call the papal flag.

At Sunday Mass we even say a type of pledge of allegiance, if you will, to this flag during Mass. During the Nicene Creed we say, "I believe in the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church." In this profession we are honoring the papal flag which represents the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Like the US flag, it went through some changes overtime from its beginning in 1803. In 1825 it became the design we see today. It is actually gold and silver in color, however it appears in the colors of yellow and white. The gold (yellow) symbolizes Heavenly power with the silver (white) representing Earthly power.

Centered in the white band is the Papal Coat of Arms represented by a gold and silver key crossing each other pointing upwards connected together with a red cord. The keys on the Papal Coat of Arms represents the keys that Jesus gave to Saint Peter who became the first Pope. The Keys are said to be the Keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. In western paintings and sculptures, Peter is always depicted with the keys.

According to the Gospel of Mathew, Jesus said "I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, and whatever you bind on Earth shall be bound in Heaven, and whatever you lose on Earth shall be loosed in Heaven." The Scripture says, "Behold, he received the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, the power of binding and losing is committed to him, the care of the whole church and its government is given to him.

The key on the left is gold, again representing Heavenly power, and the key on the right is silver, symbolizing Earthly power. Above the keys is the Papal Tiare which has been worn by Pope's from the 8<sup>th</sup> Century up until Pope Paul 6<sup>th</sup> in 1963. In fact, from 1143 to 1963, the Papal Tiara would be placed on the Pope's head during the Papal Coronation. The Tiara displayed on the papal flag is the one worn by Pope Pius 11<sup>th</sup> in the 1920's.

The papal flag was even taken to the moon on Apollo 11<sup>th</sup>. That flag is now on display in the Vatican Museums alongside some moon rocks.

The papal flag can be seen in many Catholic Churches all around the world.