

Knights of Columbus
Father Downey Council #4934
Minutes of Council Business Meeting – Monday January 16, 2023

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Meeting called to order by Deputy Grand Knight Leo Decker at **7:00** pm.

“OPENING CEREMONY WAS PER RITUAL” Fr. John lead us in “The Our Father.”

Members in Attendance: 41

Member in Attendance from another council: 1

Dignitaries in Attendance: 2

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: - held on December 19, 2022;
Minutes were emailed out between Christmas & New Years.
Minutes have been approved as written.

Chaplain’s Message: Fr. Aldrin to return from India on January 18th.
Fr. Tizio expressed his condolences on the loss of our Grand Knight, Art Klobucar and expressed his blessing and best wishes for our council to carry on the legacy our past Grand Knight left behind. Fr. Tizio went on to thank us for the “Sea of Blue” in attendance for the Mass of Resurrection along with the Color Corp, displayed a true tribute from our hearts for Brother Art, his family and Sacred Heart Church.
Fr. Tizio reminded us of the Parish Mission of Healing - Renewal - Solidarity being held on January 21st – 25th beginning at St. Gerard’s and finishing at Sacred Heart. Fr. Tizio hopes we will all try and attend.

Grand Knight’s Report: Leo Decker, DGK took over the reins by first introducing a guest, Rick Oppel, member of a Pennsylvania Council now living in Edgewater full-time. Next the Dignitaries, Bob Gillikin, FN Assembly 2794 and Roger Packard, GK Council 8086 both from OLOH. The DGK expressed appreciation for their support of our council and for our Past GK with prayers, cards and visits. Expressing this support helped Gisela know and understand how well respected and loved Art was. The DGK went on to express his appreciation to the Members in attendance for their support with prayers, cards and visits. A sign of a true Brotherhood in Christ.

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Grand Knight's Report cont.

At this point our District Deputy, John O'Malley took over the meeting to explain the succession of officers due to a vacancy as stated in the Charter – Constitution and Laws of the Knights of Columbus; Chapter XIV, Laws Governing the Subordinate Councils; Vacancies SEC. 131. "To be filled after notice to the members, by election at the regular business meeting next following the regular meeting at which the vacancy was created." We vote at the February 20th Business Meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. But for now, Leo Decker is appointed Grand Knight of Council 4934.

Treasurers Report: Worthy Treasurer John Martens reported:

As of December 1, 2022 the checkbook balance is: \$22,681.87

As of December 31, 2022 the checkbook balance is: \$28,535.77

As of December 31, 2022 the cash account at Edwards Jones balance is:
unknown

Financial Secretary Report: Worthy Financial Secretary Stoney Fraley reported: with the new calendar year upon us I decided to begin preparing a monthly Income/Expense statement rather than one every six months. This will help our council be more attuned to the budget that governs the financial welfare of our council. Our council is in good standing with expenses not as high as projected. Income expectations at \$58K we're presently at \$34K with a number of fundraisers down the road that should close the present gap.

Trustees Report: -The Trustee in attendance, Allen Spence, Danny Aloise & Charles Farrell, had nothing to report.

Admissions Committee Report: - Admissions Committee Chairman, Patrick Clark, reported there was a transfer expected to be in attendance tonight and is not. Patrick will try and reel him in for next month's business meeting. As far as Star Council Status our council needs three new members.

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Other Reports: No other reports from the floor.

Report of Programs: Leo Decker, DGK Program Director,

Faith: Charles Farrell reiterated the upcoming mission later this month. Please check the bulletin for particulars. It was requested by the GK for members attending to bring flashlight to help those in need to walk from and back to their vehicles safely after the services. Refreshments in the social hall after the service on Monday sponsored by the CWA. Our council will provide refreshments in Burkes Hall after Wednesdays service. Reminder that every Saturday between 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is open to all in the Chapel.

Family: Patrick Clark reported no report.

Community: Stoney Fraley reported:

- Community Hot Meals Program Monday January 30th. Inside serving with clean-up detail needed for tables & chairs.
- February 5th next Sunday breakfast, help will be needed to fill the shoes of our Past Grand Knight who made these breakfasts a labor of love. Time to be a short order cook.

Life: Richard Ross, Chairman reported the Catholic Diocese of St. Augustine sponsored the March for Life on January 14th. All future events will move to Tallahassee, as Catholic leaders have been encouraged to move these events to their state capital, since the Supreme Court ruling re: Roe v Wade.

Bishop Erik Pohlmeier celebrated Mass at 9am, outside as brisk as it was, followed by the march that began at 10:30 am to the Plaza de la Consitucion, outside the Cathedral Basilica at 38 Cathedral Place.

Knights of Columbus Council 611 offered a spaghetti dinner at the Cathedral Parish from noon till 3:00 pm.

Report of Committees: Moved to Unfinished Business.

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Report of the 4th Degree: Bob Gillikin, FN of OLOH Assembly #2794 announced the next scheduled meeting will be held on Thursday January 26th. Also, asking any 4th degree SKs with a little time to spare on the first Thursday of each month to help out with in-person bingo at the Emory L. Bennet Nursing home in Daytona. There are thirty-two vets and each one is in a wheelchair and can use some help with the bingo cards. Also, inviting any 4th degree SK's still holding membership in the *Archbishop Michael J. Curley Assembly 0165* to consider transferring over to the OLOH Assembly 2794.

Field Agent's Report: Brother James Booritch our new Field Agent was unable to attend due to a previous engagement. But, left word that he would like to schedule a "Members Benefit Night" going over numerous personal rewards that come from being a Knight. Following that, at another scheduled evening a "Members Investment Night" tutored by Brother Larry Kennedy, going over numerous investments available through the Knight of Columbus.

District Deputy's Report: District Deputy John O'Malley report is on page 12.

Other Reports: No other reports from the floor.

Unfinished Business:

- **Baby Bottle** - Mark Cerretani, Chairman reported he has completed his counting of monies donated to the Baby Bottle campaign with a total of \$2,622.41. Great job Brother Mark.
- **600 Club** - John Gawdun, Chairman reported number of tickets sold, based on what has been turned in prior to this meeting = **176**. With the tickets turned in prior to tonight's meeting we surpassed the **200**-count needed to break even.
- **Phil the Box** - Stoney Fraley, Chairman reported that our council has received thus far \$8,167.80 from Phil the Box. Our council has already donated \$3,000.00 to Sacred Heart School. By our council retaining \$3,000.00 for our needs there

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will be \$2,167.80 to split with SHS. The split will allow us to donate another \$1,375.90 to SHS. (\$1,083.90 split plus \$292.00 split from December's earnings from Phil the Box.)

- **Football Mania:** John Martens, Chairman reported the Superbowl game cards are available and must be activated before Super Bowl Sunday February 12th. Game cards are \$10 each. Unsold Superbowl game cards need to be turned back to Charity Mania for credit.
- **Website Update:** Mark Cerretani, Webmaster reported there is now a picture and brief write-up and prayer in Memory of Our Dear Departed Brother, Art Klobucar in our council's website. Take a moment and check it out. There will soon be reports of our councils many activities logged onto our council's website. If any Brother is having difficulties signing in please see Brother Mark, our webmaster, after a meeting.
- **Ice Machines:** – See Decembers minutes.
- **Baby Feet Weekend:** - See Decembers minutes.
- **LifeNet:** - The \$90 donation to LifeNet will be sent as a motion was approved at last business meeting to do so. Form and addressed envelope attached to motion in motion Log Book.

New Business:

- **Officers / Trustee Meeting:** - It has been requested that said meeting be held in the evening a few times a year so the Brothers that are working can attend. It was decided that the first of two evening Officers / Trustee meeting will be held March 13th, time to be still decided.

New Business cont. -

- **Free throw Competition:** - still scheduled for January, date still undecided, the date for the Regional competition is

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February 25th, the date for the State competition is
March 18th.

- **Rat Pack Flashback:** - to be held on Saturday January 28th, our social director, John Martens reported ticket sales are going fairly well.
- **Sunday Breakfast:** - to be held on February 5th volunteers needed.
- **Valentines Party hosted with CWA:** - to be held on Saturday February 11th, no longer a dinner dance but a party, covered dish format prepared by CWA and Fr. Downey. Fr. Downey Council will work the bar, music by Joey Yuki, a 50/50 with all proceeds going to the church, earmarked for a new sign replacing the one destroyed by Ian and Nicole.
- **Tootsie Roll Drive:** - Brother John Ekblom will chair this event, dates, times and locations were not yet finalized. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be available at the next Council Business Meeting.
- **Parish Picnic:** - hosted with CWA and other Ministries of the Parish. Scheduled for March, date and times not yet finalized.
- **February Meetings:** -
 - Officer's / Trustees Planning session – February 13th
 - Council Business Meeting – February 20th

Bill Not Previously Approved: - Trustees reported all bills were paid.

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Any Other New Business: -

- Income (fundraisers)
 - ✓ Fish Fry, 1st Friday of Lent
- Expenses (causes for donations)
 - ✓ A motion was brought to the floor by Brother John Gawdun and approved by a slim margin for a one-time donation of \$228.00 to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.
 - ✓ A motion was brought to the floor by Brother John Gawdun to purchase all twenty books of Florida State Council raffle tickets for Council 4934 cost of \$500.00. Motion was tabled indefinitely by John Gawdun once it was discovered that the approved budget had a line item covering the cost to purchase said raffle tickets

Good of the Order: -

- **Awards**
 - ✓ Knight of the Month – Deacon Stephen Gross
 - ✓ Family of the Month – Deacon Stephen & Roxanne Gross

Good of the Order cont.-

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o **Communications: -**

- ✓ Many thank you cards from the students of SHS for all our council has done with the athletic competition, poster contest and the many activities that we step up to, just to help out. Also, a beautiful hand written letter from Katie Connor, Chair of the Bereavement Ministry, to both John Martens and Leo Decker for helping with Art Klobucars funeral and the participation of our council, Color Corp and other councils associated with Assembly 2794.

Lecturer's Reflection – Deacon Stephen Gross was deeply and emotionally touched by how the Knights from our council, Council 8086 and also from Assembly 2794 helped with visits, cards and prayers. Deacon Stephen went on to report that Arts wife Gisela, with the help through companionship from his wife Roxanne, is doing alright. Deacon Stephen closed with two readings which were most appropriate for the sadness being felt by all.

Grand Knight Summary: - Grand Knight Leo Decker expressed his appreciation for all the Knights of our council and what we accomplished and continue to accomplish for our Parish, SHS, and Community. Our council has grown and expanded our charitable efforts this past year like never before. We kept discovering new ways to raise funds so we could help others. In honor of our Past Grand Knight Art Klobucar please try and make yourselves available in the coming calendar year to help grow and expand our council.

Prayer List: - Knights / Family in need of Prayers: - see page 10.

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney: -

see page 11.

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600 Club – 2022 drawing:

January 2023

\$50 – Chase Barry

\$100 – Chuck Farrell

\$150 – Wendy Machado

50 / 50 drawing:

January 2023

winner: Derek Redel

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted

John Gawdun, Recorder

I'm Proud to be a Knight

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Knights / Family in need of Prayers:

Art Klobucar and family,

Frank Russo and family,

Mike Griziwski

Bob Anderson

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Jim Myers and family,

John Trout

Jim Waggoner and family,

Jim Pascarelli and family

Ray Martin,

Michael DeNauw

Tim Barry,

Art Engler

Bob and Ann Simco,

Jesse Diaz

Jim Gallagher,

Arthur Hobbs

Ron Yerrid,

Don Crotty's wife Joyce

Larry McNerney and family,

Terry Cassidy and family,

Rick Studder and family,

Frank Swist,

Jacob Grillo,

Phil Prial and family,

Jeff Jacobsky's father, Anthony

Steve Marchest and family,

Bob Dythowski,

Ronald Slayton,

Pete Chiaravalle

Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

God our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Blessed Michael

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McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and to lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely, fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify Blessed Michael McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, grant the favor I now present (here make your request.) Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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DD Report for January

Greetings on behalf of Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and State Deputy Rob Urrutia.

The next Third-Degree Exemplification will be Saturday, Jan. 21, at OLOH in the parking lot. Candidates are welcome.

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Saturday is the March for Life in St. Augustine. Please arrive by 8:30 at Our Lady La Leche in St. Augustine. Mass with the Bishop begins at 9 a.m., followed by the march to the park near the Cathedral. The Parking garage is located midway between the shrine and the cathedral.

Coastal Laps for Life will have a formation meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at the Our Lady of Hope office (Father George Room), at 6:30 p.m.

The combined District 18/20 meeting has been rescheduled for Saturday, Feb. 11, at Our Lady of Hope in the classroom of the parish center from 10 a.m. – noon. Key officers are invited.

Mid-Year meeting Dec. 9-10 Hyatt Regency.

State Raffle: please start sending stubs and funds to state.

Special Olympics: Dinner at Epiphany was a success; Polar Plunge on Feb 11 in Orlando.

Fourth Degree: Gulf Breeze on March 4; current plan is to return to Jacksonville in August;