

Knights of Columbus
Father Downey Council #4934
Council Business Meeting Minutes
Monday March 20, 2023

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Thank you.*

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

1. "OPENING CEREMONY PER RITUAL"

Members in Attendance: 35

Number of guests in Attendance: 4; (2) candidates, (2) transferees

Dignitaries in Attendance: 2

2. Officers Reports:

A. Chaplain's Message - Fr. Aldrin

- Was happy to see the many Brother Knights gathered for a Council Business Meeting this night. The Good Father made sure he said hello to all. The Good Father reminded all of us that the Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday March 26th beginning after the 10:30 am Mass and running until 4:00 pm. Come one and all. Fr. Aldrin asked to be accompanied by a Brother Knight when he visits Brother Knights or parishioners in the hospital, rehab facilities of nursing homes.

B. Deputy Grand Knight - (Vacant)

C. Chancellor – Patrick Clark

- No report

D. Recorder – John Gawdun

- Approval of Minutes from the Council Business Meeting February 20, 2023 was reported on by Mark Cerretani who in collaboration with Jerry Williams filled in for me while I was out sick. I was copied in on a few revisions that needed to be addressed before approval, which they were. Minutes approved.

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E. Financial Secretary – Stoney Fraley

1. Checks

- To K of C for Rosary's = \$415.00, as per budget.
- To Miracle League of Volusia County = \$2,000.00 as per budget.
- To Help a Diabetic Child Foundation = \$2,000.00 as per budget.
- To Autism Society of Greater Orlando = \$2,000.00 as per budget.

2. Budget changes: none

3. Motions:

- Father John has asked for the Knights help with the Parish Picnic. He would like us to provide Hamburg's, Hot Dogs, buns plus the goodies to go with it to include cooking. Motion to not spend more than \$1500.00.
 - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Stoney Fraley
 - ❖ Motion 2nd by: John Ekblom
 - ❖ Motion approved
- To complete Application for Security upgrades to Sacred Heart Church building for no more than \$ 500.00.
 - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: John Martens
 - ❖ Motion 2nd by: Tim Meade
 - ❖ Motion approved

F. Treasurer – John Martens

- The checkbook balance as of February 28, 2023 was \$36,905.88.
- The K of C Asset Market bal. as of February 28, 2023 was \$17,927.02.
- The Cash Account at Edward Jones balance as of February 28, 2023 was \$5,729.73.
- The CD's laddered with Edward Jones balance as of February 28, 2023 was \$170,000.00.
- Total cash on hand as of February 28, 2023 was \$9,677.38.
- Total expenses paid for February 2023 was \$3,399.70

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- **Advocate** – (V a c a n t)

Vote to seat Brother David Montgomery as Advocate for the remainder of present Fraternal Year.

- ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Leo Decker
- ❖ Motion 2nd by: Stoney Fraley
- ❖ Motion approved

- **Warden** – Shane Harrington – excused absence

- **Trustees** – Charles Farrell / Danny Aloise / Allen Spence – no report given

3. Membership Report – Patrick Clark

Two new candidates and two transferees – Introduced and voted on for acceptance into our council. Candidates were escorted by Inside Guard Richard Ross to the anteroom during vote.

Glenn Space (new)

- ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
- ❖ Motion 2nd by: Rick Oppel
- ❖ Motion approved

Nicholas Stuart (new)

- ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
- ❖ Motion 2nd by: Tim Meade
- ❖ Motion approved

Christophor Hennessy (transferee)

- ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
- ❖ Motion 2nd by: John Martens
- ❖ Motion approved

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3. Membership Report – Patrick Clark cont.

Michael Weeks (transferee)

- ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
- ❖ Motion 2nd by: Glenn Strobl
- ❖ Motion approved

Exemplifications – 1st, 2nd, 3rd Degree April 17th at 6:00 pm, before our Council Business Meeting.

4. Program Reports – Leo Decker

- **Faith** – Charles Farrell
 - Reminder that every Saturday between 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is open to all in the Chapel. Another reminder is that there are only two fish fry's left to enjoy before Good Friday. The Big Red Bus will be in Sacred Heart parking lot on Sunday April 2nd. All those that can please consider donating a pint of life saving blood.
- **Family** – Patrick Clark
 - A callout for volunteers for the Parish picnic especially at the food court which is our councils' responsibility. We're also expected to keep the coolers around the grounds filled with ice and soft drinks and water. Wear you work shirts not golf shirts.
- **Community** – Stoney Fraley
 - Community Hot Meals Program Monday May 15th & Monday May 29th. Inside serving with clean-up detail needed for tables & chairs.

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- **Life** – Richard Ross
 - Coastal Laps for Life will be held Saturday April 1st at Father Lopez Catholic HS. 5K run, postponed. Opening ceremonies at 9:15 am with the walk at 9:30 am. To date this event has raised funds for eleven ultrasound machines in six years.

5. Review Schedule – Leo Decker

- Friday night fish fry during Lent ends Friday March 31st.
- Jimmy Buffett Concert Saturday March 25th 5:30 pm.
- Parish Picnic – hosted with CWA and other Ministries of the Parish March 26th 11:30 am – 4:00 pm.
- OLOH Assembly 2794 meeting March 23rd, 7:00 pm.
- Next Officers' Planning / Business Meeting April 10th, 10:00 am.
- Next Council Business Meeting April 17th, 7:00 pm.

6. Unfinished Business:

- Free Throw Competition - update. Conor, student at SHS finished 2nd in the district competition. Watch for his picture in the church bulletin.
- Tootsie Roll Drive – update. Collected \$5,500 +/- in donations thus far with three bags of coins still to be counted & deposited.
- Phill the Box – update. Through February our take from donations of clothing, shoes, hand bags et cetera is \$9,483.20.
- Website Research & Development – update. No report given.
- Accounting software – update. No report given.
- Any other **Unfinished Business**? No

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6. New Business:

- State Convention May 26th & 27th. Two delegates needed plus two alternates. Must be registered by April 1st.
- New shirts and hats now available to order, see Patrick Clark. Hats \$15, golf style shirts with first name \$25.
- Music scholarships for SHS musically inclined students to be used at our Brother Knights' Cuchetti School of Music. Not discussed.
- Future fundraising schedule. Not discussed.
- New fundraising ideas. Not discussed.

7. Field Agent – Jim Booritch

- Not in attendance. But there will be an in-person Fraternal Benefits Night presentation at our Knights Hall Tuesday March 21st 6:00 pm. Eight attendees needed to be noticed by the State Council for future awards.

8. District Deputy – John O'Malley

- District Deputy John O'Malley report is on page 9.

9. Fourth Degree – Bob Gillikin, Faithful Navigator

- "The Stars Program" taking retired flags and removing the stars, placing them in a baggie with a prayer card and handing them out after Mass on Veterans Day for donations only. Money raised will go to the Gary Sinise Foundation which aids our returning Vets. The first Thursday of each month at the Emory L. Bennet Nursing Home in Daytona, in-person bingo. There are thirty-two veterans and each one is in a wheelchair and can use some assistance with the bingo cards. Any 4th Degree member with a little time please stop by. Once and you'll be back. Mark your calendars; Saturday August 26th will be the next 4th Degree Exemplification in Jacksonville. Forms need to be filled out, see the Faithful Navigator or our Chancellor.

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10. Drawings -

600 Club – 2023 drawing:

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50 / 50 drawing:

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\$50 – Sharon Young (0051)

winner: Roland Medeiros

\$100 – Patti Goldberg (0247)

\$150 – Chase Barry (0449)

11. Good of the Order -

- **Lecturer's Reflection** – Steve McDaniel
 - Introduced himself with a short bio of his education and work background and what he plans to offer our council. Welcome aboard Worthy Lecturer.

12. Upcoming Awards for Members & others – Leo Decker

- **Knight of the Month for March** – Ed Grambo
- **Family of the Month for March** – Norm & Linda Martin

13. Prayers for Members and family – Leo Decker

See page 10 for list of Brother Knights and family members requesting prayers.

14. Grand Knight's Summary:

I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for all that you did and continue to do for our Parish, School, and Community. Our Council has grown and expanded our charitable efforts this year like never before. We kept discovering new ways to raise funds so we could help others.

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15. Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

Copies of prayer on Salutation Table.

16. "CLOSING CERMONY PER RITUAL"

Meeting was adjourned at **8:09 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

John Gawdun, Recorder

I'm Proud to be a Knight

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DD 20 report for March 23

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

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. Talk about shared practices, how we can work together to make shared projects like baby bottles, tootsie rolls, Laps for Life a success.

Membership: 8086 has 113.3% (has 17, needed 15); 4934 42.9%, three of seven officially, have enough for quota; 12569 100-percent, 7 of 7. Free McGivney membership extended with no stop date; urge prospects to join online for free and then take Degree. No date for next live ceremony at OLOH. Need two insurance nights, most attended recent seminar.

Delegates to State Convention: Deadline for entering forms is April 1. FS must document council election results before candidates may register. After FS submits names, delegates planning to attend the convention must register online. Also, councils/assemblies in each district urged to place program ad. Convention is May 26-27, Supreme Convention

Coastal Laps for Life will be on Saturday, April 1, at Father Lopez Catholic High School. 5K Run at 7:30 a.m. Opening ceremonies at 9:15, walk at 9:30. Next meeting is on Tuesday, March. 7, at the Our Lady of Hope office (Father George Room), at 6:30 p.m.; final meeting is Tuesday, March 28, same time and location. To date, raised funds for 11 ultrasound machines.

Mother Teresa movie: Epiphany 12569 – Friday, March 24 at 7 p.m.

Dates to watch: State Service Program form: by April 30
Special Olympics Florida State Games: May 19-20
Epiphany McKenna's night: Monday, Mar. 20, 5-8
Jimmy Buffett tribute, Sacred Heart, March 25
Sacred Heart Church picnic, Sunday, March 26

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Brother Knights / Family members requesting prayers

The Klobucar family,
Frank Russo and family,
Jim Myers and family,
Jim Waggoner and family,
Ray Martin,
Tim Barry,
Bob and Ann Simco,
Jim Gallagher,
Ron Yerrid,
The Cassidy 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
Mike Griziwski,
Bob Anderson,
John Trout,
Jim Pascarelli and family,
Art Engler,
Joe Favaloro and wife Dorothy
Gerald Racicot and wife Joan
Nick Dama
Arthur Hobbs
Donald Crotty's wife, Joyce