

Knights of Columbus
Father Downey Council #4934
Council Business Meeting Minutes
Monday April 17, 2023

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Thank you.*

A quorum was met, the meeting was called to order by GK Leo Decker, at **7:02 pm**.

1. "OPENING CEREMONY PER RITUAL"

- Members in attendance: **(43)**
- Number of guests in attendance: **(1)**
- Dignitaries in attendance: **(1)**

Louie, who we've all seen and talked with around the Sacred Heart Campus, began our Council Business 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 work shirt making him an honorary member of our council.

2. Officers Reports:

- **Chaplain's Message** – Fr. John stepped in with a few words of thanks; a heartfelt thank you to our council for the planning and working the parish picnic by providing BBQ burgers, franks and the fix ins, ice cold drinks and clean-up. Those Knights who volunteered their time made it known, loud and clear, by being seen working the grill, providing food quickly so no line formed allowing visitors to get back to fun time. A further thank you for the help during Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Sunday. New emblmed shirts were presented to Fr. John, Fr. Aldrin and Fr. Jim. An off-key rendition of "Happy Birthday Fr. Jim" was sung in honor of Fr. Jim's birthday.
- **Deputy Grand Knight** – V A C A N T
- **Chancellor** – Patrick Clark reported:
 - New emblmed shirts were available for distribution after said meeting.
- **Recorder** – John Gawdun reported:
 - Minutes from the Councils' Business Meeting held March 20, 2023 were approved as corrected.
- **Financial Secretary** – Stoney Fraley reported checks issued:

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- A check for \$100.00 to a grant writer hired to write the narrative for new security doors for Sacred Heart Church.
- A check for \$1,200.00 cut for the expenses incurred for the parish picnic.
- 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.

- A side note regarding the Miracle League as presented by Brother John Pitera, Sr.; on April 15th eight Brother Knights & two wives attended the Miracle League in action comprising of fifty disabled persons of all ages making up four teams competing in two, three-inning games. This allowed all persons to have a chance to swing a bat and be in the outfield. The field is a synthetic turf field made for safety costing \$250K. By presenting the Miracle League with a check for \$2k, our Knights of Columbus council was well received with applause and many thanks.

- **Present Budget changes:** none

- **Budget for the Fraternal Year 2023 – 2024:**
 - After the Financial Secretary presented a brief outline of said budget that was emailed out to all members for review, a motion was brought to the floor for acceptance.
 - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Charles Farrell
 - ❖ Motion 2nd by: Danny Aloise
 - ❖ Motion approved

- **Motions:** none others brought to the floor.

- **Treasurer** – John Martens reported:
 - The checkbook balance as of March 31, 2023 was \$ 37,679.86
 - This years' fish fry took in \$5,100. A heartfelt thank you went out to all the Brothers' that stepped up every Friday to make this so successful.

- **Advocate** – no actions that required discussion.

- **Warden** – Shane Harrington – no report at this time.

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

3. Membership Report – Patrick Clark reported:

- One new candidate, Richard Rush was Introduced and voted on for acceptance into our council.

- ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
- ❖ Motion 2nd by: Danny Aloise
- ❖ Motion approved

- Our first CUF Exemplification was held at 6:00 pm, prior to our monthly Council Business Meeting at Sacred Heart Church. The CUF team comprised of; Fr. Aldrin, religious, Patrick Clark, MC, Stoney Fraley, Charity, Jerry Williams, Unity, David Montgomery, Fraternity, Shane Harrington, Warden. There were five candidates being initiated in the first three Degrees of the Knights of Columbus, for our council. A heartfelt applause and congratulations went out to:

Brothers Glenn Space, Nicholas Stuart, Richard Rush,
Robert Cochran, & Gaetano Castricato

4. Program Reports – Leo Decker

- **Faith** – Charles Farrell, no report at this time.
- **Family** – Patrick Clark, no report at this time.
- **Community** – Stoney Fraley
 - Community Hot Meals Program Monday May 15th & Monday May 29th. Inside serving with clean-up detail needed for tables & chairs.
- **Life** – Richard Ross, no report at this time.

5. Review Schedule – Leo Decker

- OLOH Assembly 2794 meeting April 27th, 7:00 pm.

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- Next Officers' Planning / Business Meeting May 8th, 10:00 am.
- Next Council Business Meeting May 15th, 7:00 pm.

6. Unfinished Business: - Leo Decker

- Accounting software – Jerry Williams reported of starting a pre-trial for adaptability with our councils needs. Results at next meeting.
- 600 Club – 2023 – John Gawdun requests all unsold tickets to be returned to him so this fundraiser can be closed out.
- The State Convention will be held Memorial Day weekend, May 26th & 27th, in Orlando. The two delegates from our council are GK Leo Decker & new member Bob Cochran.
- Stoney Fraley reported on the slate of candidates compiled by the nominating committee, himself, Richard Ross, John Martens & John Gawdun. Other nominations were called for from the floor for the full slate and individual positions with no response. Therefore, the full slate of candidates from the nominating committee were voted on;
 - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Jerry Williams
 - ❖ Motion 2nd by: Tim Meade
 - ❖ Motion approved
- See page 8 for the list of officers for Fraternal Year 2023 – 2024.

7. New Business: - Leo Decker

- New shirts and hats now available to order, see Patrick Clark. Hats \$15, golf style shirts with first name \$25.
- Volunteers needed Monday afternoon/evenings, 3:30 pm – 7:30 pm, and Thursday afternoons (unsure of time) as grill masters for Bingo. Prep through clean-up.

7. New Business cont.:

- Investigate the “Safe Environment” class for both church and school. The one for the school can be accomplished over the internet. Richard

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Rush to check if one class covers both venues and report back to our Grand Knight.

8. Field Agent – Jim Booritch, not in attendance.

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

10. Fourth Degree – Bob Gillikin, Faithful Navigator

- 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 member with a little time please stop by. On May 22nd our Assembly will sponsor the Armed Forces picnic at said nursing home. All are welcome. For all the 3rd Degree Brothers looking to step up to the 4th Degree, Patriotism, mark your calendars; there are two upcoming 4th Degree Exemplifications, Saturday June 24th in Pompano Beach and Saturday August 26th in Jacksonville. A form will need to be filled out, see the Faithful Navigator or our Chancellor.
- "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.

11. Drawings -

600 Club – 2023 drawing:

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50 / 50 drawing:

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Ticket #

(359) \$50 – Linda Martin

winner: Jerry Williams

(129) \$100 – Stanley Hetrick

(returned to council) 

(296) \$150 – Sharon

12. Good of the Order -

- **Lecturer's Reflection** – Steve McDaniel
 - As a follow-up on Fr. Aldrin request to be accompanied by at least one Brother Knight when he visits Brother Knights or parishioners in the hospital, rehab facilities, nursing homes, or their private home will need to complete training and get fingerprinted with the Diocese. It is encouraged to set up a time with Ella in the parish office making it easier for the office to track who has been fingerprinted, et cetera. This would make the Knights more visible in the parish and around town. Fr. Aldrin also suggested a number of activities for the council to consider, again for more visibility. A committee will be assembled in the near future to access said suggestions.

13. Upcoming Awards for Members & others – Leo Decker

- **Knight of the Month for March** – Jerry Williams
- **Family of the Month for March** – The Klobucar Family

14. Prayers for Members and family – Leo Decker

- See page10 for list of Brother Knights and family members requesting prayers.

15. Grand Knight's Summary:

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- 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.

16. Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney

- Copies of prayer on Salutation Table.

17. "CLOSING CERMONY PER RITUAL"

Meeting was adjourned at **8:06 pm.**

Respectfully submitted, April 22, 2023

John Gawdun, Recorder

I'm Proud to be a Knight

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Grand Knight

Leo Decker

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<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>John Martens</i>
<i>Advocate</i>	<i>Frank McCarron</i>
<i>Warden</i>	<i>Shane Harrington</i>
<i>Inside Guard</i>	<i>Roland Medeiros</i>
<i>Outside Guard</i>	<i>Richard Ross</i>
<i>3 – year Trustee</i>	<i>John Pitera, Sr.</i>
<i>2 – year Trustee</i>	<i>Allen Spence</i>
<i>1 – year Trustee</i>	<i>Danny Aloise</i>
<i>Financial Secretary</i>	<i>Stoney Fraley</i>
<i>Lecturer</i>	<i>Steve McDaniel</i>
<i>Chaplain</i>	<i>Fr. Aldrin</i>

DD 20 report for April 17

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

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.

Membership – 4934 officially at 42.9-percent, has three of seven, but has enough pending to achieve Star. Needs to certify Leo Decker as GK for compliance.

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12569 at 100-percent, seven of seven. Form #365 program personnel has been submitted (and resubmitted) and received, needs to be checked off.

8086 at 120-percent, 18 of 15, can't stop now.

Council 4934 holding its first live degree of Charity, Unity and Fraternity on Monday, April 17, at 6 p.m. All councils invited to bring new members/upgrade 1st and 2nd to full 3rd Degree.

All three need to submit two Fraternal Benefit nights. Most are close.

317 new members in March, 76-percent of goal of reaching Circle of Honor with three months remaining
Delegates to State Convention: Deadline for entering forms was April 1. Delegates planning to attend the convention must register online.

Supreme Convention will be August 1-3 at World Marriott in Orlando. Working on shuttling Color Corps from Council 2112 in Kissimmee to spare up parking charges. No swords due to international/domestic travel restrictions.

Coastal Laps for Life was Saturday, April 1, at Father Lopez Catholic High School. 5K Run was postponed. Opening ceremonies at 9:15, walk at 9:30, one hour later than last year. Attendance down somewhat, track cleared out after only about 15 minutes but we had stragglers up until around 11 a.m.

To date, raised funds for 11 ultrasound machines from six previous years. Hoping for two from this year's event.

Other District highlights included Knight Out at McKenna's for Epiphany on Monday, Mar. 20, nice turnout.

Sacred Heart had Jimmy Buffett tribute, on Saturday, March 25, followed by parish picnic the following day.

Picnic had great turnout and strong visibility/engagement by Father Downey Knights.

Mother Teresa movie: Epiphany 12569 – Date still pending.

Dates to watch: State Service Program form: by April 30

Special Olympics Florida State Games: May 19-20

Our Lady of Hope May Crowning/Parish Picnic on May 7

Brother Knights / Family members requesting prayers

The Klobucar family,
Frank Russo and family,

Joe Favaloro and wife Dorothy
Gerald Racicot and wife Joan

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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,

Nick Dama

Arthur Hobbs

Donald Crotty's wife, Joyce

Jim Burns son

Family members who turned their
backs on the church.