

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

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

**1. "OPENING CEREMONY PER RITUAL"**

- Members in attendance: ( **26** )
- Members on Zoom: ( **2** )
- Number of guests in attendance: ( **2** )
- Dignitaries in attendance: ( **4** )

**2. Officers Reports:**

- **Chaplain's Message** – Fr. Aldrin away on vacation,  
- Fr. John Tizio, Pastor expressed:
  - A big thank you to all the members of our council attending Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mass on June 27<sup>th</sup> and being part of the procession with two Color Corps Members carrying the picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe to the alter. Our blue shirts do not go unnoticed and appreciated by all. Fr. John finished by bringing to light the (3) capital projects as listed in the bulletin that our parish will be facing in the very near future. We as a council have to increase our fundraising efforts.
- **Deputy Grand Knight** – David Montgomery reported: no report given
- **Chancellor** – Patrick Clark reported: no report given.
  - A perpetual reminder; new emblemed shirts are available for purchase.
- **Recorder** – John Gawdun reported:
  - Minutes from the Councils' Business Meeting held June 19, 2023 were approved as written.
- **Treasurer** – John Martens reported:
  - Our checkbook balance as of June 30<sup>th</sup> was \$28,517.09
- **Financial Secretary** – Stoney Fraley reported:

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- The council's budget income vs expenditures through June 30th for 22 -23 FY is thus:
  - ❖ Actual income \$78,081.23 vs budget income \$68, 200.00
  - ❖ Actual expenses \$34,128.35 vs budget expenses \$50,875.00
- First reading to create a new line item in our 23 – 24 FY budget for a Church Renovation Account, with a budget of \$25,000.00. Discussions were held on where the funds would come from. This proposal will be brought to the floor at our next Council Business Meeting, August 21<sup>st</sup>, in the form of a motion to be voted on.

- **Advocate** – Frank McCarron reported: no report given.
- **Warden** – Shane Harrington reported: no report given.
- **Trustees** – John Pitera, Sr. / Allen Spence / Danny Aloise reported: no report given.

**3. Membership Report** – Patrick Clark reported: one new candidate.

- One new candidate, *Terry Thiel*, was voted on for acceptance into our council.
  - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
  - ❖ Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Dave Montgomery
  - ❖ Motion approved
- *Terry Thiel* was approved by the membership in attendance as a new member of Fr. Downey Council #4934 and must now complete the CUF Exemplification.

**4. Faith in Action Programs** – Program Director, not appointed as of yet:

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- **Faith** – Charles Farrell reported:
  - A perpetual reminder that every Saturday between 9:00 am – 3:00 pm “Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament” is open to all in the Chapel.
  - Corporate Communion – planned for Sunday August 13th, the Feast Day of Blessed Michael McGivney, 10:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart and followed by the installations of officers.
  - John Pitera, Sr. took the floor, spoke about the “National Eucharistic Revival” for those who stopped attending Mass in person because they no longer believe the transformation of bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ. For more information contact John Pitera, Sr. and / or committee members.
  
- **Family** – Patrick Clark reported: no report given.
  - A perpetual reminder of the importance that all brother’s working with small children complete the “Safe Environment Training Program” which can be done on line 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.
  - An important reminder from a previous meeting; review the possibility of holding a “Rosary Rally” next year, somewhat similar to what OLOH Council #8086 does.
  
- **Community** – Stoney Fraley reported:
  - Community Hot Meals Program (CHMP) our council is scheduled for Monday July 31<sup>st</sup> & August 21<sup>st</sup>.
  
- **Life** – Richard Ross reported: no report given.

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

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- OLOH Assembly 2794 meeting July 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm.
- Next Officers' Planning / Business Meeting Aug 14<sup>th</sup> ,10:00 am.
- Next Council Business Meeting Aug 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 pm.

**6. Unfinished Business:** - Leo Decker, Grand Knight reported:

- Phill the Box – collects clothing, foot wear, etcetera returning our council 20 cents per pound. We've collected over \$14k since inception.
- An important reminder; 600 Club – 2023 tickets are still saleable. Anyone needs tickets see the Recorder.
- Another important reminder; Football Mania tickets are now available for the 2023 season. See GK, Chancellor or Recorder.

**7. New Business:** - Leo Decker, Grand Knight reported:

- An important reminder; Volunteers needed Monday afternoon/evenings, 3:30 pm – 7:30 pm, as grill masters for Bingo. Prep through clean-up.
- Another important reminder; Looking for two 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Brothers to step up and join the Color Corp.
- Balance of *New Business Line Items* from the agenda of the Officers' Planning / Business Meeting held July 10<sup>th</sup> was supposed to be discussed in depth at said meeting, but due to time constraints, was not. Once the listed items have been purged the remaining line items will be assigned to the (4) individual Program Directors, whos' area of expertise will assure success, they in turn will choose team members as needed.

**8. Field Agent** – Jim Booritch, Field Agent reported: absent

**9. District Deputy** – John O'Malley's report is on page **7**.

**10. Fourth Degree** – Bob Gillikin, Faithful Navigator reported:

- An important reminder; The first Thursday of each month at the Emory L. Bennet Nursing Home in Daytona, in-person bingo. There

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are thirty-two veterans and each one is in a wheelchair and can use some assistance with the bingo cards.

- Another important reminder; For all the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Brothers looking to step up to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, Patriotism, mark your calendars; the next 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification will be Saturday August 26<sup>th</sup> in Jacksonville. A Form 4 will need to be filled out, see the Faithful Navigator or our Chancellor.
- Another important reminder; “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.
- Veterans Salute Dinner, to be held November 4<sup>th</sup>. Guest speaker is Congressman Cory Mills from Orlando and the Honoree is our own Brother SK Arthur Hobbs. Tickets available from our Grand Knight. More info will be made available as it becomes known.

**11. Drawings -**

**600 Club – 2023 drawing:**

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Ticket #

( 242 ) \$50 – Tammy Hayes

( 021 ) \$100 – Joe Favalora

( 388 ) \$150 – Mark Cerretani

Winners drawn by Mike Miglioranzi #8086 |

**50 / 50 drawing:**

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John Ray Martin

Terry Thiel



**12. Good of the Order -**

- **Lecturer’s Reflection** – Steve McDaniel reported: absent

**13. Upcoming Awards for Members & others** – Leo Decker, Grand Knight

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- **Knight of the Month for July 2023** – Glenn Space
- **Person of the Month for July 2023** – undecided

**14. Names of Brother Knights or Immediate Family Members of Brother Knights that requested to be added to our council's prayer list:** – Leo Decker, GK

- You can also find this list of Brother Knights and Immediate Family Members requesting prayers on our council website.

**15. Grand Knight's Summary:** - Leo Decker, Grand Knight

- 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:**

**17. "CLOSING CERMONY PER RITUAL"**

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

John Gawdun, Recorder  
I'm Proud to be a Knight

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DD 20 report for July 17

Greetings on behalf of Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and our new State Deputy Rick Hughes  
Please submit the #185 for officers chosen for the next Columbian Year – due July 1. Also the program personnel report #365, July 1. Also, per capital bills have been posted. Please send me copies so I can get them to the state forms director. Form 365 is very important to check training compliance.

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The next exemplification in D20 is Tuesday, July 25, at Our Lady of Hope at 6 p.m. All councils invited to bring new members or upgrade 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> degree members to 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree.

Rick Hughes was elected State Deputy at the State Convention during the Memorial Day weekend. Rick is holding a region 3 meeting on Saturday, July 8 at OLOH. Primarily for Districts 18 and 20; D17 and 19 also invited. Key officers in addition to aspiring leadership.

Fourth Degree: August 26 at Jacksonville; candidates need Form 4, signed by both council Financial Secretary and Assembly Faithful Navigator and Comptroller. Orlando tentative on Nov. 18 at church TBA. Supreme Convention will be August 1-3 at World Marriott in Orlando. Working on shuttling Color Corps from a local church to spare up parking charges. No swords due to international/domestic travel restrictions. Volunteers, including Color Corps, can sign up on the Florida website for the Masses or Adoration Chapel. Looking for at least three more volunteers on Sunday July 20 from 1-3 p.m.

State Organizational meeting was June 30-July 1 in Kissimmee.

59% of online members transfer to councils

Eucharistic Revival entering year two, focusing on parishes fostering devotions

ASAP has now raised \$5.5 million; program continuing with same structure.

COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP – remains the same – minimum 5, maximum 15.

Still two benefit nights – but need 14+ in attendance (men 18 and over, not necessarily Catholic)

GK must fill out FBN form

No changes for Star Council, 15 featured program; new categories to be announced August 1. Filing deadline is April 1.

Preferred method of joining is online, then go to prospect tab and transfer to council

New initiative (ministry not program): Cor – evangelization and formation of members: prayer, formation, fraternity. Pastor permission required

Form 10784 being modified (easier) and will eventually replace SP-7

St. Joseph Icon returning: Downey April 23-29; 8086 April 30-May 6; Epiphany May 14-20

Silver Rose will be week of Supreme Convention, looking for more info

Other District highlights:

Council 4934 assisted with Community Hot Meals on May 15 and at the Sacred Heart sports banquet on Tuesday, May 16. “Phil the Box” continues to be an unexpected hit fundraiser, generating more than \$10,000 council shared with school; they already have tickets for next season’s NFL cards. Won first place in Healing Cards at State Convention.

Council 8086: 14 awards at State Convention, finished in top three for large council. Council 8086 Clergy Recognition Mass (with 58 Knights in attendance); and Our Lady of Hope Parish Picnic, with Knights cooking and hosting hockey, basketball and soccer youth competition. Council recommends better interaction with local Catholic schools.

Council 12569: New POC and committees for car show on Saturday, Nov. 18. Baby Bottles began on May 13-14. Council held at the Epiphany Parish Ministry Fair on May 20-21. The Council had a strong turnout for Father Zach’s first Mass, at 10 a.m. on Sunday, May 28, at Epiphany. Knights assisted with parking, the reception and cleanup. Council is looking to do a July 4 event, possibly a fall dinner dance.