

Knights of Columbus

Father Downey Council #4934 Council Business Meeting Minutes Monday, August 21, 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: (**32**)
- Members on Zoon: (**4**)
- Number of guests in attendance: (**4**)
- Dignitaries in attendance: (**3**)

2. Officers Reports:

- **Chaplain's Message** – Fr. Aldrin stepped aside for our new priest Fr. Charlie Donovan to introduce himself to the members.
- **Deputy Grand Knight** – David Montgomery: report was given during the Faith in Action portion of the meeting.
- **Chancellor** – Patrick Clark: no report given.
 - A reminder that new emblmed shirts are available for purchase.
- **Recorder** – John Gawdun reported:
 - Minutes from the Councils' Business Meeting held July 17, 2023 were approved as written by the council.
- **Treasurer** –John Martens reported:
 - Our checkbook balance as of July 31st was \$29,878.69.
 - As a side note, our Worthy Treasurer reminded the members in attendance and those on zoom that a number of Football Mania game cards are still available. We need sellers and buyers.
- **Financial Secretary** – Stoney Fraley reported:

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Membership approval needed for a new line item in our budget titled "Church Renovation" for \$25K limit.

- ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Stoney Fraley
- ❖ Motion 2nd by: John Martens
- ❖ Motion approved

Membership approval needed to terminate the K of C Asset Mark Account valued at \$18k plus and move said funds into the "Church Renovations" budget line item.

- ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Stoney Fraley
- ❖ Motion 2nd by: Charles Farrell
- ❖ Motion approved

Membership approval needed to deposit the monies from the Asset Mark Account combined with \$5k from the Edward Jones Cash Account into a new 3-month CD at Edward Jones paying 5% interest.

- ❖ Motion brought to floor by: David Montgomery
- ❖ Motion 2nd by: Richard Ross
- ❖ Motion approved

It was further discussed that \$5K would be withdrawn from the Edward Jones Cash Account and combined with the funds from the terminated Asset Mark Account into a new 3-month CD at Edward Jones paying %5 interest. This discussion to be put into a motion and voted on at the September 18th Business Meeting.

It was further discussed that a new line item needs to be added to our budget, titled "C. O. R. Refreshments" for \$2K. This discussion to be put into a motion and voted on at the September 18th Business Meeting

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

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3. Membership Report – Patrick Clark reported:

- One new transferee, Matt Endebruck voted on for acceptance into our council.
 - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
 - ❖ Motion 2nd by: John Ekblom
 - ❖ Motion approved

- One new candidate, Harold Lippens was voted on for acceptance into our council.
 - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
 - ❖ Motion 2nd by: Dave Montgomery
 - ❖ Motion approved

- One new candidate, Ron Azzinaro was voted on for acceptance into our council.
 - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
 - ❖ Motion 2nd by: Rick Oppel
 - ❖ Motion approved
 - ❖

- One new candidate, David Jenkins was voted on for acceptance into our council.
 - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
 - ❖ Motion 2nd by: Bob Cochrane
 - ❖ Motion approved

4. Faith in Action Programs – Program Director, David Montgomery

- **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 main church.

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- A perpetual reminder that Fr. Aldrin and registered Eucharistic Ministers will be available to provide the Holy Eucharistic to any home bound Brother or family member. Call the church office.
- Corporate Communion and installation of Officers was held on Sunday August 13th, during and after the 10:30 am Mass at Sacred Heart. August 13th was the Feast Day of Blessed Michael McGivney.
- An informative verbal report was given on the C. O. R. program and how successful the first meeting was. The next meeting is scheduled for September 20th at Sacred Heart's social hall.
- The National Eucharistic Revival is a full year program. Check the banner in the narthex of Sacred Heart. A banner has been ordered for St. Gerard. Brother John Pitera, Sr. is the liaison between the parishioners and the Diocese.
- A reminder of the Bible Study groups in action, see the bulletin for dates and times.
- A reminder of the veteran's dinner coming up on Saturday November 4th with the honoree being our own Brother SK Arthur Hobbs. Our Worthy Grand Knight and Worthy Treasurer has tickets.
- **Family** – Patrick Clark reported:
 - An important reminder from previous meeting; It's important 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 previous meeting; reviewing 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) for which our council served (95) meals earlier this day.

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- **Life** – Richard Ross reported:
 - An informative verbal report was given on the Laps of Life program.

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

- OLOH Assembly 2794 meeting August 24th, 7:00 pm.
- Next Officers' Planning / Business Meeting Sept. 11th 10:00 am.
- Next Council Business Meeting Sept. 18th, 7:00 pm.

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

- Phil the Box – collects clothing, foot wear, etcetera returning our council 20 cents per pound. We've collected over \$14k since inception. How Phil the Box works was explained to the new members.
- Another important reminder; Football Mania game cards are still 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 4th Degree Brothers to step up and join the Color Corp.
- The balance of *New Business Line Items* from the agenda of the Officers' Planning / Business Meeting held August 14th that was planned to be discussed in depth at this meeting, was not, due to time constraints. 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: not in attendance

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

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

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- An important reminder; 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.
- Five Brothers from our council will be elevated to the 4th Degree, Patriotism, will be Saturday August 26th in Jacksonville.
- 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.
- Our Flag Raising Program honors veterans or family or friends. For \$35 we will raise a flag and create a poster with basic information about those honored with the last line dedicated to those who requested the flag service. Every first day of the month, rain or shine, we raise a new flag and retire the current one. We invite the new family and the previous family to attend. The Assembly has an ad in the bulletin and presently booked through January 2025.

11. Drawings -

600 Club – 2023 drawing:

50 / 50 drawing:

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Ticket #

(**311**) \$50 – Skip Stermer

Bob Cochrane

(**028**) \$100 – Gloria Dufresne

(**003**) \$150 – Mike Miglioranzi

Winners drawn by Matt Endebrock – new transferee

12. Good of the Order -

- **Lecturer’s Reflection** – Steve McDaniel: not in attendance

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

- **Knights of the Month for August – Charles Farrell, Richard Ross & John Pitera, Sr.**

- **Person of the Month for August – Janice Ford**

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

- See our council's website for a list of Brother Knights and immediate family members requesting prayers.

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 **8:15 pm.**

John Gawdun, Recorder

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DD 20 report for August 23

Greetings on behalf of Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and our new State Deputy Rick Hughes. Congratulation to our three councils – Epiphany 12569, Father Downey 4934 and Our Lady of Hope 8086 all earned Star Council. Also, District 20 earned Star District for the first time in many years.

We will hold a (mandatory) joint District 18-20 meeting on Saturday, Sept. 9, at Prince of Peace. Grand Knights and key officers are invited as we go over our goals for the new Columbian Year. It starts at 9 a.m., and shouldn't take long since we covered many of these topics at our recent meeting with State Deputy Rick Hughes. Topics include State Council requirements; state goals for charitable fundraising, and Supreme/State membership incentives.

Fraternal benefit nights: need two nights, total of 14 unique membership-eligible men. Start planning now to avoid the last-minute rush.

Degree of Charity, Unity and Fraternity: Council 8086 held a degree in July with seven men, representing each of the three councils. It would be good to have each of our councils host a degree by the end of the calendar year.

COR New initiative (ministry not program): Cor – evangelization and formation of members: prayer, formation, fraternity. Pastor permission required. We have the support of all three councils to make this a D20 initiative. Meet third Wednesday at 7 p.m.: Epiphany Aug. 16, Sacred Heart Sept. 20, Our Lady of Hope Oct. 18. SK Kelly: A game-changer. Pope Francis mentioned Cor by name in one of his sermons.

Into the Breach video series will be joined by a Marriage, Family, Fatherhood series.

State Per Capita was due on July 31. Thanks to the councils who have submitted their payment.

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. 4 or 18 at church TBA.

ASAP has now raised \$6 million; program continuing with same structure.

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

Respectively submitted,

John O'Malley

District 20 Deputy