

Knights of Columbus
Father Downey Council #4934
Council Business Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 16, 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: **(35)**
- Members on Zoom: **(3)**
- Number of guests in attendance: **(1)**
- Dignitaries in attendance: **(1)**

2. Officers Reports:

- **Chaplain's Message** – Fr. Aldrin was away on retreat.
- **Deputy Grand Knight** – David Montgomery had no report:
- **Chancellor** – Patrick Clark had no report:
 - Just a reminder; new emblmed shirts are available for purchase.
- **Recorder** – John Gawdun reported:
 - Minutes from the Councils' Business Meeting held September 18, 2023 were approved as written.
- **Treasurer** – John Martens reported:
 - The checking account balance as of September 30th was **\$28,626.23** and all bills as of that date have been paid.
- **Financial Secretary** – Stoney Fraley reported:
 - The officers have chosen the church repair project that our council will donate towards, that being, replacement of the roof on Burke's Hall. Our council will donate \$20k from our budget line-item *Church Renovation* to help defray the cost of said project.
 - A reading to be given by the *Faith in Action* Faith Director and voted on at the next Council Business Meeting; to change the budget line item *Help a Diabetic Child Foundation* to now read the *Pregnancy Crisis Center in Daytona Beach*. The proceeds from the Tootsie Roll

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fundraiser will now be donated to the *Pregnancy Crisis Center in Daytona Beach*.

- **Advocate** – Frank McCarron had no report:
- **Warden** – Shane Harrington had no report:
- **Trustees** – John Pitera, Sr. / Allen Spence / Danny Aloise reported:
 - No Trustee in attendance this evening.

3. Membership Report – Patrick Clark report is on page **6**.

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

- Still searching for a chairperson to complete the term as Chair of the Community Programs. Our Brother Stoney who is also our Financial Secretary needs to be relieved from some of his responsibility.
- **Faith** – Charles Farrell reported:
 - An important reminder that every Saturday between 9:00 am – 3:00 pm “Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament” is open to all in the Chapel.
 - Bible study group every Saturday morning beginning at 9:30 am, studying the Gospels.
 - An informative verbal report was given on the C. O. R. program and that the 3rd meeting will be held on October 18th at OLOH beginning at 7:00 pm.
 - Brother John Peteria, Sr, the liaison between the parishioners and the Diocese, informed us last month that The National Eucharistic Revival is a full year program and still in the works. Check the banners in the narthex of Sacred Heart and entrance way at St. Gerard.
 - An informative verbal report was given on the Pregnancy Crisis Center in Daytona Beach along with proposed donations to that organization as a reading before the council. A motion will be written by the proposer and brought before the council for approval next month.

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- **Family** – Patrick Clark reported:
 - An important reminder from previous meeting; It's important that all brother's working with 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.
 - SHS will be having a "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. Judges are needed.
 - For all scheduled family activities See *Faith in Action Calendar* on page **7**.
- **Community** – Director - V A C A N T
 - Community Hot Meals Program (CHMP) our council is scheduled for Monday October 30th.
- **Life** – Richard Ross reported:
 - An informative verbal report was given on the 8th Annual Terry Cassidy Laps for Life being held January 20, 2024 at Father Lopez High School. Detailed information is available from Richard Ross and guest speaker Vito Benedetto from the OLOH Council 8086.

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

- OLOH Assembly 2794 meeting October 26th, 7:00 pm.
- Next Officers' Planning Meeting November 13th, 10:00 am.
- Next Council Business Meeting November 20th, 7:00 pm.
- The *Faith in Action Schedule* for balance of 2023, see page **7**.

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 nearly \$16k since inception. An update: today we received a check for \$920.

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- o A Thank You card was received for Brother Norm Martin for his hard work in collecting aluminum Pop Tabs. Those Pop Tabs are given to Burns Sci-Tech School in Oak Hill who in turn with many other schools in the area donates them to the Ronald McDonald Houses in Orlando to sell to recyclers. The money begotten from the pounds of Pop Tabs help with the expenses in housing families whose children are being treated in one of the Children Hospitals in the Orlando area. Great job Brother Norm.

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

- o An important reminder; Volunteers needed Monday afternoon/evenings, 3:30 pm – 7:30 pm, as grill masters for Bingo. Prep through clean-up.
- o Another important reminder; Looking for one more 4th Degree Brothers to step up and join the Color Corp.

8. Field Agent – Jim Booritch, report is on page **8**.

9. District Deputy – John O'Malley, report is on page **8**.

10. Fourth Degree – Bob Gillikin, Faithful Navigator report is on page **9**.

11. Drawings -

600 Club – 2023 drawing:

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(**346**) \$50 – Brenda Schneider

(**450**) \$100 – Chase Barry

(**056**) \$150 – Tom Murray

Winners drawn by: James Patania

50 / 50 drawing:

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Chase Barry

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12. Good of the Order -

- **Lecturer's Reflection** – Steve McDaniel is not in attendance.

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

- **Knight of the Month for October – Nick Stuart**
- **Family of the Month for October – Richard & Mary Jo Oppel**

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

- Prayer list to be read aloud by GK. See our council's website for same list of Brother Knights and immediate family members requesting prayers.

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

- I want to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for all that you did and continue to do for our Parish, School, and Community. I want to especially thank the 20 plus Brothers who worked so hard preparing, serving and cleaning-up afterwards at the Spaghetti & Meatball dinner we promoted with the CWA of our parish. Our NET was \$3k which will be split evenly among the Bereavement Ministry, the Eucharistic Revival Program, & SVdP. The turnout was beyond our expectations which gives us incentive for the coming year. Our Council has grown and expanded our charitable efforts this year like never before.

16. Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney:

17. "CLOSING CERMONY PER RITUAL"

Meeting was adjourned at: **7:11 pm**

John Gawdun, Recorder

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3. Membership Report – Patrick Clark reported:

- One new candidate, *Daniel Moran*
was voted on for acceptance into our council.
 - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
 - ❖ Motion 2nd by: Gary Conroy
 - ❖ Motion approved

- One new transferee, *James Booritch*
was voted on for acceptance into our council.
 - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Gary Conroy
 - ❖ Motion 2nd by: Dave Montgomery
 - ❖ Motion approved

- One new transferee, *Thomas Siegle*
was voted on for acceptance into our council.
 - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
 - ❖ Motion 2nd by: Gary Conroy
 - ❖ Motion approved
 - ❖

- One new transferee, *James Patania*
was voted on for acceptance into our council.
 - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Dave Montgomery
 - ❖ Motion 2nd by: Gary Conroy
 - ❖ Motion approved

Next Exemplification will be held November 20th at 6:00 pm sharp at Sacred Heart Church. Exemplification team to meet at 5:30 pm in the Knights Hall for a run through of readings and procedures.

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Faith in Action Schedule for remainder of year

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- 18th COR program to develop your Faith Formation, Prayer and Fraternity, open to all men of our parish, bring a friend, 7:00 pm at OLOH Catholic Church.
- 27th Trunk and Treat in the Sacred Heart parking lot, help is needed to direct traffic and parking, see bulletin for time.
- 30th Community Hot Meals Program (CHMP) 9:00 am– 1:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church of NSB; 310 Douglas Street; NSB.

November 2023

- 2nd Mass of Remembrance, Sacred Heart, 7:00 pm.
- 4th Veterans Salute Dinner, OLOH Parish, 5:00 pm; Calling all Veterans but also open to the public, tickets \$10, Honoree, our own SK Arthur Hobbs, WWII Vet.
- 11th Heart of an Angel Golf outing, see bulletin for particulars.
- 12th Church Fall Festival, our council will be serving burgers & dogs with condiments, see bulletin for time and other particulars.
- 15th COR program to develop your Faith Formation, Prayer and Fraternity, open to all men of our parish, bring a friend, 7:00 pm at Epiphany Catholic Church.
- 20th Community Hot Meals Program (CHMP) 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church of NSB; 310 Douglas Street; NSB.

December 2023

- 7th Vigil Mass for Holy Day, see bulletin for time.
- 9th Sock Hop in Sacred Heart social hall put on with help from the CWA, see bulletin.
- 14th Advent Play at Sacred Heart, see bulletin for time.
- 17th Breakfast with Santa at Sacred Heart social hall, see bulletin for particulars.
- 20th COR program to develop your Faith Formation, Prayer and Fraternity, this one is open to all, men & women of the three parishes, so bring a family or friend, 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart.
- 24th Children's Christmas Mass at Sacred Heart, 5:00 pm.

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8. Field Agent – Jim Booritch, reports:

K of C revised the requirements for Benefit Night this Fraternal Year. Two Benefit Nights with a minimum of fourteen members in attendance at each is needed to reach the Star Council status. He went over a number of highlights of the benefits available for us Brother Knights completing the first Benefit Night towards Star Council. Brother Tony Minoplio has an on-line Benefits Night scheduled for October 26th and if attended by at least fourteen members who take the survey afterwards, our council has fulfilled that requirement towards Star Council for the 23 - 24 Fraternal Year.

9. District Deputy – John O'Malley, reports for October 2023:

Greetings on behalf of Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and State Deputy Rick Hughes

Columbus Day exemplification – 6:15 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 9 at Our Lady of Hope. All councils welcome to bring candidates

Cor D20 initiative continues to be a big success – 43 knights shared among three councils (4934 had 16, host Epiphany 15, 8086 had 12). The second meeting, at Sacred Heart on Sept. 20, also had 43 in attendance – 15 from Sacred Heart and OLOH, and 11 from Epiphany. Next up is OLOH Oct. 18. The meetings have been worthwhile and well structured, with excellent instruction by SK Mike Godbout.

Big projects – 8086 Ducks on Oct. 15, Harvest Dinner Dance Oct. 21. Also pet blessing Oct. 7, Faith in Action medley Oct. 21. Life chain set for this past weekend postponed until March. Council also started First Friday Rosary/Adoration before 8:30 Mass at 7:45 a.m.

4934 Trunk or Treat Oct. 27, Picnic Nov. 12. Great turnout for youth soccer competition – 150 students. Had 16 officers at school Blue Mass.

12569 picnic Oct. 1 moved indoors due to weather. Biggest event of the year is the Car Show Nov. 18

2794 Vet dinner Nov. 4 (Sacred Heart 36 tickets). Veterans Flag program sold out through March 2025. Looking to place nomination committee. Star Program Nov. 11-12 after Masses

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

St. Joseph Icon returning: Downey April 23-29; 8086 April 30-May 6; Epiphany May 14-20. The Star Council Award was presented to our GK, Leo Decker for the 3rd consecutive year. Have to make room on our wall of Honor

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

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. Another important reminder; For all the 3rd Degree Brothers looking to step up to the 4th Degree, Patriotism, mark your calendars; the next 4th Degree Exemplification will be Saturday November 25th in Orlando. 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

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.

The Veterans Salute Dinner at the OLOH Parish will be held on November 4th, doors open at 5:00 pm, tickets are \$10 each, Honoree, our own SK Arthur Hobbs, WWII Vet.