

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

A quorum was met, the meeting was called to order by GK Leo Decker, at **7:05 pm**.

1. "OPENING CEREMONY PER RITUAL"

- Members in attendance: **(32)**
- Members on Zoom: **(2)**
- Number of guests in attendance: **(1)**
- Dignitaries in attendance: **(3)**

2. Officers Reports:

- **Chaplain's Message** – Fr. Aldrin stepped aside for Fr. John who expressed a big thank you to all the members of our council who worked so hard at the "Raise the Roof Fun-raiser." And also, to all the Knights with their spouses and families attending and contributing to all the various raffles and food concessions. Your blue shirts do not go unnoticed and appreciated by all. Fr. John had stories on all the goings-on like the jail for instance. Fr. John finished by bringing to light the donations received thus far a breath away from \$30K.
- **Deputy Grand Knight** – David Montgomery was on excused leave.
- **Chancellor** – Patrick Clark had no report at this time.
 - An important reminder; new emblmed shirts are available for purchase.
- **Recorder** – John Gawdun reported:
 - Minutes from the Councils' Business Meeting held October 16, 2023 were approved as written.
- **Treasurer** – John Martens reported:
 - Our checkbook balance as of October 31st was **\$28,843.96**.
 - All bills have been paid in full thru October 31st.

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- **Financial Secretary** – Stoney Fraley reported:
 - At last month's meeting an informative verbal report was given by our Faith Director, Charles Farrell, who is on excused absence tonight, on the Pregnancy Crisis Center in Daytona Beach along with a proposed donations to that organization. This was presented as a first reading of a proposed motion to the council. Tonight, a verbal motion was presented by our Financial Secretary to donate \$3,000.00 to the Pregnancy Crisis Center in Daytona Beach. This motion was brought to the floor by Glenn Space, seconded by Tim Meade and approved by the council. This donation is from our Tootsie Roll Drive held earlier this year and earmarked for "*To Help a Diabetic Child Foundation.*" It came to our attention that said *Foundation* is well funded at this time, so those donations will be rerouted to the Pregnancy Crisis Center in Daytona Beach.
 - A brief description was given for the new members and the transferee on how the council's investments with Edward Jones has been laid out. There are four CD's, laddered out each for three months. The interest is withdrawn and depositing into our council's checking account for use as donations to the various charities that we support.
- **Advocate** – Frank McCarron on excused absence.
- **Warden** – Shane Harrington had no report.
- **Trustees** – John Pitera, Sr. / Allen Spence / Danny Aloise had no report.

3. Membership Report – Patrick Clark report is on page **7**.

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

- Still searching for a chairman 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.

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- For all scheduled family activities see *Faith in Action Calendar* page **8**.

- **Faith** – Charles Farrell on excused absence.

- 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.

- **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.
- SHS will be having a “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest. Date to be determined. Judges are needed.
- For all scheduled family activities see *Faith in Action Calendar* page **8**.

- **Community** – Director – V A C A N T

- Community Hot Meals Program (CHMP) our council was scheduled for Monday November 20th.

- **Life** – Richard Ross on excused absence.

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

- Next Officers’ Planning Meeting December 11th, 10:00 am.
- Next Council Business Meeting December 18th, 7:00 pm.

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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. Our council has thus far donated \$6,500 to SHS.

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

- Our Web Master, Mark Cerretani was introduced to the new members and transferee who went on to explain our council's website and the importance of getting registered with the website in order to enter into the "members only" section. This section has all the pertinent information on our council which is for our eyes only.
- December 1st our council begins the Baby Bottle Drive to collect change from the parishioners and visitors at Sacred Heart & St. Gerard. This collection will run for three weeks and the change collective will be donated towards the purchase of another ultra sound machine.
- 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 more 4th Degree Brothers to step up and join the Color Corp.

8. Field Agent – Jim Booritch, Field Agent was absent.

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

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

11. Drawings -

600 Club – 2023 drawing:

50 / 50 drawing:

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Ticket #

(323) \$50 – Ileen Smyser

Tim Meade

(051) \$100 – Sharon Young

(364) \$150 – Rory Orfinger

Winners drawn by: John Gillesoie council #2673

Roland Medeiros



12. Good of the Order -

- **Lecturer's Reflection – V A C A N T**

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

- **Knight of the Month for November – *Hugh Williams***
- **Family of the Month for November – *Michael & Yessina Godbout***

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 prayer

15. Grand Knight's Summary – Leo Decker

- Leo Decker, Grand Knight wants 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. Our Council has grown and expanded our charitable efforts this year like never before. We keep discovering new ways to raise funds so we can help others.

16. Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney:

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17. "CLOSING CERMONY PER RITUAL"

Meeting was adjourned at **8:00 pm**

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

For all you history buffs, history I'm embarrassed to say I did not know:

In 1951, the [Knights of Columbus](#), the world's largest [Catholic fraternal organization](#), also began including the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance.^[41] In New York City, on April 30, 1951, the board of directors of the Knights of Columbus adopted a resolution to amend the text of their Pledge of Allegiance at the opening of each of the meetings of the 800 Fourth Degree Assemblies of the Knights of Columbus by addition of the words "under God" after the words "one nation." Over the next two years, the idea spread throughout Knights of Columbus organizations nationwide. On August 21, 1952, the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus at its annual meeting adopted a resolution urging that the change be made universal, and copies of this resolution were sent to the President, the Vice President (as Presiding Officer of the Senate), and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The National Fraternal Congress meeting in Boston on September 24, 1952, adopted a similar resolution upon the recommendation of its president, Supreme Knight [Luke E. Hart](#). Several State Fraternal Congresses acted likewise almost immediately thereafter. This campaign led to several official attempts to prompt Congress to adopt the Knights of Columbus policy for the entire nation. These attempts were eventually a success. The phrase "under God" was incorporated into the Pledge of Allegiance on June 14, 1954, by a [Joint Resolution](#) of Congress. *From WIKIPEDIA*

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3. Membership Report – Patrick Clark reported:

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- One new transferee, *Aaron Royer*
was voted on for acceptance into our council.
 - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
 - ❖ Motion 2nd by: Stoney Fraley
 - ❖ Motion approved

- One new candidate, *Bruce H. Crewe*
was voted on for acceptance into our council.
 - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
 - ❖ Motion 2nd by: Stoney Fraley
 - ❖ Motion approved

- One new candidate, *Phillip M. Robinson*
was voted on for acceptance into our council.
 - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
 - ❖ Motion 2nd by: Tim Meade
 - ❖ Motion approved

Individual copies of our council's By-Laws to be distributed to the new members and transferee.

Faith in Action Schedule for remainder of year

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- ~~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.~~
- ~~17th Live Music Concert with The Moonlighters Swing Band.~~
- 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.
- 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.

9. District Deputy – John O'Malley's report:

DD 20 report for November 2023

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

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Upcoming Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity – 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 20, at Sacred Heart. All councils welcome to bring candidates. Please check the Prospect tab on the supreme website – these are official K of C members who joined online but need to take the ceremony and join a council. We have two members wishing to join 4934, and three looking to join 8086.

Cor D20 initiative continues to be a big success – We had 45 attendees at our third Cor meeting in October at Our Lady of Hope. We continue to average double-digit attendance from all three councils. The meetings have been worthwhile and well structured, with excellent instruction by SK Mike Godbout. The next meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. at Epiphany.

Annual Mass of Remembrance at Prince of Peace at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 21. Councils asked to send list of Knights who have died to District Warden Harold Bennett.

I have been asked to pass along the report of Councils owing their state per capita. All three D20 councils are paid up. Star Tracker report showing Council 4934 owing form #365, which has been sent in; also not showing Fraternal Benefit Nights, which are underway. Membership: 4934: needs 8, have 3 for 37.5 percent; 8086 6 of 15 for 40 percent; 12569 2 of 7 for 28.6 percent. Even though it's not specified on all the forms, please CC state forms director Harry Whitford on everything you send to state. I hate to see councils not getting credit for something they have accomplished. The next big task is form 1728, annual survey of fraternal activity, due Jan. 31.

Around the District: 8086 sold record 2,000 ducks at its annual Duck Derby. 4934 Fall Fest on Nov. 12. 12569 has night at Buffalo Wild Wings on Wednesday, Nov. 8, to benefit Special Olympics, and annual car show on Saturday, Nov. 18. Assembly 2794 annual Veterans Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 4 a success, sold more than 200 tickets and very nice awards. Also presenting stars to benefit Gary Sinise Foundation after all OLOH Masses on Veterans Day weekend.

Fraternal benefit nights: need two nights, total of 14 unique membership-eligible men. Start planning now to avoid the last-minute rush. Our Field Agent Jim Booritch is a big help – he conducted a benefit night at Sacred Heart that had two councils in attendance.

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

Fourth Degree exemplification on Saturday, Nov. 25 at Church of the Resurrection in Winter Garden – Colonial Drive (Rt. 50) just west of downtown.

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

- A very informative report was given on the Veterans Dinner held on November 4th at OLOH honoring four veterans but mainly our

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own WWII Vet SK Arthur Hobbs who was presented with a knitted Afghan and a written document honoring his service. Each of the other three veterans honored was proudly presented with quilts and written documents honoring their service. A great picture of the honoree SK Arthur Hobbs is shown in the November 19th church bulletin. If you missed it you can go on line at: www.sacredheartnsb.com and toggle down to bulletins.

- 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.
- “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 this year in donations only was \$1,580 and was matched by a parishioner at OLOH bringing the total to \$3,160 that will go to the Gary Sinise Foundation which aids our returning Vets.
- December 11th is our Veterans picnic at the Emory L. Bennet Nursing Home.
- The next Assembly meeting is January 25th see you there.