

Knights of Columbus
Father Downey Council #4934
Council Business Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 18, 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: (**40**)
- Members on Zoom: (**1**)
- Number of guests in attendance: (**1**)
- Dignitaries in attendance: (**4**)

2. Officers Reports:

- **Grand Knight's Message** – Leo Decker thanked Brother Knight Sherwin Merrick wholeheartedly for playing Santa for the second year in-a-row at "Breakfast with Santa" and his wife Tracy and son Jackson who donned costumes as Santa's wife and elf. A full round of applause followed the Grand Knight's expressed appreciation.
- **Chaplain's Message** – Fr. Aldrin stepped aside for Fr. John to receive a donation of \$20K to help replace the roof on Fr. Thomas Burke Hall. Pictures will be in the bulletin and on our council's website. After the completion of the new roof and ceiling tiles inside the Hall a "tenting" will occur to rid the building of termites. Once that's done a team of Brother's made up of Chris Hennessey, Keith Busso, Glenn Space & others who wish to help clean-out the weeds, new landscaping of flowers & plants will be planted and mulched. The two K of C lights to be repaired to their once brightness. Our Grand Knight finished with a wholehearted thank you to Fr. John, Fr. Aldrin & Fr. Charlie for being our priest, our friends, & our brothers, & their prayers for our council's success.
- **Deputy Grand Knight** – V A C A N T
- **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 November 20, 2023 were approved as written.

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- **Treasurer** – John Martens reported:
 - Our checkbook balance as of November 30th was **\$25,469.32**.
 - All bills have been paid in full thru November 30th.
- **Financial Secretary** – Stoney Fraley reported:
 - A \$300.00 check was given to the Principal of SHS to purchase (4) coats for (4) students in need. Our council's budget for "Coats for Kids" is \$500.00 leaving a balance of \$200.00 for any additional coats that may be needed.
- **Advocate** – Frank McCarron had no report at this time.
- **Warden** – Shane Harrington had no report at this time.
- **Trustees** – John Pitera, Sr. / Allen Spence / Danny Aloise were all on excused absence.
- **Web Master** – Mark Cerretani reported:
 - To all the brothers of our council; if you are having difficulties setting up an account or logging on to our website, see Mark after the meeting and he will help you with your problems. There is so much to see and follow on our council's website it's a shame not all brothers are taking advantage of what has been developed and kept up to date monthly.

3. Membership Report – Patrick Clark reported:

- One new member, Bruce Crewe was introduced and a short bio was presented by the Grand Knight

4. Faith in Action Programs – Program Director, Leo Decker

- Still searching for a chairman to complete the term as Chair of the Community Programs.
- For scheduled family activities see *Faith in Action Calendar* page **7**.

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- **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.
 - C.O.R. Meeting for the family is scheduled for Wednesday December 20th 7:00 pm sharp in Sacred Heart social hall.
 - Free bibles blessed by Fr. Aldrin were offered for the members for their home use or to be brought to the C.O. R. Meetings.

- **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. Judges are needed.
 - For scheduled family activities see *Faith in Action Calendar* page **7**.

- **Community** – Director – V A C A N T
 - Community Hot Meals Program (CHMP) our council is scheduled for Monday January 29, 2024.

- **Life** – Richard Ross reported:
 - An informative verbal report was given on the 8th Annual Terry Cassidy Laps for Life being held March 23, 2024 at Father Lopez High School. Detailed information is available from Richard Ross and Vito Benedetto from the OLOH Council 8086.
 - Brother Keith Basso requested the floor and presented an informative report on the many trips he and Brother Knights from his former council participated in the Annual Walk for Life in Washington, DC. If any members of our council or other councils in District 20 have interest

please contact Brother Basso for complete detailed information on the next march.

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- Brother Chuck Farrell was given the floor to update the council on the \$3K donation from our council along with the \$400 stipend given by Supreme to the Pregnancy Crisis Center in Daytona Beach. Brother Roland Medeiros took the floor and explained in detail how the \$400 stipend is gotten from Supreme.

5. Updated Meeting Schedule – Leo Decker, Grand Knight reported:

- Next Officers' Planning Meeting January 8, 2024, 2:00 pm.
- Next Council Business Meeting January 15, 2024, 7:00 pm.
- Next Assembly Meeting January 25, 2024, 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 nearly \$16k since inception. Our council has thus far donated \$6,500 to SHS. Collected \$3,700 since October to date. A reading was given by our Financial Secretary, Stoney Fraley to be voted on at the next Council Business Meeting; to donate another \$2K to SHS.

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

- A reading was given by our Chancellor, Patrick Clark to be voted on at the next Council Business Meeting; to donate one time only \$250, to the Honor Guard of American Legion Post 285, for medical transportation.
- December 1st our council began our 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 **8**.

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

- An informative verbal report was given by the Faithful Navigator on the accomplishments for the first half of our Fraternal Year. It was emphasized again that any Knight, doesn't have to be a 4th Degree Knight, can help on the first Thursday of each month at the Emory L. Bennet Nursing Home in Daytona, with in-person bingo. There are thirty-two veterans and each one is in a wheelchair and can use some assistance with the bingo cards.
- 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.
- Our Worthy Grand Knight turned over a number of worn flags which have finished their duty honoring our country to be properly laid to rest.

11. Good of the Order -

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

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

- **Knight of the Month for December** – *James Booritch*
- **Family of the Month for December** – *David & Christine Zettle*

13. Drawings -

600 Club – 2023 drawing:

50 / 50 drawing:

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(439) \$50 – Jerome Ober Johann

(451) \$100 – Dennis Vitali

(298) \$150 – Chris Hennessy

Chase Barry



Winners drawn by: Billy Howson, council #12569

Roland Medeiros

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:

17. "CLOSING CERMONY PER RITUAL"

Meeting was adjourned at **8:05 pm**

John Gawdun, Recorder

I'm Proud to be a Knight

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Faith in Action Schedule to Easter

December 2023

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SHS Christmas Art Challenge – Date not determined as of yet

- 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.

January 2024

SHS Basketball Free Throw Challenge – Date not determined as of yet

- 19th Our famous fish fry – see bulletin for time & cost

February 2024

- 14th Ash Wednesday – see bulletin for services
- 16th Our famous fish fry – see bulletin for time & cost
- 23rd Our famous fish fry – see bulletin for time & cost
- 24th Cookout at St. Gerard – particulars to follow

March 2024

SHS Hockey Challenge – Date not determined as of yet

- 1st Our Famous fish fry – see bulletin for time & cost
- 8th Our famous fish fry – see bulletin for time & cost
- 15th Our famous fish fry – see bulletin for time & cost
- 22nd Our famous fish fry – see bulletin for time & cost
- 29th Good Friday – see bulletin for services
- 31st Easter Sunday – see bulletin for services

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

DD 20 report for December 2023

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

Upcoming Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity – none scheduled. Current status: Epiphany 5 of 7 – 71.4%; 8086 8 of 15 53%, but added three at Dec. 11 exemplification; Sacred Heart 10 of 8 for 125%. Only district in state to achieve 50% for all three councils. Prospect tab: OLOH Jeff Moser and Ryland Brady; Sacred Heart Daniel Rush

Safe Environment – Sacred Heart Program Director (Leo appointed himself to position so should be OK); OLOH Program (Tim Mell), Community (Ernie Jackson) and Family (Vacant); Epiphany Community (Victor Pechacek). Harry Whitford in charge.

Time to prepare to elect delegates/alternates for State Convention May 24-25. Select between Jan 1-March 31; FS register names, delegates then must register themselves. Nominate one meeting and vote the next.

New tab on state website: Leadership Resources, includes Star Tracker
Cor D20 initiative continues to be a big success – We had 40 attendees at our fourth Cor meeting in November at Epiphany, including 15 from 12569. 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, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart. This Christmas-themed meeting is open to families. It will feature Santa and a presentation by SK Henri Nolan.

Florida Charities new format – NO restricted donations after June 30. Jan. 10 webinar to explain new system, should be mandatory for GK, DGK, FS.

Fourth Degree going up to \$90, should be open to wives and families, JAX August 24 – St. John's Council

Fraternal benefit EVENTS: 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. Jim is No. 2 in the Order for North America!
St. Joseph Icon returning: former dates: Downey April 23-29; 8086 April 30-May 6; Epiphany May 14-20; Dates changed to: **Downey May 7-13; 8086 May 14-20; Epiphany May 21-27.**