

Knights of Columbus
Father Downey Council #4934
Council Members Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 19, 2024

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: **(38)**
- Members on Zoom: **(1)**
- Number of guests in attendance: **(3)**
- Dignitaries in attendance: **(1)**

2. Officers Reports:

- **Chaplain's Message** – Fr. Aldrin is on a Redemptorist retreat.
- **Deputy Grand Knight** – *V A C A N T*- **Chris Hennessy** was introduced to the members and nominated by Patrick Clark to fill the Office of Deputy Grand Knight for the remainder of the 2023 – 2024 Fraternal Year.
 - ❖ Nomination was brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
 - ❖ Nomination 2nd by: John Martens
 - ❖ Nomination approved
- A vote will be taken at the next Council Members Meeting, March 18, 2024, for acceptance of **Chris Hennessy** as DGK for the remainder of the 2023 – 2024 Fraternal Year by the council.
 - **Chancellor** – Patrick Clark had no report at this time.
 - To all members who want to look spiffy, new emblmed shirts are available for purchase.
 - **Recorder** – John Gawdun reported:
 - Minutes from the Council Members Meeting held January 15, 2024 were approved as written.
 - **Treasurer** –John Martens reported: **completed on page 2.**
 - As of January 31st, the checkbook bal. was **\$15,161.21** (TD Bank)

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- As of January 31st, the checkbook bal. was **\$5,000.00** (Regions)
- As of January 31st, the checkbook bal. was **\$1,000.00** (Regions)
this account was opened to finance items needed to offer CC purchases of fundraising activities i.e.; 600 Club, Football Mania tickets, dinners, concerts and other events. Liaison Officer Jerry Williams took the floor and explained the equipment that will be needed to put the ability to accept CC into motion.
- **Financial Secretary** – Stoney Fraley had no report at this time.
- **Advocate** – Frank McCarron took the floor asking the members present if they all had a copy of our council's By-Laws.
- **Warden** – Shane Harrington, new Captain of Knights on Bikes for our council took the floor and explained in detail the upcoming event hosted by our “new” Knights on Bikes Council 4934 on Saturday March 2nd. The highlight of the event is the “Sons of Speed - Vintage Outlaw Racing” at New Smyrna Speedway that afternoon. For more details contact SK Ernie Jackson at 50chevypickup@gmail.com.
- **Trustees** –Allen Spence / Danny Aloise / John Pitera, Sr. were all on excused leave.
- **Web Master** – Mark Cerretani reported on the latest updates to our council's website. Also, if any member is having difficulty in setting up an account or signing-in to see him after the meeting.

3. Membership Report – Patrick Clark reported:

- One new candidate, *Gino Cuchetti*
was voted on for acceptance into our council.
 - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
 - ❖ Motion 2nd by: Jerry Williams
 - ❖ Motion approved
- One new candidate, *Mark Burke*
was voted on for acceptance into our council.
 - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
 - ❖ Motion 2nd by: Terry O'Donnel
 - ❖ Motion approved

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- One new candidate, *Jared Burke* was voted on for acceptance into our council.
 - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
 - ❖ Motion 2nd by: Leo Decker
 - ❖ Motion approved
- **Exemplifications**, *The District Deputy will announce upcoming Exemplifications during his report.*

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**.
- **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 every Saturday morning 9:00 – 10:30 am in the social hall. Studying The Gospel of John, Chapters 11 – 21.
 - C.O.R. Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 21st 7:00 pm sharp at Epiphany. The next C.O.R. Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 20th 7:00 pm sharp for “Stations of the Cross” at Sacred Heart. Mark your calendars.
- **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.
 - See the *Faith in Action Calendar*, page **7**, which will complete the Family program report.

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- **Community** – Director – V A C A N T
 - Community Hot Meals Program (CHMP) our council is scheduled for Monday May 20, 2024, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.
 - The CHMP team headed by Brothers Eddie Grambo & Glenn Strobel prepared & served 120 meals for the homeless on Monday January 29th and was given accolades on page 9 in the February issue of the “Invocation,” Florida State Council’s Monthly Newsletter.
 - Brother Norm Martin updated the council on the collection of POP TABS for the Ronald McDonald Houses in Orlando.

- **Life** – Richard Ross reported:
 - Brother Rich gave an informative verbal report on the 8th Annual Terry Cassidy Laps for Life scheduled for March 23, 2024 at Father High School. Detailed information is available from Brother Rich.
 - Brother Rich continued with another informative verbal report of his experience reciting the Rosary and attending Mass at the **Basilica of Mary, Queen of the Universe** in Orlando on January 19th. Complete information on that day is available from Brother Rich.
 - Brother Keith Basso gave an informative verbal report on his participation in the **Annual Walk for Life** in Washington DC along with many Brother Knights, some from his former council. If any members of our council have interest in being part of next year’s, **Annual Walk for Life** please contact Brother Basso for information.
 - Brother Chriss Hennessy gave an informative verbal report on 40-4 Life, a program of donating \$40 worth of baby goods or cash, all to be donated to the Pregnancy Crisis Center in Daytona. Complete information is available from Brother Chris.

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

- Next Assembly Meeting February 22, 2024, 7:00 pm.
- Next Officers’ / Planning Meeting March 11, 2024, 2:00 pm.
- Next Council Members Meeting March 18, 2024, 7:00 pm.
- Next Assembly Meeting March 21, 2024, 7:00 pm.

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

- **Phill the Box** – received an \$880 check in December. Our next donation to SHS will be \$2,000 increasing our total donation to SHS to \$8,500.
- **600 Club – 2023** final report: 333 tickets sold plus donations = \$6,516, winner's payout = \$3,600, expenditures = \$397; **NET** results = **\$2,519**.
- **Football Mania – 2023** final report: 186 game cards activated = \$3,660, Expenditures = \$1,119.57; **NET** results = **\$2,540.43**. There were (17) winners of activated cards and (6) winners of non-activated cards.
- **Superbowl LVIII – 2024** final report: 169 game cards activated = \$1,660. Expenditures = \$507; **NET** results = **\$1,113**. There were (11) winners of activated game cards and (8) winners of non-activated game cards.
- The annual Tootsie Roll drive, January 26th – March 18th is half over. Contact Brother John Ekblom for details of dates / times / locations. Teams needed to help finish the season.
- December 1st our council began our Baby Bottle Drive to collect change from the parishioners and visitors at Sacred Heart & St. Gerard. This collection ran for three weeks and the change collected will be donated towards the purchase of another ultra sound machine. The total amount collected has not been reported yet.
- 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.
- Volunteering at the Car Show on Canal Street once a quarter helping with set-up and break down of street barriers. Leo, GK has schedule.
- Mentor Program for new Knights
- Officer's duties and responsibilities for future Officer's.
- SHS Hockey Challenge - March

7. New Business: - Leo Decker, Grand Knight reported: All New Business line items shelved until future meetings due to time of day. See *Faith in Action Calendar* page **7** for some of the shelved items.

8. Field Agent – Jim Booritch, Field Agent was on excused leave.

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

10. Fourth Degree – Bob Gillikin, Faithful Navigator was unable to attend.

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 February**– *Keith Basso*
- **Family of the Month for February**– *Richard & Denise Rush*

13. Drawings -

600 Club – 2023:

*January's drawing was
the last for this fundraiser.*

50 / 50 drawing:

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Winner: Bruce Crew

Drawn By: Gino Cuchetti

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 thanked all of you from the bottom of his heart for all that you Brothers 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 **8:15 pm**

John Gawdun, Recorder

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Faith in Action Schedule to Easter

February 2024

- 10th Valentine dinner dance with CWA, see bulletin for time & cost
- 14th Ash Wednesday – see bulletin for services
- 16th Our famous fish fry and or pizza – 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm, \$12 or \$8
- 23rd Our famous fish fry and or pizza – 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm, \$12 or \$8
- 24th Funeral Mass for Worthy Brother Frank Swist, Sacred Heart, 10:00 am
- 24th Bites, Boots & Bling fundraiser in the social hall, 5:30 – till? \$60 each ticket

March 2024

- SHS Hockey Challenge – Date not determined as of yet
- 1st Our famous fish fry and or pizza – 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm, \$12 or \$8
- 2nd Coffee & Donuts for Knights on Bikes – 10:00 am – 11:30 am
- 8th Our famous fish fry and or pizza – 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm, \$12 or \$8
- 9th Bingo Bash in the social hall, 8:00 – noon
- 15th Our famous fish fry and or pizza – 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm, \$12 or \$8
- 22nd Our famous fish fry and or pizza – 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm, \$12 or \$8
- 23rd 8th Annual Terry Cassidy Laps for Life beginning at 8:00 am at Father Lopez High
- 29th Good Friday – see bulletin for services
- 31st Easter Sunday – see bulletin for services

April 2024

- BBQ at St. Gerard some Saturday after Mass
- Our doughnut month after Sunday Masses
- 12th Casino Night – information is forthcoming
- 13th SHS Golf Outing – tee times & cost to be set
- 17th C.O.R. 7:00 pm at OLOH

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

DD 20 report for February 2024

Greetings on behalf of Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and State Deputy Rick Hughes
Upcoming Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity – next Feb. 27 at OLOH; 4934 tentative for March 18. Current membership status: Epiphany 5 of 7 – 71.4%; 8086 11 of 15 73.3%; Sacred Heart 10 of 8 for 125%, several new members need ceremony. Only district in state to achieve 50% for all three councils. Go to the new tab on state website: Leadership Resources, to see the latest Star Tracker report (most recent Feb. 15).

Please don't forget Coastal Laps for Life is Saturday, March 23. Visit coastallaps4life.org to register. There is one team so far, Knights8086, Epiphany and Father Downey should register teams to help us raise funds for the Ultrasound/ASAP initiative.

Safe Environment – Thanks for everyone's cooperation. 4934 all set, 12569 and 8086 each have one man still pending.

Thanks to all three councils for submitting their semiannual audit.

Sacred Heart Program Director); OLOH Program (Tim Mell), Community (Ernie Jackson) and Family (Vacant); Epiphany Community (Victor Pechacek). Harry Whitford in charge.

Thanks to our three councils for electing delegates to the State Convention! Delegates must remember to register individually (not alternates unless attending)

The D20 initiative continues to be a big success, although numbers were down for our January meeting at Our Lady of Hope. Our next meeting is Wednesday, Feb. 21.

The next (and final!) report is the SP-7 for the Columbian Award, due 6/30 but needs to be submitted by (tentatively) April 1 for State award consideration.

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

Fraternal benefit EVENTS: need two nights, total of 14 unique membership-eligible men. 4934 has met this requirement; 8086 has one of the two required events.

St. Joseph Icon returning: **Downey May 7-13; 8086 May 14-20; Epiphany May 21-27.**

Submitted by John O'Malley, DD20

10. Fourth Degree – Bob Gillikin, Faithful Navigator asked me to relay this request

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. It was emphasized again that any Knight, doesn't have to be a 4th Degree Sir Knight, can step up and help. You don't have to have the Honor of the 4th Degree, Knights with any degree are welcomed to help