

Knights of Columbus
Father Downey Council #4934
Council Members Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 18, 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: **(46)**
- Members on Zoom: **(0)**
- Number of guests in attendance: **(4)**
- Dignitaries in attendance: **(3)**

2. Officers Reports:

- **Chaplain's Message** – Fr. Aldrin stepped aside for Fr. John who requested the additional help of the Brother Knights as greeters & ushers beginning Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion which begins the holiest week of the year; The Paschal Triduum will begin with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday. With one Mass Easter Sunday at St. Gerard, additional Brother Knights will be needed to direct the overflow crowd expected, for parking in the two grass areas. Also, the next parish picnic is scheduled to be held on April 21st and Fr. John emphasized "NO money" everything FREE, for the parishioners and friends to come together, enjoy meeting each other and to partake in good food & libations. See the bulletin in coming weeks for more information. Fr. John told us that Fr. Aldrin, our council's Chaplain, will celebrate 25 years as a Redemptorist Priest on May 15th. A mass will be celebrated around that date followed by a reception in the social hall. Keep an eye on the bulletin for more information. Fr. John closed with a heartfelt thank you to all the Brother Knights for all we do for church, school & community.
- **District Deputy** – John O'Malley's report can be found on page **8**.
- **Deputy Grand Knight** – Chris Hennessy was voted in by the members in attendance 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: Stoney Fraley
 - ❖ Nomination approved

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- Our Worthy DGK was given the floor to explained the Members Information Form gong electronic on our council's website so all the brother's that have not been in attendance will have no excuse in filling out said form.
- Next our Worthy DGK explained the 40+4 Life Campaign; a monetary or baby product donation based on the 40 days of Lent for the Pregnancy Crisis Center in Daytona Beach. See the DGK for complete information,
- Lastly our Worthy DGK with a heartfelt request to the 4th degree members in attendance to think strongly about joining the Color Corp.
- **Chancellor** – Patrick Clark had no report at this time.
 - As a reminder to all members who want to look spiffy, new emblemed shirts are available for purchase. And what Knight doesn't look and feel proud when wearing the color of our council?
- **Recorder** – John Gawdun reported:
 - Minutes from the Council Members Meeting held February 19, 2024 were approved as written.
- **Treasurer** –John Martens reported:
 - As of February 29th, the checkbook bal. was **\$18,462.22** (TD Bank)
 - As of February 29th, the checkbook bal. was **\$5,000.00** (Regions)
 - As of February 29th, the checkbook bal. was **\$1,000.00** (Regions) this account was opened to finance items needed to offer CC purchases of fundraising activities which began with the Friday night fish fry
- **Financial Secretary** – Stoney Fraley will be retiring as Financial Secretary as of April 1st. Stoney explained how important brotherhood is and how it came into play during his recent health issues. If it wasn't for brother Chuck Farrell convincing Stoney to get to the hospital asap with the symptoms he was having, Stoney might not be with us this day. Thank God for giving Chuck one more job to do, that being to convince Stoney to get to the hospital asap. God works in great ways.

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- **Advocate** – Frank McCarron had no report at this time.
 - *Individual copies of our council's By-Laws to be distributed to the new members and transferee*

- **Warden** – Shane Harrington had no report at this time as Warden, but as Captain of Knights on Bikes Council 4934 took the floor and explained the success of his first event held Saturday March 2nd. The highlight of the event was the “Sons of Speed - Vintage Outlaw Racing” at New Smyrna Speedway that afternoon. For those brother's interested in joining Knights on Bikes see Shane our Captain, or email SK Ernie Jackson at 50chevypickup@gmail.com.

- **Trustees** –Allen Spence / Danny Aloise / were absent. Trustee John Pitera, Sr. had no report at this time.

- **Web Master** – Mark Cerretani reported he would be reactivating the council's Facebook account. Check our council's website on occasion for all updates. 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 transfer, *Robert Hook* was voted on for acceptance into our council.
 - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
 - ❖ Motion 2nd by: Jerry Williams
 - ❖ Motion approved

- Our third CUF Exemplification was held at 6:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church, prior to our monthly Council Members Meeting. The CUF team comprised of; Fr. Aldrin, Religious, Patrick Clark, MC, Chris Hennessy, Charity, Jerry Williams, Unity, John Gawdun, Fraternity, Shane Harrington, Warden. There were four candidates Stephen Higgs, Gino Cuchetti, Mark Burke & Jared Burk being initiated in the first three Degrees of the Knights of Columbus. A heartfelt applause and congratulations went out to all. During the Members Meeting a new bible was presented to the new brothers by the Membership Director.

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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 **5**.

- **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 March 20th 7:00 pm sharp at Sacred Heart. The next C.O.R. Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 17th 7:00 pm sharp at OLOH. Mark your calendars.
 - St. Joseph’s Icon will be at Sacred Heart on May 17th celebrated with a Mass. See the bulletin for details.
 - Brother John Pitera Sr. was given the floor and presented the latest update on the **Eucharist Revival**. Detailed information is still available from Brother Pitera.

- **Family** – Patrick Clark had no report at this time.
 - See the *Faith in Action Calendar*, page **5**, which will complete the Family program report.

- **Community** – Director – V A C A N T
 - Community Hot Meals Program (CHMP) our council is scheduled for Monday April 29, 2024, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.
 - The CHMP team is headed by Brothers Eddie Grambo & Glenn Strobel.
 - Ernie Jackson, Worthy DGK from OLOH Council 8086 took the floor and explained in detail the upcoming “Casino Night” being held on April 12th at OLOH Parish Center, 6:30 – 10:30 pm. This fundraiser will benefit the Catholic Schools with-in the Eastern Deanery of Volusia County. Please contact Brother Ernie at 50chevypickup@gmail.com for complete information on what a \$50 Casino Night Ticket includes.

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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.

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

- Next Assembly Meeting March 21, 2024, 7:00 pm.
- Next Officers' / Planning Meeting April 8, 2024, 2:00 pm.
- Next Council Members Meeting April 15, 2024, 7:00 pm.
- Next Assembly Meeting April 25, 2024, 7:00 pm.

Faith in Action Schedule

March 2024

- ✓ 20th C.O.R. 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart
- ✓ 22nd Our final famous fish fry and or pizza – 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm, \$12 or \$8
- ✓ 23rd Laps for Life – Faith in Action, above
- ✓ 24th Palm Sunday – Passion of the Lord, see bulletin for services
- ✓ 28th Holy Thursday – see bulletin for services
- ✓ 29th Good Friday – see bulletin for services
- ✓ 30th Tootsie Roll give away at the Wine Walk, Flager Ave NSB
- ✓ 31st Easter Sunday – see bulletin for services

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- ✓ 7th Doughnuts & coffee 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
- ✓ 21st Parish Picnic – our council to provide BBQ
- ✓ 29th Community Hot Meals Program

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

- **Phill the Box** – received an \$1,000 check in February. Our next donation to SHS will be decided shortly; our total donation to SHS thus far \$8,500.
- The annual Tootsie Roll drive ends March 30th with the Wine Walk on Flagler Ave NSB. Contact Brother John Ekblom to pitch-in. Donations collected thus far \$4,130.

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- An important reminder; Volunteers needed Monday afternoon/evenings, 3:30 pm – 7:30 pm, as grill masters for Bingo. Prep through clean-up.
- Volunteering at the Car Show on Canal Street once a quarter helping with set-up and break down of street barriers. GK has schedule.
- Mentor Program for new Knights
- Officer's duties and responsibilities for future Officer's.

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

- The nominating committee was introduced; Stoney Fraley, Chair, John Martens, Treasurer, Chris Hennessy, DGK & John Gawdun, Recorder. Said committee to present a list of future officers at the April 15th Members Meeting for introduction and to be voted in at the June 17th Members Meeting. Anyone having an interest in becoming an officer please let it be known.
- The "PISTON AWARD" was presented to Shane Harrington, The Captain of the Knights on Bikes Council 4934 for the success of his first event held Saturday March 2nd. The Piston Award will be highly visible in our council's trophy case.

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

9. Fourth Degree – Bob Gillikin, FN, report can be found on page **9**.

10. Good of the Order -

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

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

- **Knight of the Month for February**– ***Richard Oppel***
- **Family of the Month for February**– ***James & Susan Patania***

12. Drawings -

600 Club – 2024:

April's drawing will be the first one for this fundraiser.

50 / 50 drawing:

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Winner: Leo Decker, GK

Drawn By: Shane Harrington

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13. 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 the list of Brother Knights and immediate family members requesting prayers as called out by the GK

14. Grand Knight's Summary – Leo Decker

- Leo Decker went through a little history of the two councils that were once part of the Sacred Heart campus. The former Fr. Michael Dillon Council #13989 chambered at St. Gerard Mission Church in Edgewater lost its Charter. The council fell on hard times through no fault of the remaining members. It was their first council and were all part of its beginning. The many members of Fr. Dillon Council who transferred into the Fr. Downey Council, through the hard work of Terry Cassidy, have volunteered a great deal of time and talent in helping with the continued success of the Fr. Downey Council. Therefore, we will honor the members of the former Fr. Dillon Council by hanging their Charter next to ours with plaques listing their PGK's and two Star Council Award on our Wall of Fame. A hardy round of applause was given as acceptance of this executive order.

15. Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney:

16. "CLOSING CERMONY PER RITUAL"

Meeting was adjourned at **8:20 pm**

John Gawdun, Recorder

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

DD 20 report for March 2024

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

Rick reminded me that we are at a critical juncture of the Columbian Year – eight months completed, only four to go! Leaders play a key role – we are the ones that wind the strands of thread into the unbreakable cable we learned about in the lesson on Unity.

It's also time to assess each council's progress towards Star Council. Forms for the Columbian Award – the SP-7 – are not due until June 30 – sooner to be eligible for state awards – but now is a good time to start filling them out. We need to meet four activities in each of the four Faith in Action areas. I know we've been doing the work, now we just need to document it.

As DD I was asked to report to State Deputy Rick on the progress of each of our councils towards Star Council. That was an easy job.

Father Downey/Sacred Heart Council 4934 is well on its way to 2-Star membership; it's met its Fraternal Benefits Events goals; filed the paperwork (forms 365 and the audit 1728); and has completed Safe Environment training for the four required positions. Our Lady of Hope Council 8086 needs two members; one fraternal benefit night with three members; and training for the community director (which has been completed). Epiphany 12569 needs two members, both fraternal benefit nights with 14 people, and complete in-progress training for the community director.

All three councils held elections for delegates to the state conventions, and all three GKs are registered.

It's also time to start filling forms for state awards. Forms will be posted soon on the state web site. They will be due on April 7.

We have been asked to consider a Polar Plunge District 20 team for next year.

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. For comparison, Central Laps for Life was last Saturday, and they had 23 teams – including 16 different councils – raising more than \$83,000.

Also, the Casino Night at Our Lady of Hope on April 12. Scan the QR code to help raise funds for Catholic schools.

The D20 Cor initiative continues to be a big success, although numbers have been slightly down. Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 20, at Sacred Heart.

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

Epiphany Car Show moved to Sept. 28.

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10. Fourth Degree – Bob Gillikin, Faithful Navigator:

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

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.

Another important reminder; For all the 3rd Degree Brothers looking to step up to the 4th Degree, Patriotism, there will be a 4th Degree Exemplification in Jacksonville on August 24th. Forms need to be filled out, see the Faithful Navigator or our Chancellor.

Any member with a little time please stop by. On May 24th our Assembly will sponsor the Armed Forces picnic at said nursing home. All are welcome, help is needed for prep, delivery & serving.