

Knights of Columbus
Father Downey Council #4934
Council Members Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 15, 2024

A quorum was met, the meeting was called to order by Chancellor Patrick Clark, at
7:05 pm.

1. "OPENING CEREMONY PER RITUAL"

- Members in attendance: **(39)**
- Members on Zoom: **(0)**
- Number of guests in attendance: **(0)**
- Dignitaries in attendance: **(2)**

2. Officers Reports:

- **Chaplain's Message** – Fr. Aldrin announced:
 - Tom Myer's ordination to the diaconate is scheduled for June 8th 10:00 am at the **Basilica of Mary, Queen of the Universe** in Orlando. That afternoon Deacon Tom will assist the Priest at the 4:00 pm Mass, his first, followed by a reception in the social hall. Brothers, if the 4:00 pm Mass is not your usual Mass please consider doubling up for that one weekend to support our new Deacon.
- **District Deputy** – John O'Malley's report can be found on page **7**.
- **Deputy Grand Knight** – Chris Hennessy was on excused leave.
 - A reminder from our Worthy DGK that the Members Information Form will be available electronically on our council's website in the very near future so all the brothers that have not been in attendance will have no excuse to fill out said form. Watch your emails for posting & instructions.
 - Even while on excused leave our Worthy DGK is looking for the 4th degree members of our council to think strongly about joining the Color Corp.
- **Chancellor** – Patrick Clark had no report at this time.
 - As a reminder though to all members who want to look spiffy, new emblmed shirts are available for purchase. And what Knight doesn't look and feel proud when wearing the color of our council?

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- **Recorder** – John Gawdun reported:
 - Minutes from the Council Members Meeting held March 18, 2024, were approved as written.

- **Treasurer** –John Martens reported:
 - As of March 31st, the checkbook bal. (TD Bank) was \$ no report.
 - As of March 31st, the checkbook bal. (Regions)was **\$21,132.00**.
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 - John Martens, the “chef de cuisine” of our Friday night fish fry's during Lent reported a net income of \$5,100 +. The best fish fry fundraiser yet. A heartfelt applause and congratulations went out to all the brothers that worked so hard in making this so successful.

- **Financial Secretary** – Roland Medeiros had no report at this time.

- **Council's Financial Officer** – Jerome Williams was on excused leave.

- **Advocate** – Frank McCarron had no report at this time.
 - *Individual copies of our council's By-Laws will be given to the two new members voted in this evening.*

- **Warden** – Shane Harrington had no report at this time as Warden.

- **Captain of Knights on Bikes Council 4934** – Shane Harrington.
 - For those brothers interested in joining Knights on Bikes see Shane our Captain, after the meeting. Knights of Columbus flags will be available for the Knights on Bikes members shortly to be proudly displayed on the back of your bike. Theres also a Knights on Bikes ride scheduled for Friday April 26th to the Tallahassee area. See Shane for further details and sign up sheet.

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

- **Web Master** – Mark Cerretani: 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.

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3. Membership Report – Patrick Clark reported:

- Two new members were voted on for acceptance into our council.
 - ❖ Motion brought to floor by Patrick Clark for **Dave Zettle**
 - ❖ Motion 2nd by: Rick Oppel
 - ❖ Motion approved.

 - ❖ Motion brought to floor by Patrick Clark for **Paul Laumer**
 - ❖ Motion 2nd by: John Ekblom
 - ❖ 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 is comprised of Fr. Aldrin, Religious, Patrick Clark, MC, Stoney Fraley, Charity, John Gawdun, Unity, John Stratman, Fraternity, Roland Medeiros and John O'Malley, DD acting, Wardens. There were two candidates, Dave Zettle and Paul Laumer being initiated in the first three Degrees of the Knights of Columbus. A heartfelt applause and congratulations went out to them.

4. Faith in Action Programs – Program Director, Chris Hennessy was on excused leave.

- For scheduled family activities see *Faith in Action Calendar* page **5**.

- **Faith** – Charles Farrell reported for the final time as he is stepping down and being replaced by Worthy Brother Stephen Higgs.
 - 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 Scripture readings leading up to the next Sunday.
 - C.O.R. Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 17th 7:00 pm sharp at OLOH. Easter bonfire with music, prayer and food, families welcomed. The next C.O.R. Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 15th 7:00 pm sharp at Church of the Epiphany. Mark your calendars.
 - St. Joseph's Icon will be at Sacred Heart on May 8th celebrated with a Mass. See the bulletin for details.

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- John Pitera discussed the Knights of Columbus Eucharistic Procession that will be held after the 10:30 Mass June 2. The Procession is following guidelines of the Eucharistic Revival National Organization and Knights of Columbus. Please add this to your calendar since we would like to have excellent participation representing Father Downey Council 4934. Next month we will have signup sheets since the Knights will be key participants and contributors. The date and procession honor the Solemnity of Corpus Christi and reminds us that we are called to go out with enthusiasm and bring Jesus to others we meet in our daily lives.

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

- **Community** – Director – Nick Stuart
 - Community Hot Meals Program (CHMP) our council is scheduled for Monday April 29, & May 20, 2024, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. The CHMP team is headed by the Brothers Eddie Grambo & Glenn Strobel, “chef’s de cuisine.”
 - 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.

- **Life** – Richard Ross reported:
 - Brother Rich gave an informative verbal report on the 8th Annual Terry Cassidy Laps for Life that was held on March 23, 2024, at Father High School. A respectable turnout from our council helped District 20 look strong again.

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

- Next Assembly Meeting April 25, 2024, 7:00 pm.
- Next Officers’ / Planning Meeting May 13, 2024, 2:00 pm.
- Next Council Members Meeting May 20, 2024, 7:00 pm.
- Next Assembly Meeting May 23, 2024, 7:00 pm.

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Faith in Action Schedule

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- ✓ 12th Casino Night – see Community Program.
- ✓ 13th SHS Golf Outing – foursomes filled; tee times set.
- ✓ 17th C.O.R. 7:00 pm at OLOH
- ✓ 21st Parish Picnic – our council to provide BBQ.
- ✓ 24th AARP Smart Driver Course, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon, Fr. Burke Hall.
- ✓ 26th Knights on Bikes ride to Tallahassee area.
- ✓ 26th AARP Smart Driver Course, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon, Fr. Burke Hall.
- ✓ 28th Diocesan Special Collection, Black Indian Mission
- ✓ 29th Community Hot Meals Program

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- ✓ 8th St. Joseph's Icon will be at Sacred Heart. See the bulletin for details.

6. Unfinished Business: - Leo Decker is on excused leave.

- ✓ Several important reminders from previous Members Meetings.
 - Volunteers needed Monday afternoon/evenings, 3:30 pm – 7:30 pm, as grill master's for Bingo. Prep through clean-up.
 - Volunteering at the Car Show on Canal Street once a quarter helping with set-up and breakdown of street barriers. GK has a schedule.
 - Mentor Program for new Knights.
 - Officer's duties and responsibilities for future Officer's.

7. New Business: - Leo Decker is on excused leave.

- ✓ Another important reminder from last month's Members Meeting.
 - The nominating committee of Stoney Fraley, Chair, John Martens, Treasurer, Chris Hennessy, DGK & John Gawdun, Recorder presented a list of candidates of officers for our council. Anyone not on the candidates list interested in running for office please let a member of the nominating committee know post haste. Members in attendance at the June 17th meeting will vote to fill each seat of the executive board.

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

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9. Fourth Degree – Bob Gillikin, FN, report can be found on page **8**.

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 April 2024** – **John Martens**
- **Family of the Month for April 2024** – **Michael and Allison Berard**

12. Drawings -

600 Club – 2023 drawing:

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Ticket #

(124) \$50 – Shirley Britton

059) \$100 – Efren Chavez

(327) \$150 – Caleb Oylar

Winners drawn by: John Ekblom

50 / 50 drawing:

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Jim Patania

Roland Medeiros



13. Names of Brother Knights or Immediate Family of Brother Knights that requested to be added to our council's prayer list: –Read by our Chancellor

- See our council's website for the list of Brother Knights and immediate family members requesting prayers as called out by the Chancellor.

14. Grand Knight's Summary – Leo Decker, Grand Knight on excused leave.

15. Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney:

16. "CLOSING CERMONY PER RITUAL"

Meeting was adjourned at **7:55 pm**

John Gawdun, Recorder

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

DD 20 report for April 2024

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

St. Joseph Icon returning: **Downey May 7-13; 8086 May 14-20; Epiphany May 21-27**. Will start working on transfer the Icon in and out of our District.

Our district has met its requirements for training and fraternal benefit events, only needs one new member at Epiphany and two at OLOH (and two for 2-star at Sacred Heart!), pending the mid-month Star Tracker update.

The only thing remaining for Star Council is the SP-7 for the Columbian Award. There will be an SP-7 webinar on April 25.

The state will be pulling the necrology report from the state website on April 17, so each council is requested to update its rosters prior to that date to ensure accurate reporting.

One idea for training is shortly into the next Columbian Year is for key officers to get together on a Saturday morning to take the Praesidium Academy training/background checks together (GK/Prog Dir/Family/Community), to get it out of the way early.

The D20 Cor initiative continues to be a big success, although numbers have been slightly down. Our next meeting is Wednesday, April 17, at Our Lady of Hope.

The Casino Night at Our Lady of Hope on April 12. Knights assisting the Catholic schools in the Eastern Deanery. Scan the QR code.

We would like to welcome Brother Roland Medeiros, the new Financial Secretary for Father Downey Council.

I would also like to thank those who participated in Coastal Laps for Life.

The Epiphany Car Show has been moved to Sept. 28.

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9. Fourth Degree – Bob Gillikin, Faithful Navigator Assembly #2794,

From my perch, Casino Night was slow in starting up but after the first hour you could not find a seat at any of the gaming tables or use the jail. Lines were forming at each table which was very encouraging. The members of your council had a real workout with all the different tickets they were selling and the use of The Square for charge cards. And we thank your council profusely for their due diligence. As of this date the actual NET coming from this evening's gaming won't be known for another week or so. Then of course it must be determined how much each school receives.

Our Flag Raising Program was presented to about 150 Brother SKs at the bi-annual meeting of State Assembly's in Orlando. As you may remember the Flag Raising Program honors veterans or family or friends. Every first day of the month, rain, or shine, we raise a new flag and retire the current one. We also created a poster with basic information about those honored with the last line dedicated to those who requested the flag service. We invite the new family and the previous family to attend. The Assembly is presently booked through October 2025.

An important reminder; The first Thursday of each month at the Emory L. Bennet Nursing Home in Daytona, in-person bingo. There are several veterans, and each one is in a wheelchair and can use some assistance with the bingo cards. It was emphasized again that any Knight, you don't have to have the Honor of the 4th Degree, Knights with any degree are welcomed to help.

May 20th The Armed Forces Cookout will take place. Two teams are needed, the first team to prep and cook. The second team serves and cleans up afterwards. Again, I emphasize that any Knight, you don't have to have the Honor of the 4th Degree, Knights with any degree are welcome to help. Your Worthy Grand Knight will have UpToDate information waiting for him to return from R&R.

I will be enjoying my R&R from April 24th - May 19th. My executive officers will be available to keep the ships afloat. Again, your Worthy Grand Knight knows who to contact if necessary.