

Knights of Columbus
Father Downey Council #4934
Council Members Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 20, 2024

A quorum was met, the meeting was called to order by Grand Knight, Leo Decker at
7:00 pm.

1. "OPENING CEREMONY PER RITUAL"

- Members in attendance: **(34)**
- Members on Zoom: **(2)**
- Number of guests in attendance: **(1)**
- Dignitaries in attendance: **(1)**

2. Officers Reports:

- **Chaplain's Message** – Fr. Aldrin announced:
 - A reminder that Tom Myer's Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate is scheduled for June 8th 10:00 am at the **Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe** in Orlando. That afternoon Decon Tom will assist the Priest at the 4:00 pm Mass, at Sacred Heart, his first, followed by a reception in the social hall. Decon Tom will also assist Fr. John the next day at the 10:00 am Mass at St. Gerard. No reception.
- **District Deputy** – John O'Malley's report can be found on page **7**.
- **Deputy Grand Knight** – Chris Hennessy reported:
 - That 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.
 - Sign-up sheets for various fundraisers, kitchen help for BINGO & CHMP, volunteering at the Car Show on Canal Street and the list goes on. Check out the sheets, pick something and get involved.
 - The 40+4 Life Campaign; based on the 40 days of Lent for the Pregnancy Crisis Center in Daytona Beach donated \$1,000, along with bags of diapers.
 - A \$2,000 check was donated to the Miracle League. Said funds were set aside from our council's Tootsie Roll Give Away.
 - Our Worthy DGK is asking for names of 4th degree members of our council that are considering joining the Color Corp.

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- 600 Club – 2024 has reached \$4,500 of budget. We as a council need to do better. There are prizes for top sellers. It is planned to end noticeable 600 Club ticket sales probably June 30th and change over to the Football Mania game cards. The first pro-football game is on Thursday September 5th, sixty-seven days from June 30th.
- **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 does not look and feel proud when wearing the color of our council?
- **Recorder** – John Gawdun excused, GK Leo Decker reported:
 - Minutes from the Council Members Meeting held April 15, 2024, were approved as written.
- **Treasurer** – John Martens reported:
 - As of April 30th, the checking account at (TD Bank) was closed.
 - As of April 30th, the checkbook bal. (Regions) was **\$ 20,740.00.**
 - As of April 30th, the checkbook bal. (Regions) was **\$ 1,206.11.**
 - All bills have been paid.
- **Financial Secretary** – Roland Medeiros reported:
 - All paperwork for Aid & Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) donation of \$3,500 to the Pregnancy Crisis Center has been submitted for \$400 matching funds. We donated another \$1,000 last week and I will be submitting a claim for \$200 in matching funds.
- **Council's Financial Advisor** – Jerome Williams reported:
 - \$2,000 from our interest-bearing CD's has been earmarked for charities; The first \$1,000 will be donated to Our Lady of Hope Assembly 2794.
 - Our council's 2024 – 2025 Fraternal Year Budget; motion to approve said budget was brought to the floor by Stoney Fraley, second by John Martens, budget was approved.
- **Advocate** – Frank McCarron had no report at this time.

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- **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 \$20 for the Knights on Bikes members to be proudly displayed on the back of your bike. There's also a Knights on Bikes ride coming up Thursday May 23rd from Epiphany to St. Cloud. See Shane for further details and future rides.
- **Trustees** – Danny Aloise was absent. Trustees Alan Spence & John Pitera, Sr. were present.
 - John Pitera, Sr. had redesigned our council's birthday card which was approved by the officers for use throughout the 2024 – 2025 Fraternal Year. Thank you, Brother, for your design work.
- **Web Master** – Mark Cerretani reported:
 - Please check our council's website on occasion for all updates. If any member is having difficulty in setting up an account or signing-in, see the Web Master after the meeting.

3. Membership Report – Patrick Clark reported:

One new transferee was voted on for acceptance into our council.

- ❖ Motion brought to floor by Patrick Clark for **Tom Robertson**
- ❖ Motion 2nd by: John Ekblom
- ❖ Motion approved.

4. Faith in Action Programs – Program Director, Chris Hennessy reported:

- Constant reminder: A written report is necessary from the Directors if they want it to be made part of the minutes, otherwise, it will be stated that only a verbal report was given.
- Our Worthy Chaplain, Fr. Aldrin will be celebrating the Silver Jubilee of his Ordination on The Feast of Pentecost, May 19th, and will be presented with a Knights of Columbus Priest stole.

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- **Faith** – Director Stephen Higgs 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 Scripture readings leading up to the next Sunday.
 - The next C.O.R. Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 19th 7:00 pm sharp at Sacred Heart.
 - The Final C.O.R. Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday July 17th 7:00 pm OLOH.
 - 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. We would like to have excellent participation representing Father Downey Council 4934. There are 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.

- **Community** – Director – Nick Stuart
 - Community Hot Meals Program (CHMP) our council was scheduled for Monday May 20, 2024. Did not happen, the teams were double-booked, and we backed out. The remaining dates are July 29, August 19, September 30, November 18 & December 30. Mark your calendars. The CHMP team is headed by the Brothers Eddie Grambo & Glenn Strobel, “chef's de cuisine.”

- **Life** – Richard Ross had no report at this time.

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

- Next Assembly Meeting May 23, 2024, 7:00 pm.
- Next Officers' / Planning Meeting June 10, 2024, 2:00 pm.
- Next Council Members Meeting June 17, 2024, 7:00 pm.
- Next Assembly Meeting June 27, 2024, 7:00 pm.

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

- Phill the Box – received a \$1,400 check in April. Our next donation to Sacred Heart School will be decided shortly.
- 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 all Officer's.

7. New Business: - Leo Decker reported:

- My congratulations to all the new Officers elected for the 2024 – 2025 Fraternal Year by the council members present at our May 20th Members Meeting. The entire slate of candidates was voted into office with a motion from Stoney Fraley, second by Tim Meade. I ask the members to give the new Officers and our Program Directors all the help they ask for so our council will continue to grow in membership so our donations to our church, school and community will also continue to grow.
- On May 23rd, Worthy Brother Jim Burns and I handed out seven checks to the Top-Grade Winners from the 8th grade at Sacred Heart. We gave out two \$500 checks, one to the Top Girl and one to the Top Boy, both will be attending Father Lopez this fall. We also gave out five \$100 checks to the five students who earned straight A's throughout the 8th grade school year.
- Jacob Small, the winner of the International Soccer Challenge for all ten-year-olds, was presented with a trophy at the Sacred Heart School Award Ceremony. Congratulations Jacob.
- Our council presented Coach Christina Call with a plaque for her hard work and determination as a coach and mentor to the students.

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

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

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

- **Knight of the Month for May 2024 – Stoney Fraley**
- **Family of the Month for May 2024 – Paul and Jean Arnold**

12. Drawings -

600 Club – 2023 drawing:

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- () \$50 – Mary Sealy
- () \$100 – Morgan O’Conner
- () \$150 – Dennis Vitali

Winners drawn by Ernie Jackson (8086)

50 / 50 drawing:

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Chris Hennessy - winner

13. Names of Brother Knights or Immediate Family of Brother Knights that requested to be added to our council’s prayer list:

- See our council’s website for the list of Brother Knights and immediate family members requesting prayers as called out by the Grand Knight

14. Grand Knight’s Summary – Leo Decker, Grand Knight reported:

- As Grand Knight I want to thank all of you with the sincerity I hold true for all that you Brothers did and continue to do for our parish, school, and community. Our Council has grown in members and expanded our charitable efforts this fraternal year like never before. We must keep discovering new ways to raise funds so we can help our parish, school & community. A time for our new members to step up and shine.

15. Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney:

16. “CLOSING CERMONY PER RITUAL”

Meeting was adjourned at **8:10 pm**

John Gawdun, Recorder

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

DD report for May 24

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. Icon was stolen but returned.

State Convention update: Supreme Treasurer Ronald Schwartz; regional seminary director Fr. Alberto Hernandez attending. Friday 3-5, training workshops: K of C Charities fund; C.O.R.; state and supreme website; safe environment training.

Star Tracker:

4934: completed all requirements for Star Council; needs 1/2 for 2-Star (forms submitted)

8086: Needs two candidates (two in prospects), SP-7

12569: Needs SP-7

Virtual benefit event on May 22 at 7 p.m.

C.O.R. next meeting Wednesday, May 15, at Epiphany. Nine meetings accomplished, three remaining for Columbian year. Numbers trending down, need to rejuvenate initiative, need new point people for next year.

New ASAP initiative, "Pass the Hat." Supreme matches 25% of collective contributions of state councils up to \$50,000 by the end of May to one selected location in each diocese (Choices Women's Clinic in Orlando for Orlando Diocese). First \$35,000 from the State Helping Life Fund (from previous donations). Looking for pledges from councils to make up the difference, pledges by May 26 (end of state convention), funds by June 30.

How do we support Bishops on Amendment 4? Article in April Invocation.

Extra incentive for June membership drive to be announced at Convention.

Only 10 competed in the State hockey competition. Need to have forms, special round at Parish Picnic.

Bringing banner to convention? Parade of banners prior to opening ceremony.

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

With our Faithful Navigator, Bob Gillikin, just returning from a well-deserved vacation I thought I would list a few monthly activities that will most likely need help from our members.

Our Flag Raising Program, honoring veterans or family or friends, is scheduled for the first day of the month, rain, or shine. A new flag is raised in place of the current one that will be retired. A poster is created 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 Flag Raising Program is presently booked through late 2025.

Also, 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.

The Armed Forces Cookout took place on Monday May 20th, the day of our Council Members Meeting. Our Faithful Navigator will fill us in on how successful the cookout was.

Also, on Saturday May 25th our Assembly will be placing flags on the graves of Veterans at Sea Pines Memorial Gardens in Edgewater. Start time 10:00 hrs.

Also, the Installation of Officers ceremony will be held June 1st at 11:00 hrs. at Our Lady of Hope Church with our Worthy District Deputy, John O'Malley presiding.

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.