

Knights of Columbus
Father Downey Council #4934
Council Members Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 17, 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: **(42)**
- Members on Zoom: **(3)**
- Number of guests in attendance: **(4)**
- Dignitaries in attendance: **(2)**

2. Officers Reports:

- **Chaplain's Message** – Fr. Aldrin announced:
 - That every Tuesday after the 8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart there will be a Novena for Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Please try and attend now and again.
- **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.
 - 600 Club – 2024 is ending noticeable ticket sales June 30th which means no more selling before and after Masses at both churches. If someone approaches you wanting to purchase a 600 Club ticket, please feel free to sell them as many they wish to buy. We will immediately 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?

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- **Recorder** – John Gawdun reported:
 - Minutes from the Council Members Meeting held May 20, 2024, were approved as written.

- **Treasurer** – John Martens reported:
 - As of May 31st, the checkbook bal. (Regions) was **\$14,589.50**
 - As of May 31st, 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 \$1,500 last week and I will be submitting a claim for \$300 in matching funds.

- **Council's Financial Advisor** – Jerome Williams reported:
 - That he received notification that the RFP for the safety door project for Sacred Heart Church was approved by the State of Florida and can now be advertised for engineering, fabrication and installation.

- **Advocate** – Frank McCarron reported on the need for help at SVdP to unload deliveries by food trucks and make up food bags for distribution to those in need.

- **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. No report at this time.

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- **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 had no report at this time:

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

- A 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.
- **Faith** – Director Stephen Higgs is excused for this meeting:
 - 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 reported on the successful Knights of Columbus Eucharistic Procession that was held after the 10:30 Mass June 2. The Procession followed guidelines of the Eucharistic Revival National Organization and Knights of Columbus. We had 130 +/- honoring the Solemnity of Corpus Christi reminding us that we are called to go out with enthusiasm and bring Jesus to others we meet in our daily lives.
- **Family** – Director Patrick Clark asked our GK to report on the checks given out to the students who far exceeded their classmates in grades.
 - On May 23rd, Worthy Brother Jim Burns and Grand Knight, Leo Decker 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.

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- 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.
- **Community** – Director Nick Stuart is on a well-earned vacation:
 - He called to remind the brothers of our council that we are scheduled to prep, serve and clean-up for the Community Hot Meals Program (CHMP) on July 29th. The remaining schedule for the calendar year is as follows, 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** – Director Richard Ross had a fine verbal report on the Pregnancy Crisi Center in Daytona and the future Laps of Life.

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

- Next Assembly Meeting June 27, 2024, 7:00 pm.
- Next Officers' / Planning Meeting July 8, 2024, 2:00 pm.
- Next Council Members Meeting July 15, 2024, 7:00 pm.
- Next Assembly Meeting July 25, 2024, 7:00 pm.

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

- Phill the Box – received a \$1,400 check in May. 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.

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7. New Business: - Leo Decker reported:

- Fr. Aldrin was asked to be our Chaplain for the next Fraternal Year, and he accepted to a loud round of applause.
- Decon Tom Myer was introduced as a member of our council to another loud round of applause and accepted two gifts from our council: A Blessed Michael McGivney Stole & Council Shirt.
- The C.O.R. program is coming to an end for the 23 – 24 Fraternal Year and with that in mind a committee will be formed by members from the three councils in District 20 to discuss a different strategy for the coming Fraternal Year. Watch your emails for updates in the coming months.
- The Medical Transportation Vehicle manned by the American Legion Post 285; Edgewater was on display in our parking lot. Driven in by Brother SK Glenn Space who took the floor and explained how said vehicle was used to aid any veteran who needed transportation to all venues.

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

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

- **Knight of the Month for June 2024** – **Patrick Clark**
- **Knight of the Year** – **Patrick Clark**
- **Family of the Month for June 2024** – **Chase and Geeta**

12. Drawings -

600 Club – 2023 drawing:

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(**020**) \$50 – Pauleen Watson
(**066**) \$100 – David Cevasco
(**042**) \$150 – Mark Cerretani

50 / 50 drawing:

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Allen Spence - winner
Winner drawn by Roland Medeiros
Winners drawn by Richard Ross.

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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:

- 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:

Our council was represented at the yearly convention by our Financial Secretary Roland Medeiros and me, which turned out to be a great experience. I was able to purchase a book entitled "One Knight's Journey" written by Scott A. O'Connor who autographed it for us and it's here for all to read.

During the awards portion of the convention our council received three awards: our council took 2nd place in the State of Florida for "Family Program," Patrick Clark Director. We took 3rd place for our "Life Program," Richard Ross Director. We took 3rd place for our "Community Program," Stoney Fraley Director. A nice round of applause honored those three Program Directors.

- 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 **8:05 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,

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 2025.

Also, an important reminder; The first Thursday of each month, yes even on July 4th, 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.

Also, on Saturday May 25th our Assembly placed 250 flags on the graves of Veterans at Sea Pines Memorial Gardens in Edgewater. It was humbling to see Richard Ross from your council step back and salute each grave site after placing a flag.

Also, the Installation of Officers ceremony was held June 1st 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 south Jacksonville actual in the town of Switzerland, on August 24th. Forms need to be filled out, see the Faithful Navigator or our Chancellor.

In closing The Worthy Faithful Navigator, Bob Gillikin presented our Grand Knight Leo Decker, with "The Knights of Columbus Resolution of Appreciation" to show his appreciation to the brothers of Fr. Downey Council 4934 for showing him our upmost respect and attention when visiting our council.