

Knights of Columbus
Father Downey Council #4934
Council Members Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 21, 2025, at 7:00 pm

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

Before the actual **Members Meeting** began, GK, Leo Decker recognized Betty and Kathy of the American Legion for their work at Sacred Heart Bingo. These ladies both cook & serve every Monday afternoon/evening as a great help for our council. Thank you, ladies.

1. "OPENING CEREMONY PER RITUAL"

- Members in attendance: **(54)**
- Members on Zoom: **(0)**
- Number of guests in attendance: **(0)**
- Dignitaries in attendance: **(1)**
- Members reciting the rosary before the meeting: **(34)**

2. Officers Reports:

- **Chaplain's Message** – A past reminder from Fr. Aldrin, that every Tuesday after the 8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart there will be a Novena for Our Mother of Perpetual Help. At Saint Gerard on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 am there will be an Intercessory Prayer Hour. The purpose is to come together to support each other and pray for friends and family in our faith community for their special needs.
- **District Deputy** – John O'Malley presented a comprehensive report on all the activities planned or being planned in our district. See page **7**.
- **Deputy Grand Knight** – Chris Hennessy was on excused leave:
 - The 2025 600 Club is now in winner's payout mode. Maybe it's time to step outside the box and hit family & friends explaining how important this fundraiser is to the charities we support. Tell them there are payouts of \$100 & \$200 each month for (8) more months with a grand prize of \$1,000 to be drawn at our January spaghetti and meat-da-ball dinner. We intend to continue selling hyping the \$1,000 grand prize.
 - A notice to all members attending the **Council Members Meetings**, bring your rosary, if you don't have it with you a \$1 fine will be collected by Jared Burke, Outside Guard, and put into the **good-of-the-order** safe.

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- **Chancellor** – Patrick Clark, had nothing to report at this time.
 - A continued reminder from previous meetings to all members who want to look spiffy, new emblomed shirts and hats are available for purchase. And what Knight does not look and feel proud when wearing the color of our council?
- **Recorder** – John Gawdun on excused absence; GK Leo Decker stepped up and requested approval of the minutes from the March 21, 2025, **Members Meetings**, which were approved as **written**.
- **Treasurer** –John Martens:
 - As of March 31st, the primary checkbook balance was **\$28,600.37**.
 - As of March 31st, the secondary checkbook for CC purchases balance was **\$1,577.87**.
 - All bills are paid.
- **Financial Secretary** – Roland Medeiros had no report at this time.
 - This is an important repeat by our DGK from last month; The Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity response by our council was very poor, making it necessary for the DGK to step in and insist that we all begin to log our monthly hours of Fraternal Activities so our hours for this calendar year are easily combined for total hours per category next December.
 - A continuous reminder from previous meetings is that there are still dues that are unpaid and have cost our council per capita charges and assessments for those unpaid members. Please take care of your yearly financial responsibility to the council.
[If you find yourself in a financial bind due to health issues, unemployment or other unforeseen financial obligations and cannot find the extra money to pay your dues please explain your situation in writing addressed to the Grand Knight who will place it before the officers for a decision. Thank you.] made known by John Gawdun
- **Council's Financial Advisor** – Jerome Williams had nothing to report.
- **Advocate** – Frank McCarron had nothing to report.
- **SVdP Watchdog** - Frank McCarron reported the need for food delivery teams, more so now that the "snowbirds" have begun their journey home.
- **Warden** – Shane Harrington was on excused leave.

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- **Captain of Knights on Bikes Council 4934** – Shane Harrington was on excused leave.
- **Trustees** –3-year Robert Hook, reported all bank statements reconciled. 1-year Jerry Williams & 2-year John Pitera, Sr. were on excused leave.
- **Web Master** – Mark Cerretani was on excused leave.
 - From past meetings, our Web Master explained to the newbies our council's website and how to access it. If any member is still having difficulty in setting up an account or signing-in, see him after the meeting. Also, in time, all types of forms will be available to be downloaded like our council's calendar for upcoming events. Great job Mark.

3. Membership Report – Patrick Clark reported:

- One new candidate **Chris Broadwater** was voted for acceptance by our council.
 - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
 - ❖ Motion 2nd by: Norm Martin
 - ❖ Motion approved
- One new candidate **James Burns III** was voted for acceptance by our council.
 - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
 - ❖ Motion 2nd by: Norm Martin
 - ❖ Motion approved
- One new candidate **Angel Flores** was voted for acceptance by our council.
 - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
 - ❖ Motion 2nd by: Norm Martin
 - ❖ Motion approved
- One new candidate **Michael Fynmore** was voted for acceptance by our council.
 - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
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- One new candidate **Frank Pinzino** was voted for acceptance by our council.
 - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
 - ❖ Motion 2nd by: Norm Martin
 - ❖ Motion approved

- One new candidate **Phil West** was voted for acceptance by our council.
 - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
 - ❖ Motion 2nd by: Norm Martin
 - ❖ Motion approved

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

- A reminder from the Recorder: A written report from the Directors is needed 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 was on excused leave:
 - Reported by the Grand Knight: An important monthly reminder that every Saturday between 9:00 am – 3:00 pm “Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament” is open to all in the Chapel. Also see the bulletin for bible study groups mornings and evenings.

- **Family** – Director Patrick Clark reported:
 - The SHS banquet is to be held Wednesday April 30th. Serving and clean-up personal is needed. Please contact Patrick for time and attire.

- **Community** – Director Nick Stuart reported:
 - Next Community Hot Meals Program (CHMP) will be May 19th. The CHMP elite team is headed by Brother Nick Stuart, Director, with elite team members supervising preparation are Brother's Eddie Grambo & Glenn Strobel, “chef's de cuisine.” The next CHMP meal is scheduled for June 30th. Yea, it looks like another month off. Count the days.
 - A new item on the 2025 agenda will be the “Stars Program” where the stars from flags no longer in use to be cut out, attached to a prayer card and inserted into a sized plastic bag for handouts Memorial Day and Veterans Day weekends for donations only. A preliminary team has been formed with the need for additional members.

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- **Life** – Director Ross presented a comprehensive report on the activities planned or being planned under the Life Action Program in our district.
 - The following, is some of the highlights from two months ago. Laps for Life to be held on Sunday May 4th at Our Lady of Hope. By the time you receive these minutes the Laps for Life will have been held. Hope many of you had the time to participated.
 - The Pregnancy Crisis Center Daytona are in dire need of diapers, size 4, 5 & 6 plus boxes of baby wipes. Donations of these items can be used for the **40 for Life** program. In fact, after the **Officers' Meeting** on April 14th Director Ross, his assistant Tim Meade, and others delivered all the diapers, baby wipes we had on hand plus a donation check for \$1,000.00. See an upcoming church bulletin for pictures & write up.

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

- **C.O.R. Meeting:** April 22, 2025, at Sacred Heart – 6:30 pm
- **OLOH Assembly 2794 Meeting:** April 24, 2025, – 7:00 pm
- **4th Degree Exemplification** April 26, 2025, at Bradenton.
- **1st, 2nd, & 3rd Degree Exemplification** Tuesday May 6th at SH, 6:00 pm
- **Officers/Planning Meeting** May 12, 2025, – 2:00 pm
- **Council Members Meeting** May 19, 2025, – 7:00 pm

6. Grand Knight's Talking Points – Leo Decker

- Phil the Box has not issued a check yet for the month of April.
- Volunteers still needed for Monday Bingo, 3:30 pm – 7:30 pm for prep, serve & clean-up.
- 600 Club 2025 1st drawing during this month's **Members Meeting**.

7. Field Agent – Jim Booritch, Field Agent reported:

- There is a simple way to sign up Catholic men who want to join the Knights of Columbus, and that's by using the K of C QR code which was sent out via email to those members on Jim Booritch's address list. New members of the K of C using this method still has to have his Form 100 voted on and approved to become a member of our council.

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8. Fourth Degree – Sam Tedesco, Faithful Navigator Assembly 2794 was not in attendance:

The following info was emailed to me for the minutes by Bob Gillikin, PFN Assembly 2794. The Veteran Bingo will be held Thursday May 1st. The Vet Picnic at the Emory Bennett VA Nursing Home will be Monday May 12th with two teams needed. One at the OLOH parish Center to cook starting at 8:30 am and the serving team at the home at 10:45 – 11:00 am. Our last event for May is the Flag Placement at Sea Pines Cemetery on Saturday May 24th at 10:00 am.

9. not used –

10. Good of the Order -

- **Lecturer's Reflection** – Deacon Tom Meyer's presentation reminds us of a great civic motto said aloud by the late President John F. Kennedy. See Deacon Tom's report on page **8**.

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

- Knight of the Month for April 2025 – **Shane Harrington**
- Family of the Month for April 2025 – **Gloria Ligiri**

12. Drawings -

600 Club – 2025 1st drawing:

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Ticket #

(??) \$100 – **unknown**

(??) \$200 – **unknown**

50 / 50 drawing:

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Phil Robinson - winner

50/50 Winner drawn by David Jenkins

\$100 & \$200 Winners drawn by **unknown**

13. Names of Brother Knights and Immediate Family members of Brother Knights that requested to be added to our council's prayer list.

Let's keep all our brothers and their immediate family members in our prayers.

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14. Grand Knight's Summary – Non given because of the length of the meeting.

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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District Deputy – John O'Malley, District 20 report for April 2025,

Greetings from Patrick Kelly and Rick Hughes.

On behalf of SM Patrick Kelly and SD Rick Hughes, I wish you a successful conclusion of the Lenten season and a very Happy Easter.

Congratulations to Council 4934 for reaching Double-Star, joining 8086. Epiphany 12569 is also closing in on another Star Council.

April will be a busy month. Epiphany held a Fraternal Benefit Event with 14 attendees, meeting the requirement; all three councils were busy with Holy Week activities. OLOH had a dozen bocce volunteers at the Special Olympics on April 5.

We have Cor on Tuesday, April 22, at Sacred Heart. OLOH will host on May 27.

Looking ahead, we have council elections and the State Convention (in Jacksonville) in May; Looking forward to seeing two new Grand Knights; also, thanks to all three councils for nominating their delegates to the convention.

OLOH cancelled the grocery drop on April 25 – the same morning as SK Bob Dytkowski's funeral, and the Parish Picnic and Terry Cassidy Memorial Coastal Laps for Life on Sunday, May 4, with three K of C sports. Epiphany has a Neil Dymond tribute concert on Saturday, May 10.

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Lecturer's Reflection – Deacon Tom Meyer's presentation:

One of the late President John F. Kennedy's best-known-phrase was: "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

It is a great civic motto, which goes against the attitude of those who expect to get the best of a situation by doing nothing, and it praises those who put the general interest of the country before their own.

This phrase could also be paraphrased like this: "Ask not what the Church can do for you; ask what you can do for the Church" or it could also be said in the opposite way.

What makes us as Knights so special is that we choose the first version while others may ask: "what the church can do for them."

In my time serving in ministry here at Sacred Heart I have met both. I have met many, especially among the Knights of Columbus, who are focused on how to serve, how to help and put their gifts at the service of God and others.

If all the Christians were like those who are always wondering what the Church can do for them, there would be no Church.

Thanks be to God for men like you who make sure that there has been, there are and there will be a Church. So, why do we do it? It's not about recognition for us individually, it's about doing the right thing, to support our parish, our school, and our community.

Our mission is crystal clear. The author of 2nd Timothy describes exactly what a Knight of Columbus is, "a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, and ready for every good work."

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