

Knights of Columbus
Father Downey Council #4934
Council Members Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 15, 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: **(47)**
- Members on Zoom: **(4)**
- Number of guests in attendance: **(5)**
- Dignitaries in attendance: **(1)**

2. Officers Reports:

- **Chaplain's Message** – Fr. Aldrin is at The National Eucharistic Revival in Indianapolis and expected to return on the 24th.
- 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 presented a comprehensive report on all the activities planned or being planned in our district. He wished us a Happy New Year as the New Fraternal Year begins. Much of said 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.
 - With the New Fraternal Year beginning, the Officer's proposed that the rosary will be recited before every **Members Meeting** in the church, beginning at 6:15 pm. There were 28 brothers reciting the rosary for the first time. Next month's **Members Meeting** will be held at St. Gerard on August 19th, same time same everything. Fr. Burke's Hall will be tented and fumigated for termites.
 - A notice to all members attending all future **Members Meetings**, bring your rosaries, if you don't have it with you a \$1 fine will be collected from you and put into the good-of-the-order safe.

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- An important reminder from previous meeting; It's important that all brother's working with small children complete the "Safe Environment Training Program" which can be done online in a matter of minutes and upon completion your certificate can be printed out. Also, must be fingerprinted, see Ella in the church office to set up an appointment.
- 600 Club – 2024 is ending ticket sales before and after Masses at both churches June 30th. 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 change over to the Football Mania game cards as soon as we receive permission to sell before and after all Masses. The first pro-football game is on Thursday September 5th.
- **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 reported:
 - Minutes from the **Council Members Meeting** held June 17th, 2024, were approved as written.

Treasurer –John Martens excused absence:

- As of June 30th, the checkbook bal. (Regions)was **\$13,076.49**
- As of June 30th, the Square account bal. (Regions)was **\$1,206.11**
Reported by our Financial Secretary, Roland Medeiros.
- **Financial Secretary** – Roland Medeiros reported:
 - All paperwork for Aid & Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) donation of \$3,500 to the Pregnancy Crisis Center in Daytona Beach was submitted requiring Supreme to add matching funds of \$400.
 - The yearly dues of \$30 are due and must be paid post haste.
- **Council's Financial Advisor** – Jerome Williams reported:
 - Raise the Roof fundraiser coming up in November and needing cashiers for the 9th & 10th. Keep up with our church's weekly bulletin for updates on all planned activities and which ministry is in charge.

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- **Advocate** – Frank McCarron reported:
 - SVdP Food Bank needs help at St. Gerard to unload deliveries by food trucks and make up food bags for distribution to those in need. See Brother Frank for full details on the help needed weekly.
- **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 August 9th carrying the "Silver Rose" from NSB to Melbourne. See Shane for further details.
- **Trustees** – Stoney Fraley, 3-year, John Pitera, Sr., 2-year, and Jerry Williams, 1-year were present. Stoney Fraley & Jerry Williams were on Zoom.
 - There were no bills or expense accounts for approval. What I've witnessed is that bills and expenses are given directly to the Treasurer or Financial Secretary for payment, bypassing the Trustees and their responsibility.
- **Web Master** – Mark Cerretani reported:
 - Our Web Master explained to the newbies our council's website and how to access it. Also explained the request of our Grand Knight, to show pictures of us Brother Knights in action at fun events, impacting the church, school or community. 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 report is on page **8**.

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

- A constant reminder: A written report is necessary for 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.

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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.
 - The Final C.O.R. Meeting of this Fraternal Year is scheduled for Wednesday July 17th 7:00 pm OLOH.
 - Presented an overview of the faith-based program he and his wife formed to help those addicts that are on a rebound with no help in sight. A very needed program that can use help in aiding those in danger to be fully addicted again. If you have any interest whatsoever, please contact Stephen Higgs for a get together at 386-689-1369.
 - John Pitera, Sr. has a flash drive now with a ton of pictures showing how successful the Knights of Columbus Eucharistic Procession was back on June 2nd after the 10:30 Mass at Sacred Heart. Plans are in the works for a showing.

- **Family** – Director Patrick Clark had no report at this time.

- **Community** – Director Nick Stuart reported:
 - Director Stuart reminded 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.”
 - Volunteers needed Monday afternoon/evenings, 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm, as grill master’s for Bingo. Prep through clean-up.

- **Life** – Director Richard Ross reported:
 - Director Ross presented an interesting verbal report on both the Pregnancy Crisi Center in Daytona and the future Laps of Life program. Please see Director Ross for further information on these two programs. Brother Rich gave a heartfelt eulogy to Brother Frank Russo and would like to display the K of C paraphernalia of Brother Frank and all deceased Brother Knights from our council.

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

- Next **Assembly Meeting** July 25, 2024, 7:00 pm.
- Next **Officers’ / Planning Meeting** August 12, 2024, 2:00 pm.

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- Next **Council Members Meeting** August 19, 2024, 7:00 pm at St. Gerard gathering area. Rosary at 6:15 pm at St. Gerard.
- Next **Assembly Meeting** August 22, 2024, 7:00 pm.

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

- Phill the Box – received a \$780 check in June. Our next donation to Sacred Heart School will be decided shortly.
- Volunteering at the Car Show on Canal Street once a quarter helping with set-up and breakdown of street barriers. 2nd Saturday in August & September
- Mentor Program for new Knights.
- Officer's duties and responsibilities for all Officer's.

7. New Business: - Leo Decker reported:

- 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.

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

9. Fourth Degree – Bill Lewis, Faithful Navigator was not in attendance.

- See page **9** for excerpts from the Past Faithful Navigators reports to remind us of the many activities needing our help and support.

10. Good of the Order -

- **Lecturer's Reflection** – Deacon Tom Meyer lectured on:
 - The "salute" symbolic movement of hand and arm to show respect, loyalty and reverence to one of position and power. What a powerful presentation for the showing of respect.

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

- Knight of the Month for July 2024 – **David Jenkins**
- Family of the Month for July 2024 – **Carole Saunders**

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12. Drawings -

600 Club – 2024 drawing:

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- (**156**) \$50 – John Pitera, Sr.
- (**284**) \$100 – John Martens
- (**092**) \$150 – David French

50 / 50 drawing:

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Tom Siegle - winner

Winner drawn by Shane Harrington

Winners drawn by David Jenkins



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:

- 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 past Fraternal Year like never before. We must keep discovering new ways to raise funds this new Fraternal Year so we can help our parish, school & community. A time for our newbies to step up and shine.

15. Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney:

16. "CLOSING CERMONY PER RITUAL"

Meeting was adjourned at **8:15 pm**

John Gawdun, Recorder

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

DD Report for July 2024

Form 185 officers for the new year; 365 for faith in action positions; then, start safe environment compliance

Vets of Korean and Vietnam wars finally getting memorials; looking to add Knights who served in-country: Name, Member Number, Years in-country, Rank, Branch. To John O'Toole

New Icon coming for 2024-25: **Sacred Heart**

Cor: Continue with program? Looking for ideas. Next meeting July 17 at 8086

Cassidy Grant: Final year?

Special Olympics – Paddleboard Saturday July 20. Need 8-10, show up on Saturday, July 20, 8:30 a.m. at Riverwalk Park in Port Orange (3459 S. Ridgewood Ave). Polar Plunge in February

Next local Fourth Degree: August 24 at Switzerland Council, San Juan Del Rio in Jacksonville. Have GK/FS get into to new FN Bill Lewis. (Another exemplification July 27 at Pompano Beach).

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3. Membership Report – Patrick Clark reported:

- One new candidate, *James G. Gonyea* was voted on for acceptance into our council.
 - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
 - ❖ Motion 2nd by: *Chris Hennessy*
 - ❖ Motion approved

- One new candidate, *William Hunt* was voted on for acceptance into our council.
 - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
 - ❖ Motion 2nd by: *Thomas Robinson*
 - ❖ Motion approved

- One new candidate, *Brian Kilkenny* was voted on for acceptance into our council.
 - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
 - ❖ Motion 2nd by: *Jerry Williams*
 - ❖ Motion approved

- One new candidate, *Phil Bonamo* was voted on for acceptance into our council.
 - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
 - ❖ Motion 2nd by: *Dave Cevasco*
 - ❖ Motion approved

Individual copies of our council's By-Laws to be distributed to the new members and transferees.

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

The new Faithful Navigator was not able to join us at our **Council Members Meeting** tonight so I took excerpts from the Past Faithful Navigators reports to remind us of the many activities needing our help and support.

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.

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.

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.