

Knights of Columbus Council #4934

Council Members Meeting Minutes

Monday February 16, 2026

A quorum was met; the meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by **Grand Knight Nick Stuart**

1-3. Opening Ceremony Per Ritual

- Members in attendance (**36**) inclusive of officers
- Members on Zoom (**1**)
- Number of guests in attendance (**0**)
- Dignitaries in attendance (**1**)
- Members reciting the rosary before the meeting (**0**). Rosary was postponed due to exemplification ceremony.

4.0 Recorder – requested approval of the meetings minutes from the December 2025 members meeting per ritual. The meeting minutes were approved. Recorder also reminded council that there are three clipboards on the table for missing information like an update to the prayer list, if you're not getting members meeting minutes or if you need a copy of our bylaws sheet. Put your name and email there to let us know.

5.0 Chaplains Massage – Father Aldrin thanked us for all of our councils efforts in supporting the Raise the Roof event, noting all of our hard work despite busy schedules. As a matter of fact he thanked us “a million, trillion, zillion” times.

6.0 GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT Let's keep making it a priority to get new members involved and engaged. We don't want to burn out the same people for everything.

GK also recognized and congratulated PGK Roger Packard on becoming District Warden.

6.1 Review Correspondence – nothing to review

6.2 Review schedule

Fish Fry starts on February 20 and continues for 6 weeks of lent. We were reminded that this event takes a lot of volunteer hours. Start coming around 2:00 Friday for kitchen and dining area set up. Through out the evening the event will require also people servicing the dining area, and towards the end we will be cleaning up.

Silver Rose will be here March 6th at 8 am for a prayer service and the Knights on Bikes will take it over to St Gerard.

COR – the next one is at Sacred Heart on 2/24/26 starting at 6:00

Community Hot Meals –Next one is Monday March 30th

Parish picnic Palm Sunday – This is another “all hands” event and its going to take place right after the 10:30 Palm Sunday Mass on the school grounds. Another event especially for you newer members to get to know each other. Lots of barbecuing and

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even some hanging around. Of course there more to it than this and more info will be provided.

6.4 Unfinished business

Florida State Raffle – our Council has 77 books of tickets to sell. Each book has four tickets in it. The tickets are 4.00 each or 10.00 a book, we need to have these sold by February 2026. We get 4.00 for each book sold.

John Ekblom gave us an update on the Tootsie Roll program. To date we've raised \$1,921.96 for Autism Society of Greater Orlando and the Miracle League of Volusia County. John also requested volunteers (as usual). Thanks to the additional volunteers who stepped up afterwards. It appears we have all bases covered. Details will come out in a few days in one of GK emails.

We'll need Knights to help with the painting of the Knights Hall. –Louie will coordinate the efforts after tax season

We will be acquiring 30 tickets for Casino night and be selling them here for \$55.00. If more are needed, we will get them from our brothers at 8086. This \$\$\$ is to support Catholic schools.

6.5 New business

Wheelchair program donations will take place at the end of April 2026

600 club tickets are now printed and available for sale. See Dan Moran at each meeting. The tickets are \$20 each and there is a drawing at every meeting. The tickets stay in the tumbler for the duration of the year.

Stars Supporting Veterans program. We are looking for someone to take over the program. In the near term we will need someone to do this on the Memorial Day weekend as our GK will be attending the convention. Ideally that person would be the person that takes over the program.

State Convention _Primary – Nick Stuart, Mark Cerratani/ Alternates – Leo Decker, John Jankowich, and anyone else that wants to attend. (That's why we need someone to take over the Stars Program) We also need Roland to enter the delegates into the system.

Finally, thank you to all that supported the Rise the Roof all weekend. Even though it was cold it turned into a big success.

Also, a big thank you to all that supported the super mania tickets and the Squares.

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7.1 FINANCIAL REPORT

- Worthy Treasurer, David Jenkins, please report on the council's financial status.
 - The Checkbook balance is \$21,914.65 _____
 - The Charge balance is _\$1,000_____
 - All bills are paid

7.2 Council's Financial Advisor, Jerome Williams – we received \$2,000 for Father Aldrins painting at the Raise the Roof auction!

7.3 WORTHY FINANCIAL SECRETARY Roland Medeiros - Nothing to report

7.4 Trustee – no report

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Worthy Chancellor Pat Clark

We had one new candidate, Steve Hammond, and one returning candidate, Bill Kelly voted in at the meeting. DGK Leo seconded Mr. Hammond and Mark C. seconded Mr. Kelly.

We also had an exemplification at 6:00 pm prior to the members meeting which took place in the church. Lou Muni, Joe Muni, and Austin Pinzino were the recipients.

THE FOLLOWING REPORTS ARE MADE AS NEEDED

Worthy District Deputy John O'Malley DD report for February 2026

Greetings from Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and State Deputy Mike Gizewski.

Sacred Heart has 17 new members and an exemplification on Monday should put them at two-star.

The biannual tri-district meeting was Saturday, Jan. 24, at St. Peter's in DeLand. State Deputy Mike Gizewski, membership director Danny McIntyre and Special Olympics director Chris Berens made important presentations. We had around 40 Knights from nine councils representing all three districts.

The annual Polar Plunge was held on Saturday at Sea World Aquatica in Orlando. I took part in the plunge as part of the State KofC team to raise funds for Special Olympics.

Be on the lookout for a mailing from state charities with a set of personalized mailing labels. Please consider making a small donation which will help the state's Vocations fund while helping your council meet its objective. This will be the third and final mailing of the year. (Special Olympics and Helping Life). Only way to reach every Knight in the state.

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Our next Cor meeting will be on Tuesday, Feb. 24 at Sacred Heart at 6:30 p.m. Our main topic will be the seventh chapter in the life of our Founder, Blessed Father Michael McGivney, Everyone is invited to join us for an hour of prayer, reflection and fellowship. Upcoming sessions are Tuesday, March 31st, at OLOH at 6:30.

Our next Fourth Degree Exemplification will be an outdoor exemplification at Lady la Leche in St. Augustine – under the giant cross – on Feb. 28 at 5:30 p.m. Two candidates signed up from 4934 - Dr. Robert Touro and Donald Frank.

Our Fourth Degree biennial meeting will be Saturday, April 18 at Our Lady of Hope – the first time we have hosted this meeting.

Casino Night at Epiphany presented by Council 12569 was a big success; Our Lady of Hope holding Retreat on Saturday, March 7; and Lenten Friday Fish Fries coming up at all three councils.

Faith In Action – Program Director Mark Cerratani

Reminder: A written report is necessary from each director to be made part of the minutes. Send written report to the worthy Recorder and the Program Director.

Worthy Faith Program Director John Jankowich

Next COR will be at Sacred Heart at 6:00 in the social hall on 2/24/26

Ashes will be distributed on Ash Wednesday at 8:00am mass and again at 7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross start Friday 2/20/26 at 6:30 and will run through lent.

John Osterfeldt, a fellow knight and convert to Catholicism, will be starting at Seminary.

20 plus people in OCIA. Sylvia is doing triple duty in getting the classes done, even going into homes to do it.

Pope Leo on lent: abstain/refrain from speaking ill of people and cultivate kindness

Worthy Family Program Director – Dan Moran: Thanked us for all of the help he got for the basketball program. He will need more volunteers for the second round, dates TBD. Dan is also asking all members to grab a few 600 club tickets and sell them to people you know.

Worthy Community Program Director Mark Swanson (GK spoke for Mark):

Future Community Hot Meals: March 30th

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Recent one we served 117 meals

As a Reminder Every Monday we support the grill for Bingo. This supports the SH school. We need 2-3 guys every week to man the grill. Dire need of a person to fill in at the grill for the next few months.

Worthy Life Program Director Rich Ross gave us a rundown on the Pregnancy Crisis Center focusing on the Additional Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) program. He reported on all of the help especially diapers, baby wipes, and formula that were provided. Thanks Rich for helping to protect our most precious people ... babies and mothers.

Worthy Knights on Bikes Shane Harrington told us there is going to be a ride March 6 and another one around Easter

Worthy Insurance Agent Jim Boorich was not in attendance

Worthy Fourth Degree Representative no report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS (NEW MOTIONS AS NEEDED) - none

LECTURER'S REFLECTION Deacon Tom

Last week I had a photo assignment in a semi remote area where the only TV stations available were over the air. They were mostly broadcasting westerns and classic TV shows.

One particular show that I used to watch and had almost forgotten all about was The A Team. It was an action-based good vs. evil show which ran in the 1980's about a former Army Special Forces unit who had been betrayed and wrongly accused of a crime which they did not commit.

While they were on the run from the authorities, they would do whatever necessary to pursue justice. They became the go-to organization for people who were facing injustice and persecution that no one else would help.

The more I thought about it, I was reminded of Jesus and His disciples. They were an elite team of men, accused of a crime they did not commit, and in pursuit of justice for people who no one else would help.

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In almost all of the episodes, there was usually a big gun fight with automatic weapons where hundreds and hundreds of rounds were fired but no one was ever killed or seriously injured. Their leader would always come up with a plan and the conclusion of each show was always predictable in that evil was always defeated and justice served.

The show would often give viewers hope that ingenuity-in-action always defeats evil and injustice and would encourage a brief escape for people from real problems of their day.

However, there is no escaping the real problems of life. There will always be evil and injustice in the world. We do not have an A Team we can call on to help overcome evil and injustice.

But there is a well thought out plan to defeat evil and injustice and the outcome of the plan is already known and is as an episode of the A Team. However, the plan is not to be executed by an elite military team with extreme skills and knowledge. The plan is to be executed by simple, ordinary people who follow a humble and meek leader. We are those people and Jesus is our leader. But unlike the A Team, He did not run away from the authorities. He submitted Himself to the authorities so that He could transform and fulfill.

God has developed this ingenious plan to defeat evil with love and this plan can only be successful if it is wholly executed within the bounds of the law that God has placed in our hearts.

Unlike an episode of the A Team, this plan is not won at the end of the day with a violent gun battle where no one dies. In fact the absence of violence is necessary to win. The enemy is at a complete disadvantage when violence is removed from the equation.

Also, unlike an episode of the A Team where no one dies, in this plan everyone must die. Every person must die to self and be created new in the image of our leader, Jesus. Only in this way will we be resurrected to new life outside this world where evil does not exist.

ADVOCATE-No report

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GRAND KNIGHTS SUMMARY

Continue Volunteering for the different activities. IF there's something you want to do but don't know where what - ask- ask- ask- ask. How many new guys are here? How many are involved?

We are into the busy season now and we can only make these activities successful with you so please get involved.

Stoney Fraley Memorial

DGK Leo added a thanks to all of the extra help our council provided to the Daytona 500 event. Apparently, there was a last minute need for extra volunteers which our guys filled. The shift was from 6:15 am to 10:45 pm.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- FAMILY OF THE MONTH AWARD – Gary Mauers family
- KNIGHT OF THE MONTH – Roger Packard

Drawings

- 50-50 won by Roland Medirios, drawn by Shane Harrington
- No 600 Club drawing this month as the 2025 campaign has ended

Prayer List

- Tony Limos – kidney transplant
- Ric Opel – Carcenoma
- For Stoney Fraley and family. Note that we will have a Memorial Service for Stoney March 14th
- Fallen away Catholics
- Family members in purgatory
- John Osterfedlt going to the seminary

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm. Minutes taken by John Ekblom, assistant recorder