

Knights of Columbus  
Father Downey Council #4934  
**Council Members Meeting Minutes**  
Monday, November 18, 2024, at 7:00 pm

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

**1. "OPENING CEREMONY PER RITUAL"**

- Members in attendance: **(44)**
- Members on Zoom: **(3)**
- Number of guests in attendance: **(2)**
- Dignitaries in attendance: **(3)**
- Members reciting the rosary before meeting: **(32)**

**2. Officers Reports:**

- **Chaplain's Message** – Fr. Aldrin stepped aside for Fr. John who expressed a big thank you to all the members of our council who worked so hard this past weekend at "Raise the Roof Fun-raiser II." The weekend began Saturday evening with a Country Ho Down featuring some line-dancing and a few couple's two-step mixed in for everyone's enjoyment. Of course, there was a bar for the good ol' cowboys & cowgirls to enjoy a little homemade libation. A great time was enjoyed by all. Sunday early afternoon began with food and more food available for all to enjoy along with the various raffles, silent auctions and other goings-on, like bailing a friend out of jail. A big thank you to all the parishioners, their family and friends along with the Knights and their spouses and families attending and contributing to all the various raffles and food concessions. The blue shirts of the Knights do not go unnoticed and are appreciated by all. Fr. John finished by bringing to light the donations received thus far at \$28K plus. Fr. John explained a bit of the Deanery Meeting he and Fr. Aldrin and Fr. Charlei attended, topic being the Culture of Life and the new ministry being formed after the first of the year. More to follow.
- Fr. Aldrin added:  
Every Tuesday after the 8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart there will be a Novena for Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Please try to attend.
- **District Deputy** – John O'Malley presented a comprehensive report on all the activities planned or being planned in our district. Much of said report can be found on page **7**.

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- **Deputy Grand Knight** – Chris Hennessy reported:
  - With the New Fraternal Year in progress, the Officer's proposed that the rosary will be recited at Sacred Heart beginning at 6:15 pm before the **Council Members Meeting**.
  - 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.
  - A major fundraiser for SHS will take place on Friday November 22<sup>nd</sup> with a goal of \$50k for a new gymnasium floor. The fundraiser is titled "2024 Eagle Trek" and has raised thus far \$35K plus and even though the fundraiser will be over by the time you read these minutes, a donation with a note attached for "2024 Eagle Trek" will gladly be accepted.
  - An important reminder from previous meetings; It's important that all brothers working with 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.
  
- **Chancellor** – Patrick Clark had no report at this time.
  - An important reminder from previous meetings to all members who want to look spiffy, new emblemed shirts are available for purchase. And what Knight does not look and feel proud when wearing the color of our council?
  
- **Recorder** – John Gawdun requested approval of the minutes from the October 21, 2024, **Council Members Meetings**, which were approved as written.
  
- **Treasurer** –John Martens:
  - As of October 31<sup>st</sup>, the primary checkbook balance was **\$13,151.32**
  - As of October 31<sup>st</sup>, the secondary checkbook for CC purchases balance was **\$2,668.45**.
  
- **Financial Secretary** – Roland Medeiros had no report at this time:
  - An important reminder from previous meetings that there are still dues that are unpaid and costing our council per capita charges and assessments. That's a great deal of money.

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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.] added by John Gawdun

- **Council's Financial Advisor** – Jerome Williams expressed a heartfelt thank you our Web Master, Mark Cerretani, for preparing our website to accept credit card purchase of tickets into the Country Ho Down (Raise the Roof II.) Also, according to the diocese, the safety door project for Sacred Heart Church will begin and be completed by the end of the first quarter of 2025.
- **Advocate** – Frank McCarron had nothing to report:
- **SVdP Watchdog** - Frank McCarron reported the busiest week of the year for SVdP with 40 volunteers ready for Saturday with 87 turkeys to be distributed along with the fixings. A reminder for everyone to try and make a monthly donation to SVdP either in the envelope in your box of envelopes designated just for that purpose or cash. SVdP will be happy to accept either. Thank you.
- **Warden** – Shane Harrington was traveling.
- **Captain of Knights on Bikes Council 4934** – Shane Harrington was traveling.
- **Trustees** –3-year Robert Hook, 2-year John Pitera, Sr., and 1-year Jerry Williams, there was one bill and one expense account for approval.
- **Web Master** – Mark Cerretani had nothing new to report:

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 the Web Master after the meeting. Also, Mark is working on setting up small albums showing pictures of us Brother Knights in action at fun events, impacting the church, school or community.

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**3. Membership Report** – Patrick Clark reported:

- One new transferee, *Luc Labreche*  
was voted on and accepted into our council,
  - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
  - ❖ Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: John Martens
  - ❖ Motion approved
  
- One new candidate, *Joshua Murphy*  
was voted on and accepted into our council,
  - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
  - ❖ Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Chris Hennessy
  - ❖ Motion approved

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

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 is away for a family emergency:  
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.
  
- **Family** – Director Patrick Clark reported at this time:  
SHS students are involved in the yearly Christmas Poster contest. This year’s theme is “Keep Christ in Christmas.” The winning poster will be on the cover of our parish church bulletin at Christmas. Good luck to all.  
Breakfast with Santa to be held on Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> see the bulletin for further information.
  
- **Community** – Director Nick Stuart reported:
  - Community Hot Meals Program (CHMP), final two meals for 2024 are on November 18<sup>th</sup>, and December 30<sup>th</sup>. On November 18<sup>th</sup> we served (104) meals with (14) 4934 volunteers plus (2) parishioners.
  - Also, the Spaghetti & Meatball dinner has been rescheduled for Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - Also, Fish Fry dry run before Lent begins will be held February 21<sup>st</sup>.

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- The CHMP elite team is headed by Brother Nick Stuart, Director, with elite team members in charge of preparation are Brother's Eddie Grambo, Glenn Strobel, & Glenn Space "chef's de cuisine."

- **Life** – Director Richard Ross reported:
  - Will be meeting with the Director of the Pregnancy Crisis Center, Daytona to review results for 2024 and plans for the upcoming year.

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

- **Officers/Planning Meeting** December 9, 2024, – 2:00 pm
- **Council Members Meeting** December 16, 2024, – 7:00 pm
- **C.O.R. Meeting** Tuesday November 26<sup>th</sup> at Fr. Burke Hall – 6:30 pm
- **4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification** November 30<sup>th</sup> – All day at Resurrection in Orlando,

**6. Grand Knight's Talking Points** – Leo Decker

- Phil the Box –money received for the month of October was \$720.
- Volunteers still needed Monday afternoon/evenings, 3:30 pm – 7:30 pm for prep, serve & clean-up.
- 600 Club 2024 – 8<sup>th</sup> drawing, at the upcoming **Council Members Meeting**.

**7. Field Agent** – Jim Booritch, Field Agent was not in attendance:

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

No report. Next Assembly 2794 meeting is January 23, 2025

**9. Guest Speaker** – Vito Benedetto, DGK / Life Director 8086:

Members of our council including spouses or significant other are invited to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual cocktail party on January 11, 2025, for the Resources for Women at OLOH school cafeteria. More info to follow, in our GK's emails.

**10. Good of the Order** -

- **Lecturer's Reflection** – Deacon Tom Meyer's reflection can be found on page **8**.

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

- Kight of the Month for November 2024 – **Joseph Kennedy**
- Family of the Month for November 2024 – **Lynn Jenkins & Frieda Butt**

**12. Drawings -**

**600 Club – 2024 drawing:**

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(**102**) \$50 – Lynn Jenkins.

(**092**) \$100 – David French

(**086**) \$150 – Joan Racicot

**50 / 50 drawing:**

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Dave Cevasco - winner

Winner drawn by Leo Decker

Winners drawn by Roland Medeiros  
and John Martens

**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.

**14. Grand Knight's Summary** – Non given because pizza was delivered early and cooling fast.

**15. Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney:**

**16. "CLOSING CERMONY PER RITUAL"**

Meeting was adjourned at **8:00 pm** John Gawdun, Recorder

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**2. District Deputy – John O'Malley**

DD Report for November 2024

Greetings from Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly and State Deputy Rick Hughes.

Also, greetings from District Master Rob Urrutia, who pointed out to me that he has not received anything from my Council for the Nov. 30 Fourth Degree Exemplification in Orlando.

So far, I have one Form 4 application from Deacon Tom Meyer and expecting two additional from Father Downey Council 4934, along with Jarret Heim from 8086 (Jarret won the pickleball championship at the Special Olympics this past weekend). Thanks to all the Knights for their state-wide effort in helping defeat Amendment 4.

Our next Cor meeting will be on Tuesday, Nov. 26 at Sacred Heart's parish center at 6:30 p.m. It's open to all Catholic men over 18 – a great opportunity to learn more about our Catholic faith. The program got off to a great start last year, but the attendance was off at the last two meetings – please make an effort to try to attend!

I would like to thank the Knights from each of our councils for stepping up during Hurricane Milton. The Hurricane Knights of Council 8086 helped 38 households prepare for the emergency and followed up by helping several Brother Knights overcome serious damage to their property. Knights from Sacred Heart Council 4934 and Epiphany Council 12569 also played a significant role in helping their parish recover.

We're off to a great recruiting year – ranked second in the state at the beginning of November, and one member over 100% for the year!

Our next scheduled Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity will be on Tuesday, Dec. 10, at Our Lady of Hope.

On the Fourth-Degree side, we had a great Veterans dinner on Nov. 2 and the Stars program brought in \$1,425.10.

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**10. Good of the Order -**

**Lecturer** – Deacon Tom Meyer

St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Thessalonians to pray without ceasing. But how can we do that? Do we have to walk around with our hands folded in prayer like monks do? No. But prayer can sometimes be difficult. The evil one doesn't want us to pray because that brings us closer to God. That's the beauty of the Catholic faith. It gives us many opportunities to pray including devotions such as the Rosary and adoration. But sometimes when we are in adoration, we may not know what to say to Jesus. That's okay. It's a good opportunity to just sit in silence and listen for God talking to us. When we are out in the world and we hear a siren, that's a great opportunity to pray for those first responders and let us not forget the people they are going to assist. If we pass a roadside marker or a cemetery, that is a great time to pray for those souls if any of them are in purgatory. They can pray back for us, but they can't pray for themselves. When we are cooking, we can pray for those who don't have anything to eat. While cleaning the house, those folks that don't have any house or shelter need our prayers. When we see a beautiful sunrise or sunset, what a great time to say thank you to God. These are all prayers. Remember, prayer is a conversation with God. St Paul reminds us in this letter to the Galatians to never grow weary. That's the evil one trying anyway possible to have us not pray.