

Knights of Columbus
Father Downey Council #4934
Council Members Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 19th, 2024, at 7:00 pm

A quorum was met, the meeting was called to order at **7:00 pm** by John Gawdun,
Recorder, filling in for Grand Knight, Leo Decker.

1. "OPENING CEREMONY PER RITUAL"

- Members in attendance: **(39)**
- Members on Zoom: **(4)**
- Number of guests in attendance: **(0)**
- Dignitaries in attendance: **(1)**

2. Officers Reports:

- **Chaplain's Message** – Fr. Aldrin reported:
 - 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. Much of said report can be found on page **9**.
- **Deputy Grand Knight** – Chris Hennessy on travel.
 - The 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 in progress, the Officer's proposed that the rosary will be recited in the church hosting the **Members Meeting**, beginning at 6:15 pm.
 - A notice to all members attending all future **Members Meetings**, bring your rosaries, if you don't have them with you a \$1 fine will be collected from those without and put into the good-of-the-order safe.
 - An important reminder from a previous meeting; 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.

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- 600 Club – 2024 have ended ticket sales 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 have changed over to the Football Mania game cards, and they have been sold on and off campus of Sacred Heart. We still have many more game cards to sell. The first NFL game is on Thursday September 5th. All game cards must be registered no later than Saturday September 7th 11:59 pm.
- **Chancellor** – Patrick Clark on Zoom 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 requested approval of minutes:
 - Minutes from the **Council Members Meeting** held July 15, 2024, were approved as written.
- **Treasurer** –John Martens reported on the status of the council's checking accounts at Regions Bank.
 - As of July 31st, the primary checkbook balance was **\$13,472.27**
 - As of July 31st, the secondary checkbook for CC purchases balance was **\$1,206.11**
 - Robert Hook, a recent transferee, volunteered to be the Assistant to the Treasurer. Robert will be working alongside John Martens and helping the Financial Secretary as needed. After the introduction Robert gave a bio of himself so all present now know who Robert Hook is. All newbies and transferees should be asked to do the same.
- **Financial Secretary** – Roland Medeiros on Zoom requested:
 - Those (47) members whose yearly dues of \$30 are yet to be paid will be receiving a phone call after Labor Day. Please save our Financial Secretary and assistant time and effort by paying said dues post haste. Thank you.
- **Council's Financial Advisor** – Jerome Williams on Zoom reported:
 - Thanked John Pitera, John Martens and Roland Medeiros for their help in balancing all the bank statements from the prior year, ran reports from our accounting system completing the audit on time.

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- An update on the quotes for engineering, fabrication and installation for the safety door project for Sacred Heart that was due in on August 18th but extended for 1 – 2 weeks as two bidders were finalizing their quotes.
- **Advocate** – Frank McCarron had nothing to report:
- **Warden** – Shane Harrington had nothing to report:
- **Captain of Knights on Bikes Council 4934** – Shane Harrington.
 - For those brothers interested in joining Knights on Bikes see Shane after the meeting. Knights of Columbus flags will be available for \$20 for the Knights on Bikes members to be proudly displayed on your bike.
 - Having a servant's heart, Shane took pride in picking up the Silver Rose at St. Peter's Church in Deland at 9:00 pm Thursday (08/08) evening and delivered it to Chris Hennessey at Sacred Heart at 10:00 pm. Chris in turn returned to Sacred Heart well before the 8:00 am Mass began Friday (08/09) to set up a display for the Silver Rose. After Fridays Mass there was a Prayer Service to our Lady of Guadalupe which was attended by most everyone that was at Mass. After the Prayer Service was over, brother Larry Mc Nerney and a car full of parishioners drove to Sanford to deliver the Silver Rose to a council member from Titusville. What a well-planned program set up by GK Ernie Jackson from OLOH council 8086. Thanks to all that had a part in this successful presentation and service.
- **Trustees** –3-year VACANT, John Pitera, Sr., 2-year, excused, and Jerry Williams, 1-year was present on Zoom. There were no bills or expense accounts for approval.
- **Web Master** – Mark Cerretani on travel:
 - From past meetings, our Web Master explained to the newbies our council's website and how to access it. If any member is having difficulty in setting up an account or signing-in, see the Web Master after the next meeting he's in attendance of. Also 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 on Zoom reported:

- There are no new applications for membership for our council that need to be introduced. A quicker and easier way to get new members in the system is on the horizon.
- Our next CUF Exemplification will be held before our **Council Members Meeting** on October 21st, beginning at 5:30 pm sharp at Sacred Heart. The rosary will follow at 6:15 pm, afterwards you can sign in and maybe purchase a few 50/50 tickets.
- An important reminder that all Officers' and the newbie brother's and transferees complete the *“Safe Environment Training Program”* online. Also, must be fingerprinted, see Ella in the church office to set up an appointment.

4. Faith in Action Programs – Program Director, Chris Hennessy on travel.

- 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 on travel:
 - 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.
 - At our last **Members Meeting** Stephen 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 of being fully addicted again. If you have any interest whatsoever, please contact Director Stephen Higgs for a get together at 386-689-1369.
- **Family** – Director Patrick Clark on Zoom had no report at this time.
- **Community** – Director Nick Stuart reported:
 - Director Stuart reported that our council was prepared with (12) members to serve (96) meals and doing a stellar job. Director Stuart has a few work shirts for the newbies to please see him to match your size with what he has in stock. Also, reminded the brothers of our council

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that we are scheduled to prep, serve and clean-up for the Community Hot Meals Program (CHMP, September 30, November 18 & December 30. The CHMP team is headed by Brother Knights Eddie Grambo & Glenn Strobel, "chef's de cuisine."

- **Life** – Director Richard Ross had no report at this time:

5. Updated Meeting Schedule – John Gawdun, Recorder filling in for Grand Knight, Leo Decker reported:

- **Assembly 2794 Meeting** August 22, 2024, - 7:00 pm
- **Officers/Planning Meeting** September 9, 2024, – 2:00 pm
- **Council Members Meeting** September 16, 2024, – 7:00 pm

- **Church / School Schedule** – Leo Decker
 - August
 - 22nd Sell Football Tickets at the School
 - 27th Catholic Youth Sports - waiting to see exactly what we will be doing

 - September
 - 5th 6:00-7:00 PM sell Football Tickets at the School (game cards must be activated with Charity Mania before Saturday 11:59 pm)
 - 8th School Mass - We provide Donuts after both the 8:00 and 10:30 Masses – Sacred Heart
 - 12th School Open House - we can sell Football Tickets (**check it out**)
 - 15th Knights & CWA are doing something together, but we will need to find out what our assignment will be – this is a fund raiser
 - 27th School Heart of the Angel Night - we will be serving food and cleaning up

6. Unfinished Business: - John Gawdun, Recorder filling in for Grand Knight, Leo Decker reported:

- Phill the Box – This past quarterly income was \$4,050. 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. Our last set-up for this quarter, is the 2nd Saturday September.

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- *The Football Mania game cards have been selling at a slow pace. We'll have to scramble to sell the balance of 200 game cards before the 1st game on September 5th. Brother John Ekblom is asking for volunteers again to sell Football Mania game cards before and after Masses at Sacred Heart & St. Gerard, weekend of August 31st & September 1st and at Winn Dixie on Rt 44 10:00 am – 2:00 pm on Saturday the 31st.*

7. On Going Business: - John Gawdun, Recorder filling in for Grand Knight, Leo Decker reported:

- The C.O.R. program next meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart. Still looking for ideas for the upcoming year.
- Brother Dan Moran took the floor and explained the need for volunteers to secure sponsorships from companies and other organizations advertising their company or organization in the form of a banner to be hung in the social hall for one year. Many volunteers will be needed for the event itself. Brother Dan can be reached at 518-641-8968 for additional information.

7.5 Officer Vacancies - Two vacancies have occurred recently, 3-year Trustee & Outside Guard. The nominating committee has agreed on the following two candidates: Robert Hook for 3-year Trustee and Jared Burke for Outside Guard. The members in attendance were asked twice if there were any nominations from the floor, and there were none. I asked our Worthy District Deputy to waver the requirement to wait until next month's **Members Meeting** to vote these candidates in and he agreed. Since he was Senior Officer, I asked if he would officiate in the vote, which he did. Both brothers were voted in unanimously, Robert Hook – 3-year Trustee & Jared Burke – Outside Guard. Congratulations to both of you. You both will do a fine job for the council.

8. Field Agent – Jim Booritch, Field Agent was not in attendance.

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

See page **10** for excerpts from the Past Faithful Navigators reports to remind us of the many activities needing our help and support.

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10. Good of the Order -

- **Lecturer's Reflection** – Deacon Tom Meyer lectured on:
The need for every one of us to carry the most powerful weapon allotted and we already have it, if we are a knight, our rosary. Deacon Tom taught a lesson on the history of the rosary and how the Christians soldiers prayed the rosary before going into battle. And how the rosary became a part of the armament of a newly exemplified knight. If you are interested in going over the finer points of Deacon Tom's lecturer, please feel free to contact him through the church office.

11. Upcoming Awards for Members & others John Gawdun, Recorder filling in for Grand Knight, Leo Decker

- Knight of the Month for August 2024 – **Stephen Higgs**
- Family of the Month for August 2024 – **Glenn & Dawn Space & sister Rita**

12. Drawings -

600 Club – 2024 drawing:

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- (**138**) \$50 – Lilli Zeh
- (**283**) \$100 – Skip Stermer
- (**262**) \$150 – Ron Lyan

50 / 50 drawing:

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- Tim Meade - winner
- Winner drawn by David Jenkins
- Winners drawn by Frank McCarron

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. Our Chaplain will pray over the prayer list by reciting a healing prayer.

14. Grand Knight's Summary – John Gawdun, Recorder filling in for Grand Knight, Leo Decker expressing appreciation on page 8:

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Well Brothers, I had a large pair of shoes to fill this evening and did my best. I want to thank our Worthy District Deputy, John O'Malley, for guiding me through the meeting and officiating in voting in the two new officers. Frank McCarron for carting all the paraphernalia from our council's chamber at Fr. Burkes Hall and returning it the next morning with Glenn Space's help. Shane Harrington in passing around the prayer list and returning it to the podium. Norm Martin for providing me with the microphone so members could hear me. Rick Oppel for taking notes to help me prepare these minutes. David Jenkins for covering as both Inside and Outside Guard and drawing the 50/50. And all the members who pitched in to help clean up after pizza and soda. Thank you one and all.

15. Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney:

16. "CLOSING CERMONY PER RITUAL"

Meeting was adjourned at **7:50 pm**

John Gawdun, Recorder

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District Deputy – John O'Malley

DD Report for August 2024

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

We held our mandatory Organizational Meeting last Saturday at the Our Lady of Hope social hall at 9 a.m. In addition to the three councils in District 20, we will also host District 18 (Ormond Beach/Daytona Beach) and District 19 (West Volusia). Grand Knights are encouraged, along with DGK, Chancellors, financial secretaries, program directors and other key personnel. Great way to learn what other councils are doing, along with working together to spread the faith (Cor!) and serve the communities (laps for life, casino night).

District 20 was named an all-star District for the first time, with Sacred Heart #4934 (2-Star), Our Lady of Hope (8086) and Epiphany #12569 also Star Councils. We were at 195% membership – missing 200% by one new member.

We're off to a great start for the new Columbian Year. As of August 19, we have already taken in 24 new members for the district. All three councils have added members, with 8086 leading the way with 18 new members – already surpassing its goal of 15 for the year!

Sacred Heart's August meeting will be on Monday, August 19, at St. Gerard. Other changes: Epiphany is moving its team/officer meeting to the second Thursday at 6 p.m. for the team (which includes women's auxiliary) and 7 p.m. for officers. The new date for membership is the third Thursday at 7 p.m. Our Lady of Hope moves to the first Tuesday for officers and second Tuesday for members at the Parish Hall, both at 7 p.m.

Cor: Continue with program, the next meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart. Still looking for ideas for the upcoming year.

Next Fourth Degree: August 24 at Switzerland Council, San Juan Del Rio in Jacksonville. Have GK/FS get to the new FN Bill Lewis ASAP. Rob Urrutia will be the new Master of the Florida District effective Sept. 1.

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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.

Friday September 6th at 7:45 am the rosary will be said at OLOH.

Wednesday September 25th at 6:30 pm the veteran's dinner planning meeting is scheduled for.

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.