

Knights of Columbus
Father Downey Council #4934
Council Members Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 16, 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: **(2)**
- Number of guests in attendance: **(1)**
- Dignitaries in attendance: **(2)**

2. Officers Reports:

- **Chaplain's Message** – Fr. John was given the floor and immediately thanked our council for all we do for Sacred Heart, St. Gerard and SHS. It is appreciated by all those we help. Fr. John went on to explain that there are no regulations or restrictions of any kind regarding the display of the flag on the alter. But the Conference of US Bishops has issued a directive that the flag shall not be in the sanctuary of the church but displayed in the vestibule. Fr. John finished with an update spelling out the need for help for the upcoming “Raise the Roof” fundraiser in November. With good planning and hard work by all the ministries we should set a record in donations.
- 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 **7**.
- **Deputy Grand Knight** – Chris Hennessy reported:
 - 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.

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- With the New Fraternal Year in progress, the Officer's proposed that the rosary will be recited in the church beginning at 6:15 pm. Thirty-six Brothers participated in the rosary prior to this meeting.
- 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 by the Outside Guard 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.
- 600 Club – 2024 has 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 a few game cards yet to sell even though the NFL season has begun.
- **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 August 19, 2024, were approved as written.
- **Treasurer** –John Martens on vacation:
 - As of August 31st, the primary checkbook balance was **\$14,750.97**
 - As of August 31st, the secondary checkbook for CC purchases balance was **\$1,206.11**. The balance of the checkbooks was reported by the Financial Secretary.
- **Financial Secretary** – Roland Medeiros reported:
 - He and his assistant Robert Hook made phone calls to (40) plus members whose present and past years' dues are yet to be paid.

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These unpaid dues still cost our council per capita charges and assessments. Add those fees to the unpaid dues and you'll see that it's costing our council approx. \$2,000. Please save our Financial Secretary and assistant the time, effort and aggravation of having to phone those of you who are delinquent in unpaid dues. Thank you.

- **Council's Financial Advisor** – Jerome Williams on vacation:
- **Advocate** – Frank McCarron had nothing to report:
- **SVdP Watchdog** - Frank McCarron reported:
 - SVdP has been preparing (65) food bags per week for the past few weeks and expects it to rise as the holidays approach. There are several "Snowbirds" who have returned and have stepped up to help as they have done in past years. A reminder asking 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 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.
- **Trustees** –3-year Robert Hook, 2-year John Pitera, Sr., and 1-year Jerry Williams, who was excused. There were no bills or expense accounts 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 on Zoom reported:

- There were no new applications for membership to our council that need to be introduced.
- 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 join us in the chamber, sign in and maybe purchase a few 50/50 tickets.

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 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.
- **Family** – Director Patrick Clark on Zoom had no report at this time.
- **Community** – Director Nick Stuart reported:
 - Director Stuart reported 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 reported:
 - Director Richard presentation was on GOD being infinitely perfect, and I quote” When GOD created Michael, it wasn't a mistake and meant to be Michelle, or Christopher vs Christine, Samuel vs Smantha, et cetera, it was a follow up to my presentation a few months ago of NOT allowing anyone to rob us of our Catholic faith. The mutilation of our genders at any age is wrong and we should stop playing GOD & killing off one of GOD's greatest creation, life itself.”

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

- **C.O.R. Program** September 24, 2024, - 6:30 pm Knights Hall
- **Assembly 2794 Meeting** September 26, 2024, - 7:00 pm
- **Officers/Planning Meeting** October 14, 2024, – 2:00 pm
- **Council Members Meeting** October 21, 2024, – 7:00 pm

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o **Church / School Schedule** – Leo Decker

September

19th & 20th Annual Soccer Challenge
20th Sacred Heart School Trivia Night
21st National Beach Clean-up Day
25th Blue Mass for our Police Officers, 10:00 am Mass
27th School Heart of the Angel Night - we will set-up, serve food and clean up afterwards. Volunteers to be on site by 5:00 pm.

October

6th The Legion of Mary – 3:00 pm in the social hall
12th Spaghetti dinner – Tickets \$12 ea, time yet to be determined.
25th Trunk or Treat Sacred Heart parking lot 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

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

- o Phill the Box – This past quarterly income was \$4,050. Our next donation to Sacred Heart School will be during October.
- o See Church / School Schedule above for additional activities.

7. On Going Business: - Grand Knight, Leo Decker reported:

- o An important reminder: Volunteers needed Monday 3:30 pm – 7:30 pm as grill master's for Bingo. Prep through clean-up.
- o Volunteering at the Car Show on Canal Street to help with set-up and break-down of street barriers. See GK for our council's schedule.
- o Baby Bottles drive September 28th – November 17th.
- o See Church / School Schedule above for additional activities.

8. Field Agent – Jim Booritch, Field Agent explained how important it is for us brothers to have or at least review the life insurance policies offered by the Knights of Columbus. Also, brother Jim quizzed us on who was the first field agent, to which no one answered. It was Blessed Michael McGivney, the true founder of the Knights of Columbus.

8.5 Financial Advisor – Larry Kennedy Investment Advisor reported on the many investment opportunities offered by the Knights of Columbus with different risk levels. Larry made it very clear that the K of C would never invest in a company manufacturing / marketing birth control products or dealing in abortion clinics of any sorts.

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

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

10. Good of the Order -

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

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

- Kight of the Month for September 2024 – **John Gawdun**
- Family of the Month for September 2024 – **Zena Schimizzi**

12. Drawings -

600 Club – 2024 drawing:

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(**268**) \$50 – Ruth Benidno

(**014**) \$100 – Rowan Ekblom

(**261**) \$150 – Joe Elmer

50 / 50 drawing:

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Gerald Racicot- winner

Winner drawn by David Jenkins

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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 presented due to lateness of the evening.

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

DD Report for September 2024

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

We're off to a great start for the new Columbian Year. As of September 3, we have already taken in 28 new members for the district – 90-percent of our goal. All three councils are at least 42-percent, with 8086 leading the way with 18 new members (120 percent) – already surpassing its goal of 15 for the year and second in the state behind Flagler Beach!

Two opportunities to get a Fraternal Benefit Night on Tuesday, Sept. 10. Council 8086 will have a live presentation from FA James Booritch (other councils can send reps and set up their own night), and there will also be a live virtual FBE. Or double up and get in both requirements – you need 14 Knights!

Big event of the month is the Epiphany Car Show – Epiphany's biggest event of the year – on Saturday, Sept. 28. October will have Council 8086's Duck Derby at City Center on Sunday, Oct. 13. Sacred Heart has Raise the Roof 2 on Saturday, Nov. 9 with a country dance and picnic on Sunday, Nov. 10 at 10:30 a.m. Our Fourth Degree Assembly's Veteran's Dinner is Saturday, Nov. 2. Let's support each other's key projects! Knights also supporting a raffle for a Ford Bronco to help the Eastern Deanery's Catholic Schools.

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.

Meeting Date changes: 12569 Epiphany moving its team/officer meeting to second Thursday at 6 p.m. for team (which includes women's auxiliary) followed at 7 p.m. for officers. The new date for membership is the third Thursday at 7 p.m.

8086 Our Lady of Hope moves to first Tuesday for officers in the classrooms and second Tuesday for members at the Parish Hall, both at 7 p.m.

4934 Sacred Heart still holds officers meeting on second Monday at 2 p.m. and membership meeting on third Monday at 7 p.m.

Upcoming Exemplifications of Charity, Unity and Fraternity: 8086 on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 7:30 p.m., and 4934 on Monday, Oct. 21 at 5:30 p.m. Please contact the respective Grand Knight or DD if you have candidates.

Next Fourth Degree Exemplification is Saturday, Nov. 23, at Resurrection in Orlando. We had two SKs join Assembly 2934 in recent ceremony in Jacksonville – we had 54 SKs in regalia!

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

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10. Good of the Order -

Lecturer – Deacon Tom Meyer

It is so comforting for me to look toward the back of the church during mass and see the blue shirts by the rear doors. The silent presence of the Knights makes our church community feel safe and secure.

Much like St. Joseph, his silent presence kept Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary safe when they were under his care.

Scripture does not record any of St. Joseph's words, but it does provide us with his actions. Joseph's response to the angelic annunciation was silent action. As Pope St. John Paul II wrote, "Mary spoke... Joseph did."

Joseph kept his heart open, pure and receptive, making room for God's voice to guide him. Keeping our hearts pure and receptive is not easy. It is a daily effort to pay attention to what is happening inside of us. What am I thinking? What am I feeling? What is happening inside of me?

For Joseph, the stakes were very high. He was the guardian of the Immaculate Conception and the Incarnate Word. When they were in mortal danger, God informed Joseph and commanded him to take action. It was essential for him to be watchful so that he could hear the Lord and resist the devil. Joseph's responses to God's interventions were dramatic expressions of silent self-offering: Receiving Mary and her child, fleeing with them to Egypt, and then returning to Nazareth all required radical obedience. I am sure it was not easy for Joseph to wait for years in Egypt for God to tell him it was time to go home.

Listening to God and discerning his will are challenging for all of us, including St. Joseph.

Fortunately, God did not leave Joseph on his own but sent him help in the form of an angel — a spiritual director, you might say.

We all need help to hear God's voice, even a holy man like St. Joseph. God wants to provide guides. God has provided us with our spiritual director, Fr. Aldrin, who can help us hear His voice more clearly.

As Knights we are called to reflect upon the life and example of Saint Joseph and seek to imitate his virtue as our Blessed founder did. We are to live out the joy of Christ, and to provide all members of the parish community with examples of virtue, prudence and fatherhood. Let us entrust ourselves more completely to the foster-father of Jesus and spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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9. Fourth Degree – Bill 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.

Also, an important reminder; 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.

The 4th Degree Assembly's Veteran's Dinner is Saturday November 2nd. A Ford Bronco will be raffled off to help the Eastern Deanery's Catholic Schools. 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 Saturday November 23 at Resurrection in Orlando. Forms need to be filled out, see the Faithful Navigator or our Chancellor.