

Knights of Columbus Council #4934

Council Members Meeting Minutes

Monday March 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 (**52**) inclusive of officers
- Members on Zoom (**0**)
- Number of guests in attendance (**0**)
- Dignitaries in attendance (**3**)
- Members reciting the rosary before the meeting (unknown).

4.0 Recorder – requested approval of the meetings minutes from the February 16, 2026 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 reminded us that there's a Penance Service on March 18 and that the Sacred Heart picnic is on Palm Sunday.

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.

6.1 Review Correspondence – nothing to review

6.2 Review schedule

Fish Fry through the end of Lent with the last one being March 27. The events have been very successful averaging about 130 dinners. Thank you to all that helped.

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 (March 29th) on the school grounds. Another event especially for you newer members to get to know each other. Lots of barbecuing and even some hanging around. Of course there more to it than this and more info will be provided. Our GK requested that we get our wives to bake cakes for the raffell and he was quickly reminded that men can bake too (LOL).

6.4 Unfinished business

Florida State Raffle – Last call for tickets.

Tootsie Roll program update. Through March 21st we've raised \$3,131.15 for Autism Society of Greater Orlando and the Miracle League of Volusia County. Our remaining date is March 28 at the Flagler Ave Wine Walk if youre in town stop off at the Patio Café. We'll be set up there.

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Painting of the Knights Hall. – Louie and Kathryn will do the painting after tax season. No council help required.

We have acquired 30 tickets for Casino night of April 10th. If you would like a ticket for yourself and/or your spouse, see me after the meeting. They will be offered on a first come first served basis. If there is a need to acquire more, we will have a overflow list. Also, “High Roller” was purchased.

6.5 New business

Wheelchair program donations will take place at the end of April 2026, pending Fr John approval.

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. Drawings start at the April 2026 meeting. Dan Moran had more to say about the 600 club program:

Brothers,

As you know, we recently launched our 600 Club ticket sales, and it's important that we all work together to make this campaign a success. Since drawings will begin soon and continue over the next nine months, we really need everyone's help to get tickets

out and sold. Returns have been a bit slow so far, so it's time for all of us to step up.

At our meeting this coming week, we are asking each member to take five tickets to sell (officers will be assigned ten). When you sign in at the Monday's Meeting, I will have a packet ready for you and will record the ticket numbers for our records.

Just as a reminder, the 600 Club offers great odds. Each month there will be two chances to win, \$100 and \$200, and at the end of the nine-month period there will be a grand prize drawing of \$1,000. Best of all, if your ticket wins one month, it goes right back into the hopper for the next drawings.

If you're unable to attend the meeting or dinner on Monday evening, please let me know and I will be happy to drop your tickets off at your home. You can reach me at 518-641-8968.

Thank you, brothers, for pitching in and helping make this campaign a great success.

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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)

There will be another Knights and Sacred Heart/St Gerard Ministries Appreciation Night at Patio Café on April 15th from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. Great food and discounts with a cash bar. Spread the word to our fellow knights and other ministry members. Open to spouses too. Many of you attended the previous two.

To all Knights, come out to "Pasta on the Patio Night" on Friday April 17th at the Patio Cafe. Choice of marinara or alfredo sauces and garlic bread comes with it. It's only \$9.00, which is a really good deal. I'm told that's half the going rate on Flagler Avenue. Help support our friends at Patio Cafe.

One last thing to think about in the future is the Speedway Music Festival or whatever it's billed as has asked that we provide workers like we did for the races. It's a great fundraiser for us. It is schedule for May 7-10th. There will be more to come on this one.

7.1 FINANCIAL REPORT

- Worthy Treasurer, David Jenkins, please report on the council's financial status.
 - The Checkbook balance is \$23,256.56
 - The Charge balance is \$2,632.51
 - All bills are paid

7.2 Council's Financial Advisor, Jerome Williams – Absent

7.3 WORTHY FINANCIAL SECRETARY Roland Medeiros - Nothing to report

7.4 Trustee – no report

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Worthy Chancellor Pat Clark

Patrick has shirts to give out (names: Mike and Phil)

THE FOLLOWING REPORTS ARE MADE AS NEEDED

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

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

I would like to congratulate Council 8086 for an excellent retreat. Father Matt gave an excellent homily on unity and Deacon Joe Bellissimo did an outstanding job.

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.

Our next Cor meeting will be on Tuesday, March 31 at OLOH at 6:30 p.m. Our main topic will be the eighth 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.

Our Fourth Degree biennial meeting will be Saturday, April 18 at Our Lady of Hope – the first time we have hosted this meeting. We have 27 assemblies and 57 delegates signed up.

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 OLOH at 6:00 on 3/31/26. Epiphany COR in April. Sacred Heart COR in May.

Stations of the Cross continue on Fridays at 6:30 at Sacred Heart and will run through lent. They are also at St Gerard Fridays at 3:30.

Sylvia McCormick is doing triple duty in getting the classes done, even going into homes to do it. Spoke at one of the classes and found possible two new candidates for membership.

Sacred Heart 8th grade class is performing the Living Stations of the Cross at St Gerard Wednesday March 18th

A new Vietnam War memorial will be presented in Daytona. Lots of dignitaries speaking. Asking for knights support (blue shirts)

Worthy Family Program Director – Dan Moran: Next basketball challenge coming up

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Worthy Community Program Director Mark Swanson

Future Community Hot Meals: March 30th

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.

Wheelchair program end of June, TBD

Worthy Life Program Director Rich Ross we are working to see we can get the director of the Pregnancy Crisis Center to speak to the kids of Sacred Heart School. Maybe a photo op with some knights (blue shirts). Two to three weeks ago the kids donated diapers.

Keith Basso gave us a run down on the March For Life and included his experiences. They have the largest non-violent protest in D.C. Keith suggesting more Knights try and get to the event. Busses are usually available every year. They walk through the streets praying. Encouraging thought: the crowds are getting younger. Keith brought up a point that once they started replacing the word "abortion" with "choice" abortions went up.

Worthy Knights on Bikes Shane Harrington There will be meeting in Palm Beach April 24-26. Knights on Bikes merchandise available, patches for the vest. Knights on Bikes applications available

Worthy Insurance Agent Jim Boorich was not in attendance

Worthy Fourth Degree Representative Roger Packard spoke about the Stoney Fraley memorial. Family was extremely appreciative with such a turn out of Knights.

Coke Zero 400 is coming up in August at Daytona

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS (NEW MOTIONS AS NEEDED) –

Parish Security - Leo opened a discussion about safety and first aid at masses and what our security team has available by way of training. As per discussion, John Jankowicz made a motion to purchase two first aid kits for \$1,000 and to attend classes ... and the motion was seconded by Larry McNerny. Motion to be submitted to GK. One kit for Sacred Heart and one kit for St Gerard. This is all part of the on-going security awareness program Sacred Heart is adopting. Keith Basso provided details about the medical importance of having good first aid equipment available to possibly assist until

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EMTs arrive in case of an emergency. He also noted that there is usually medical personnel attending each mass that could assist. (Note: Keith is a retired nurse so he is very knowledgeable). This program should be communicated to the diocese.

LECTURER'S REFLECTION Deacon Tom

Growing up here in New Smyrna, one of the first things my dad taught me was how to fish. It was kind of fun growing up in a house where both of my parents loved to eat fish. The only stipulation my mom had was that she would cook it, but I had to clean it.

During Lent on Fridays it was almost essential that I came home with something. Even if it was something I would call "stinking the pan", it avoided the dreaded alternative of Mrs. Pauls fish sticks! I had to use my secret weapon for this challenge ... live shrimp. The fish would usually go ravenous for them.

When I met my wife Theresa, I would take her fishing, but she absolutely wanted nothing to do with whats on the hook, br it the bait or the fish on prize. I had to learn a new fishing technique called catch and release.

The secret to catch and release was carefully taking the hook out of the fish with as little touching as possible and getting it back in its life giving water before it died.

When you think about it, God is also a catch and release fisherman. Even Jesus, when He told His disciples That He would make them "fishers of men" taught them the techniques of catch and release ... they would catch them and release them to God and He would put them in life giving water. When we are baptized our souls are placed in the life giving water of life saving grace, and that's where they need to be in order to live.

Now theres a fisher of souls, the evil one, that is not a catch and release fisherman. What he catches, He doesn't want to put back into the water of sanctifying Grace.

The fisher of souls wants to keep everything he catches, and hang them in His trophy case. Make no mistake, Hes an expert fisher of souls. He knows what appeals to our appetites and offers it on a hook. He knows when that doesn't work He tries the secret weapon bait that makes us bite out of anger or out of fear, or out o simple curiosity.

Of course the best thing to do is to not get hooked by Him in the first place. We need to ignore whatever the evil one throws in front of our noses.

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If we do get hooked, we need to fight, to try and shake the hook, break the line, or break the hook if necessary. If He gets us, we cant stay a sould out of water for too long. The longer we stay out of the waters of sanctifying grace the more likely our souls will wind up in the trophy case of the evil fisher of souls.

But we, unlike the n fish in the river or the ocean, we have the power to remove the hook from our own lips. That power is called free will. And we can use that power to walk into the confessional during this Lent and flip ourselves, with Gods help, right back into that life giving water of sanctifying grace.

ADVOCATE-No report

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.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- FAMILY OF THE MONTH AWARD – Billy and Lori Phelan
- KNIGHT OF THE MONTH – Jim Burns

Drawings

- 50-50 won by Don Frank, drawn by Tim Meads
- No 600 Club drawing this month as the 2025 campaign has ended

Prayer List Updates

- Tom Robinson fell and is in the hospital. Father Aldrin visited him.
- John Ekblom requested prayers for his 3 month old grandson Jimmy who was taken to the hospital with breathing issues. He is now home and on the mend.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm. Minutes taken by John Gawdun, recorder and written up by John Ekblom