

Knights of Columbus
Father Downey Council #4934
Council Members Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 15, 2025, at 7:00 pm

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

1-3. "OPENING CEREMONY PER RITUAL"

- Members in attendance: **(38)**
- Members on Zoom: **(2)**
- Number of guests in attendance: **(0)**
- Dignitaries in attendance: **(4)**
- Members reciting the rosary before the meeting: **(unknown)**

4.0 Recorder – In John Gawdun's absence, DGK Nick Stuart requested approval of the minutes from August 18, 2025, **Members Meeting**, said minutes were approved as written.

5.0 Chaplain's Message – Fr. Aldrin had nothing to report at this time.

*A past reminder from Fr. Aldrin, that every Tuesday after the 8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart there will be a Novena for Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

*At Saint Gerard on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 am there will be an Intercessory Prayer Hour. The purpose is to come together to support each other and pray for friends and family in our faith community for their special needs.

6.0 Grand Knight's Report – With GK Chris Hennessy on family leave, DGK Nick Stuart stepped-up and started off the GK's report with a story about "Old Time Radio" and the show he enjoys listening to, "Family Theatre." He talked about some of the positive and inspirational message you could get out of that show such as "the family that prays together stays together." *The council's "Missing Man Table" was generously donated by Brother Michael Profino, who recently completed a successful seven-hour surgery at the Mayo Clinic to remove cancerous tumors from his neck, followed by extensive plastic surgery. *Football Mania game cards have produced 3-winners thus far. There are still 15 weeks yet to go hopefully producing more winners. Sales for said game cards ends on October 8th. Football Mania game cards that have been sold must also be registered with Charity Mania; otherwise, any winning game card among them will not be counted. *Our councils Prayer List sign-up sheet is on the front table for immediate use or prayer requests can be emailed to the council.

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6.1 Updated Meeting Schedule – Deputy Grand Knight, Nick Stuart reported:

- ***OLOH Assembly 2794 Meeting:** September 25, 2025, – 7:00 pm
- ***Officers/Planning Meeting:** October 14, 2025, – 2:00 pm
- ***Council Members Meeting:** October 20, 2025, – 7:00 pm
- ***OLOH Assembly 2794 Meeting:** October 23, 2025, – 7:00 pm
- ***Sacred Heart School Blue Mass:** October 1, 2025, - 10:00 am
- ***Fr. John 40th Anniversary as a Priest:** October 11, 2025 – 5:00 pm
- ***The 2025/2026 Officers Installation:** October 25, 2025, - after 4 pm Mass

6.2 Unfinished Business –

i. Dues: – Please pay your dues if you haven't done so already. Roland Medeiros, Financial Secretary, reported 63 paid, **60 unpaid**, and 47 are exempt from paying. Those exempts would be a member of the clergy, and Lifetime Members. The council is considering implementing a phone bank to call people to remind them to pay dues. You can mail your dues to Roland at 2769 Neverland Dr, NSB Fl 32128

ii. Football Mania game cards: - We have sold 280 game cards thus far. Our profit is approximately \$3600 after expenses. We had budgeted for \$3900. The game cards are \$20 each and good for the balance of the NFL regular season with 18 chances to win each week. Game cards can be sold through Oct 8th.

iii. Trivia Night: - We have been offered to co-sponsor a Trivia Night on Nov 1st (tentative) with the Parent Teachers Organization (PTO). DGK promised the questions (created by the teachers) will be simplified. If you're the Jeopardy type you may want to try this out. Teams sit at tables and answer questions. You can also meet other parishioners this way.

6.3 New Business-

i. Requesting volunteers to paint the parking blocks in the school lot. Mark the date for September 28th at 1:00

ii. The soccer challenge is scheduled later this month (date TBD). 5 or 6 knights are needed to run this efficiently.

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6.3 New Business cont. -

iii. Heart of an Angel Golf Tournament to be held on October 18th. Tee off times for each foursome yet TBD. We are budgeted to donate \$500 to the tournament. Looking to support two foursomes, \$62.50 each player. We can also “buy a hole.” Yet to be determined.

iv. Trunk or Treat is on October 24th. Knights meet in the parking lot at 4:00 pm to set up participating cars and direct others to parking. The event is for trunks of cars to be decorated with a different Halloween theme. The kids will treat themselves by trick or treating at each “trunk.” Maybe next year we have the kids vote on the best “trunk” with a prize to the owner of winning “trunk.”

v. We’ll be holding our Baby Bottle Drive from the end of October to Thanksgiving, so start saving your loose change for a great cause.

vi. The “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest is coming up (date TBD). A few Knights will be needed to help select winning posters from Sacred Heart School students.

vii. John Jankowich was welcomed as our new Faith Director and Mark Swanson as our new Community Director.

viii. Daytona Race Support - Roger Packard, PGK Council 8086 heads up a Daytona Race support group made up of OLOH Knights and a few brothers from our council. The DRS worked the Coke Zero 400 in August. Several of the brothers talked about their experiences. Roger outlined the duties and responsibilities at a typical race and then turned it over to Joe Adamick who is spear heading council 4934s Daytona group. We are looking for volunteers for the Rolex 24 in January 2026 and several events in February 2026 including the 500. If you want to help, contact Joe Adamick. Roger said they received a payout of about \$13,000 from this event.

ix. The Sacred Heart ICON is scheduled to arrive at Sacred Heart on November 11th (Veterans Day) and be on display until November 18th from which it will be transported to OLOH.

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7.0 FINANCIAL REPORT: -

7.1 Treasurer –David Jenkins: *As of August 31st, the primary checkbook balance was **\$21,621.54**

*As of August 31st, the secondary checkbook for CC purchases balance was **\$1,000.00.**

*All bills are paid.

7.2 Council's Financial Advisor – Jerome Williams on zoom: - *alerted us that one of our CDs is coming due, and rates are dropping. Need to get in touch with our broker (Action: Chris/Dave Jenkins).

7.3 Financial Secretary – Roland Medeiros primary report is under **6.2 unfinished business**. Please take care of your yearly financial responsibility to the council. Thanks. *If you maintain a household budget, consider allocating \$2.50 per month; over the course of twelve months, this will accumulate to the required \$30 for membership dues. (recorders' input)

7.4 Trustees –3-year Shane Harrington, 2-year Joe Adamick & 1- year Luc Labreche reported both bank statements reconciled

8.0 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Worthy Membership Director Pat Clark had no new members to report.

*It is essential that all primary Officers and Directors of the council complete the "Safe Environment Training Program." This training is conveniently available online and can be finished in just a few minutes. Upon successful completion, you will have the option to immediately print your certificate as proof of compliance.

*In addition to the training, all Officers and Directors are required to undergo fingerprinting for security purposes. Please contact Ella at the church office to schedule your fingerprinting appointment.

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9.0. Faith in Action Programs – Programs Director, DGK Nick Stuart.

*The Deputy Grand Knight (DGK) emphasized the importance of maintaining accurate and comprehensive council records. He reminded the Directors that it is necessary for each Director to prepare and submit a written report on his topic for the meeting. These reports will be made part of the official meeting minutes. Directors are instructed to email their written reports to the Worthy Recorder, John Gawdun, as well as to the DGK himself. Thank you for your cooperation.

9.1 Faith – The new Faith Director, Brother John Jankowich introduced himself and his wife. *He re-emphasized the Heart of an Angel Golf Tournament and that donations of approximately \$30,000 could be forthcoming. *A continued reminder that every Saturday between 9:00 am – 3:00 pm “Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament” is open to all in Sacred Heart’s Chapel. *Council members recite the Rosary before the Members Meeting at Sacred Heart Church, assemble at 6:00 pm, Rosary begins at 6:15 pm, meeting begins 7:00 pm. All are welcome to recite the rosary, even non-Knights. *It was also requested that all the brothers attend Fr. John’s 40th Anniversary Mass and the reception in the social hall. *The last topic was about a “Children’s Faith Formation” program beginning September 23rd and each Tuesday thereafter. The cost is \$50 per child. For information and registration please call the church office.

9.2 Family – Director Dan Moran is on excused leave therefore no report.

9.3 Community – The new Community Director is Brother Mark Swanson. *The CHMP was held on September 29th with **7** volunteers attending to provide meals for **75** people. These people enjoyed the meal so much **20** came back for seconds bringing the total meals provided of **95**. Brother’s Eddie Grambo & Glenn Strobel, “chef’s de cuisine” and volunteers did a great job as always. *The next CHMP is scheduled for, November 17th, and December 29th. Hey newbies, time to step up and meet the CHMP team. *As a reminder our council continues to support the Monday Night Bingo by manning the grill at the Sacred Heart social hall. This activity helps support the Sacred Heart School. Are there any grill master’s among the newbies? *Other topics were the wheelchair weekend (se DD Report) Habitat for Humanity, Disaster Preparedness & Pressure Washing help needed on the church grounds. Please see Brother Mark for more details on anyone of these topics.

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- 9.4 Life** – Director Richard Ross reported that the “Baby Bottle” drive to start October 25/26 till Thanksgiving. The donations received will go to the Pregnancy Center.
- 9.5 Fourth Degree** – Andy Duzyk, Faithful Navigator – presented a comprehensive report on all the upcoming activities planned by Assembly 2794. See page **8**.
- 9.6 Field Agent** – Jim Booritch, was doing a presentation for another council.
- 9.7 District Deputy** – John O’Malley presented a comprehensive report on all the activities planned or being planned in our district. See page **8-9**.
- 9.8 Advocate** – John Martin, no report to present.
- 9.9 SVdP Watchdog** - Frank McCarron, no report to present.
- 9.10 Warden** – Dan Moran, is on excused leave therefore no report.
- 9.11 Captain of Knights on Bikes Council 4934** – Shane Harrington reported a special upcoming ride escorting the Vietnam Veterans Wall from Scottsmor to Edgewater’s American Legion Post 285. We also provided the American Legion Post with \$250 in support of the wall celebration/veterans expo at the post. The celebration takes place on October 18th (9 am – 3 pm) with a closing candlelight vigil at 7 pm. Those who are interested in being part of this ride please see Shane or the Knights on Bikes website <http://www.konbfl.org/>
*Silver Rose patches are available for those who took part in escorting the Silver Rose to Saint Gerard.
- 9.12 Web Master** – Mark Cerretani, no report to present.
*As a reminder from previous meetings, our Web Master will make himself available after the meeting for any member that is still having difficulty in setting up an account or signing-in. *Also, in time, all types of forms will be available to be downloaded like our council’s calendar for upcoming events. Great job Mark.
- 10.0 Good of the Order** – Deputy Grand Knight, Nick Stuart reports:
Knight of the Month for September 2025 – **Don Frank**
Family of the Month for September 2025 – **Chris & Summer Lisanti**

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11.0 Lecturer's Reflection – Deacon Tom Meyer's presentation on **"Make Friends with Your Guardian Angel"** is available on page **9-10**.

12.0 Grand Knight Summary, no report given since Chris Hennessy was on leave.

13.0 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.

14.0 Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney:

15.0 CLOSING CERMONY PER RITUAL

*The members present added the following to the closing prayer, PGK Leo Decker's daughter, Mallory was having a "C" Section delivery up in Pennsylvania during the meeting, world peace & Charlie Kirk.

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

Drawings -

600 Club – 2025 3rd drawing:

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Ticket #

(546) \$100 – Paul Russo
(482) \$200 – Sondra Wohlfai

50 / 50 drawing:

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Rick Oppel - winner

{ 50/50 Winner drawn by Don Frank
600 Club Winners drawn by Rich Ross

Please note:

I contributed only 20% to these minutes; most of the content was prepared by DGK, Nick Stuart, and my assistant John Ekblom. Their excellent work made it easy to organize the minutes, for which I want to sincerely thank them for their support during my absence. John Gawdun, Recorder

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9.4 Fourth Degree – Andy Duzyk, Faithful Navigator

*The FN welcomed the two new 4th Degree Sir Knights: Brandon Snyder (present) and Christopher Brown (not present). *A call went out for all vets for a salute to veterans at OLOH parish center on November 8th. A “Quilt of Valor” will be honored. * Memorial Flag Program 1st of every month rain or shine. Bugel call when flag is raised and when it comes down. Vets and non-vets can be honored at this event. *The presence of the Knights and Color Corps at a funeral service provides support and comfort to those that are mourning. I’m sure you were made aware of the need for an increase in Color Corp membership. *Fr. Ken Bouler, a distinguished West Point graduate, has served as a Chaplain with the renowned 101st Airborne Division. His journey includes roles as both a Lutheran and Anglican Chaplain before his conversion to Catholicism. Notably, Fr. Bouler is among the few married Catholic priests, reflecting a unique and inspiring path within his ministry.

9.7 District Deputy – John O’Malley

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

***Congratulations** to Council 8086 for holding the first Wheelchair Weekend in our district this upcoming weekend at Our Lady of Hope. Leaflets were passed out this past weekend following a video clip prior to all Masses – response positive. *Epiphany was first to schedule a weekend, Jan. 24-25. Wheelchair Weekends. While the gift of mobility costs \$500-plus, the Knights buy in bulk, reducing the cost to \$150. A wheelchair drive consists of a three-minute pulpit talk at each of the weekend Masses, followed by Knights at each door distributing information and collecting donations. Both Epiphany and Our Lady of Hope councils have already stated their desire to host a Wheelchair Weekend. Epiphany is set to do one on January 24th.

*Also, **congratulations** to OLOH for a successful recruiting weekend. Since July, 8086 has added 22 new members, 147-percent. That’s number one in the state! Sacred Heart officially added four (40-percent) although additional paperwork is coming through.

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9.7 District Deputy – John O’Malley cont.

*Epiphany held first Fraternal Benefit Event, OLOH at this meeting. If paperwork submitted correctly, both councils could be set for the year.

*We held Cor organizational meeting on Tuesday, August 26, at 6:30 p.m. Presented with several suggested formats, groups decided to go with the Blessed Michael McGivney option. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd.

*Council should appoint Evangelization and Faith Formation (EFF) director (in addition to Faith), responsible for Cor. The EFF director gets plenty of Cor-related materials, and membership in Formed.

*Also, Sacred Heart Icon – 4934 Nov. 11; OLOH Nov. 18; Epiphany Nov. 25 – variety of ideas to share with Faith Directors.

District highlights: Wed. Sept. 24 Mother Teresa movie at Epiphany; Oct. 12 Duck Derby; Oct. 18 OLOH party/dinner; Oct. 25 Sacred Heart installation; Nov. 8 Vet Dinner; Nov, 22 Epiphany car show.

11.0 Lecturer’s Reflection – Deacon Tom Meyer -

I just skimmed through a book written by Religious Sister Emmanuel Millard titled, “**Make friends with the Angels.**” Why should we make friends with the angels, and what role do they play in our lives?

God has entrusted to each of us a very special and powerful friend, our Guardian Angel. As a pure spirit, we cannot see him, but he is by our side day and night, always ready to help us, protect us, inspire us and guide us. Scripture, the saints, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church tell us about the wonderful role the Angels play in our lives. Don't miss the wonderful opportunity to make friends with him and call on him for divine intervention. Angels love us dearly and never leave us alone! They know God's plan for our lives, and they are so willing to help us realize what it is. You will never feel lonely again once you come to know the Angels. Personally, I know I sometimes forget to think about them and pray toward them, except from maybe asking for their protection before going on a trip. We should make friends with the angels because they are

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11.0 Lecturer's Reflection – Deacon Tom Meyer cont.

powerful figures in our lives and the lives of all those we interact with, and their intercession is a powerful tool. If we are arguing with a friend or family member, we can ask for their help and to intercede for us. If we are worried about our safety, we can ask our guardian angel to be at our side.

Angels have been credited with stopping traffic accidents, shielding people from harm and even bringing couples together for marriage.

Just the idea of angels is amazing – beings whose whole reason for existence is to look after us. They are our best friends and allies, and they share in our joy and sadness equally with us. We must make friends of them and lean on them, because that is what God designed them for.

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