

Knights of Columbus
Father Downey Council #4934
Council Members Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm

A quorum was met; the meeting was called to order at **7:00 pm** by Grand Knight **Chris Hennessey**

1-3. Opening Ceremony Per Ritual

- Members in attendance (**49**)
- Members on Zoom (**1**)
- Number of guests in attendance (**2**)
- Dignitaries in attendance (**1**)
- Members reciting the rosary before the meeting (**25**)

4. Recorder – requested approval of the meetings minutes from the October 2025 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. Chaplains Messge – No Chaplins Message.

6. Grand Knight's Report – Lets keep making it a priority to get our new members involved and engaged. Theres plenty of opportunity to go around. GK also read letters of thanks for our support of the Trunk or Treat event as well as our support to the American Legion on the Veterans Expo. Our DGK Nick Stuart put his Quilt of Honor on display on the back table for us to admire. Nick was honored for his service at the veterans dinner last week end at Our Lady of Hope. Thank you for your service Nick.

6.1 Communication Issue

- Mark Cerratani gave a brief show and tell about the Supreme website. Our website may not have been totally registered with Supreme so we are asking council members to check if they're getting emails from GK Chris. If you are not receiving emails please call **800-380-9995**. Mark is also rebuilding a complete mailing list for our web site. Knights please check your emails and other information on our 4934 web page. Just a reminder, our local council webpage is **knights4934.com** and supreme is **kofc.org**.

6.2 Schedule-

- COR November 25th at 6:30 at Sacred Heart and at Our Lady of Hope on December 9th
- Celebration of Life Annual Fund Raiser (Jan 10, 2026 ... RSVP 12/20/25)
- 4th Degree Exemplifications: St. Marks in Tampa on Jan 23, 2026
- Keep Christ in Christmas Magnets (December TBD)
- Polar Plunge at Sea World February 14, 2026
- Officers meeting Monday December 8th Knights Hall
- Members Meeting and Rosary Monday December 15th

Knights of Columbus
Father Downey Council #4934
Council Members Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm

- Sacred Heart Icon at OLOH November 18th; Epiphany November 25th
- Parish Picnic on Sacred Heart grounds March 29, 2026
- Winter Blast January 31, February 1 2026 at Sacred Heart
- Florida State Raffle February 2026
- Community Hot Meals December 29th.
- Knights on Bikes next ride will be around Thanksgiving
- Epiphany Car Show November 22nd
- Corporate Communion at Epiphany November 30, 2025
- Breakfast with Santa Sunday December 7th Sacred Heart after 10:30 mass
- Veterans Cookout December 15th
- OLOH Christmas Party; Dec. 13,
- Epiphany Wheelchair Weekend January 24, 2026
- January 1, 2026 Vets Bingo
- Sacred Heart Wheelchair Program, April 2026
- Daytona Race – January 22 and 23
- SuperMania Super Squares December (TBD)
-

6.3. Actions-

- Review CDs coming due in December 2025
- Update Insurance forms to cover all Knights Field events
- Revise calendar on web site

6.4. Unfinished business-

Baby Bottle Drive - Baby Bottle Drive will be going through November 30, 2025. Knights are needed to hand out bottles after all masses. Proceeds support the crisis pregnancy center. The program goal is \$2500 but our GK has set the mark at \$3000.

Phil the Box We continue to get paid for the Phil the Box however it appears the returns are lower than expected. We are investigating.

Breakfast with Santa John Marten to get gifts for 60 kids for Breakfast with Santa. If there are presents left over it will be donated. We will need cooks and other for this event. We'll start cooking around 7 or 7:30 and clean up will be over by 1:00. Dec 7th after the 10:30 mass

Patio Café Event: Only 41 RSVPs so far. If at all possible for you to attend please come.

Recorders Update: *The event was successfully held November 21. Thank you's go out to proprietors Joe and Neel*

Florida State Raffle – our Council has 77 books of tickets to sell. Each book has four tickets in it. The tickets are \$4.00 each or \$10.00 a book, we need to have these sold by February 2026. We get \$4.00 for each book sold. American Legion is taking 30 books.

Knights of Columbus
Father Downey Council #4934
Council Members Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Keep Christ in Christmas - Poster contest has been given to the school. Also, we will be selling Keep Christ in Christmas car magnets for \$5.00 each after masses starting (TBD) We will need volunteers after each mass.

Daytona Racetrack - Joe Adamick discussed the Daytona Racetrack support program. Sign ups were made available for Jan 22 (2p to 10p) and Jan 23 (6a to 10p). You can sign up for partial shift as well. This is the Rolex program. There is a dress code (black shoes, socks, shirt) and if we adhere to it we get some extra money. Also working on insurance forms. Roger Packard of council 8088 also talked about the Daytona Racetrack support team.

GK Reminder - A written report is necessary from each director to be made part of the minutes. Send written report to the worthy Recorder (John Ekblom) and the DGK (Nick)..

6.5. New business

Wheelchair program - donations will take place at the end of April 2026

Winter Blast- (same as Raise the Roof) 2026 Fund Raiser Taking place Sat Jan 31 and Sunday Feb 1. We also need cooks and other food help both days. Requesting Knights to look for businesses to help sponsor Form for sponsors was made available. \$100 full page, \$50 half page, and \$25 for quarter page. As GK Chris puts it, "if you gave a lot of money to a local business this year (like a new air conditioner or home renovation) see if you can get some of the money back for the church."

Parish picnic - scheduled for end of March 29 2026 but that is also Palm Sunday

government shut down - Because there is a real need for food at St Vincent de Paul due to the government shut down we presented a check for \$500 to help.

Tiki Boat - St Gerard has a Tiki Boat ride Nov 15th which is a catered fund raiser. \$100 each.

Super Mania Super squares - will be available for sale. We had 14 winners from the Football Mania cards. We are also considering doing a Sacred Heart pool. We will be selling them (TBD)

600 club tickets - GK requested John Martens to print up 600 club tickets. Format and color same as last year.

Coats/sweatshirts - collections for the sacred heart school kids that have a need for the winter months has started

Tootsie Rolls - Just a reminder, tootsie rolls will start the last weekend in January and run through mid-March. Initial sign-up sheets will be available mid-December

Insurance forms - Need to confirm the insurance forms we need for Knight field events such as Daytona races or Tootsie rolls are up to date. Our current forms are good through 2/1/26.
Action: Ekblom, Adamick, Medeiros

7.0 FINANCIAL REPORT

Knights of Columbus
Father Downey Council #4934
Council Members Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm

7.1 Worthy Treasurer - David Jenkins reported the council's financial status as of October 30, 2025 as follows:

The primary checkbook balance is \$18,533.71

The secondary checkbook balance for CC purchases is \$1,000

No outstanding bills

7.2 Council Financial Advisor – no report

7.3 Financial Secretary - Roland Medeiros focus was dues . 130 members have paid, totaling \$4,000. 27 have not paid, totaling \$950.

Jerry Williams noted that CDs are up almost \$2K, to \$178K. However, CDs are coming due in December. Action: Review CDs

7.4 Trustees – no report

8.0 Membership Report

Worthy Membership Director Pat Clark brought a motion to the floor for one transfer new member and was seconded by John Ekblom and the motions were approved. The new knights is Dean McCall.

There will be a 1 – 3 degree exemplification on December 9th at Sacred Heart.

If the perspective member types in JBOORITCH they will get the membership for free.

9.0 Faith In Action

9.1 Faith Program - Director John Jankowich discussed the following:

- Sacred Heart will be hosting COR on November 25th at 6:30. The lesson will be the continuation of the life of blessed Michael McGivny. Next COR meeting is December 16th at TBD
- ICON of the Sacred Heart of Jesus has been here for a week.

9.2 Family – Dan Moran Keep Christ in Christmas posters ready for judging

Soccer and Basketball challenge, Soccer is complete and basketball will be held during the winter.

Keep Christ in Christmas car magnets will go on sale at the church at 11/30 masses.

9.3 Community Program Worthy Director Mark Swanson was excused. Here is some current information:

The last Community Hot Meals day on November 17th 120 meals were provided. The last one this year will be on December 29th.

Knights of Columbus
Father Downey Council #4934
Council Members Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm

A Reminder for Bingo supports the SH school. We need 2-3 guys every week to man the grill. We start set up and cooking around 3:00.

9.4 Life Program Director Rich Ross Rich spoke about the Celebration of Life Annual Fund Raiser (Jan 10, 2026 ... RSVP 12/20/25)

9.5 Fourth Degree – Andy Duzyk was unavailable to speak, however here is some current information

- There will be a 4th degree exemplification at St. Marks in Tampa on Jan 23, 2026
- There will be a Vets cook out at the VA hospital on 12/15

9.6 Field Agent - Jim Booritch was not in attendance

9.7 Worthy District Deputy – John O'Malley DD report for November 2025

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

Congratulations to Council 8086 for winning the Fishers of Men Award, announced back in June by Supreme. The four-month competition included a cash prize of \$2,000 and a film crew from Supreme to film a special event, to the council with the top overall recruiting council in each of the KofC Insurance territories.

No. 1 in the Southeast Territory – comprising 13 states and Puerto Rico – was Council 8086 with 50 new members. That's enough to make three-star council.

Council 4934 is credited with seven new members — needing three more for Star Council — but has enough potential members in the pipeline to achieve the goal.

If you recently receive an envelope from Florida KofC Charities with motto, "Florida Knights support Special Olympics," please consider returning it with a small donation. There will also be a similar envelope for vocations in December and the popular KofC Helping Life mailing labels in January.

The three programs make up the "Triple Crown." Last year, only ONE of the 260 councils in Florida earned the Triple Crown. Our individual small gifts add up, and will significantly impact the tremendous work of Special Olympics, educating seminarians and saving (and enhancing) lives.

Our next Cor meeting will be on Tuesday, Nov. 25, at Sacred Heart, at 6:30 p.m. Our main topic will be the fourth 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.

Looking ahead, our December Cor meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 16, at Our Lady of Hope at 6:30 p.m. We will get back to the fourth Tuesday when we resume in January.

Also, the Sacred Heart Icon was displayed for a week at Father Downey Council No. 4934 and is now at OLOH, starting Nov. 18; It then goes to Epiphany on Nov. 25.

Knights of Columbus
Father Downey Council #4934
Council Members Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm

District highlights: Nov, 22 Epiphany car show. Corporate Communion, Nov. 30 at the 10 a.m. Mass at Epiphany; Dec .7, Sacred Heart Breakfast with Santa and OLOH Christmas Party; Dec. 13, Special Olympics reception and lunch at Epiphany, 12569 and 8086 combination.

Fourth Degree: Dec. 4 bingo, Dec. 15 cookout, and Jan. 1 bingo – vets get no holidays. Our next Fourth Degree Exemplification will be at St. Mark the Evangelist in Tampa on Saturday, Jan, 31.

DD also talked about the Supremes web site and a Polar Plunge to take place at SeaWorld Feb 14, 2026.

9.8 Advocate – no report to present

9.9 Captain of Knights on Bikes Council 4934 – no report

9.10 Web Master – Calendar-The website calendar is still being addressed. There is a problem uploading to the from the Master That is why nothing is showing. We will get updates as they happen. Action: Mark Cerretani

10.0 Good Of The Order

- Family Of The Month Award for November 2025 – Ann McDevitt
- Knight Of The Month for February 2025 Leo Decker, September 2025 Don Frank, October 2025 Bruce Crew
- Drawings
 - Drawing for 50-50 – winner Jim Gonyea, drawn by Dan Moran
 - Drawing for 600 Club – drawn by Jim Gonyea
 - \$100 winner Roland Medeiros Ticket #410
 - \$200 winner Norm Martens Ticket #379

Knights of Columbus
Father Downey Council #4934
Council Members Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm

11.0 Lecturer's Reflection Deacon Tom Meyer

I have always enjoyed watching those apocalyptic movies on TV where some cataclysmic event has taken place and the world is nearly destroyed.

In these movies, it always seems that a group of diverse individuals, each facing personal challenges and conflicts of their own, come together to find common ground. They reach an understanding, through shared experiences and acts of kindness, ultimately realizing the meaning of "unity" beyond the word.

Unity also seems to be the prominent theme of the Knights of Columbus.

When I think of unity, I immediately think of The Holy Trinity. An undivided Unity of three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Pope Leo spoke about unity a few months ago because that is the fundamental mission of the Church.

To quote Our Lord's own words, "Father, that they may be one as you and I are one." This is unity.

It is also the communion that the Holy Spirit brings about in the Church. It is a unity that has its foundation in Christ, who draws us to himself and thus unites us with one another.

Father McGivney not only taught the importance of unity; he demonstrated that the Church's mission of evangelization hinges on that unity of faith brought about by the Holy Spirit. He reached out to the wider community and helped his Knights see that there is no charity without unity. The fact is that so many personalities make up the Knights of Columbus membership, it does require attention and effort to keep unity.

The history of the Church also shows so many splits and separations that the risk is disunity will always be there.

One reality however that we have is Our Lady to help us. A mother is so often the center of unity in the home and the family. The love for her children and the love of the children for her is so effective in helping family unity. And in the Knights, it is no different. Let us all keep close to our Mother Mary and we will stay close to one another.

12.0 Grand Knights Summary

The GK summarized the meeting

Knights of Columbus
Father Downey Council #4934
Council Members Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm

13.0 Names of of Brother Knights and Immediate Family Members of Brother Knights that Requested to be added to our councils Prayer List

Lets keep all our brothers and their immediate family members in our prayers. Our prayer list is found on the 4934 web site. We also prayed for worthy brother Leo Deckers family, John Ekbloms new grandson Soren Quinn Ekblom, and fallen away Catholics

14.0 Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGiveny

15.0 Closing Prayer per Ritual

Our Worthy Chaplain lead us in the closing prayer

Meeting Adjourned at 8:03pm Minutes taken by John Ekblom Recorder

Update 11/29/25

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: These minutes and any attachments may contain confidential, proprietary or legally privileged information and is intended only for the use of Fr. Downey council members. These minutes and the information contained therein are not to be shared with anyone who is not a member in good standing of the Knights of Columbus without written permission of the Grand Knight. Any other sharing or distribution of these minutes is prohibited. Thank you.