

Knights of Columbus
Father Downey Council #4934
Council Members Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 18, 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: **(4)**
- Number of guests in attendance: **(1)**
- Dignitaries in attendance: **(3)**
- Members reciting the rosary before the meeting: **(25+)**

4. Recorder - John Gawdun requested approval of the minutes from July 21, 2025, **Members Meeting**, said minutes were approved as written.

5. 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. Grand Knight's Report – With Chris Hennessy on vacation, DGK Nick Stuart stepped-in and started off with a story told to him by an Irish Priest. Humors and thought provoking. *The council's "Missing Man Table," which was donated by Brother Michael Profino to recognize all service members still missing from past military engagements, was discussed and received a heartfelt applause for his donation. *Football Mania game card sales have gone well but still not what we hoped for. 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. *There's a SHS Open House scheduled for September 4th, 6pm – 7pm at which we will have the opportunity to hawk some Football Mania game cards. Sales period is ending and as always help is needed. *Our councils Prayer List sign up sheet on the front table was mentioned. *The District Deputy will provide information about the first **C.O.R.** program of this FY and the **Sacred Heart ICON**. *Last but not least **Donuts after Mass** on Sundays begins September 7th, and help is needed.

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

- ***OLOH Assembly 2794 Meeting:** August 28, 2025, – 7:00 pm
- ***Officers/Planning Meeting:** September 8, 2025, – 2:00 pm
- ***Council Members Meeting:** September 15, 2025, – 7:00 pm
- ***OLOH Assembly 2794 Meeting:** September 25, 2025, – 7:00 pm

7.0 Financial Reports:

7.1 Treasurer –David Jenkins: As of July 31st, the primary checkbook balance was **\$22,423.73.**

*As of July 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 vacation & on zoom, no report expected while on vacation.

7.3 Financial Secretary – Roland Medeiros also on vacation & on zoom, no report expected while on vacation. *Our DGK reminds us that the new Fraternal Year, 2025 – 2026 **DUES** are due. Only 58 members /165 members have paid. The weakest response of all the councils in District 20. My personal assessment. *A continuous reminder from previous meetings is that there are still dues that are unpaid from the 24 – 25 FY and have cost our council per capita charges and assessments for those unpaid members. 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.

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

8.0 Membership Report – Worthy Chancellor Patrick Clark reported:

*An important reminder that the primary Officers and Directors 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. *We must now review two new candidates for membership in our council.

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8.0 Membership Report cont.:

*One new Candidate **David Jellison**

was voted for acceptance by our council.

- ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
- ❖ Motion 2nd by: Glenn Space
- ❖ Motion approved

*One new Candidate **David Gagnon**

was voted for acceptance by our council.

- ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
- ❖ Motion 2nd by: Glenn Space
- ❖ Motion approved

*A reminder to all members especially the newbies who wants to look like a recognized member of the Knights and our council, new emblmed shirts and hats are available for purchase.

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

9.1 Faith – A new Faith Director has been named – Worthy Brother John Jankowich, please checked in.

*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. Meet at Sacred Heart Church at 6:00 pm, Rosary begins at 6:15 pm, meeting begins 7:00 pm. All are welcome even non-Knights. Two members of council 8086 joined in.

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

9.3 Community – A new Community Director has been named – Worthy Brother Mark Swanson who is on an excused leave. In his place the DGK, Nick Stuart provided said report.

*The CHMP was held on August 18th with 12 volunteers attending to provide meals for 95 people. These people enjoyed the meal so much 33 came back for seconds bringing the total meals provided of 128. Brother’s Eddie Grambo & Glenn Strobel, “chef’s de cuisine” and volunteers did a great job as always.

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9.3 Community cont.:

The next CHMP meals are scheduled for September 29th, November 17th, and December 29th. Hey newbies, time to step up and meet the CHMP team. The schedule is on the line above. *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?

9.4 Life – Director Richard Ross reported that financial donations along with the various baby needs are continuing to be donated to the Pregnancy Crisis Center in Daytona Beach through our council being monitored by Director Richard Ross and Assistant Life Director Tim Meade.

9.5 Fourth Degree – Andy Duzyk, Faithful Navigator was not in attendance. This short report was put together from various emails since Assembly 2794 last meeting and Brother SK Roger Packard, PGK council 8086 report this day.

*Our monthly Memorial Flag Raising Ceremony is scheduled for September 1st at 10 am, rain or shine at Our Lady of Hope campus. The flagpole is between the church and the parish center. As you may remember, the Flag Raising Ceremony honors veterans or family or friends. Every first day of the month, rain, or shine, we raise a new flag and retire the current one. We also created a poster 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.

*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 is welcomed to help, you don't have to have the Honor of the 4th Degree. Dates to keep in mind:

9.6 A successful fundraiser coordinated by Roger Packard, PGK Council 8086

On Monday, August 25, 2025, Roger Packard, PGK council 8086 wrote:

Track volunteers,

I want to thank all of you for volunteering to help us at the track to be able to support the community and the church with the funding by aiding others and

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9.6 continued:

keeping them safe. It was nice to see all the Knights work together for these common causes. Again, thank you and looking forward to working with you in January or February.

YBIC
Track Coordinator
Roger

- 9.7 Field Agent** – Jim Booritch, member of our council and insurance agent was on board to explain that our State Council was pushing hard for new members using a “**Proof of Contact**” concept originating from an agent in South Carolina and being quite successful. Seems not too difficult to bring to task. On the designated day, each man entering the church will receive a card from a brother Knight. Jim, our field agent, will explain its purpose during his pulpit speech. After Mass, completed cards will be collected at the doors and given to our agent. Jim and Fr. John will schedule this membership drive soon.
- 9.8 District Deputy** – John O’Malley presented a comprehensive report on all the activities planned or being planned in our district. See page **7-8**.
- 9.9 Advocate** – John Martin on vacation & on Zoom.
- 9.10 SVdP Watchdog** - Frank McCarron excused for this meeting.
- 9.11 Warden** – Dan Moran is on excused leave therefore no report.
- 9.12 Captain of Knights on Bikes Council 4934** – Shane Harrington reported a special upcoming ride escorting the Vietnam Veterans Wall to American Legion Post 285 and those that are interested please see Shane or the Knights on Bikes website <http://www.konbfl.org/>
- 9.13 Web Master** – Mark Cerretani is enjoying a well-earned vacation, no report. *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.

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10.0 Unfinished Business – Deputy Grand Knight, Nick Stuart referred to **6. Grand Knights Report**, which was provided by same, DGK Nick Stuart, covering the many **Unfinished Business** topics and several **New Business** topics.

11.0 New Business – see **10.0 Unfinished Business** above.

12.0 Good of the Order – Deputy Grand Knight, Nick Stuart reports:
Knight of the Month for August 2025 – **Joe Adamick**
Family of the Month for August 2025 – **Adam & Shalyn Kraus & Family**

13.0 Lecturer’s Reflection – Deacon Tom Meyer's presentation on “*why do we pray the Rosary*”, has been typed-out on page **8-9**.

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

15.0 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.

15.1 Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney:

16.0 “CLOSING CERMONY PER RITUAL”

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

Drawings -

600 Club – 2025 3rd drawing:

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Ticket #

(583) \$100 – Joseph Trotta

(002) \$200 – Jim Baskin

50 / 50 drawing:

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Larry McNerney - winner

} 50/50 Winner drawn by David Jenkins

} 600 Club Winners drawn by Rich Ross

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9.8 District Deputy – John O'Malley

News from Supreme Convention:

Changes in bylaws: One annual audit (not two) (Effective when? Next Columbian year?) An annual audit is sufficient to ensure proper oversight of a council's fiscal condition.

No more mandatory membership committee: vote at meeting member is proposed for membership; if member denied, must wait six months before applying to join any council; proposals that spending more than \$500 can be approved without a vote was rejected.

No official recognition of warden

Cor – Holding setup meeting on Tuesday, August 26, at 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart; mini-session – decade, some instruction, then discussion followed by fellowship/refreshments

“One of most important K of C initiatives in recent history”

In the last year, went from 650 to more than 5,000 councils

Cor format – prayer, discussion, fellowship:

All three councils?

Need date (third or fourth Tuesday?)

Different options: McGivney (10 sessions)

The Eucharist (three sessions)

Pope Francis: The joy of the gospel (six sessions)

Leadership virtue leadership series (eight sessions)

Council should appoint EFF director (in addition to Faith), responsible for Cor

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

Off to a good start in second month of Columbian Year – 8086 11 of 15, exemplification next Tuesday; Sacred Heart added two with at least one more pending.

8086/Epiphany all trained; Sacred Heart adding community director Mark Swanson, who will do training as soon as he is officially added.

FBE: 8086 set, others pending; urging councils to send reps to other meeting to satisfy two FBE requirement.

District highlights: Friday August 22 – grocery pickup at OLOH; Aug 22-23, Coke Zero 400 parking help; 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.

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9.8 District Deputy – John O’Malley continued:

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 wants to do one on January 24; 8086 mentioned January 17.

The state raffle is coming back; tickets have been distributed. The top prize is \$25,000; second \$5,000; two third prizes of \$1,000 each. Councils keep 40-percent of sales; 60-percent returned to state for state programs and charities. Sales end May 1.

13.0 Lecturer Deacon Tom Meyer’s Reflection:

So, why do we pray the Rosary?

Many great popes, saints, and Christian leaders have asked us to ***pray the Rosary***. They tell us that it’s a powerful prayer, one that can change your life, strengthen your family, or bring peace to the world.

But does the average person really experience the Rosary this way? Many Catholics, unfortunately, have the impression that the Rosary is not relevant for them. It might be a sacred prayer for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and exceptional Catholics – but not for “an ordinary lay person like me.” Even some devout Catholics admit that they are a bit intimidated by the Rosary. Many view it as the marathon of Catholic devotions.” I know it’s an important prayer, but it takes fifteen to twenty minutes. I’m too busy. I don’t have time for that.”

I tell you there is a lot more going on in the Rosary than simply saying words and counting them with beads. There are also many ways to pray the Rosary, some that can easily fit I your schedule and help you with whatever challenges you face right now in your life.

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13.0 Lecturer Deacon Tom Meyer's Reflection continued:

Think of the Rosary as being like the ocean: There's something in it for everyone. A deep-sea explorer or a child making sandcastle on the beach can fully enjoy the same ocean while operating at different levels. This is true with the Rosary also. If the Rosary is not part of your regular prayer life right now, it's easy to get your feet wet with this devotion.

We don't have to pray the Rosary all at once. Some people might sit down and quietly pray a whole Rosary in one sitting. But we can also choose to divide it up, saying just a decade or two at different points throughout the day.

Many holy men and women and even popes have prayed the Rosary this way and have found it manageable and fruitful in their busy lives.

We can pray it anywhere! The Rosary is like a portable chapel we can keep in our pocket and pull it out anytime, anyplace. Whether we have a sudden, urgent situation to present to God in prayer or we just want to fill some of our day with thoughts of God, all we need to do is pull out our beads and turn to the Lord in this prayer.

We might pray it in a church or in our office. Or we might pray it in the car, or while cutting the grass or taking a walk.

We can pray the Rosary in different ways, customizing it to fit the needs of the moment. Sometimes we might focus on the words of the prayers. Other times, we might reflect on the mysteries of Christ's Life.

It is easy to fit the Rosary into your schedule. Do you have two and -a-half minutes in your day that you can give to God? This is the beauty of the Rosary. Even if I'm not able to give the Rosary my full attention, it's still worth praying.

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