

Knights of Columbus  
Father Downey Council #4934  
**Council Members Meeting Minutes**  
Monday, January 20, 2025, at 7:00 pm

A quorum was met, the meeting was called to order at **7:00 pm** by GK, Leo Decker.

## 1. "OPENING CEREMONY PER RITUAL"

- Members in attendance: **(43)**
- Members on Zoom: **(0)**
- Number of guests in attendance: **(0)**
- Dignitaries in attendance: **(1)**
- Members reciting the rosary before the meeting: **(30)**

## 2. Officers Reports:

- **Chaplain's Message** – Fr. Aldrin reminded us 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 11:00 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. Also, at Saint Gerard on Fridays at 2:00 pm there is a Holy Hour of Silent Meditation with scripture readings from the Saints and reflective music. Please try and attend to spend an hour with Jesus.
- **District Deputy** – John O'Malley presented a comprehensive report on all the activities planned or being planned in our district.
- **Deputy Grand Knight** – Chris Hennessy on excused leave:
  - In his place John Ekblom brought the **Members** up to date with the Tootsie Roll Drive; scheduled dates, locations, times and the number of Knights needed. Those of you who would like to help with giving Tootsie Rolls away please contact John Ekblom at 407-376-6179.
  - A notice to all members attending the **Council Members Meetings**, bring your rosary, if you don't have it with you a \$1 fine will be collected by Jared Burke, Outside Guard, and put into the **good-of-the-order** safe.

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- **Chancellor** – Patrick Clark introduced the nominating committee made up of himself, John Martens Treasurer and me, Recorder. Our council has taken on several new members during this Fraternal Year with varied backgrounds that would fit nicely into the duty of the offices looking to be filled. Please step up and make yourself known wanting to be an officer.
  - A continued reminder from previous meetings 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 the minutes from the December 16, 2024, **Members Meetings**, which were approved as written.
  
- **Treasurer** –John Martens:
  - As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, the primary checkbook balance was **\$11,634.00.**
  - As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, the secondary checkbook for CC purchases balance was **\$1,000.**
  - All bills are paid.
  
- **Financial Secretary** – Roland Medeiros reported:
  - The Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity is due into Supreme January 31<sup>st</sup>. The response was very poor, and it just might be advisable to start collecting this info quarterly.
  - A continuous reminder from previous meetings is that there are still dues that are unpaid and have cost our council per capita charges and assessments for those unpaid members. That's a great deal of money. Please take care of your yearly financial responsibility to the council. [If you find yourself in a financial bind due to health issues, unemployment or other unforeseen financial obligations and cannot find the extra money to pay your dues please explain your situation in writing addressed to the Grand Knight who will place it before the officers for a decision. Thank you.] addressed by John Gawdun
  
- **Council's Financial Advisor** – Jerome Williams reported:

Jerome's report was prepared around the "Endowment" protecting the CD's our council invested in with most of the funds on hand. Our Chancellor, Patrick Clark read the "Endowment" word for word then brought it to the floor for approval. Motion for approval was made by Patrick Clark, Chancellor, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stoney Fraley and unanimously .... >

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> .... approved by the **Members** in attendance. The “Endowment” will be posted on our council’s website for all members with an account to review.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> topic was the safety doors for Sacred Heart Church. Final approval for the contractor to begin the two-month engineering and fabrication schedule. Installation scheduled to begin in April.

- **Advocate** – Frank McCarron reported he had copies of our councils By-Laws for those who listed their name on the clipboard last month.
- **SVdP Watchdog** - Frank McCarron had nothing to report.
- **Warden** – Shane Harrington had nothing to report.
- **Captain of Knights on Bikes Council 4934** – Shane Harrington reported that a “Silver Rose” ride is scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, beginning in Titusville to Saint Gerard. Check upcoming church bulletins carefully for the “Silver Rose” schedule of events.
- **Trustees** –3-year Robert Hook, 2-year John Pitera, Sr., and 1–year Jerry Williams, nothing to report.
- **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, in time all forms will be available to download.

**3. Membership Report** – Patrick Clark reported:

- One new candidate, **Kevin Anderson**  
was voted on and accepted into our council,
  - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
  - ❖ Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: David Jenkins
  - ❖ Motion approved

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- One new candidate, **Michael Profenno** was voted on and accepted into our council,
  - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
  - ❖ Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Jerry Williams
  - ❖ Motion approved

**4. Faith in Action Programs** – Program Director, covered by Patrick Clark, Chancellor; Chris Hennessy on excused leave:

- 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 was on excused leave:
  - An important monthly reminder that every Saturday between 9:00 am – 3:00 pm “Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament” is open to all in the Chapel. Also see the bulletin for bible study groups mornings and evenings.
- **Family** – Director Patrick Clark reported: “Free Throw” basketball competition at SHS Monday January 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00 am. Help is needed.
- **Community** – Director covered by GK Leo Decker; Nick Stuart on excused leave.
  - Community Hot Meals Program (CHMP), next meals served Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - The CHMP elite team is headed by Brother Nick Stuart, Director, with elite team members in charge of preparation are Brother’s Eddie Grambo, Glenn Strobel, & Glenn Space “chef’s de cuisine.”
  - Also, the Spaghetti & Meatball dinner has been rescheduled for Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00 pm.
  - Also, Fish Fry dry run before Lent begins will be held February 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - A new item on the 2025 agenda will be the “Stars Program” where the stars from flags no longer in use to be cut out, attached to a prayer card and inserted into a sized plastic bag for handouts Memorial Day and Veterans Day weekends for donations only. A preliminary team

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has been formed with the need for additional members. Additional information forthcoming. Donations will be directed to veteran groups.

- **Life** – Director Richard Ross reported:

Laps for Life to be held on May 4<sup>th</sup> at Fr. Lopez. More info will follow as time gets closer.

Also, our council pledged \$2K towards a new Ultrasound Machine as we join forces with council 8086 to fulfil this gift.

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

- **Officers/Planning Meeting** February 10, 2025, – 2:00 pm
- **Council Members Meeting** February 17, 2025, – 7:00 pm
- **OLOH Assembly 2794 Meeting:** February 27, 2025, – 7:00 pm
- **C.O.R. Meeting:** January 28, 2025, at OLOH – 6:30 pm
- **4<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification** April 26, 2025, at Bradenton.

**6. Grand Knight's Talking Points** – Leo Decker

- Phil the Box –\$860 received for the month of December.
- Volunteers still needed for Monday Bingo, 3:30 pm – 7:30 pm for prep, serve & clean-up.
- 600 Club 2024 – 10th drawing, 2 more months will end 600 Club 2024.

**7. Field Agent** – Jim Booritch, Field Agent was not in attendance:

**8. Fourth Degree** – Faithful Navigator was not in attendance:

**9. not used** –

**10. Good of the Order** -

- **Lecturer's Reflection** – Deacon Tom Meyer's was on excused leave.

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

- Knight of the Month for January 2025 – **none chosen**
- Family of the Month for January 2025 – **Philip & Eileen Daniels**

**12. Drawings -**

**600 Club – 2024 drawing:**

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(**262**) \$50 – Juan Lyon  
(**329**) \$100 – David Bazzoni  
(**062**) \$150 – Rachel Borgie

**50 / 50 drawing:**

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Luke Labreche - winner

Winner drawn by David Jenkins

Winners drawn by Jeff Jacobsky

**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 given because the length of the meeting thus far.

**15. Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney:**

**16. "CLOSING CERMONY PER RITUAL"**

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

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