

Knights of Columbus  
Father Downey Council #4934  
**Council Members Meeting Minutes**  
Monday, May 19, 2025, at 7:00 pm

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

Before the **Council Members Meeting** began, GK, Leo Decker recognized Elizabeth Labreche, Principle, of Sacred Heart School, who requested the floor. Mrs. Labreche spoke with a heartfelt appreciation regarding our council, especially our Grand Knight. She went on to list a dozen items our council has done for the school and its students, and the donations in the five-figure range for competition equipment, travel, supplies and scholarships. We now know why she is a well-loved Principal. We wish her continued success. God Bless.

### 1. "OPENING CEREMONY PER RITUAL"

- Members in attendance: **(44)**
- Members on Zoom: **(1)**
- Number of guests in attendance: **(3)**
- Dignitaries in attendance: **(1)**
- Members reciting the rosary before the meeting: **(29) +1** brother's wife

### 2. Officers Reports:

- **Chaplain's Message** – Fr. Aldrin was asked to be our Chaplain for the next Fraternal Year, and he accepted to a loud round of applause.
  - 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 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.
- **District Deputy** – John O'Malley presented a comprehensive report on all the activities planned or being planned in our district. See page **7**.
- **Deputy Grand Knight** – Chris Hennessy reported:
  - The 2025 600 Club is now in winner's payout mode. Maybe it's time to step outside the box and hit family & friends explaining how important this fundraiser is to the charities we support. Tell them there are payouts of \$100 & \$200 each month for (7) more months with a grand prize
  - of \$1,000 to be drawn at our January spaghetti and meat-da-ball dinner. We intend to continue hyping the \$1,000 grand prize.

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- 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 #1, and put into the **good-of-the-order** safe.
- **Our councils 25 – 26 FY Budget to be voted on at the June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting**
- This is another important reminder by our DGK from previous months; The Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity response by our council was very poor for 2024, making it necessary for the DGK to step in and insist that we all begin to log our monthly hours of Fraternal Activities so our hours for this calendar year are easily combined for total hours per category next December.
- **Chancellor** – Patrick Clark, had nothing to report at this time.
  - A continued reminder from previous meetings to all members who want to look spiffy, new emblmed shirts and hats 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 April 21, 2025, **Members Meetings**, which were approved as **written**.
- **Treasurer** –John Martens:
  - As of April 30<sup>th</sup>, the primary checkbook balance was **\$21,034.32**.
  - As of April 30<sup>th</sup>, the secondary checkbook for CC purchases balance was **\$1,000.00**.
  - All bills are paid.
- **Financial Secretary** – Roland Medeiros reports the new Fraternal Year, 2025 – 2026 **DUES** will be due July 1<sup>st</sup>. The cost is still the same as recent years, **\$30**. Not to worry there is a 21-- day grace period for payment to be made. Please keep our F.S. Roland, RORO300, happy, pay on time.
  - 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.  
[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.]

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- **Council's Financial Advisor** – Jerome Williams reported the safety doors for Sacred Heart church have been fabricated. Working on the installation schedule taking into account school and Mass schedules.
- **Advocate** – Frank McCarron had nothing to report.
- **SVdP Watchdog** - Frank McCarron reported the need for food delivery teams, more so now that the "snowbirds" are on their flight home.
- **Warden** – Shane Harrington had nothing to report.
- **Captain of Knights on Bikes Council 4934** – Shane Harrington reported two upcoming rides; June 23<sup>rd</sup> to St. Augustine, June 26<sup>th</sup> to Key West. Those interested please see Shane or the Knights on Bikes website <http://www.konbfl.org/> for the full scoop.
- **Trustees** –3-year Robert Hook & 1- year Jerry Williams reported all bank statements reconciled. 2-year John Pitera, Sr. was on excused leave.
- **Web Master** – Mark Cerretani was on excused leave.
  - A continued reminder from previous 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 him after the meeting. Also, in time, all types of forms will be available to be downloaded like our council's calendar for upcoming events. Great job Mark.

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

- One new Candidate **Chris Lisanti** was voted for acceptance by our council.
  - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Patrick Clark
  - ❖ Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Glenn Space
  - ❖ Motion approved
- One new Candidate **Jason Adamick** was voted for acceptance by our council.
  - ❖ Motion brought to floor by: Leo Decker
  - ❖ Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by: Nick Stuart
  - ❖ Motion approved

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**4. Faith in Action Programs** – Program Director, Chris Hennessy began with the following reminder:

- 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:
  - A continued reminder; that every Saturday between 9:00 am – 3:00 pm “Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament” is open to all in the Chapel.
- **Family** – Director Patrick Clark on zoom had nothing to reported:
- **Community** – Director Nick Stuart reported:
  - Today’s Community Hot Meals Program (CHMP) served 118 meals with 15 volunteers. The CHMP elite team is headed by Brother Nick Stuart, with elite team leaders supervising preparation are Brother’s Eddie Grambo & Glenn Strobel, “chef’s de cuisine.” The next CHMP meals are scheduled for June 30<sup>th</sup> and August 18<sup>th</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 has been formed with the need for additional members.
- **Life** – Director Ross presented a comprehensive report on the activities planned or being planned under the Life Action Program in our district.
  - Laps for Life was held on Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Hope. The weather was not very cooperative and turnout was light. Those who attended had a great time. Hopefully the weather will be more cooperative next year.
  - On April 30<sup>th</sup>, Pat Clark, Chris Hennessy and myself delivered (15) cases of diapers & baby wipes to The Pregnancy Crisis Center Daytona & presented JoAnn Roberts, The Director of the center with a \$1,000.00 check from our council. See an upcoming church bulletin for pictures & write up.

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

- **OLOH Assembly 2794 Meeting:** May 22, 2025, – 7:00 pm
- **C.O.R. Meeting:** May 27, 2025, at OLOH – 6:30 pm
- **Celebrate the birthday of the Roman Catholic Church:** June 8<sup>th</sup> after 10:30 Mass at Sacred Heart- Hosted by K of C council 4934
- **Officers/Planning Meeting** June 9, 2025, – 2:00 pm
- **Council Members Meeting** June 16, 2025, – 7:00 pm

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

- *Grand Knight, Leo Decker began the voting for the new Officer's for Fraternal Year 2025 – 2026, by nominating the full card of candidates as submitted by the nominating committee, seconded by Brother Michael Profenno. Before the Grand Knight reads the names of each candidate for all the offices for the second time he reminded the membership in attendance that the floor is open to anyone wishing to be a candidate for any of the offices. After more than an adequate amount of time for discussion among the members in attendance no one was nominated or asked to be nominated for any of the offices therefore the full card of candidates was voted on as one. The full card of candidates was declared **ELECTED**. Our present Grand Knight offered a heartfelt best of luck to the newly elected slate of officers for their continue growth of the council. See pages 8 & 9 for list of newly elected Officer's.*
- Phil the Box issued a check for the month of March & April for \$1,700.
- Phil the box issued a check for the month of May for \$800.
- No Monday Bingo, Memorial Day May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**7. Field Agent** – Jim Booritch, Field Agent was on leave:

**8. Fourth Degree** – Sam Tedesco, FN Assembly 2794 was not in attendance:

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, you don't have to have the Honor of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, Knights with any degree are welcomed to help. May is the Flag Placement at Sea Pines Cemetery on Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

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9. not used –

10. Good of the Order -

- **Lecturer's Reflection** – Deacon Tom Meyer's was asked to be our Lecturer for the next Fraternal Year, and he accepted to a loud round of applause. Deacon Tom Meyer's presentation for May 19, 2025, has been typed-out on page 10.

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

- Knight of the Month for May 2025 – **Tim Meade**
- Family of the Month for May 2025 – **Luc & Elizabeth Labreche**

12. Drawings -

**600 Club – 2025 2<sup>nd</sup> drawing:**

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(162) \$100 – Eddie Grambo

(138) \$200 – Glenn Space

**50 / 50 drawing:**

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Terry O'Donnell - winner

50/50 Winner drawn by David Jenkins

600 Club 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 of the length of the meeting.

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

16. **“CLOSING CERMONY PER RITUAL”**

Meeting was adjourned at **8:10 pm** John Gawdun, Recorder

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**District Deputy** – John O'Malley, District 20 report for May 2025,

Greetings from Patrick Kelly and Rick Hughes.

I am happy to report that we have achieved all of the requirements for Star District. We have reached 200-percent of our attendance goal; all three councils have achieved Star Council; and all of the necessary forms and benefit event requirements have been met.

Council 8086 is 2-Star, while Sacred Heart is closing in on 3-Star and Epiphany had a strong May to reach Star Council.

The State Convention is coming up on May 24 in Jacksonville, and all of our councils will be represented. The next step is the organizational meeting on June 27. We are hoping that Our Lady of Hope will host the regional District organizational meeting on July 19 or 26.

OLOH will host Cor on Tuesday, May 27. Sacred Heart then hosts Cor on Tuesday, June 25. Both meetings are at 6:30 p.m.

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### Officers & Assistants – Fraternal Year 2025 – 2026

#### Office

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| Grand Knight            | Chris Hennessy     | <a href="mailto:c.hennessy@comcast.net">c.hennessy@comcast.net</a>             |
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### Officers, Directors & Assistants – Fraternal Year 2025 – 2026

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#### Directors:

|                                 |                           |  |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Membership Director             | Patrick Clark             | <a href="mailto:clarkp208@gmail.com">clarkp208@gmail.com</a>               |
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| Program Director                | Nick Stuart               | <a href="mailto:nstuart57@yahoo.com">nstuart57@yahoo.com</a>               |
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| Assistant Family Director       | <i>(not assigned yet)</i> |  |
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**10. Good of the Order -**

**Lecturer Deacon Tom Meyer's Reflection:**

It is so amazing to hear how great the attendance has been with you guys praying the Rosary together before the monthly meetings. I have spoken on the Rosary in the past on a deeper level, but today's talk is going to be on the lighter side.

I came across an allusion to this topic through research I was doing for the Legion of Mary and thought you all would enjoy it too.

I remember reading a book that was required reading during Diaconate formation titled "Theology of the Body." Tough read! Not a laugh in the book! It was the composition of 129 individual addresses given to the papal audiences during Pope St. John Paul the second's Wednesday addresses between 1979 and 1984.

Some theologians have expanded on the Popes theology and have likened the Rosary to the human body, which is both a physical and spiritual entity.

The beads represent the physical aspect, while the prayers and meditations represent the spiritual. Just like a human being has a physical body and an immortal soul.

Holding the beads during prayer can provide a physical anchor, grounding us and allowing us to focus on the prayers and meditations.

The Rosary's repetitive prayers, like the body's biological functions, can provide rhythm and structure to prayer, bringing us closer to a meditative state. Some scientists believe that contemplation of the mysteries of the Rosary can promote relaxation and reduce stress.

Just as the body is a vessel for the soul, the Rosary serves as a tool to connect with God and contemplate the mysteries of faith.

The Rosary is not just a physical object, but a personal tool for prayer. We can personalize our own experiences of praying the Rosary, making it a truly unique and meaningful practice.

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