



**Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree – Fr. MacMillan Assembly #1828
Meeting Minutes – Sunday, March 23, 2025**

IHM St. Edwards Hall

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Faithful Navigator Alex Papp.

Pilot's Report

Faithful Pilot Matt Hinshaw vouched that all present are in possession of the current membership card.

Roll Call of Faithful Officers

Faithful Scribe Rick Boedicker called the roll of officers (X indicates present).

X Faithful Navigator – Alex Papp	<input type="checkbox"/> Faithful Admiral – Mark Nienhuis	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Yr. Trustee – Frank Skinner
<input type="checkbox"/> Faithful Friar – Deacon Francis Skinner	x Faithful Captain – Joe Dougherty	x 2 Yr. Trustee – Joe Monahan
X Faithful Comptroller – Joe Hughes	x Faithful Pilot – Matt Hinshaw	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Yr. Trustee – Mark Nienhuis
X Faithful Purser – Joe DiPaola	x Inner Sentinel – R.V. Wakefield	
x Faithful Scribe – Rick Boedicker	x Outer Sentinel – William Tagliaferri	

Opening Ceremony

The principle of our order was announced by the Faithful Pilot Matt Hinshaw : “Patriotism”

The duty to our country was announced by the Faithful Captain Joe Dougherty:

“To respect and obey all lawful authority; to uphold and maintain those whose duty it is to administer the law; to defend, and preserve unspotted and unstained, the flag of our Country, and the principles for which it stands.”

Other duties of our honored order were announced by the Substitute Faithful Admiral Joe Monahan.

“To maintain unity; to practice the virtues of charity and brotherly love; to exemplify, in all our relations with our fellow man, the sublime teachings of Holy Mother Church”.

Substitute Faithful Admiral Joe Monahan led us in The Lord's Prayer.

Faithful Pilot Matt Hinshaw led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Assembly sang the Opening Ode.

Report of the Faithful Friar

No report

Reading of the Minutes

Faithful Scribe Rick Boedicker reported that the minutes from the February 23, 2025, meeting were e-mailed to Assembly members and corrections and/or additions requested. If you did not receive the e-mailed minutes, please provide Rick an updated e-mail address.

X None were received ☐ Corrections.

A motion was made by RV Wakefield and seconded by Joe Monahan to accept minutes as x submitted , ☐ amended.

Motion was approved.

Report of the Faithful Navigator

No Report

Report of the Faithful Comptroller, Bills, & Communications

The number of members present at the meeting was 12, 9 from Council 4507 and 2 from Council 9249 1 from Council 10891, 0 from Council 12481, 0 from Council 14767.

Faithful Comptroller Joe Hughes submitted the Cash Report. In summary for the period February 23, 2025 to March 23, 2025, receipts and disbursements resulted in a surplus. Details are available upon request.

Joe also reported that our current membership is 124 which includes 2 transfers and 4 new members from the March 29th exemplification.

Report of the Faithful Purser

Faithful Purser Joe DiPaola confirmed current balance.

Report of Committees

Membership

The next 4th Degree Exemplification is scheduled on March 29th in Charlotte. 4 new members are expected to attend.

Color Corp.

RV Wakefield received a response from Supreme which confirmed recommendations for current 4th Degree Regalia. Rick reported that Lenny Galgoci's wife passed away on March 17th and will be approached about his desires for an honor guard at her funeral.

Report of Trustees

No Report

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

See the attached announcement and process for sending a letter to our State Representatives regarding the Safe surrender law that is proposed.

Report of the Third Degree

Bishop Hafey Council 4507 – High Point NC

See attached report from Grand Knight Mark Nienhuis.

Our Lady of the Highway Council 9249 – Thomasville, NC.

John Sims reported that food and money was collected for the Food Bank. The parish is also involved in a Capital Campaign for a new location.

See attached

St. Joseph's of Asheboro Council 10891 – Asheboro, NC.

Council is working for 2500 lbs of food. Fish Fry netted approximately \$600.

St. Francis De Sales Council 12481 - Lexington, NC

No report.

Christ The King Council 14767 - High Point, NC

See attached

Good of the Order

Prayers were requested for Leonard DiPaola, Sue Christian, Lenny Galgoci, Robin Connolly.

Closing Ceremony

Faithful Pilot Matt Hinshaw announced the emblems of this degree:

"The flag, the sword, and the cross".

Faithful Pilot Matt Hinshaw said for the flag:

"We love it and shall ever defend it".

Substitute Faithful Admiral Joe Monahan said of the sword:

"Let us keep it bright for Liberty's sake".

Faithful Captain Joe Dougherty said of the cross:

"This is the Cross of Christ, the exponent of Christian ideals, the conqueror of death, the giver of life.

Supreme reverence for this sacred symbol will crown our Country queen in the sisterhood of nations.

It is the bulwark of national honor, the inspiration of patriotism, the guardian of personal worth; for it was crimsoned with the blood of self-sacrifice".

Substitute Faithful Admiral Joe Monahan led us in the closing prayers:

The Lord's Prayer, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and Mary Queen of the Knights.

The Assembly sang the Closing Ode, our National Anthem.

Faithful Navigator Alex Papp duly closed the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Next Meeting

Sunday, April 27, 2025, at 7:00PM in IHM St. Edwards Hall



Christ The King Council 14767

3rd Degree Report

March 2025

Reporting: Dr John McKinney, Financial Secretary

- Membership drive weekend with State Chaplain Fr. Bill Lesak celebrating all the English Masses netted 6 new Knights and 5 transfers.
- 3 of the new 6 had their exemplification already.
- 15 interested young men at HPU were recruited into a round table and underwent exemplification Sunday, March 16th. They were invited to join our council for the time being, until they have the required 30 members to begin their own council on campus.
- Our every Friday of Lent (except Good Friday) fish fries are manned by Knights and friends. Fish, shrimp, French fries, homemade coleslaw, dessert, and a drink is a bargain for \$10. Everyone welcome and serving starts after the Stations of the cross that starts at 6PM.
- Our appreciation to SD Ed Christian, our Supreme Secretary from New Haven, and BKs Rick Boedicker, Mark Nienhuis, Fr. Marcel Amadi, Fr. Bill Lesak, and all the Knights from our brother councils that helped out at our exemplifications and allowed us to go from 28 members to 41 already, more expected over the next few weeks.



Our Lady of the Highways Council 9249

3rd Degree Report

March 2025

Grand Knight: John Dillon

1. 3/1 – 10:00am - Several brothers participated in the monthly First Saturday - Rosary for Life - near High Point Library. A record total of 14 in the prayer group. The next Rosary will be held on April 5.
2. 3/8 - 3/9 - Collected food and donations for local food bank at all Masses.
3. 3/10 - Donated \$453 and 523 pounds of food to the Fairgrove Family Resource Center.
4. 3/19 – Transported food supplies from Second Harvest Food Bank for Catholic Charities of Winston Salem.



Bishop Hafey Council 4507

3rd Degree Report

March 2025

Grand Knight: Mark Nienhuis

Building the Domestic Church Kiosk

- Installed in the church Narthex's Information Center.
- Plan on following up with Family Fully Alive weekend, booklets and promotion.

Free Throw Championship

- Will conduct during March Madness. Date to be determined.

2025-2026 Meeting Schedule

- Following the desires of the members, our meetings will move to the 3rd Thursday of the month starting in June 2025.

Pennybyrn Events

- Supported Annual St. Patrick's Day "Tea" – Sunday, March 9th
- Supported New Annual Event – Shamrockin' – Saturday, March 15th

High Point University

- Provided Exemplification team members on Sunday, March 16th
- 15 Knights joined and are forming a Round Table

Simplicity Meal

- Council hosted the Simplicity meal (soup & bread) on Friday, March 21st



Father Robert J. MacMillan

Assembly 1828

Meeting Protocol

How to Make a Motion (Based Upon: Knights of Columbus – The Guidelines for Council Meetings – Page 15)

1. The following procedure is generally recognized as good form in making a motion.

A member obtains the floor through the following steps:

- Stands.
- Addresses the Faithful Navigator as “Worthy Faithful Navigator”,
- States their name, for the minutes,
- And renders the salute.
(Representing the tree of the Cross, the member makes a vertical motion, with his arm and vertically open hand, from top to bottom).

2. Faithful Navigator recognizes the speaker:

- By announcing his name,
- And rendering the salute in return.
(Representing the arms of the Cross, the Faithful Navigator makes a horizontal motion, with his arm and horizontally open hand, from left to right).
- The speaker may not present the motion until recognized by the Faithful Navigator.

3. Member states the motion carefully. This is usually done by saying
“I move that _____” or “I move the adoption of the following resolution.”
It is best to have the motion prepared in written form before the meeting.
4. If the motion requires a second, it must be seconded before it can be discussed. If it does not receive a second, it is lost. Any eligible member, other than the one who made the motion, may second it. Those seconding may remain seated, stating simply, “I second the motion.”
5. Faithful Navigator repeats the motion in full. Typically, this statement is along the lines of the following: “The motion has been made and seconded that _____. Is there any discussion?”
6. The motion is then open for discussion. To participate, members must follow the aforementioned procedure (Step 1) to obtain the floor and (Step 2) to be recognized.

7. The Faithful Navigator encourages as much discussion as possible. In this way, the facts and merits of the question are brought to light and members can vote more intelligently. The person who makes the motion is usually given the opportunity to open and close the discussion.
8. After a motion and a second to move the previous question, the vote is taken.

Amending North Carolina's Safe Surrender Act



Thank you for your help in giving the chance for life to those newborns whose mothers might otherwise abandon them. As stated in our presentation at Mass, we are working to amend the existing North Carolina law, which allows for the face-to-face surrender of a newborn. This is an alternate way for a frightened, traumatized mother to surrender her baby anonymously instead of abandoning it to perish. This will allow the Knights of Columbus, and other groups in North Carolina, to purchase, install and maintain approved "baby boxes" at designated locations. For more information go to

<https://www.kofc.org/en/news-room/columbia/2024/jan-feb/sweet-surrender.html>.

Below is a letter we are asking you to send to your NC Representative and NC Senator.

This can be done by mail or online.

To find their contact information go to: <https://www.ncleg.gov/findyourlegislators> and enter your address. This will bring up a list of "**Represented by**" names. Select the name for the NC House or NC Senate. Contact information will be displayed including mailing address and email address. After completing the first, please repeat for the other.

Online:

- Select **Member's Email:** address (in blue) – this brings up the **Contact Member** form.
- On form 1 of 3 fill in your name, email, and phone – then **Continue**
- On form 2 of 3 fill in your address – Then **Continue**
- On form 3 of 3 fill in:
 - Correspondence type: **General**
 - Subject: **Amending Safe Surrender Act**
 - Message: **Type the following letter** (or email KnightsOfColumbus4507@gmail.com and ask for MS Word version with links and text to copy and paste).
 - Select: **I'm not a robot.**
 - Select: **Send.**

Mail:

- Mail a copy to your Representative and Senator using the mailing address.
- Include a salutation, closing, and the information included on the forms above.

Letter:

The needless death of a newborn baby is a tragedy whether you are Pro-Life, Pro-Choice, Republican or Democrat. Like all other of the fifty states, North Carolina has enacted Safe Surrender legislation that allows a woman to surrender her newborn to hospital staff, EMTs or Social Workers without any legal repercussions. A woman who is traumatized, terrified, and frightened maybe too intimidated to surrender her baby in such a face-to-face encounter. Over twenty states have recognized this truth and have amended their Safe Surrender to allow for mechanisms that facilitate anonymous surrender of a newborn to further protect the life and health of a newborn baby who may otherwise be abandoned on a roadside, on a doorstep, or in a trash dumpster. North Carolina is not one of those states.

House bill HB139, Baby Boxes, and Senate bill SB91, New Born Safety Devices, have been filed this session to amend the North Carolina Safe Surrender Act, to allow the anonymous surrender of a newborn infant at a qualified, safe surrender station. I urge you to support one of these bills.