



Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree – Fr. MacMillan Assembly #1828 Meeting Minutes – September 24, 2026

IHM St. Edwards Hall

Call to Order

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

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 – Joe DiPaola	X Faithful Admiral – Mark Nienhuis	X 1 Yr. Trustee – Ed Christian
Faithful Friar – Deacon Francis Skinner	X Faithful Captain – Andrew Ray	X 2 Yr. Trustee – Mark Nienhuis
X Faithful Comptroller – Joe Hughes	X Faithful Pilot – Matt Hinshaw	3 Yr. Trustee – Alex Papp
X Faithful Purser – Joe Monahan	x Inner Sentinel – R.V. Wakefield	
X Faithful Scribe – Rick Boedicker	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 Andrew Ray.

“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 Faithful Admiral Mark Nienhuis.

“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”.

Faithful Admiral Mark Nienhuis led us in The Lord's Prayer.

Faithful Navigator Joe DiPaola led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Assembly sang the Opening Ode.

Report of the Faithful Navigator

Faithful Navigator Joe DiPaola explained the reason for our meeting location.

This information was presented later in the meeting but the minutes are reflecting the following as part of the Faithful Navigators' report.

Faithful Navigator Joe DiPaola reminded all that we have a new District Master Sergio Miranda and that Joe will have a shared drive with information regarding the K of C, our Assembly and additional information.

Faithful Admiral Mark Nienhuis explained that parishes doing food collection can request a \$500 donation from Supreme for the Council and the Assembly to be donated to food related charities. Mark also has pins with the State Council theme "Hope Does Not Disappoint" that are available for \$2.00 each.

Report of the Faithful Friar

No Report

Reading of the Minutes

Faithful Navigator Joe DiPaola reported that the minutes from the August 27, 2026, 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 Mark Nienhuis and seconded by Ed Christian to accept minutes as x submitted , ☐ amended.

Motion was approved.

Report of the Faithful Comptroller, Bills, & Communications

Faithful Comptroller Joe Hughes report that the membership is 130 with 20 - 25 having unpaid dues. Some of whom may undergo the process to be removed from the roll.

The number of members present at the meeting is 17. 16 from Council 4507, 0 from Council 9249, 1 from Council 10891, 0 from Council 12481 and 0 from Council 14767 and 0 from HPU Council #18899.

Faithful Comptroller Joe Hughes submitted the Cash Report. In summary for the period August 27, 2026 to September, 24 2026, receipts and disbursements resulted in a surplus. Details are available upon request.

A motion was made by Faithful Admiral Mark Nienhuis, seconded by Al Guecia to approve the budget as submitted at the August meeting. Motion passed.

Report of the Faithful Purser

Faithful Purser Joe Monahan confirmed balances as reported .

Report of Committees

Community

Ed Christian announced that we are now collecting hygiene products for Veterans.

Membership

Al Guecia reported no new applications.

Faithful Admiral Mark Nienhuis reported that there was an exemplification the Eucharistic Congress and

Fr Patrick O'Connor, IHM pastor, along with 15 HPU students received their 4th Degree.

Color Corp

RV reported the Color Guard went to Asheboro for their confirmation officiated by Bishop Martin. The Asheboro parish were welcoming hosts providing parking and ample air conditioning for the approximately 70 Confirmandi and guests.

RV Wakefield requested that the minutes show, as in the past, a request for members to join the Honor Guard and take advantage of the \$600 in the budget for purchase of Regalia.

Report of Trustees

No Report

Unfinished Business

Ed Christian reported the Veteran Hygiene Product Drive is going well and will attempt to have a delivery before Christmas. This was approved by Faithful Navigator Joe DiPaola. Items can be brought to the Assembly meeting or directly to Ed Christian.

New Business

The exemplification on Nov 14th on the USS North Carolina will be restricted to 50 candidates. Registration is to be done online with the link forthcoming.

Faithful Navigator Joe DiPaola stated that September 24th was the beatification of now Blessed Archbishop Fulton Sheen who has been credited with 1 miracle. He was born in 1895 in El Paso Illinois and while a professor started a radio series and became a renowned radio and TV Personality with over 4 million followers.

Faithful Navigator Joe DiPaola reported that the State Right to Life Director, Dr Bill Pinkus, is looking for help in manning the booth at the State Fair for a 3 hour shift. Members are encourage to participate.

Faithful Navigator Joe DiPaola encouraged participation in the online rosary every Sunday at 8pm . The link to the Rosary is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5719261315?pwd=w0wFrmGTagqPM1E6alpJgUzE6CtNle.1>

Report of the Third Degree

Bishop Hafey Council 4507 – High Point NC

Rick reported on the upcoming Golf tournament, Blood Drive, Keep Christ in Christmas. Essay Contest, Fruit Sale, and New Life Family Outreach Banquet on Nov 12th along with their obtaining an Ultrasound machine.

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

No report

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

Faithful Navigator Joe DiPaola reported that they had a table at the ProLife Gala in Charlotte on Sept 17th sponsored by Dr Bill Pinkos. They will have their first Golf Tournament, chaired by Deputy Grand Knight Dan Higgins, scheduled for Tot Hill Farms on November 17th, Coats for Kids, Food Drive, Operation Lamb, Capital Campaign for their new Church, Confirmation.

Christ The King Council 14767 - High Point NC

No report.

HPU Council # 18899

No report

Good of the Order

Matt Hinshaw asked for prayers for his brother's wife, Beckki, undergoing Chemo treatment.

Rick Boedicker asked for prayers for BK Don Brugger and BK Jim Ragno and SK Joe Monahan. Ed Christian asked for prayers for his family in particular for his son who is doing well and soon will be fitted for his prosthesis.

Joe Hughes asked for prayers for his dad, Ken, who lost a first cousin and a brother, Roger.

Joe DiPaola thanked all for his brother Leonard who is still surviving with his brain tumor and for Lucy, Jason Kroeger's granddaughter who had issues following birth but is now at home.

Joe DiPaola brought up the Supreme Monthly Challenge regarding Forgiveness; To make a list of people in our lives who we have difficulty forgiving and to pray for them each day.

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

Faithful Admiral Mark Nienhuis said of the sword:

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

Faithful Captain Andrew Ray 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".

Faithful Admiral Mark Nienhuis 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 Joe DiPaolo duly closed the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Next Meeting

Next meeting - **Thursday October 22th** at 7:00 pm in St Edwards Hall.