Knights of Columbus
Bishop Hafey #4507

MINUTES: Council Business Meeting
DATE: 03/27/25 **LOCATION:** PLEC - A
MEETING OPENED by Substitute Grand Knight John Mullin at 6:30 PM

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Grand Knight: Mark Nienhuis	**A**	**Financial Secretary:** Mike Ilderton	**A**	**Inside Guard:** Doc Gies	**P**
Chaplain: Fr. Baiju Paul, O. S. F. S.	**A**	**Treasurer:** Steve Bienhoff	**P**	**Outside Guard:** Joe Dougherty	**P**
Deputy Grand Knight: Craig Knight	**A**	**Advocate:** Rob Griffin	**A**	**1 yr. Trustee:** Steve Galanti	**A**
Chancellor: R.V. Wakefield	**P**	**Lecturer:** Deacon Francis Skinner	**A**	**2 yr. Trustee:** Alex Papp	**P**
Recorder: Rick Boedicker	**P**	**Warden:** Ken Demato	**A**	**3 yr. Trustee:** John Mullin	**P**
P=Present **A=Absent**		**District Deputy:** Henry Affeldt	**P**		

Call to Order

The business meeting was opened at 6:30 PM by

Substitute GK John Mullin.

Substitute GK John Mullin led the opening prayer.

Substitute GK John Mullin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Minutes for the February meeting were approved with revision check- for ARC will not be replaced due to the lost check. Motion made by RV Wakefield, seconded by Alex Papp to approve the minutes as amended..

Chaplain's Message:

No report. John reminded everyone to be mindful of the season of Lent

Grand Knight's Report: (Mark Nienhuis)

See Attached

John noted that the State Convention is coming up and we will be represented by Mark and Craig as our delegates

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Financial Secretary Report

No report

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Steve Bienhoff presented his report and details are available upon request.

Membership

Three members will be attending the 4th degree exemplification on the March 29th, Steve Ilderton, Mike Ilderton and Doc Gies
Bruce Wagner is transferring to our Council.
15 students from HPU took their exemplification on March 16 and will be assigned temporarily the Christ the King Council 14767

Faith Formation

No report

Family Director

No report

Programs and Events

John Mullin reported that approximately 500 lbs of food is donated each month which generates a donation in return from Supreme to supplement the food donations.

Community Director

Henry Affeldt reported that 8 Knights participated at the Homeless Shelter.
Steve Ilderton reported on wrapping up the raffle drive and asked that anyone that has tickets outstanding turn into him or dispose of them.

Life Director

Tim Niziol reviewed programs that will be undertaken next year. One being Novena. Current event is in support of New Life Family Outreach. A 5k run scheduled for May 3. We can help with sponsorship and volunteer time to run children's games or to walk or run in the event. More information at the next meeting. They also need assistance with disposing of some unneeded cribs and a conference room table. So contact Tim to volunteer for that.
Also diapers are being collected for New Life which can be left in the Church Gathering space.

Operation LAMB

Paul Zito reported that approximately $300 has been collected from the donation boxes at various locations throughout the city which will be sent to Charlotte and our portion will be returned.

4th Degree Report

No report

Insurance Representative

No report

District Deputy's Report

Henry Affeldt did a Rosary check.

He noted that 3 of the 4 Councils in District 12 have achieved 100% or better of their membership quota. Of the 110 Councils in the state, in 2024, 44 achieved Star Council.

There was a Webinar put on by Supreme last night on best practices for Council fund raising and is available for viewing on the K of C Supreme website.

Henry presented lapel pins representing state activities for those who wanted one.

Lecturer Reflection

No report

Unfinished Business

- Rick Boedicker read a letter from Rose Burke requesting on behalf of Johnson Street Global Studies, Special Education class and continuing Tom Burke's tradition of supporting the class with a $500 donation from Operation Lamb.
- Rose's letter was given to Operation Lamb Director Paul Zito for consideration in upcoming funding.

New Business

Treasurer Steve Bienhoff reported that our path to Star Council recognition could include contributions in the amount of $2000 each to Habitat for Humanity and Special Olympics.

A motion was made by Steve Bienhoff and seconded by Joe Dougherty to fund these donations from Money Market account funds. Motion was tabled until the next meeting due to the amount and will be discussed and voted upon at the April 24 meeting.

Tim Nizoil moved that the Council purchase a $250 sponsorship to support the New Life Family Outreach 5k Run. This sponsorship will be noted in the program and the New Life website. Motion was seconded and approved.

Rick Boedicker reported that IHM will have a Habitat workday for their house under construction on April 12. Details to follow on kofc4507.org website.

Tom Flamm reported that the next blood drive at IHM will be on May17. See Tom to sign up.

For the Good of the Order

Knight of the Month for March is Don Fordyce for his work as an usher.

Family of the Month for March is Paul and Mary Jane Zito for their many activities including Operation LAMB and volunteering at Pennybyrn.

John Mullin read a Thank You note from the Activity Directors at Pennybyrn thanking the Knights for their volunteering at the Irish Tea and Shamrockin'.

Prayers requested for Ed and Sue Christian, Lenny Galgoci, Jim Devlin, and recognition for John Kapsar Past Grand Knight 1979.

Closing Prayer

- John Mullin read the closing prayer for Michael McGivney

MEETING CLOSED: 7:35 PM

NEXT Meeting: Apr 24th at 6:30

MINUTES SUBMITTED: Rick Boedicker

Reference for attachments included with these minutes

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 HC 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 Surender 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.