



Knights of Columbus
Bishop Hafey #4507

MINUTES: Council Business Meeting

DATE: 04/24/25 **LOCATION:** PLEC - A

MEETING OPENED by Grand Knight Mark Nienhuis at 6:50 PM

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

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

Call to Order

The business meeting was opened at 6:50 PM by Grand Knight Mark Nienhuis.

Lecturer Francis Skinner led the opening prayer.

Grand Knight Mark Nienhuis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Grand Knight Mark Nienhuis remind all of protocol for gaining permission to address the Council.

Minutes:

Minutes for the March meeting were emailed to the Council.

Motion made by Ed Christian, seconded by Craig Knight to approve the minutes as submitted.

Motion passed.

Chaplain's Message:

Deacon Francia asked for prayer for Fr Baiju as he travels to India. Pray for our deceased Pope Francis.

Grand Knight's Report: (Mark Nienhuis)

See Attached

Be aware of our meeting night change beginning with our next Fraternal year to the 3rd Thursday at 6:30.

Mark noted that the State Convention is scheduled May 16-18 in Hickory. Our delegate will be Mark Nienhuis and Craig Knight. Mark reviewed the Council progress towards Star Council noting areas completed and others needing further action.

Financial Secretary Report

Financial Secretary Mike Ilderton made a motion that \$500 be donated to ASAP (support for pregnancy centers) that will be presented at the Convention. Motion was seconded by Ed Christian and approved by the Council.

A motion was made by Mike Ilderton and seconded by Craig Knight to increase the expense for providing Rosaries for 200 1st Communion students from the \$1200 budgeted amount to actual cost of \$1681.53, an increase of 481.53.

Motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mark Nienhuis presented the treasurer's report due to Steve Bienhoff's absence.

See Attached.

Membership

No report

Faith Formation

Deacon Francis pointed out that the Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday which acknowledges God's mercy towards us by forgiving our sins.

Pennybyrn will be hosting "Eucharistic Miracle of Giving" over Memorial Day weekend in Ilderton Hall. The event will require many volunteers particularly Friday evening during setup. Details will follow.

Deacon Francis further gave examples of how we all can evangelize to those interested in our faith.

The Pennybyrn event is open to all.

Family Director

No report

Programs and Events

No report

Community Director

Ed Christian invited all to participate in serving supper at the homeless shelter the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30. See Ed for details.

Council shirts are available. See Ed to order.

John Beavers will co chair with Ed the Fruit Sale this coming fall

Life Director

Tim Niziol thanked all who participated in writing letters to their Senators supporting legislation for Anonymous Surrender of Newborns at Designated Locations.

Tim thanked the council for the \$250 donation for New Life Family Outreach.

There will be also be work day opportunities at New Life Family Outreach that Tim will be seeking volunteers for.

Operation LAMB

See attached

Paul Zito joined Rose Burke in presenting a check for \$500 to the Johnson Street Global Studies class for special needs children, a favorite charity of past Operation Lamb chairman Sir Knight Tom Burke.

4th Degree Report

See attached

Insurance Representative

Logan Afton presented a Fraternal Benefits program prior to the meeting tonight and highlighted goal setting. He is available to meet with all members to assess their need for financial planning.

District Deputy's Report

Ed Christian did a Rosary check.

Ed recommended that all members step up into leadership positions taking a director role or an officer role.

Our new Regional District Deputy is Micheal Spier.

Lecturer Reflection

Deacon Francis mentioned the upcoming funeral for Chuck Stotz on May 30 at 10 am and asked for prayers for his wife Nancy. Also for Lenny Galgoci whose wife Betty's funeral is scheduled for this coming Saturday April 26.

GK Mark Nienhuis referred all to the Supreme Chaplain's Challenge of Readings and Reflections accessible on KofC.org.

Unfinished Business

- Mark opened the floor regarding the motions made at the March meeting to contribute \$2k each to Habitat for Humanity and Social Olympics.
- Motion was approved.

New Business

\$355 was approved to purchase Family Alive Booklets at a designated weekend.

The next blood drive at IHM will be on May 17 from 8-1.

For the Good of the Order

Knight of the Month for April is Steve Ilderton for his handling the State Raffle.

Family of the Month for April is Tim and Marcie Knorr for their pursuing the Diaconate and other Extraordinary Ministers activities at IHM. The Council awarded Tim a \$100 gas card to help with their Diaconate journey.

Prayers requested for Sharon Traxx, Pope Francis, World leaders, Cardinals as they select the new Pope, Fr Baiju for safe travels, Janice Harris, wife of Fred, and Sue Christian.

The Council watched “Into the Breach” Episode 8 , Suffering, and later Episode 9, Sacramental Life and Episode 10 Spiritual Welfare.

Closing Prayer

- Deacon Francis led the closing prayer for Michael McGivney.

MEETING CLOSED: 8:15 PM

NEXT Meeting: May 27th at 6:30

MINUTES SUBMITTED: Rick Boedicker

Reference for attachments included with these minutes



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Grand Knight's Report

April 2025

Grand Knight: Mark Nienhuis

2024-2025 Council Meeting Schedule... meeting times 6:30 PM

- May 22 – 4th Thursday
- June 19 – 3rd Thursday
- July 17 – Installation ceremony
- 2025-2026 Council Meetings will move to the 3rd Thursday starting in July 2025.

Program Directors

- I emailed Program Directors and asked if they'd continue for the next fraternal year
- I've received a couple of responses.
- Directors, please see me after the meeting.

K of C State Convention

- Friday, May 16 – Sunday, May 18 in Hickory, NC.
- Delegates are Deputy Gand Knight, Craig Knight and myself.

Programs & Events:

- [Path to Star Council](#) – We **NEED** volunteers!



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Community Director Report

April 2025

Community Director: Edward Christian

- Awesome time serving at the Open-Door homeless shelter here in High Point. The guys really do a great job every month and we have a great time. I look forward to it. If you do not get my email to sign up, please see me after the meeting and I will get you in the loop.
- The shirt sale is going great. I submitted the first order this week. If you want a council shirt please see me after the meeting. They are great polo shirts at a great price.
- I would like to thank John Beaver for stepping up, he will be co-chairing the fruit sale in the fall with me. Thank you, John!



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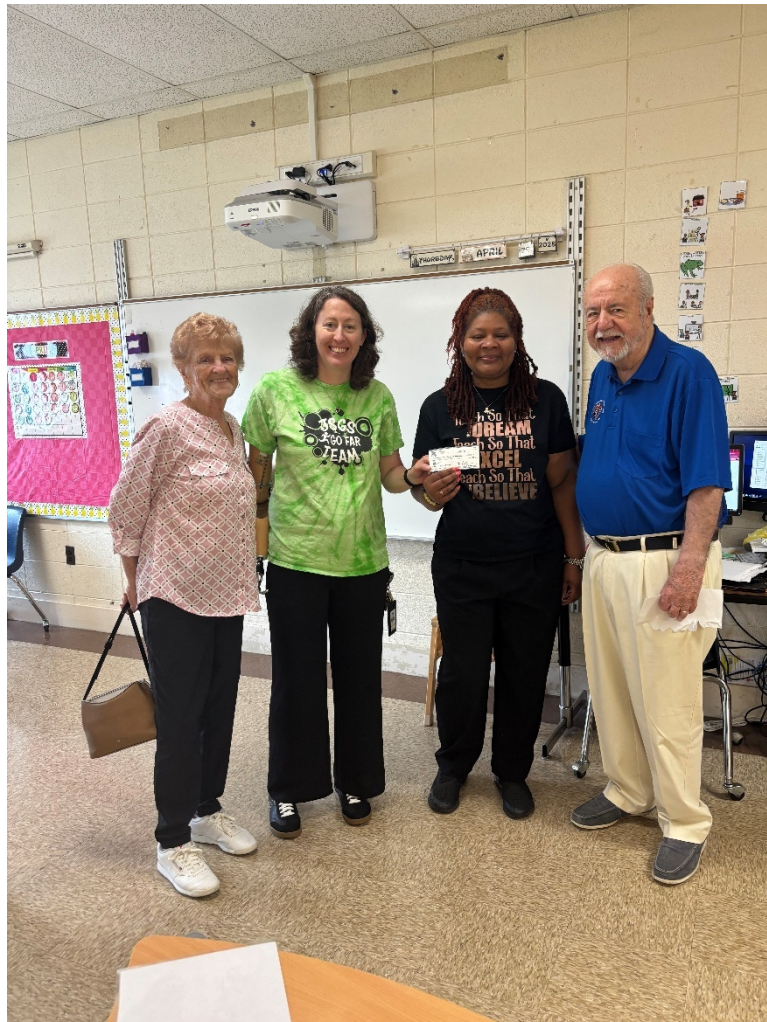
LAMB Director Report

April 2025

LAMB Director: Paul Zito

JAN 1,2025 TO APRIL24,2025

- Raised \$410 dollars through donations from contribution boxes and private donors.
- Rose Burke and I presented the Johnson Street School for folks with special needs with a check for \$510 in memory of Tom Burke on April 24th.
- I am awaiting a check for \$1000 to be sent to the KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LAMB ORGANIZATION IN CHARLOTTE.
- Liem Bui placed 4 contribution boxes in restaurants in Greensboro. We now have a total of 9 boxes in various locations in the area.
- I will be stepping down this summer due to medical reasons.





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Life Director Report

April 2025

Life Director: Tim Niziol,

Assistant Director: Mitch Crayton

- North Carolina Safe Surrender Act Letter Campaign - **Completed**
 - Purpose to send letters to NC Representatives and Senators asking for the ability for anonymous surrender of newborn babies
 - Sunday, March 22 Tim Knorr, Paul Zito will present at Mass
 - Special thanks to Paul Zito for covering multiple masses
- New Life Family Outreach update
 - We sponsored the May 3rd, Pro-Life and Family Event, 5K run and 1K walk with family activities following
 - Walkers and runners needed Sign up @ https://www.flipcause.com/secure/cause_pdetails/Mjl2Njgw
 - Will be picking up the cribs next week and the conference room table in May.
- In May, I will propose a plan for the next fraternal year activities



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Path to Star Council

Service Program Personnel Appointed (Form 365)

- ☒ Program Director – Mark Nienhuis
- ☒ Community Director – Ed Christian
- ☒ Family Director – John Mullin
- ☒ Membership Director – James Gies
- ☒ Retention Chairman – Rick Boedicker

Father McGivney Award (membership growth)

Membership Director: Jim Gies

- ☒ ≥ 10 Required

Founder's Award – Promoting Fraternal Benefits (Form 11077)

Director: [Open Position](#)

- ☒ Host/promote Fraternal Benefit Events – No. 1 on November 14, 2024
- ☒ Host/promote two Fraternal Benefit Events – **No. 2 on April 24th, 2025 before meeting**
- ☒ Sum total attendance ≥ 14 members/member eligible

Columbian Award (> 16 Program points with minimum of 4 points in each category + Safe Environment)

Note: Per Columbian Award rules:

Donations alone do not qualify unless they result from the council's fundraising activities or are for a Faith in Action program activity (i.e., Ultrasound Initiative, Global Wheelchair Mission, etc.). If a donation is made for a non-Faith in Action program or no fundraising activities were carried out by the council, the council must also report non-monetary support to qualify

☒ Safe Environment requirements

- ☒ Grand Knight – Mark Nienhuis
- ☒ Program Director – Mark Nienhuis
- ☒ Community Director – Ed Christian
- ☒ Family Director – John Mullin

☐ **Faith Programs (5 of 4 points)**

Faith Formation Director: [Open Position](#)

- ☒ RSVP – \$500 Check Issued – 2 points
- ☐ **Into the Breach – During Meetings – 2 points (in progress – 7 of 12 completed)**
 - One during April meeting, 2 additional during Social.
 - Last 2 during May meeting.
- ☐ Spiritual Reflection
- ☐ Holy Hours
- ☐ Pilgram Icon Program
- ☒ Building the Domestic Church Kiosk – purchased, installed, & announcement in bulletin

- ☐ Rosary Program
- ☐ Sacramental Gifts

☐ **Family Programs (5 of 4 points)**

Family Director: John Mullin

- ☒ **Food for Family – Parish Food Collection > 1,000 pounds – 2 points (need form 10784)**

☐ ~~Family of the Month – 2 points~~

- ☐ **Family Fully Alive – Booklets and Promotion – 2 points**

- Motion during April meeting to purchase booklets. 200 English + 100 Spanish
- Selection of promotion weekend
- Bulletin announcements
- Sign-Up Genius for promotion after Masses

- ☐ Family Prayer Night – 2 points

- ☒ **Keep Christ in Christmas**

- ☐ Consecration To The Holy Family
- ☐ Good Friday Family Promotion

☐ **Community Programs (5 of 4 points)**

Community Director: Ed Christian

- ☒ **Coats for Kids – 2 points (completed)**

- ☐ Global Wheelchair Mission – 2 points (\$1,500)

- ☐ **Habitat for Humanity – 2 points (\$2,000 or 200 Service Hours) – need check issued**

- ☐ Disaster Preparedness

- ☐ Free Throw Championship (Rob Griffin volunteered to lead.)

☐ ~~Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest~~

☐ ~~Soccer/Hockey Challenge~~

- ☒ **Helping Hands (In Progress)**

☐ **Life Programs (4 of 4 points)**

Life Director: Tim Nizio

- ☐ March for Life – 2 points (≥25 participants)

- ☐ **Special Olympics – 2 points (\$2,000) – need check issued**

- ☐ Ultrasound Initiative – 2 points

- ☐ **Pregnancy Center support / Aid & Support After Pregnancy (ASAP) - 2 points (> \$500)**

- ☐ **ASAP check for State Convention**

- ☐ Christian Refugee Relief (Awareness & Fund Raising)

- ☐ Silver Rose (Our Lady of Guadalupe)

- ☐ Mass for People with Special Needs

- ☐ Novena for Life

Council Functions

- ☒ LAMB (Least Among My Brothers)

LAMB Director: Paul Zito

- ☒ Hospitality

Hospitality Director: Jim Giles & Fred Harris

- ☒ Technology

Technology Director: John Mulin

- ☒ Golf Tournament (September)
- ☒ Parish Picnic (September)
- ☒ State Raffle (Fall)
- ☒ Keep Christ in Christmas (December)
- ☒ Breakfast with St. Nicolas (December)
- ☒ New Years Eve & Fr. Baiju 25th Anniversary Party (December)
- ☒ Superbowl Rib Sales (February)
- ☐ Feast of Immaculate Heart of Mary Picnic (June)

Event Director: Rick Boedicker

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Event Director: Steve Ilderton

Event Director: Tom Flamm

Event Director: John Mullin

Event Director: Mark Nienhuis

Event Director: Dick Thompson

Event Director: Rick Boedicker



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District Deputy Report

April 2025

District Deputy: Edward Christian

- Rosary check.
- This council is safe environment compliant thank you!
- The fraternal year is coming to an end and it is a great time to consider a director's spot or an officer's spot for the next fraternal year, starting July 1st. So please consider stepping into a more active role.
- We are getting a new Regional District Deputy. Walt Kulla is retiring. Our new Regional District Deputy is Michael Spire. He previously served as District Deputy 30. His district led the state the last 2 years in membership and safe environment compliance. He's a good guy. I'm very excited to work with him. Please pray for him and me.