



**Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree – Fr. MacMillan Assembly #1828
Meeting Minutes – Sunday, January 28, 2024
IHM St. Edwards Hall**

Call to Order

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

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 Navigator Mark Nienhuis called the roll of officers (X indicates present).

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

Opening Ceremony

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

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

“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:

“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 Friar Deacon Francis Skinner led us in The Lord's Prayer:

Faithful Navigator Mark Nienhuis led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Assembly sang the Opening Ode.

Report of the Faithful Friar

Faithful Friar Deacon Francis Skinner reported. I will tell you as I tell the Council: be the spiritual leaders of your households; be the leaders of your Parish which you already are and know you are; and what I ask simply every time, show respect for the Eucharist because our actions and words betray us. Everyone watches us and how we react to the Eucharist, and people will react the same way. God bless you and thank-you.

Reading of the Minutes

Faithful Scribe Rick Boedicker e-mailed the minutes from the November 26, 2023 to Assembly members and requested corrections and/or additions. None were received.

A motion was made to accept minutes as submitted, seconded, and approved.

Report of the Faithful Comptroller, Bills, & Communications

Faithful Navigator Mark Nienhuis reported. Number of members present at the meeting was 15. The 14th Annual Catholic Men's Conference of the Carolinas is Saturday, February 10th at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church - Charlotte, NC. Details can be found at the following link: catholicmenofthecarolinas.org. One of the sponsors is the Knights of Columbus and Knights receive a \$5 discount. Assemblies have been asked to participate in the Honor Guard for Mass. New Regalia with Service Baldric & Sword is requested. If you do not have that, tuxedo with Social Baldric is acceptable. Come out and support the 4th Degree. Mark is attending representing our Assembly. Deacon Francis added that these talks are amazing and powerful. There will be tons of priests available for reconciliation, if you so desire not to go to your local priest, which most do not. The Mass will be celebrated by the Bishop of Raleigh, Rafael Zarama. All impressive names and speakers. It will be enlightening.

Faithful Navigator Mark Nienhuis presented the Cash Report. In summary for the period November 26, 2023 to January 28, 2024, receipts and disbursements resulted in a deficit of \$58.18. Details are available upon request. Faithful Comptroller Joe Hughes sent out the first notice for dues. If you brought payment with you tonight you can leave it with me and I'll make sure Joe gets them or you can mail payment to him.

Report of the Faithful Purser

Faithful Purser Joe DiPaola confirmed current balances.

Report of Committees

Membership

Color Corp Commander R.V. Wakefield reported. He's been attending our Assembly member's Council meetings encouraging membership and participation in both the Assembly and Color Corp. He hasn't heard back anything yet but they're thinking about it.

Color Corp.

Color Corp. Commander R.V. Wakefield reported. If in the unfortunate situation that we have a member's funeral, and the family requests an Honor Guard, please let R.V. know as soon as possible so he can make arrangements.

New Business

Over The Edge

Color Corp. Commander R.V. Wakefield is participating in a fund raiser for the ARC of High Point.

From their website: "The Arc of High Point is committed to securing for all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities the opportunity to choose and realize their goals of where and how they learn, live, work, and play. The Arc of High Point is an affiliated chapter of The Arc of the North Carolina and The Arc of the United States. The Arc's vision is to build understanding and acceptance that enables individuals The Arc serves to have the same rights, freedoms, and choices as the rest of society, empowering those individuals to become as independent as possible."

The annual fund raiser, Over The Edge, will be held at 12:30 PM on March 16th at the Embassy Suites - 204 Centreport Dr, Greensboro, NC 27409. It's a seven-story building. R.V. has volunteered to repel down the side of it. Each participant is tasked with raising \$1,000. He is requesting \$300 from the Assembly to make his goal.

A motion was made to donate \$300 to ARC of High Point Over the Edge, seconded, and approved.

Rusty Corley's Retirement

Faithful Friar Deacon Francis reported that Brother Knight, Rusty Corley works at the Harris Teeter on Eastchester Drive, near the Carolina Diner. He's retiring and they're giving him a big retirement party. Deacon Francis will forward details to Mark for distribution to the Assembly. Please come out and support our Brother Knight.

Unfinished Business

Faithful Navigator Mark Nienhuis reminded everyone that we have a 50-50 going. Mark called upon Faithful Admiral Joe Dougherty to give an update. Please buy your ticket and support the Assembly.

Report of Trustees

No report.

Report of the Third Degree

Bishop Hafey Council 4507 – High Point

Faithful Friar Deacon Francis reported. Council 4507 is doing their 11th Annual Super Bowl Rib Sale. A (large) rack of ribs sells for \$25. Order must be placed through the Council's website at www.kofc4507.com. Deadline for placing an order is Sunday, February 4th. They are delicious! Further details at the above link.

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

Past Grand Knight John Simms reported. Their Council is still quite active. A major contribution to the community which is ongoing, is a monthly food drive that supports local food banks. In November/December they assembled food baskets for parishioner in need, helping 22 families. They are also supported by the local Food Lion that donates small boxes of food. John just recently picked up 47 of these.

They are still looking for a fund raiser for their Council.

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

Faithful Purser Joe DiPaola reported. Nothing at this time.

St. Francis De Sales Council 12481 – Lexington, NC.

For Christmas this year they donated 72 new coats that they purchased for the schools in Lexington. It's such a great feeling to go to these schools and give the coats to the principal for distribution. They know who has the need.

Faithful Friar Deacon Francis asked if they need more coats? He offered to all the Assembly Councils on behalf of Council 4507, additional coats. Our Council bought a lot of coats and we still have a large number remaining, and are looking to get them into the hands of those in need. If your Council need coats to give away, you need to contact Financial Secretary Mike Ilderton. See Mark after the meeting for contact information.

Christ The King Council 14767 – High Point, NC.

No one present.

Good of the Order

Faithful Navigator Mark Nienhuis asked if anyone knows someone who is ill or in distress for whom we may pray? The following names were offered up:

- Tom & Rose Burke
- Jim & Betty Neely
- Rob Griffins' mother, Ann, who passed away
- The 3 heroes, American servicemen, killed today in Jordan
- Don Mulligan who passed away at age 100
- Fr. Jim Turner, Past Faithful Friar, who has moved into hospice care
- Bob Lodding

The Assembly viewed the Knights of Columbus series "Into The Breach", Episode 11 - Evangelization

Closing Ceremony

The Faithful Pilot announced the emblems of this degree:

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

The Faithful Pilot said for the flag:

"We love it and shall ever defend it".

The Faithful Admiral said of the sword:

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

The Faithful Captain 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 Friar Deacon Francis Skinner 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 Mark Nienhuis duly closed the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Next Meeting

Sunday, February 25, 2024 at IHM's St. Edwards Hall