



**Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree – Fr. MacMillan Assembly #1828
Meeting Minutes – Sunday, August 25, 2024
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 Admiral Mark Nienhuis called the roll of officers (X indicates present).

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faithful Navigator – Alex Papp | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faithful Admiral – Mark Nienhuis | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Yr. Trustee – Francis Skinner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faithful Friar – Deacon Francis Skinner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faithful Captain – Joe Dougherty | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 Yr. Trustee – Joe Monahan |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faithful Comptroller – Joe Hughes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faithful Pilot – Matt Hinshaw | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 Yr. Trustee – Mark Nienhuis |
| <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 Admiral Mark Nienhuis led us in The Lord's Prayer:

Faithful Navigator Alex Papp 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 e-mailed the minutes from the June 23, 2024 to Assembly members and requested corrections and/or additions. None were received.

R.V. Wakefield made a motion to accept minutes as submitted.

Motion was seconded, and approved by voice. No opposition.

Report of the Faithful Comptroller, Bills, & Communications

Faithful Comptroller Joe Hughes presented the Cash Report. In summary for the period June 23, 2024 to August 25, 2024, receipts and disbursements resulted in a surplus of \$66.57. Details are available upon request.

Faithful Comptroller Joe Hughes presented the proposed budget for fraternal year 2024-2025. Discussion followed. Joe Monahan suggested a line item be added to Income, "Transfer from Reserve", to balance the budget.

Joe Monahan made a motion to accept the budget with the recommended addition to balance the budget.

Joe Dougherty seconded the motion.

Motion was approved by voice. No opposition.

Report of the Faithful Purser

Faithful Purser Joe DiPaola confirmed current balances.

Report of Committees

Color Corp.

Color Corp. Commander R.V. Wakefield reported. The Honor Guard has had two confirmations so far, and one coming up at Our Lady of the Highways. Attendance will be light due to conflicts. A summer uniform was discussed for situations of extreme heat. No blazer, short sleeve shirt, tie, gray slacks, service baldric, sword, and beret.

A Color Guard has been requested for Council 4507's Golf Tournament. Again, due to the temperature, R.V. suggested that instead of regalia, council shirts be worn. No swords. Be there at 12:30 PM.

Membership

R.V. introduced a new member, Paul Zito. Joe Monahan introduced a new member, Joe (didn't catch the name), a transfer.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Report of Trustees

Joe Monahan reported that the audit of fraternal year 2023-2024 was completed, signed, and submitted.

Report of the Third Degree

Bishop Hafey Council 4507 – High Point

Grand Knight Mark Nienhuis reported. Meeting day & time changed to the 4th Thursday at 6:30 PM. Attendance at our first meeting was up, 30 members instead of the usual 20. Our next meeting is Thursday September 26th.

Our Council's 27th Annual Golf Tournament is Friday, September 13th. It benefits the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. It's named the Bob Lodding Memorial Tournament, a long-time member of our Council and this Assembly.

Our Parish Picnic is Saturday, September 21st at 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. As in past years we'll provide the protein and cook. Still looking for a volunteer to lead the effort.

There will be a 4th Degree Regional Exemplification on October 12th at St. Francis of Assisi; 11401 Leesville Road, Raleigh, NC 27613. Deadline for registration is Friday, September 27th

Our installation of officers was cancelled due to the District Deputy coming down with COVID.

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

Grand Knight John Dillin reported. We had a food drive where we collected 890 pounds of food and \$564.

We also had a membership drive at two of our Spanish Masses, facilitated by our Field Agent, Miguel Flores. Four new members. Exemplification was last week.

On September 8th we have Our Lady of the Highway Days, celebrating 70 years. Bishop Michael will be in attendance. Mass will start at noon. Be there at 11:00 AM for the procession.

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

Grand Knight Joe DiPaola reported. We had our installation of officers in July.

We have a dozen or so 4th degree members. They're still upset about the new regalia and don't participate.

Last month we had a Hispanic fiesta event where we raised \$2,500 for the new church. The new church is progressing.

We're doing Coats for Kids again this year. Took advantage of the State's BOGO program. Joe said he heard that Council 4507 has coats left over from last year, and offered to help dispose of them. Mark indicated that is the case, but having a surplus is a plus since the last year's coats didn't arrive until December, well past the time they were needed. Joe acknowledged this and asked if we could work out a swap, coats now for replacement when this year's coats come in. Mark will refer to our Coats for Kids Director.

They started a membership drive with quite a few prospects.

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

Kelin Hughes reported. They will be doing Coats for Kids again this year.

They just finished up their annual Yard Sale and netted \$15k.

They did their first installation of officers since COVID.

Christ The King Council 14767 – High Point, NC.

No one present.

Good of the Order

Faithful Navigator Alex Papp asked if anyone knows someone who is ill or in distress for whom we may pray?

The following names were offered up:

- Fr. Tom who has COVID
- Our District Deputy Ed Christian & his wife Sue, who also have COVID

The Assembly viewed the Knights of Columbus series Into The Breach – The Mission of the Family, Episode 1 – The Christian Family in a Post-Christian World. Members were asked to discuss it during the social.

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 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 Alex Papp duly closed the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Next Meeting

Sunday, September 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in IHM’s St. Edwards Hall