



Knights of Columbus
Bishop Hafey #4507

MINUTES: Council Business Meeting

DATE: 05/22/25 **LOCATION:** PLEC - A

MEETING OPENED by Grand Knight Mark Nienhuis at 6:30 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	P	Outside Guard: Joe Dougherty	P
Deputy Grand Knight: Craig Knight	P	Advocate: Rob Griffin	A	1 yr. Trustee: Steve Galanti	A
Chancellor: R.V. Wakefield	P	Lecturer: Deacon Francis Skinner	P	2 yr. Trustee: Alex Papp	P
Recorder: Rick Boedicker	P	Warden: Ken Demato	A	3 yr. Trustee: John Mullin	A
P=Present A=Absent					

Call to Order

The business meeting was opened at 6:30 PM by Grand Knight Mark Nienhuis.

Lecturer Deacon 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 April meeting were emailed to the Council.

Motion made by RV Wakefield and seconded by Craig Knight to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

Chaplain's Message:

Deacon Francis reported that Fr Baiju has returned from his trip to India.

One of our newer Knights Tyler Cole was married on May 17. So congratulate him when you see him.

Remember Memorial Day in honor of those who passed in service to our Country.

IHM's Veteran Ministry Family Outreach will present the Missing Man's Table after each Mass this coming weekend and an additional service after the 9 am Mass on Memorial Day in the Columbarium.

Thank Paul Zito for his beautiful rendition of Taps.

Grand Knight's Report:

See Attached

Grand Knight Mark Nienhuis read a thank you letter from the Oblates in India for our recent contribution for their Seminarians and showed pictures of Fr Baiju with them and a new Priest.

Financial Secretary Report

Financial Secretary Mike Ilderton reported that membership cards are available.

Mike requested any new ideas for fundraisers that can be incorporated in to next year's budget or any charities that we should consider supporting.

Treasurer's Report

See Attached.

Membership

No report but after tonight's Exemplification, we are at 100% of our goal for the year with 16 new members.

Faith Formation

Deacon Francis reported that on June 7th, 7 Seminarians will become Transitional Deacons, 1 year removed from coming Priests. The ordination will occur at St Mark's in Huntersville and Deacon Francis can provide information for those interested in attending.

Family Director

No report

Programs and Events

No report

Community Director

Ed Christian reported 8 knights served at the Homeless Shelter.

Tuesday June 3, will be the next opportunity at the Homeless Shelter at 5:30.

Life Director

Rick Boedicker reported on behalf of Tim Niziol that the Conference table will be removed at New Life Family Outreach on May 28th.

Rick also reported that Tim has been active in planning the Italian Spaghetti Supper scheduled for June 20th at IHM with Steve and AnneMarie Duckworth preparing sauce and meatballs. Steve noted that his wife has worked diligently in preparing the meal. See the attached flyer for details and look for sign up Genius to help with ticket sales and activities on the day of the event June 20, 6-8:30. Members are asked to request that their wives prepare a dessert to serve at the dinner. Proceeds are designated for Special Olympics.

Operation LAMB

Paul Zito reported that a collection box is available at the meeting and that contributions keep coming in.

4th Degree Report

See attached

Insurance Representative

See Logan Afton to insure that your investments are invested in Catholic friendly outlets. Logan mentioned that K of C annuities pay compounded interest as opposed to bank CDs which pay simple interest.

District Deputy's Report

Ed Christian did a Rosary check.

Ed reported that the State Convention was gratifying and that 6 relics were displayed. One of Mother Theresa and Fr Michael McGivney.

Membership in the State is 101% of quota with our District 12 responsible for putting them over the 100% mark.

Lecturer Reflection

Deacon Francis stated that as Catholics we believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Blessed Carlo Acutis tracked Eucharistic miracles with his computer program which ties in with the Eucharistic Miracle display at Pennybyrn over the weekend May 24-25th with examples of real life stories which gives proof of Eucharist being the real Body of Christ.

Grand Knight Mark Nienhuis referred to the State Chaplain's Monthly Challenge by Archbishop William Laurie challenging all to demonstrate one way you can put into practice true love of God and neighbor.

Unfinished Business

Rick Boedicker presented as a reminder that the 28th Annual Oblates Golf tournament, this year the Jim Neely Memorial, will be held on Sept 12th at noon at Jamestown golf course.

Last year's tournament generated 11k for the Oblates retirement fund. Players sponsor, volunteers are needed to make this event a success.

New Business

No new business

For the Good of the Order

Chuck Stotz's funeral is on May 30th at 10:30

Prayers requested for Lou Pontillo and Joe Kramer and Lenny Galgoci and Deacon Robert Murphy from St Mark's in Huntersville.

Knight of the Month for May is Tim Niziol for taking on the Life Director role and becoming involved with New Life Family Outreach.

Family of the Month for May is Mark and Marianne Nienhuis for their involvement at IHM's Pastoral Parish Council, Liturgical Commission, Eucharistic Ministry, & Usher. At Maryfield's Chapel Mark is an Altar Server and Usher and Marianne is Music Director/Organist for weekend Masses.

District Deputy Ed Christian noted that he works with Grand Knights statewide and knows what a good job Mark and Marianne have done this year.

The Council watched "Into the Breach" Episode 11, Evangelization and 12, Cornerstone

Closing Prayer

- Fr Baiju led the closing prayer.

MEETING CLOSED: 7:40 PM

NEXT Meeting: June 26th at 6:30

MINUTES SUBMITTED: Rick Boedicker

Reference for attachments included with these minutes



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Grand Knight's Report

May 2025

Grand Knight: Mark Nienhuis

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

- May 22 – 4th Thursday
- June 26 – 4th Thursday – Changed due to Vacation Bible School

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

- 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 5 responses thus far. Four will continue and one declined. Still waiting to hear from three.
 - Retention Chairman - Rick Boedicker
 - Membership Director - Jim Gies?
 - Program Director - Craig Knight?
 - Faith Director - Open
 - Family Director - John Mullin?
 - Community Director - Ed Christian
 - Life Director - Tim Niziol
 - Lamb Director - Paul Zito
- Directors, please see me after the meeting.

K of C State Convention

- Friday, May 16 – Sunday, May 18 in Hickory, NC.
- Delegates were Deputy Grand Knight, Craig Knight and myself.
- Our Council received the [Charity Council Award](#).

Programs & Events:

- A [thank-you](#) from Fr. Baiju for RSVP.
- [Path to Star Council](#) – We **NEED** volunteers!



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Community Director Report

May 2025

Community Director: Edward Christian

- 6 Knights prepared and served dinner at the Open Door Shelter this month. Good time had by all. Please consider signing up it takes about an hour. It's on the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM at the Open Door Shelter.
- The shirt order is going very well. I have 10 of the ordered shirts with me to hand out tonight. I will be placing another order this week. Anyone who did not receive an email to order a council shirt and would like to order one see me after the meeting.
- We are also taking orders for Knights of Columbus caps they are \$8.00 a piece, tax included. The color is royal blue and it has the Knights of Columbus logo on the front. See me after the meeting if you would like to order a cap.



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LAMB Director Report

May 2025

LAMB Director: Paul Zito

- Contributions of \$800 as of May 2025
- Plan to add more contribution boxes and write letters to private corporations asking for contributions.
- Present letters and appreciation certificates to the Joy Bar, Mia's restaurant, and Smith's Grill in Kernersville.
- Continue dialogue with State Lamb Director.



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Life Director Report

May 2025

Life Director: Tim Niziol,

Assistant Director: Mitch Crayton

- Spaghetti Dinner benefitting Special Olympics
 - Date: Friday, June 20 from 6pm – 8:30
 - Meal includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert, and beverage.
 - Pricing: Adults: \$12, Kids: \$6, Family: \$30 Maximum
 - Need funding for food/supplies at \$1,400.
 - Will need support to sell tickets, set up/take down, cooking and serving.
 - Asking all Knight families to bring a dessert to share at the meal
 - Watch for sign-up sheets on the webpage.
- New Life Family Outreach update
 - The 5K run had approximately two hundred attendees. The Knights of Columbus were promoted on the event banner and runners' T-shirts.
- Awaiting disposal instructions for the Conference room table.
 - Will discuss the painting projects at my next meeting with NLFO.
 - The upcoming fund raiser will be a baby bottle drive starting on Father's Day, more to come as they flesh out the details.



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District Deputy Report

May 2025

District Deputy: Edward Christian

- Rosary check.
- It's a recurring theme throughout the district; we need men to step up and accept a roll as a Council Director. So please consider taking one for the next fraternal year.
- We are getting a new RDD starting July 1st his name is Michael Spire his predecessor Walt Kulla, is retiring. Thank you, Walt, for your years of service.
- Not much time left in the fraternal year for new members, so let's finish strong and bring in some new members.



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Report of the 4th Degree

April 2025

Faithful Navigator: Alex Papp

Exemplification

- The last exemplification was March 29, 2025 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Charlotte.
- We have 4 new Sir Knights from our Council. They are:
 - Liem Bui
 - James (Doc) Gies
 - Mike Ilderton
 - Steve Ilderton



North Carolina Knights of Columbus
Charity Council
Top 25% of Councils for Programs
Membership - 140% of Goal
Council 4507, High Point
GK Mark Nienhuis
2024-2025



Authentic Italian Spaghetti Dinner Benefiting Special Olympics

Date: Friday, June 20 from 6 pm – 8:30 pm

Location: St. Edwards Hall

Dinner includes: New York Style Spaghetti with Meatballs,
Salad, Italian bread, dessert and beverage

Price: Adults - \$12, Children under 12 - \$6 Family Maximum \$30

Tickets will go on Sale starting June 7 after all masses. Sponsored by
the Bishop Hafey Knights of Columbus

Contact: Tim Niziol @ 828-380-3055



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RSVP



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The Knights of Columbus

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church

High Point, North Carolina, USA

Dear Brothers in Christ,

Warm greetings and peace from the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales in India!

On behalf of our seminarians and the entire Oblate community here, I write this letter to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support and unwavering commitment to our mission. Your recent contribution to our seminarians has been a profound blessing and a beautiful witness to your faith and fraternity.

Thanks to your kindness, our brothers are able to continue their formation with joy and dedication:

Fr. Amal Pious, recently ordained, now begins his priestly ministry with great zeal, empowered by your prayers and generosity.

Dn. Anand Jerald, preparing for ordination in October 2025, walks confidently towards his calling.

Bro. Georg Antony and Bro. Jerin Jose, both in their third year of theology, are growing steadily in faith and knowledge.

Bro. Christo P, Bro. Dilingstar, Bro. Melvin Stephen, Bro. Milanias Kullu, Bro. Mandeep Tigga, and Bro. Sainkuphar, all in their second year of theology, continue their formation with your loving support uplifting their journey.

