

Knights of Columbus Council 8157

MINUTES OF COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING - May 5, 2020

Doug Maddox provided a little pre-meeting levity. Doug was contacted by a Florida friend today (May 5th) which is both Cinco de Mayo and Taco Tuesday. His Florida friend commented how fitting it is that today we are all under shelter at home orders due to a pandemic caused by a virus named after a Mexican beer.

VIRTUAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY _ Grand Knight AT 7:03 P.M.

OPENING PRAYER Our Father BY Grand Knight

OPENING ODE (FORGONE) PLEDGE OF ALLIEGANCE BY Grand Knight

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: P=PRESENT, A=ABSENT, EX=EXCUSED

CHAPLIN: FR. LEE: EX

GRAND KNIGHT: TOM GRECO: P

WARDEN: DOUG MADDOX: P

DEP GRAND KNIGHT: JORGE RUIZ: P

INSIDE GUARD: JOHN ESPREE: EX

CHANCELLOR: ERIC CONNER: P

OUTSIDE GUARD: JEFF TRAUB: EX

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: PETE PERTA: P

LECTURER: WENDELL JEANPIERRE: P

TREASURER: JAMES SMITH: P

1ST YR TRUSTEE: CHRIS EDWARDS: EX

RECORDER: MIKE FITZGERALD: P

2ND YR TRUSTEE: JIM RICHARDSON: EX

ADVOCATE: RUSSELL GULLY: P

3RD YR TRUSTEE: CHRIS KUBIN: EX

ARE ALL PRESENT IN POSSESSION OF A CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD: FORGONE

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: No general membership meeting was held in April 2020.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT:

There were initial feedback/background noise and delay issues. Jorge muted everyone which addressed the background noise.

No Neighbor Left Behind is a new KofC initiative. Tom pointed out several recent actions of our Council which are the embodiment of the new initiative. Dan Murphy and Jorge Ruiz recorded Mass and Stations of the Cross for the viewing of Holy Spirit parishioners. Led by James Smith and Dan Murphy, we prepared meals for the medical personnel at Methodist Charlton Medical Center (MCMC). The MCMC efforts were featured in an article in the Texas Catholic. The Council made a \$499 contribution to the Duncanville Outreach Ministry to help feed the hungry. The Council is offering financial aid (up to \$499) to members in need. Two (2) requests have been received, reviewed and each have received \$499.

Allen Reitmeier and Jeff Miller continue to provide rides to medical appointments for Charles Turner, who continues to have serious health issues.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (JAMES SMITH) Treasurer advised the Council of the most recent monthly bank account balance.

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: (PETER PERTA) Membership stands at 244. Dues collected for the 2019/2020 fraternal year stands at fifty (50%) percent, which is far below normal. The postponement of the Members Appreciation Dinner Dance and the suspension of Lenten Fish Fries and General Meetings have had a negative impact on dues collections. Peter will be mailing out notices to members who have yet to pay their 2019/2020 dues. He will include a note asking anyone who is in financial need to contact him about waiving this year's dues. Dues can be paid by credit card on-line. One of our members paid for multiple years; current and past overdue. Peter asked Jorge to post an on-line note reminding members to pay their dues.

2019 Federal Tax Return has been submitted.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT: No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RETENTION COMMITTEE: (JORGE RUIZ): No Report

AWARENESS COMMITTEE REPORT: (JORGE RUIZ): Our website has been updated. The newsletter has been published (thank you Allen).

The Texas Catholic article on our service to the MCMC medical professionals (was carried in print as well as recognized on the websites for DDC, Texas State and Supreme).

Fr. Eugene, Donzella Hines, and Diana Rizo were recognized for their participation in the recorded Stations of the Cross and Mass.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: (JORGE RUIZ): No Report

BUDGET COMMITTEE (PETER PERTA)

We have been replaced/lost the Fall Football concessions. Spring Baseball concessions usually start in late February or early March. As of today, we do not have a firm start day. We know that our concessions income for the balance of the current fiscal year and going into the next fiscal year will be significantly reduced, we just do not know by how much.

The 2019/2020 budget (\$43,850) should have included, but did not, a Sacramental Gifts line item of \$3,500 (\$47,350). With the addition of \$3,500 for Sacramental Gifts to the 2019/2020 budget, the overall spending of the proposed 2020/2021 budget (\$48,000) is \$650 higher than the 2019/2020 budget. Peter highlighted that there will be some saving in the budgeted spending for 2019/2020, pointing to the Annual Members Dinner Dance, Officers & Directors Yearend Meeting, and Major Degree Expense. Spending to date stands at sixty-eight (68%) percent of budget. With less than two (2) months left in the 2019/2020 fiscal year it is clear actual spending will come in far below budget. 2019/2020 concessions (baseball and football combined) net profit after expenses was \$42,393. Under the circumstances, the 2020/2021 proposed budget will likely need to be amended/adjusted/reduced in response to an expected shortfall in concessions income.

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NOMINATION COMMITTEE: (RUSSELL GULLY):

2020/2021 SLATE OF OFFICERS to be voted on at the June general meeting

1. GRAND KNIGHT: JORGE RUIZ
2. DEP GRAND KNIGHT: ERIC CONNER
3. CHANCELLOR: JIM RUSSELL
4. TREASURER: JAMES SMITH
5. RECORDER: MIKE FITZGERALD
6. ADVOCATE: RUSSELL GULLY
7. WARDEN: DOUG MADDOX
8. INSIDE GUARD: JOHN ESPREE
9. OUTSIDE GUARD: STEVE REID
10. 1ST YR TRUSTEE: TOM GRECO
11. 2ND YR TRUSTEE: ALLEN REITMEIER
12. 3RD YR TRUSTEE: JIM RICHARDSON

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: PETE PERTA - APPOINTED BY SUPREME

LECTURER: WENDELL JEANPIERRE – APPOINTED BY GRAND KNIGHT

At the June General Meeting nominations can be made from the floor. If you plan on nominating someone, please contact your prospective nominee to make sure, if nominated, that person is ready and willing to accept the duties that go with the position.

If we cannot meet in person, there is a possibility of on-line voting.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: (DAN MURPHY): DGK advised on Dan's behalf that on Tuesday, May 12th, we will be delivering (but not serving) food for the (roughly 80) residents and staff only (no guests) of St. Joseph. The St. Joseph's staff members will be serving the residents.

KNIGHT HANDS: (ALLEN REITMEIER):

The number of projects since our last meeting was: 3

Person Assisted	Project	Man Hours Worked	Material Cost
Holy Spirit Parish	Community Center Commode Install	Dan Murphy, James Smith & Jack Ramsden	
Holy Spirit Parish	Installed Freezer	Allen Reitmeier, Larry Balagna, Jack Ramsden	
Susan Goza	Cleaned gutters	John Espree & James Smith	

Spring PIP Days have been cancelled.

CONCESSIONS COMMITTEE: (ALLEN REITMEIER): Cedar Hill Baseball Association (CHBA) has mentioned starting the spring season by the end of May, but we do not have a firm start date. The Council has been reimbursed by CHBA for the expenses to refurbish Dot Thomas.

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We lost the Football Concession to Smok N Bone BBQ who offered Cedar Hill Football twenty (20%) percent commission. We were paying ten (10%) percent commission. We were replaced without any discussions or negotiations.

2018/2019 Concessions net profits in round numbers were \$42,900 as follows:

\$24,900 Spring & World Series Baseball

\$ 9,000 Fall Baseball

\$ 9,000 Fall Football

The unused concession supplies are probably \$100 or less.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: (MIKE MOLOUGHNEY): No Report

PRO LIFE ACTIVITIES: (MIKE MOLOUGHNEY): DGK said the Pro-Life Dinner was a virtual event this year and it raised roughly half the normal donations.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: ():

DEGREE TEAM: (TOM GRECO): The new ceremonial script took effect on March 1st. The goal is to have at least two (2) Degree Team members be familiar with each role/part. To do this, each Degree Team member is being asked to be capable of playing two (2) different roles/parts.

ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE: (TOM GRECO): We have one (1) new form 100 for Rigoberto Ramirez; his presenter being Gamaliel Hernandez.

DDC is holding a membership drill starting April 1st running through the end of June. The drive includes \$500 in prize money.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: (JAMES SMITH):

Debra has asked about Mother's Day gifts. The idea being similar to the Easter Basket drive thru event.

JIM RUSSEL – mentioned attending a virtual wine and cheese get together. Also spoke about Summer Bible School.

HEALTH COMMITTEE: (LOU LEMONS): DGK mentioned the possibility of setting up a blood drive.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES: (JEFF MILLER): GK reported on Jeff's behalf

- April
 - Knight of the Month: Jorge Ruiz
 - Family of the Month: James and Judy Smith
- May
 - Knight of the Month: David Ybarra
 - Family of the Month: Dan and Pat Murphy

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OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion to take our first vote on the 2020/2021 proposed budget was made, seconded and unanimously carried. Likewise, a motion to accept the 2020/2021 budget was made, seconded and unanimously carried. A second vote to accept the 2020/2021 budget is to be taken at our next general meeting in June.

The Officers and Directors approved (via two (2) votes) a \$1,000 contribution at the request of Bishop Burns to help defray the cost of weekly church mass TV airing from the Cathedral.

There was a motion and second for the Council to confirm the action of the Officers and Directors to approve our \$1,000 donation requested by Bishop Burns. The action of the Officers and Directors was approved unanimously.

FOURTH DEGREE: (JIM RUSSELL): The 4th degree will hold its 2nd virtual meeting on Thursday, May 14th. As required, they will be voting on their 2020/2021 Slate of Officers. The results of the election need to be provided to the Area Secretary's office on or before June 15th. The 4th Degree is looking at the possibility of a virtual installation of officers

FIELD AGENT REPORT: (JOHN FINCHER): No Report

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT: (BILL DOVER): No Report

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: (WENDELL JEAN PIERRE): No Report

LECTURER: (WENDELL JEAN PIERRE): The lecture has been posted on-line.

The Grand Knight called for the Good of the Order: Several prayer requests were made.

CLOSING ODE (FORGONE) AND CLOSING PRAYER Hail Mary BY Grand Knight

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:22 PM

50/50 Drawings: N/A

Meeting Winner:

Meeting Attendance: