

MINUTES OF COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING - October 06, 2020

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY _ Grand Knight AT ___7:05___ P.M. _____

OPENING PRAYER ___St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit led by Deacon Al at GK's request_

PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE _____ BY _ Grand Knight____

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

CHAPLIN: FR. STEVE ANTES: EX

GRAND KNIGHT: JORGE RUIZ: P WARDEN: JOHN ESPREE: P

DEP GRAND KNIGHT: ERIC CONNER: P INSIDE GUARD: EFRAIN OCHOA: P

CHANCELLOR: JIM RUSSELL: P OUTSIDE GUARD: STEVE REID: P

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: PETE PERTA: EX LECTURER: WENDELL JEANPIERRE: EX

TREASURER: JAMES SMITH: P 1ST YR TRUSTEE: TOM GRECO: P

RECORDER: MIKE FITZGERALD: P 2ND YR TRUSTEE: ALLEN REITMEIER: P

ADVOCATE: RUSSELL GULLY: P 3RD YR TRUSTEE: JIM RICHARDSON: EX

ARE ALL PRESENT IN POSSESSION OF A CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD: _____Warden confirmed_____

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes for the September 1st meeting were accepted as posted.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT: The GK expressed his gratitude to the Council for continuing to be active, despite Covid 19, in particular, as Hospitality Ministers and in our Knight Hands efforts.

Mike Courtney is the newly elected Dallas Diocesan Deputy.

There are also three (3) new Assistant Diocesan Deputies; one (1) of which is our own Jim Kowalski.

Other new Dallas Diocesan Chapter Officers are

Patrick Vlk, President

Jorge Ruiz, Vice President

Richard Gehring, Treasurer

Jack Fleischer, Secretary

The meeting was turned over to our Faith Chairman, Deacon Al, with everyone going to kofc.org website

and viewing the Into the Breach video entitled "Suffering".

Virtue comes from suffering. It is in our suffering we come to more fully know and appreciate the virtues of patience, understanding, fortitude, compassion, wisdom and the ability to love. We need to embrace our suffering by both offering our suffering up to Jesus while at the same time asking Jesus to join in our suffering.

The main focus of the video was a father's story about his ten (10) year old daughter passing away due to sickness. At this most challenging time, he prayed "If my daughter dies today . . . I will never surrender my faith." It is a very compelling video which we respectfully suggest be viewed by all Brother Knight of our Council.

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

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: No Report as Peter is out of town.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT: No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RETENTION COMMITTEE: (ALLEN REITMEIER): The committee has been formed and consists of Jorge Ruiz, John Espree, James Russell and Allen Reitmeier. The committee is meeting later this week to finalize the mission statement and agree on next steps.

AWARENESS COMMITTEE REPORT: (JORGE RUIZ): The website has been updated; including posting prayer requests.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: (JORGE RUIZ): No Report

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: (DAN MURPHY): On Dan's behalf, GK reported next Tuesday (October 13th) the Council will be preparing one hundred (100) meals for the Cedar Hill Police Department. In Dan's absence, David Ybarra (and James Smith) will be coordinating our efforts.

KNIGHT HANDS: (ALLEN REITMEIER): The number of projects since our last meeting was: ____

Person Assisted	Project	Man Hours Worked	Material Cost
Hinda Jeter September 3 rd	Trimmed Trees & Bushes	David Dybala, Steve Zehnder, Jack Ramsden & Eric Conner (12)	
Anita Contreras September 12 th	Cut up a large fallen tree	David Dybala, Steve Zehnder, Jack Ramsden Billy Callender, Mike Fitzgerald, Rod Kinard, Efrain Ochoa, Allen Reitmeier & Eric Conner (36)	
Gabreilla Hardin September 19 th	Landscaping	David Dybala, John Espree and Grandson Jeremaih, Ray Riveria, Jim Ouimet, Larry Balagna & Allen Reitmeier (11)	\$153.51
Peggy Ziegler September 30 th	Replaced fence slats	Ken Rarick, Larry Balagna and Allen Reitmeier (10)	\$88.51 (Donation from Peggy \$60.00)
Gabriella Hardin October 3 rd	Replaced decorative fencing	Eric Conner, Jack Ramsden, David Ybarra, Larry Balagna & Allen Reitmeier (10)	\$30.43 (Donation from Gabriella \$500.00)
Mary Flusche October 6 th	Shed repair	Jack Ramsden, David Ybarra & Allen Reitmeier (6)	(Donation from Mary \$100.00)

CONCESSIONS COMMITTEE: (ALLEN REITMEIER): Baseball – little league baseball started on September 26th. Thus far there have been ten (10) games with sales of \$770. There are seventeen (17) more games

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scheduled for the fall season. Thanks to the baseball committee (Jeff Miller, Eric Conner, Gregg Warr, James Smith and Allen Reitmeier) for cleaning the concession stand; and to Eric Conner and Larry Balagna for working the first ten (10) games.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORT:

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: (MIKE MOLOUGHNEY) There were thirty (30) youth who participated in an Adoration on Sunday, October 4th.

PRO LIFE ACTIVITIES: (MIKE MOLOUGHNEY) This year's Hike for Life will be virtual. The proceeds raised to date stand at \$410.00. We are in the midst of forty (40) days for life which will continue through November 4th. Holy Spirit's day of prayer outside the South Dallas Planned Parenthood Center is Saturday, October 24th, from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: (VACANT) No Report

FIRST DEGREE TEAM: (TOM GRECO) No Report

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: (VACANT): At the 9:00 am Mass on October 4th, on behalf of the Council, Jorge Riuz and James Russel presented Father Steve Antes with a Chalice and Ciborium. Also on October 4th, the Knights assisted with the orderly car drive-thru blessing of pets.

Knights continue to serve as Hospitality Ministers at the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses (two (2) English and one (1) Spanish. The attendance capacity being at or near one hundred and fifty (150) parishioners for each Mass.

HEALTH COMMITTEE: (LOU LEMONS): No Report

FAMILY ACTIVITIES: (JEFF MILLER): GK reported on Jeff Miller's behalf
Prayers for
Wendel Jean Pierre recovering from surgery
Al Alonzo recovering from a stroke

October

Knight of the Month: Billy Callender

Family of the Month: John and Bonnie Espree

OLD BUSINESS:

2019/2020 Knight of the Year voting. The top three (3) vote getters being

James Smith
Larry Balagna
John Espree

Those Knights attending the virtual General Meeting sent their vote for Knight of the Year to the GK.

NEW BUSINESS: None

FIELD AGENT REPORT: (JOHN FINCHER): No Report

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT: (KEBRAN ALEXANDER):
Congrats to the Council on receiving the Quick Start Award.

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There are Fantasy Football tickets available for purchase. The tickets apply to games played starting November 1st and going through January 3rd.

Remember to support Seminarian with our RSVP giving.

Although hampered by Covid19, we need to make Membership Recruitment a Council priority.

Every Knight needs to stay current on his Safe Environment Training.

In keeping with our mission of "No Brother Knight left behind", please reach out to our Brother Knights and widows.

Please VOTE

FOURTH DEGREE: (JIM RUSSELL):

Pray for James Norman who recently passed away. His funeral services will be on Friday, October 9th, at St. Francis in Lancaster.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: (WENDELL JEAN PIERRE): No Report

LECTURER: (WENDELL JEAN PIERRE):

The October's lecture entitled "The Light that Shines in the Darkness" has been posted on the Council's website.

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

CLOSING PRAYER ____ Hail Mary __led by Deacon AI at _the Grand Knight's request____

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: ____8:16 ____ PM