

AGENDA

1. OPENING

- A. The Lord's prayer
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

2. GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT – **A CHRISTMAS GREETING**

In spite of all of the challenges, fears and disappointments that 2020 brought us and our Order, some very special truths always rise up and will prevail:

- We are Catholic men of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.
- We will awake one day to a brighter day as we always have and go on to overcome.
- We are all in this together as Brothers.
- And the most important Truth of all – Christ was born on Christmas Day!

So, rejoice Brothers – may the good Lord bless and keep us all!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

3. FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

- A. Membership report: 220
- B. 2021 Dues Notice email needs to be sent to members

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- C. Dues collected report: 76%
- D. Council Liability Insurance update:
 - i. Paid premium for current policy; compliant with Catholic Diocese of Dallas
 - ii. Have changed to different policy under Supreme Council’s umbrella with considerable savings on premium (60% less)
- E. Budget Expenditures July 2020 to date: 32% spent
- F. Supreme has waived collection of per Capita and Catholic Advertising/Culture of Life, saving our council \$1,400.00

4. TREASURER’S REPORT

- A. Reported bank account balance on November 17, 2020: **\$ 87,638.76**
- B. Review Bank Statement November 2020 to date
- C. GK has requested to be added as signer on bank account; waiting to be arranged; new checks will be needed

Month	Deposits	Withdrawals	Balance
OCT	\$ 2,491.07	\$ 1,121.40	\$ 93,704.85
NOV	\$ 3,440.29	\$ 5,439.53	\$ 91,705.61

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DEC 15

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5. KNIGHT OF THE YEAR 2019-2020

A. Council voted on Tuesday October 6th, 2020 for one of the following candidates:

- i. Larry Balagna
- ii. John Espree
- iii. **SK James Smith, Knight of the Year 2019-2020**

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FAITH – Deacon Al Evans

- i. Into the Breach video series – next program
- ii. We have sponsored 5 Seminarians through RSVP with a total of \$2,500.00

Holy Trinity Seminary:

Nicholas Weiss, Joseph Dougherty, Joseph Font

Redemptoris Mater Seminary:

Matthew Biaggi, Esteban Alaman Gilabert

B. FAMILY – David Dybala (a.k.a Saint Nicholas)

- i. Family of the Month selection : Jay & Karen Trapp, January 2021
- ii. Saturday Dec 5, Saint Nicholas handed out 58 Children/Family Gift Bags

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1. *Included 5 \$100 Walmart gift certificates for one family with 5 children*
2. *Helpers: James Smith, Keith Archer, Arthur Rodriguez, Robby Zablan, Jim Kowalski, David Dybala, Eric Conner and Peter Perta.*

iii. Saturday Dec 12, Saint Nicholas handed out 30 Children Gift Bags following classes.

1. *Helpers: Art Rodriguez, Keith & Mary Archer and David Dybala.*

C. COMMUNITY– Dan Murphy

- i. No report

D. LIFE – Mike Moloughney

- i. Recent article reports abortions dropped to lowest levels since Roe v. Wade:

1. <https://kofc8157.org/service-programs/pro-life/abortions-drop-to-lowest-levels-since-roe-v-wade/>

E. Knight Hands – Allen Reitmeier

- i. Knight Hands finished 4 jobs
- ii. Picked up 1,250 lbs. of donated perishable food from North Texas Food Bank for Holy Spirit Church
- iii. Received donations from Mrs. Gabriele Hardin totaling \$1,500.00
- iv. Remodeled 2 rooms at Nydia Mijangos and Tony Gonzalez house in east Dallas

F. Baseball Concessions – Allen Reitmeier

- i. No report.

G. Retention Committee – Allen Reitmeier

- i. Nominate Gamaliel Hernandez for Knight of the Month January 2021
- ii. Mailed personalized letters from GK to 111 Brother Knights, included decals and prayer cards.
 1. *Mailed letters to 21 Knights whom we determined were physically unable to participate.*
 2. *Mailed letters to 90 Knights who are physically able to participate but are not currently doing so.*

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a. *Recruit helpers to call the 90 Knights that were sent letters.*

H. DEGREE TEAM – Tom Greco

- i. Secured *The Upper Room* at Holy Spirit church for practice meetings
- ii. Working on restarting team and looking for volunteers to take roles and come to practice meetings.
- iii. Pete Perta to order props for ceremonies

I. MEMBERSHIP – Jim Kowalski, Jorge Ruiz

- i. New candidate RD: recommend rejection due to expressed antipathy toward Catholic religion, sent via numerous text messages to GK over past 30 days:
 1. *“We know our God and Savior but Catholic roman church is the antichrist and always have been they let hitler and Mousolini slaughter the jews.”*
 2. *“Stay away from a Catholic Church”*
 3. *“Christmas is a pagan holiday”*
 4. *“Santa Claus is a lie, a part of Satan’s deception on the whole world”*
 5. *“Stop doing this sir.”*
 6. *“Tell everyone to stop praying to Mary”*

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. The Knight of the Year 2019-2020 announcement tonight and during January 2021 meeting

8. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **John Espree:** Christmas present for Father Eugene, Rose Chasuble Vestment Kasel
 - i. <https://www.ebay.com/itm/Rose-Chasuble-Vestment-Kasel-/352779620769>

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9. FOURTH DEGREE – SK JIM RUSSELL

10. DISTRICT DEPUTY – KEBRAN ALEXANDER

11. LECTURER – WENDELL JEANPIERRE

12. GOOD OF THE ORDER

- A. Prayers for BK Joe Cuellar, suffered heart attack but recovering well at home
- B. Prayers for BK Michael Clark, suffered stroke, recovering at home

13. CLOSING PRAYER