

MINUTES OF COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING -, November 9, 2021

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY _ Grand Knight AT 7:30 P.M. _____

OPENING PRAYER ___Our Father_____ BY _ Jorge Ruiz___

OPENING ODE BY GRAND KNIGHT AND PLEDGE OF ALLIEGANCE __BY _Jim Russell___

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: JIM RUSSELL: P

INSIDE GUARD: EFRAIN OCHOA: P

CHANCELLOR: MIKE FITZGERALD: P

OUTSIDE GUARD: STEVE REID: P

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: PETE PERTA: EX

LECTURER: WENDELL JEANPIERRE: EX

TREASURER: JAMES SMITH: P

1ST YR TRUSTEE: DAVID DYBOLA: P

RECORDER: RAMON PRESAS: P

2ND YR TRUSTEE: TOM GRECO: P

ADVOCATE: RUSSELL GULLY: P

3RD YR TRUSTEE: ALLEN REITMEIER: EX

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes for the October 2021, meeting not posted yet.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT: good evening can you hear me back there it is 7:30 and we are about to begin our meeting and the guards assume their positions.

First of all gentlemen I would like to start as usual by thanking you all for the becoming Knights. Last month we did a cookout for the seminarians at Holy Trinity seminary in Dallas, a group of us attend, I have some of the pictures on the screen now, for some of you guys if you've never been to the seminary on loop 12 and 114 in Dallas. It's really quite an impressive place, we haven't done anything there in a couple of years and to our pleasant surprise they have completely remodeled the main wing and the main hall and they have created a beautiful kitchen. We grilled some burgers downstairs and then we all came up as our group and to the main hall and kitchen and served about 60 people or so about 40 or 50 seminarians and staff and just really had a great time they even have a bar. You can see some of the pictures there they set up a mobile bar and you know it's a Friday night and we're doing a cookout for them to serve the burgers and hot dogs. And of course, all the 21 and over guys are welcome to join the bars and they were just having a really good time so it's a really great feel good time and it was really a very enjoyable I say that one probably one of the highlights of that evening was that we brought them also a gift of a pallet full of chips. Our brother Keith Archer brought 50 statuettes Pope Francis for each one of the seminarians. A big thank you to Keith and his wife Mary, who also helped. Also Robbie Robsan,

James J Smith, Jack Ramson and myself you find left someone somebody else sorry. A great time, so that's what we did at the first part of October. Please take it think a moment and check out that article on the website about the seminary. We've also tried to help her sisters at CDA number 12468 by promoting the sale of their tamales to our council and I hope that a lot of you had the opportunity to enjoy them this past Sunday. I think it was Saturday was the pickup time, so hopefully they benefited from some extra sales but we also donated to them a large TV screen that we had left over from our fish fry's couple of years ago we used to raffle it off on the last day of a fish fry. And so since we didn't do that last time we thought let's donate it to Catholic donors, maybe they can use it for a raffle.

Our brother Robert Nieto spearheaded our first blood drive in a couple of years to thank you Robert he'll have a lot more about that in his report but I just want to be sure that we recognize the fact that we haven't done that in a couple of years and Robert has jumped in new health director. And has taken charge, as a doctor is very appropriate for him to handle. So thank you very much.

The Dallas chapter held its clergy appreciation banquet November 5th and that was an invitation to all the clergy in Dallas the bishops both Bishop Burns and Bishop Kelly would present. I being part of that committee had a hand in organizing it we had 200 people come and probably about close to 30 clergy and deacons from our area including our own Deacon Al Evans and Deacon Charlie Reales. We had our council sponsor a table at the event and of course our initial invitation was for Priests but they decline toward the end. As we got closer they have very busy schedules so unfortunately they could not attend. I and our brother David Dybala from our council attended. A very successful event, pictures are forthcoming soon, they had professional photographers. The food was excellent we had social hour from 6 to 7 and just a lot of mingling with all our Clergy, was a wonderful time. All knights from all over Dallas were there as well and some spouses. Hopefully some of you will want to attend next year. Both Bishop Kelly and Bishop Burns were present.

We were supposed to have a program INTO The Breach series from Decan Al, who was not able to attend. We will just move right into other fields of business.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT (Pete Perta: Emailed report

GK-We have a membership of 227 and we have four new members who have joined us they are Mr. Joe Eubank (P), Mr. Mark Evans (P), Mr. Jose Ramirez, and Mr. Jessie Suniga (P). Gentlemen, please stand up and tell us about yourself.

Star council is an award we strive to achieve by doing everything right you know, meeting our goals that were given by State and Supreme Council or membership goal is that of 11 and we are a + 7 on that our insurance goal is an issue right now and around membership dues collected so far 81% so we are current, also on all forms of missions.

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

GK- It is a blessing we have reminded that COVID affected our finances as it did many I believe it to raise money that year was and eliminate it so we are very cautious when we sign checks. We try to be very

careful and James of course is doing a great job and watching everything, so we don't have too much money

RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE (JIM KROWASKI (SP):

W're planning on having a recruitment Sunday on the 21st so I don't have a sign up sheet because I don't need sign ups, I need show ups. So after every mass if you possibly can help, I really need your help I'm hoping that I can be there for every mass, but one person cannot do the job because we're going to be able to make a Pulpit announcement which more people want to talk to us than normally. I given each of you one of these little brochures, take this home, read it and give it to someone! Ask them to read it! On the bottom of that brochures put your name and phone #, so they can call you about membership. Gentlemen I think this is very helpful if you look at this, one of the best brochures. A lot of information just a little FYI in 1954 the Knights were responsible for getting Under God in the Pledge of Allegiance, because that's when Eisenhower signed into law. People don't know that this came from the Knights of Columbus. In 1975 Midnight Mass was started in the Basilica. In 2001, Knights donated funds for 9-11 victims and families (45 Knights). On 9/12/01, each family had 3K in their hands. We need as much help from you and every new member who helps just a little, is a BIG help.

Please show up on Sunday on the 21st thank you.

More information later on Wheel Chairs.

Membership Committee:

Jim Krowaski, Jorge Ruiz, Ramon Presas, Rolando Solovado, Robert Neito, Roberto Diaz

GK- This is our last big push for new members. We need to get 10 new members for 12/14/21 Exemplary Ceremony.

110,000 Knights in Texas

2 Million Worldwide

ADMISSION COMMITTEE (RUSSELL GULLY): NO REPORT

FAITH DIRECTOR (DEACON AL EVANS)- Excused

FAMILY PROGRAM DIRECTOR (DAVID DYBOLA):

Worth GK -t this year check with Debra Pearson Faith education for the children she has the costumes and everything else usually sets it up with St. Nick. In fact, for several years we've done breakfast with St. Nick. But last year we only did the candy in bags, handed out Christmas ornaments. Instead Christ the Savior is born on the bags, help make certain that all children are looking forward to the coming of their Savior. Visiting with Deborah she indicated first off she didn't know if we could fit St. Nick during the Christmas Market on December 4. Afterwards I got to thinking about it, it's going to be a real nice opportunity in fact what is being proposed as we have a fireside with St. Nicholas here next to the

fireplace set aside part of this area and the rest of this would be for the silent auction and it will help draw people inside an auction as well as bring in children.

Proposing we have funds for 150 bags, total 350.00. Motion for 350.00? 2nd? All in favor...motion carries.

Keith Archer agrees to be St. Nick.

A thank you note from Allen Reitmierer

COMMUNITY DIRECTOR (DAN MURPHY) EXCUSED NO REPORT (out of town)

GK:

PRO LIFE ACTIVITIES: (MIKE MOLOUGHNEY) –

40 days ended...14 lives saved.

Local planned parenthood clinic is short staffed, only performing one abortion a week...which is good...keep your prayers..

Fr. Eugene gave us permission to go to Washington, DC.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE (JORGE RUIZ):

FIRST DEGREE TEAM: (TOM GRECO) – 12/14/21, next ceremony in Sanctuary. We have at least 2 candidates.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: (VACANT)-Christmas Market on 12/4/21, is a one day event and it will be happening right here in this room will be a silent auction, St. Nick, and outside of the east parking lot there will be 12 by 14 by 14 size area for vendors to display their wares and sell their products are in for and so that generates a little bit of income, the church is selling those spots for vendors \$100 apiece. We will be grabbing one of those spaces, we have to decide do we want to sell some food as a council. Every vendor that's gonna be out there is whatever they're selling is not necessarily a donation for the church and doing it on their own so basically that's exactly the same way we would have only it's taking me way too long add three say go out and buy you know how many cases of Turkey legs did we use last time James 8 cases, 6-20 Turkey legs in a box. 9.00 each a sale. Our booth will be close to building, creating a Turkey track.

1 or 2 food vendors will be here, plus other types of food.

CONCESSIONS COMMITTEE: (ALLEN REITMEIER);

HEALTH COMMITTEE: (DR. ROBERTO NIETO):

We had a very successful 23 pints of blood donated and it was really encouraging, within 72 hours to blood bank disbursed in Dallas/Ft. Worth area. Thank you to Jim, Raymond, Dennis showed up in the table for recruitment. The goal was to get 35 but we got 23 and they were very grateful for the blood that was donated because they're really in dire straits of blood donations at this time. My goal for next year is to do it in June because there's less competition for space in the summertime and in this room, but I like to do it on a Sunday. Very thankful for what we did.

GK-I just wanted how grateful we are that you have taken on and jumped in and just took charge of this, very much appreciated.

FOURTH DEGREE REPORT (JIM RUSSELL)-

Any 4th degree Knight who donated blood, please let us know. We can count that as our goal, since we do not have a place to do it.

We received a packet, a program for youth groups to put back Christ in Christmas. Students create a poster and 4th degree Assembly with judge 2 students in each category will win a reward. St. Francis, Holy Spirit will participate, not sure about St. Elizabeth. Students may win a pizza party, cookies, etc.

AWARENESS COMMITTEE REPORT: (JORGE RUIZ):

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: (JORGE RUIZ):

MISCELLANEOUS REPORT:

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: (MIKE MOLOUGHNEY) NOT PRESENT NO REPORT

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: (VACANT) – NO REPORT

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: (JAMES SMITH): NO REPORT

FAMILY ACTIVITIES: (DAVID DYBALA): NO REPORT

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS- anybody have any new business? No

Field Agent: Bob Havolik replace now we have a new field agent Paul Alley. I received a message from him this week two weeks ago and I know he's probably made some phone calls so for the new members if you get a phone call from an insurance someone who says he's a field agent that is a legitimate and then I have an insurance side where they sell insurance products so you may already be taking care of and then after that is worth listening to, they're very reputable company so you do a soon as new members coming in then give you a call and try it again I sit down with you for 30 minutes to find out about your needs in life insurance, I think they have done some other new investments.

Bob Havolik, needs prayers..health not good.

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH- (GK)- Antonio Razo- new member and quickly got to work! Helping with Knight Hands, Church activities, remodeling.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH- (GK)- Ed and Betty O'Brien. Betty is in bad health, Ed has been needing to be at her side. Ed and Betty have been part of Knights family for years...

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT: (KEBRAN ALEXANDER): Not Present

SACRAMENTAL GIFTS: (KEITH ARCHER): NO REPORT

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: (WENDELL JEAN PIERRE): NO REPORT

LECTURER: (WENDELL JEAN PIERRE): EX

Modern Times and The Mystery of Faith

Prayers for Wendell, recovery from surgery..please read his articles on website

GrandKnight Summary:

On Friday I will be in Rehoboth Beach DE visit a very dear friend for a final farewell,he is in Hospice at home and he's been blessed with having had enough time to be able to say goodbye. A dear friend for over 20 years.

Aristotle asked: What is a friend? A soul dwelling in two bodies. And according to Cicero? Friendship improves happiness and abates misery, by the doubling our joy and dividing our grief.

PRAYERS OFFERED TO BROTHER KNIGHTS :

Deacon Al Evans

Mario Tanglebaum son and daughter-in-law were in a very severe car accident.

Betty O'Brien

Jim Russell wife will have upcoming surgery

Allen Reitmierer

Francis Surone

Art Sonato

CLOSING ODE AND CLOSING PRAYER _____ Hail Mary _____ BY _ JIM RUSSELL__

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:40 PM

50/50 Drawings: 842986

Meeting Winner: Russell Gully

Meeting Attendance: 22