

MINUTES OF COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING - JULY 5 2022

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY _ AT 7:31 P.M. _____

OPENING PRAYER ___Our Father_____ BY _GRANDKNIGHT

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

CHAPLIN: FR. STEVE ANTES: EX

GRAND KNIGHT: JIM RUSSELL: P WARDEN: EFREN OCHOA: P

DEP GRAND KNIGHT: MIKE FITZGERALD: P INSIDE GUARD: STEVE REID:P

CHANCELLOR: PAUL RYAN: EX OUTSIDE GUARD: RUEESLL LEROY:P

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

TREASURER: JAMES SMITH: EX 1ST YR TRUSTEE: DAN SCHNIEDER: A

RECORDER: RAMON PRESAS: P 2ND YR TRUSTEE: DAVID DYBOLA:P

ADVOCATE: RUSSELL GULLY: P 3RD YR TRUSTEE: TOM GRECO: P

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: MOTIONED PASS TO APPROVE

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT - This evening unfortunately it's going to be a little bit longer than I would like. I attended 2 meetings for the council, 2 weeks ago that was about to fall festival which will be taking place 24th, I believe, in September and at the moment, it will be a one day event, they had a list of about 15 or 16 different positions to be filled, six people showed up for the meeting. There will be another meeting on this tomorrow night here, so anyone who wants to undertake one of these positions, you're welcome to come to the meeting. I have the paper here to show you what it's about. The only thing I committed the Knights to tentatively was what we have done in the past, setup, teardown and doing the cooking. And I don't intend to expand on yet, unless we absolutely have to. The other another meeting is the 50th parish celebration which will take place, I believe I had the note there somewhere, anyhow it'll be Pentecost Sunday 2024. They're trying to learn from their past mistakes. 49 people showed up for this particular meeting, they've divided the work into five subcommittees, they were looking for chairpersons for those committees. So far they haven't asked Knights to do anything, individuals who want to get involved, fine. I have papers here you can fill out and reading material if you want to look at it. I'm going to kind of limit Knights to what we have done in past, help them set-up, help and if there's cooking we'll get involved. The third thing we must discuss this evening I believe Peter has a budget. I'll do it quick so we'll go over the budget for the first time and then any additions corrections for all that would work that out and then next month we will have the second vote on the budget. The budget is really not a budget it's just a spending plan, we have a unknown incomes in most cases and unknown expenses. We do have certain expenses that we have to pay. Obligations is Supreme in the state and we over the years, we have

assumed some expenses that we would like to pay every year on scholarships, to the seminary our academic scholarships. And then we have certain discretionary things that come up around the year. The fourth thing excuse me, scholarships. We received three applications for scholarships, the scholarship committee will be reviewing them and we'll make it announcement at the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT (JAMES SMITH): EX Report of financial standing for Council is provided.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT (Pete Perta): Worthy Grand Knight, membership stands at 230 actually we had three new members from the June 14th degree program:

Adan Luna

Dr. Fred Chokie (sp)

Antonio Santiago

GK - stand up and introduce yourself please

Adan- in first meeting, excited, I'm just ready to help.

Dr. Fred- This is also my first meeting, thank you for allowing me to become a member.

FS- I have membership cards for both

One member attained the status of Honorary Member, Mike Clark. You gotta have 25 years of service in certain age, that individual his dues go down to \$10, and then in five more years he becomes Honorary Life and then he doesn't pay dues.

Membership dues collect the year they 55%, I did mail out 75 letters to members that have not yet paid. The council year that just ended June 30th for membership first our council our quarter was 11 and we finished at 15. So, we should be getting our star council 'cause we met all the other requirements. The new membership goal is 14, of course the new membership starts July 1st to June 30th of next year. that is the council year. So we gotta bring in 14 new members.

Money received \$406.70 for dues, when you pay online we lose 2.9% the square, so that's why it's kind of an amount. It was previously asked RSVP and food for families the reimbursement from Supreme we got that back in April \$500.00 and \$200 the deadline is June 30th, but you could submit any kind you know prior to June 30th. I took care of that back in April, we really got our checks, James already deposited. Then we had some \$70 in some committee of 1000 pins in a Texas State charity pin, I gave that to James to deposit.

Also forms that are due the June family of the month has been submitted that's of course due July 15th. Of course, the SP7 form due June 30th was submitted the report of officers chosen for this new council term that was submitted on time, which was due June 30th. The next one that is due is the service program personnel report that's due August 1st, we already have some positions filled already. It's a working document, if we make changes, it could always get resubmitted. And then the semiannual council audit It is due August 15th. Our Knight in need fund we have approximately \$481.00. basically, it's a fund where anyone who wants to donate money. We keep it in the council fund, so if there is a brother in need, unemployment, illness for whatever reason they come to us. You wanna help out we have this money in this fund, and it's all funded by just purely donations.

I do have an updated roster, updated with obviously our three new members for anybody who needs a roster.

Thank you for my beautiful flowers for my mother.

DIRECTOR OF FAITH COMMITTEE (DEACON AL) EX

CHURCH ACTIVITIES – UNASSIGNED

DIRECTOR OF FAMILY COMMITTEE- SK DAVID DYBOLA- No activities to report

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY REPORT- DAN MURPHY/DAVID YBARRA-

GK- I talked to Dan a couple of days ago and he has told me that David Ybarra is is considered Co-Charman in this particular activity, with the idea that when Dan's not available, four months out of the year. David Ybarra will be running the show.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES- UNASSIGNED

BASEBALL CONCESSIONS- SK JAMES SMITH- EX

Allen- maybe just an update about baseball I know that I think I mentioned before I step back that we probably have a World Series event coming up in July, that is not the case. We have no more games for the year, we pack up their concession stand. All the games went to red bird instead of valley Ridge.

Thank you

KNIGHT HANDS- SK DAVID DYBOLA- 1 project, for Cynthia Salome, we got together and rebuilt fence, it was 35 1/2 foot of privacy fence so she paid for all the material real good proof of this on the 14th and that included

Dan Murphy, Jose Montoya, Allen Rietmire, Arthur Rodriguez and myself.

We replaced the fence and rebuilt and Jose Montoya and rebuilt her day put in 25 hours and it's \$640 worth of materials. She wanted all cedar and she paid for it we had to go to Mesquite to actually find it she's real happy.

DIRECTOR OF LIFE COMMITTEE- SK MIKE MOLOUGHNEY- Po-life welcome to post America post pro-life America. The Supreme Court ruled that the constitution does not confer the right to abortion. The authority to regulate abortion was concerned to the people and their elected representatives. This puts 24 states that no more than 30 days. I lot of work to be done to help these women. Tom Clarke and the State Texas Knights have come over the program called life Resource Center in create a life Resource Center, which is like a Saint Vincent de Paul type store. If the pastor allows, include just more donations now, do not get me wrong we've been doing this here at Holy Spirit for awhile and the outreach committee for decades. OK we collect will baby items and stuff and we bring them up to the shelter. If you got we've been donating to White Rose women sensor for over a decade and Austin street center and a whole bunch of other things. OK with donations that we get from parishioners you already donate you know especially in the month of October. But it's all year-round thing, once a month, we take the

carload. I spoke to Tammy Masolino, she's this is something to do way back when we were deciding to revamp the church. Tammy wants to do, I think that is that the Knights would help create a space here in the parish. Looking at the maintenance room in front of her a pantry, OK if she gives permission, the maintenance guys only comes maybe once or twice a year if we could. Tammy going to talk to Leonardo we get that move somewhere else, then maybe with Knight hands or our health we could just redo that whole maintenance room. I mean to make it a store, a place where they could come in, put in shelves, fixing it up you, that front garage. This would be for Life Resource Center and then the Knights also contribute. Spend \$2500 on something like that, an idea OK just any kind of filtration. We are 210 strong with more donations and it would be run by the parish. We would support it, that would work. This is something that outreach, and people come into pantry. Of course, with what we're doing here and this is the largest in the South part of other parishes, Catholic charities coming once a month. Remember being here is that big goal bus or truck shows up there's a line of cars. We can do the same thing for women that have unexpected pregnancy and it's a good way for us to really communicate towards them. Where some counselors, prolife counselor to offer adoptions and financial support. This has been out there for a while and we have the resources, we even have places for them to go in case their husbands or boyfriends, parents are abusive. We have all that but that is what its for and there's gonna be more to it. Without spending too much time on its that is what we're working on. Thank you

SCHOLARSHIPS- GK -as I mentioned earlier I scholarships we have three applications which we will be reviewing and determine if rewards will be made.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT- We do not have anyone assigned. That pretty simple, coordinate with Church staff as to who's gone through safe environment, who hasn't, who needs to. If you're involved with any underage individuals in any way shape or form here at the parish, you need to go through the training.

HEALTH COMMITTEE REPORT- DR. ROBERTO NIETO- Worthy GK, yes thank you first of all I want to extend thank you to all the Knights who showed up we had a very successful blood drive this past Sunday. We and had 31 units of blood donated, so it was very successful. The people from Carter Blood Center, very thankful for the support, they want us to plan another one. We set a tentative date of October 24th, but definitely I'll work Parish office to see if that's a good day or not. We definitely want to do another blood drive.

Another thing I like add is that we are trying to expand the health fair so we've got some new things I want to do more things to kids because I think parents really appreciate when there's activities for kids so we wanna get some things going but they'll be more to come on that thank you.

GK- one of the things that was mentioned is the possibility that meeting on the fall festival was to set the health fair up in here in the morning because they were using this room for bingo in the afternoon but in the morning it'll be available and that way it wouldn't be in the narthex.

Dr. Nieto- So it's going to be available only in the morning?

GK- would probably be well it depends if they decide to do that and it would be available yeah until 1:00 o'clock or so.

Dr. Nieto- yes my understanding is yes it's going to be here.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT- SK RUSSELL GULLY- No report

RECRUITMENT- SK JIM KOWALSKI – No Report

ADMISSIONS- EXEMPLIFICATION- SK TOM GRECO- Worthy GK we have a candidate from Saint Elizabeth who wants to join. Scheduled for next week, we'll have one candidate next week. We will be offering name tags for new members. Adan here is yours, there you go. The idea is we'll get you a name tag and you'll exchange that name tag for your official name tag. Thank you so much.

GK- you also wanted to know if Peter was going to be available

Tom- oh I'm sorry yeah I was going to ask Peter yeah

Peter- Yes

RETENTION- SK PAUL RYAN- EX

GK- we had a meeting last week, I believe brother Allen submitted eight names through our financial secretary for removal from our roles for nonpayment of dues for at least five years. We had talked earlier in the year about having a picnic for the council but based on the fact that we just had the dinner and temperatures a little bit warm. And then Fall ball starts up and other activities around here, let's temporarily been placed on hold. We're looking at having dinner sometime in January.

REPORT OF THE 4TH DEGREE- FAITHFUL NAVIGATOR – SK JAMES SMITH – EX

GK- We did a flag retirement ceremony with the Boy Scouts from Cedar Hill. It was successful, hopefully they enjoyed the burgers and Hot dogs. We probably retired 60 plus flags and we already have some donations here for the next one.

I started out with about four large trash bags, then I got a phone call from one of my brother Knights, had a couple of bags that the scouts in DeSoto had collected. They weren't going to be able to do it would we be interested, why not. I ended up with 12 bags of flags, we eliminated six of them. So we have a supply on hand, we're still pulling flags, maybe we'll have enough for 2024.

OK Oh yes and the other thing in the 4th degree is we're still planning appreciation dinner 2nd Thursday of November.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- GK- I remember correctly the last meeting it was proposed that we look at doing a grave marker and that idea was tabled for us to look at it a little bit more detail. I think he said that grave marker is going to be somewhere \$2500 to \$5000.

Mike M. - that really says that the Knights of Columbus are pro-life. Fr. Eugene still hasn't said yes or no. OK well they are discussing it if it's a yes it's just told him that it was table. OK they just gonna figure out where they want to put.

GK- at the last officers and directors meeting this was discussed and he was recommended or possibly we could look at something more along the lines of a commemorative plaque to go on the wall preferably down by that classroom they use for the nursery where did get the attention of the young members of the parish they have families that are increasing and that the balance of any money could be set-up possibly on the yearly basis that budget item for donating to the worthy cause the unwed mothers and so on so forth so I want you guys to think about that and possibly the next general meeting will go over some more ideas and maybe come up with a decision.

NEW BUSINESS- Financial Secretary- he granite so every year we do set a budget obviously to monitor what we spend so we do have overspend and of course taking into account some of the programs that we support you know year after year our council budget goes from July 1st to next June 30th we follow the council year versus calendar year. We have some copies, we always take two votes before it's approved. Next meeting I could we can show up on screen, is a second review. I'll kind of give a little overview...

Russell Leroy- Offered to sponsor 3 wheelchairs for parish use.

Discussion took place regarding whether parish already has wheelchairs. Some work, or non unusable.

Jim Krowaski- Pat Conway has replaced me as Assistant Diocesan officer which is fine with me. This council was the only council this side of the river, to make 100%. I was to work with all the councils of this side of the river, to pick them up, so that's what I'm doing right now. Thank you

The chair limited motion for the first vote for spending plan. Do you have a second? Second motion has been made that we take the first vote on our spending plan for this fiscal year and it's been seconded. Any further discussion? All right all those in favor say aye? Aye. All those opposed. First meeting is accepted.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT- DD KEBRON ALEXANDER- A

GK-the determination is when we're going to have our officer installation and we will probably schedule it for a general council meeting simply because we just had the dinner and we have the back-to-back dinner.

LECTURER'S REFLECTION- (AVAILABLE ONLINE)-

GK- Today I emailed Wendell to see if he would consider staying on as our lecturer and he has agreed to continue to do that for the year. He says his health is improving, he still has problems walking a bit and can't sit for a very long time. We need to keep him in our prayers and the lectures will continue to be posted online and I found out recently that the same lecturer appears in the 4th degree minutes also.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

FAMILY OF THE MONTH- Efren and Lisa Ochoa

KNIGHT OF THE MONTH- Mark Evans

Allen- Knight of the month for July is Mark Evans because so involved. His information as in November he's even getting up the committee to get us more active in ACTS. He's been on many many of our activities so it's one of the regular Knights now and we need to we need to recognize him as a Knight in a month for July because of all his efforts.

GRAND KNIGHT'S SUMMARY- A couple of things, I briefly touched on this 50th anniversary celebration and I said they had like 5 committees. They're trying to really get organized in advance, I understand the last time they did this, they gave us the committees eight months to do it. It was OK, but they figured if they give 18 months could be a lot better. There is a fellowship subcommittee it works with the community to plan events and develop utilizes criteria to ensure that the events are consistent with the initiative objectives. There is a liturgical subcommittee which works with the community to plan and develop events and activities to promote the spiritual growth of our members. There's a communication subcommittee that develops draft announcements for all events. There is a fund-raising subcommittee with solicit suggestions ideas for possible events activities to help generate funds to cover the cost of the 50th anniversary. They did not have a hard number for the 40th anniversary, I believe it was somewhere in the \$XXXX range. They have a volunteer subcommittee which recruits volunteers for various programs each of these subcommittees, will select two members to be on the overall planning committee which would review events for put forth and ideas and determine if they're going to pursue it or not. A follow me program trying to rebuild the parish activities and get people to come back to the church. We are assured this time Fr. **Eugene**, we're going to get an idea right, look at the idea and we're going to develop, the idea if we're gonna pursue we're not going to pursue, it puts the next idea. As I said there's a meeting excuse me the meeting tomorrow night festival part of the program.

I would like us to pursue: Fr. Eugene is trying as best he can to rebuild the parish. COVID did a heckuva job and I'm sure the masses you attend, there's probably some empty pews. Before COVID hit several of those masses were standing room only. I'm thinking well what the Knights can do to help rebuild the parish, help Fr. attain his goals. When I first joined the Knights we used to have a pancake breakfast about once a month. I believe it was made a couple of years ago, went down to like once a quarter and unfortunately last year there was kind of one that was breakfast, with St. Nick. So I'd like to see what we can do about getting back people over here after mass to sit down at the table and meet their fellow parishioners and talk with each other. It's a great idea to what we did with fish fries and drive thru deal because it kept the fish fries alive. But the purpose of the fish fries and the pancake breakfast can build community and it's hard to build community when you drive by grab food and go home. Maybe a parish dinner, I talked to Dan Murphy he says we've got probably seven or eight cases of fish still on ice, it's all paid. The parish was awarded a lithograph it's still sitting upstairs in our closet and I'm going to pursue the idea of presenting it to the parish at each Mass on a given Sunday. Tell the Parish what they did. Any comments believe me I'm open to suggestions.

John- are you going to have it framed?

GK- it's framed and Jorge says he got two of them in one for one of the ladies and who donated for it and the other one came to the council for doing the drive, but we didn't put any money in. Everyone else who got one put money and donated enough to buy 113 wheelchairs, first time ever. I haven't seen anything yet. Long overdue we present it in mass. Any comments?

Russell - we first moved to Texas in 1957 we didn't have a Catholic Church we gotta go to Steve it was just little nuns were there and it was kind of stuck out but I'll never get into the young kid coming from way up in northern New York State which was 90% Catholic so there is no Catholics it was really odd one thing they did is sisters would come in and they of course had their habits on and after that mass we would come from like all around Stephenville and Dublin and all those areas to go to church right after church that we just have coffee and Donuts simple little thing let coffee and Donuts and kids I think we had I only had coats in the small coats you know the black moms my member maybe 40 to 50 families that come to these two masses that they had on Sunday but I've got kid is 9 years old I remember what we wanted to do that first seller member those southern pride number so but I mean it's just even if it's just here not a big dinner or anything it's just it's always a coffee and Donuts for people to come back after mass. We can figure out a way to give people is mingled come by having some coffee.

GK-we used to meet at three rude Reed junior high over in Duncanville and my wife and I did the coffee and don't say it to me but we had nowhere to sit down and eat had to do it outside because you couldn't take the food in school they didn't want to have to go clean the carpets and we didn't have anything in cleaning with they still do coffee and Donuts here Oh yeah after mass looking for a donation but it doesn't take you very long to scarf down the donut and inhale a cup of coffee and then you can leave and that's not what we're looking for we're looking for having to sit there and you know if there's 25 tables in a room and there's 75 people there you're going to have at least three people at every table and two of them may not you know may be brand new to you don't know but that's how you build community.

Dr. Fred(sp)- where is the polling spirit but we were pleased to go contestant Reed junior high school as well and one of the things that helped get the parish they had an adult religious education program and they had hired a couple of nuns from that Gestapo and they came in and literally you know we would have a mass and then we would have a short lecture and then a discussion group and this went on for probably the better part of 10 years and if nothing else it had a chance for everybody get together everybody was new and not too many people knew it he knew anyone and it just got everyone together and he had a chance at discussing here's some different points of view you know we had to keep the kids we had Kate the high school kids but we really don't have a big program I mean just for the entire parish should get to know you and you know some of us have either lost our hair or graying out as they say and it would also be which basket do you attend you know people would attend at 9:00 o'clock mass Sunday they would go to 10:30 oh I didn't know you belong here you know it's simply the habit of doing your mass schedule to certain time and I I don't know if the parish would be open to trying a an adult religious education program you know they would have a shorter sermon and you would stay like 20 minutes or so program was very brief and then you would break up into discussion groups so that that's my \$0.05.

Mike-well we do have adult classes that go on during regular base formation that's happened in the last two years with COVID. It's usually goes on in the morning.

Dr. Fred- this was not introduction to Catholicism this was you know you've been a lifelong Catholic and you're here meet your neighbor kind of. This was after Vatican 2 which made it a little bit of a difference.

GK- we had a we had a program called those little rock right Little Rock scripture study and each semester you take a different book of the Bible and he would and lies in the classroom I don't know I don't think that's something we should take on ourselves but it's something that we make ask the prayers about you know hey here's an idea to help rebuild the Parish. Any other discussion?

PRAYERS FOR:

Mike- Joe (brother Knight), cousin lost his life in Ulvade.

Families in San Antonio and Ulvade, Deacon Al, Fr. Steve mother, Tony Houston, Alvarez's son back in the hospital, and Jose Sanchez

CLOSING PRAYER- GK- HAIL MARY

CLOSING ODE – GK

ADJOURNMENT-

50/50 - # 2538 (Hector Rubio)

Count - 29