

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING – KOFC COUNCIL 8157

OCTOBER 1, 2019

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Deputy Grand Knight Jorge Ruiz at 7:30 P.M.

OPENING PRAYER: Our Father BY Deputy Grand Knight

OPENING ODE AND PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE BY Deputy Grand Knight

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

CHAPLIN: FR. LEE: EX

GRAND KNIGHT: TOM GRECO : EX

WARDEN: DOUG MADDOX: P

DEP GRAND KNIGHT: JORGE RUIZ: P

INSIDE GUARD: JOHN ESPREE: P

CHANCELLOR: ERIC CONNER: EX

OUTSIDE GUARD: JEFF TRAUB: EX

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: PETE PERTA: EX

LECTURER: WENDELL JEANPIERRE: P

TREASURER: JAMES SMITH: P

1ST YR TRUSTEE: CHRIS EDWARDS A

RECORDER: MIKE FITZGERALD: P

2ND YR TRUSTEE: JIM RICHARDSON: EX

ADVOCATE: RUSSELL GULLY : P

3RD YR TRUSTEE: CHRIS KUBIN: A

ARE ALL PRESENT IN POSSESSION OF A CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD: Warden confirmed

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

- There were no minutes for the September meeting. (If anyone took meeting notes, please contact Mike Fitzgerald.)

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT:

- This meeting is dedicated to the memory of Sir Knight Andy Goza who we lost exactly six (6) months ago. A moment of silence was observed in Andy's memory. Likewise, a slide show in Andy's memory ran during the entire meeting.
- Jorge recognized and thanked the Council for our collective efforts during Fall Festival week participating in set up and take down and manning Baseball & Football Concessions.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (JAMES SMITH)

- Treasurer advised the Council of the most recent monthly bank account balance.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Jorge Ruiz for PETE PERTA)

- Membership stands at 243.
- We have one transfer into our Council - Leon Cornute.
- During the Fall Festival, thanks to Brother Jorge Barragan, we have three (3) prospective new members; two (2) have completed Form 100s and the 3rd prospective new member wants additional information on Council activities.

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- Texas State Charity Fundraiser, Football Frenzy Tickets - the Council sold thirteen (13) tickets and bought the remaining thirty-seven (37) tickets. To meet the October 1st due date, the ticket proceeds have been sent by FedEx to Texas State Charities.

TRUSTEE’S REPORT: No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: (Jorge Ruiz for DAN MURPHY)

- Seminarian Cookout is scheduled for October 5th. We will be serving approximately eighty (80) seminarians. We will start serving at 3 pm and should be back at Holy Spirit by 8 pm.
- St. Joseph Nursing Home Cookout will be Sunday, October 13th.
- In the DD’s report, Bill Dover reminded everyone of the VA Cookout on Saturday, November 9th.

KNIGHT HANDS: (ALLEN REITMEIER)

- Two (2) projects have been completed since our last meeting.

Person Assisted	Project	Man Hours Worked	Material Cost
Florence Harrington (Sept 25)	PIP – Fence Repair	20	
Reba Loftis (Oct 1)	Home Repair, Siding Replacement & Painting Preparation	55	\$878.03

- All present were blessed and moved as Reba Loftis prayed both with us and for us.
- Allen commented that the number of Knights participating in Knight Hands seems to be declining. He encouraged anyone who had free time available to get involved in Knight Hands.
- DGK Jorge Ruiz gave a brief testimonial on how his involvement in Knight Hands has been very fulfilling (citing the comradery and the good feeling one gets from helping those in need).

CONCESSIONS COMMITTEE: (ALLEN REITMEIER):

- Fall Baseball Concessions – there have been 116 games with gross revenue of \$12,472.47. Fall Baseball regular season schedule ends Saturday, October 12, 2019.
- Football Concessions - there have been 72 games with gross revenue of \$7,827.24. The Football season ends Sunday, December 1, 2019.
- Allen requested and received the Council’s permission to formally acknowledge by name the fifty-nine (59) individuals (knights and their family members) who have worked this fall at Baseball and/or Football Concessions.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORT:

- Allen Reitmeier recognized the exceptional contributions of Jeff Miller and Tom Greco in providing over two hundred and fifty (250) hours of assistance to Brother Knight Charles Turner going to and from doctor’s appointments, store trips and bridge/card playing outings.

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- Allen Reitmeier also recognized James Smith for stepping up on behalf of the Council to make sure the Catechist Appreciation Breakfast DID take place. To avoid having the breakfast cancelled due to lack of funding, James, with the permission of the GK, committed the Council to funding the event.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: (Jorge Ruiz for MIKE MOLOUGHNEY)

- The Youth will be painting Reba Loftis' house. David Dybala and Jack Ramsden will be supervising the Youth's work.

PRO LIFE ACTIVITIES: (Jorge Ruiz for MIKE MOLOUGHNEY)

- Hike for Life will be held on Saturday, October 19th. The hike will start at 8:30 am at Armstrong Park in Duncanville. Mike is looking for help at 7:00 am in order to picking up a tent, tables, chairs and a cooler.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: (Jorge Ruiz for VACANT)

- Corporate Communion and Officer Installation Ceremony are scheduled for Saturday, October 19th, starting with the 5:30 pm Mass. We will be having an Italian dinner catered by Sam's Pizza in Cedar Hill. Our 2019/2020 Officers will be installed and the Knight of the Year will be announced.
- On Sunday, October 20th, we be cooking breakfast for twenty-five (25) guests from Duncanville's Italian Sister City, [Monasterolo di Savigliano](#). Per James Smith, 6 or 7 Knights are needed to prepare breakfast. We are expecting approximately sixty (60) people with our service to begin at 10:00 am.
- Cindy Meyer has advised the Council that there will be no evening meetings during the Parish Mission (October 13 – 17). The Officers and Director Meeting will be impacted.

FIRST DEGREE TEAM: (TOM GRECO) No Report.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: (Jorge Ruiz for VACANT):

- We have a new member, Cesar Villareal, who is transferring from Council 10523 in Grand Prairie.
- The following membership initiatives were identified/discussed -
 - Men's ACTS retreats (led by GK, DGK and C).
 - Knights information booth at all our activities (including at the just concluded Fall Festival where the booth was decorated by our Field Agent, John Fincher)
 - St. Augustine School Ad (Wendell Jean Pierre)

RETENTION COMMITTEE: (JORGE RUIZ): No Report.

AWARENESS COMMITTEE REPORT: (JORGE RUIZ):

- We are experiencing technical difficulties with our website calendar. Events are not showing on the calendar view page, the list view page is working fine. Will correct it soon.

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES: (JAMES SMITH): No Report.

HEALTH COMMITTEE: (LOU LEMONS): No Report.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES: (JEFF MILLER):

- Andy Goza's dedication to Holy Spirit and our order included in Youth Ministry, as an Altar Server, as our Grand Knight, Faithful Navigator of the 4th Degree Assembly, District Deputy and loving Husband and Father. Andy attended Mountain View College, where he met his wife, Susan, in the most unlikely of places, in a gymnastics class. Susan and Andy married on June 17, 1989 which was the 7th anniversary of the founding of our Council 8157.
- Prayers for Jorge Barragan and family who are experiencing pregnancy difficulties
- Juan Hernandez's Mother recently had back surgery.
- August Certificates were presented to:
 - Knight of the Month: David Dybala (for leading the Dining Room Renovation Project).
 - Family of the Month: Allen and Linda Reitmeier (who recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary)
 - October Knight of the Month: Doug Maddox (presented)
 - Family of the Month: Tom and Helen Greco (absent)

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- James Smith made a motion to authorize up to \$499.00 to cover the expense associated with the Sunday, October 20th Italian Sister City breakfast (thus avoiding the need to charge anyone attending the breakfast). The motion was seconded and approved.
- New Member: The Membership Committee has met with and recommends Roy Anthony Seltenrich be admitted as a New Member. A motion was made, seconded and a voice vote taken approving Roy Anthony Seltenrich.

FIELD AGENT REPORT: No Report

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT: (BILL DOVER)

- Bill was thankful and proud to be able to report each of his four (4) Councils have signed up a new Knight for the 2019/2020 fraternal year.

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REPORT of the 4th DEGREE: (JIM RUSSELL)

Assembly 2799 has the following upcoming activities

1. The State Convention will be held in Dallas in April 2020.
2. The next Exemplification will be October 19th at Good Shepherd Church in Colleyville.
3. There will be an Essay Contest for 7th and 8th graders which will include St. Elisabeth and St. Cecilia.
4. The Clergy Appreciation Dinner which will be held on Thursday, November 14th.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: (JORGE RUIZ): No Report.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: (WENDELL JEAN PIERRE)

- Will be meeting with the representatives of adjoining cities (Duncanville, Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Lancaster) starting with Cedar Hill.

LECTURER: (WENDELL JEAN PIERRE):

- Working on a lecture on “The Relationship of Scripture to Catholic Doctrine” which will be posted on the Council website.

CLOSING ODE AND CLOSING PRAYER Three (3) Hail Mary BY Deputy Grand Knight

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:50 PM

50/50 Drawings:

Meeting Winner: Ernie Coy

Meeting Attendance: Jorge Barragan Not Present