

MINUTES OF COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 5, 2019

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Grand Knight Tom Greco AT 7:32 P.M.

OPENING PRAYER: Our Father BY Grand Knight

OPENING ODE AND PLEDGE OF ALLIEGANCE BY Grand Knight

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

CHAPLAIN: FR. LEE: EX

GRAND KNIGHT: TOM GRECO : P

WARDEN: DOUG MADDOX: P

DEP GRAND KNIGHT: JORGE RUIZ: P

INSIDE GUARD: JOHN ESPREE: P

CHANCELLOR: ERIC CONNER: P

OUTSIDE GUARD: JEFF TRAUB: A

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 : EX

3RD YR TRUSTEE: CHRIS KUBIN: A

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes for the October meeting were accepted as posted.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT: We received three (3) thank you notes for/from

1. Italian Sister City breakfast
2. Trinity Seminary
3. Catechist Appreciation Breakfast

which were passed around the room.

Tom also circulated Fall Baseball Concessions and Football Concessions accounting spreadsheets.

We have a new member transfer, Martin (Marty) Bauer, who, at Tom's invitation, introduced himself to our Council – see NEW BUSINESS

While in Las Cruces, NM attending Helen's 50th High School Reunion, Tom and Helen were able to attend Mass at Helen's parish church, Immaculate Conception. After Mass, they attended an event sponsored by the local KofC Council. Tom was impressed by the warm KofC hospitality they received.

The Admissions Committee interviewed two (2) candidates (sponsored by Jorge Barragan), Adan Luna and Gamaliel Hernandez - see NEW BUSINESS. Due to a marriage concern, Adan Luna cannot be considered for membership at this time.

We have tickets (\$20) available for the Clergy Appreciation Dinner on November 14th.

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

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Membership stands at 239.

We have one (1) transfer into our Council - Leon Cornute

We had three (3) members transfer out:

1. Mike Lewis
2. Kavan Addison

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3. Miguel Lozano

One member passed away: Dom Mascardo.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT: No Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RETENTION COMMITTEE: (JORGE RUIZ): No Report.

AWARENESS COMMITTEE REPORT: (JORGE RUIZ):

Still having an issue with our website calendar. The event "List View" is working; it is the "Month View" that is not working.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: (JORGE RUIZ): There was a recent email reminder that now is the time of the year when we need to renew our Safe Environment certification. Although renewing your certification through the Diocese program will satisfy the renewal requirement, Jorge strongly recommended the KofC Supreme's training program, in particular, the Quick Reference Guide. The renewal can be done through our website where you will receive a printable certificate.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: (DAN MURPHY)

Sunday, October 13th - St. Joseph Nursing Home Cookout, we had fifteen (15) workers and served about sixty (60) people.

Saturday, November 9th - we have the VA Cookout.

KNIGHT HANDS: (ALLEN REITMEIER) There was one (1) project since our last meeting.

Person Assisted	Project	Man Hours Worked	Material Cost
Diane Lightbody	Cut up a fallen tree	2	

CONCESSIONS COMMITTEE: (ALLEN REITMEIER):

Fall Baseball Concessions – the season is over. There were a total of 134 games with gross revenue of \$14,341.46. In round numbers, the Cost of Goods Sold was \$3,000 (which was lower than normal due to inventory carryover from Spring Ball), the commission (@ 20%) paid to Cedar Hill Baseball Association was \$2,000 and the net amount banked by the Council was \$9,250.

Football Concessions - there have been 147 games with gross revenue of \$13,255. The Football season ends Sunday, December 1, 2019.

Greg Warr is the person who receives and records the Baseball and Football concessions purchases (cost of goods sold) and deposits. The concession accounting spreadsheets are due to Greg's good efforts.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORT:

Allen Reitmeier brought up Special Olympics. Seeing the smiles and determination on the faces of the Special Olympics participants is very gratifying. It also serves as a reminder that we need to appreciate our many many blessings, in particular, our good health. Special Olympics is being held at two (2) locations and is ongoing this week and next

Charles Turner – we (mostly Linda Reitmeier) continue to take him to doctor visits and bridge outings.

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Marty Bauer recommended listening to Catholic Radio EWTN as well as apps on praying the rosary and scriptural rosary.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: (MIKE MOLOUGHNEY)

The Youth are preparing for the March for Life which will take place January 22 – 26, 2020 in Washington D.C. Mike passed along Devin's thanks to the Council for our annual \$500.00 contribution to the Youth Ministry which helps to make the annual March for Life trip possible.

There was a Mental Health Presentation last Sunday, November 3rd.

PRO LIFE ACTIVITIES: (MIKE MOLOUGHNEY) -

Saturday, October 19th, Hike for Life – Mike thanked those who came out to help, the 50 participating hikers and Fr. Eugene for his name recognition support of donating on-line. There were on-line donations of \$1,800 to \$2,000 (thank you Fr. Eugene) plus cash donations of \$500 the day of the event. Finally, Mike shared the Very Good News that President Trump has defunded Planned Parenthood which means that nine hundred (900) facilities have lost their funding.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: (VACANT) - James Smith reported

Saturday, October 19th, 2018/2019 Knight of the Year award winner was Jack Ramsden.

Sunday, October 20th, breakfast for Duncanville's Italian Sister City, Monasterolo di Savigliano went well.

Thursday, November 21st – our council has been asked to host the DDC Meeting (and dinner).

Sunday December 15th – breakfast with St. Nick.

Saturday, January 11th, 2020 – we will be having our annual Membership Appreciation Dinner & Dance.

FIRST DEGREE TEAM: (TOM GRECO)

Having approved a new member at this evenings meeting, we will have a First Degree Ceremony next week. DD Bill Dover advised that there are three (3) candidates from his other Councils. Tom has been contacted on behalf of another Council (Grand Prairie) who have as many as fifteen (15) candidates. St. Elisabeth was mentioned if the number of candidates required a larger venue.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: (VACANT): Jorge Ruiz on behalf of Keith

Men's Spanish ACTS retreat November 14 thru 17, 2019 - we will have a Knights information booth after the 1:00 pm Spanish Mass to visit with the ACTS retreatants.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: (JAMES SMITH): No Report.

HEALTH COMMITTEE: (LOU LEMONS): No Report.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES: (JEFF MILLER):

Prayers for

Jorge Barragan family - our condolences for their loss.

Lou Lemmon's Mother-in Law, Alice Pauline Flies, passed away October 21st.

David Ybarra's Father-in-Law, Juan Rojas, passed away October 25th. (David's Mother-in-Law, Amelia Rojas passed away a September). David's In-Laws were 108 and 109 at their passing and had been married for 91 years.

Jack Ramsden was presented the official Knight of the Year certificate.

October Knight of the Month: Doug Maddox (official certificate presented)

Family of the Month: Tom Greco and Helen Beggane (presented)

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November Knight of the Month: Chris Kubin (Not Presented) Chris has been Fall Festival Chairman for several years.

Family of the Month: Jim and Lillian Kowalski (Not Presented) Jim and Lillian were married in November 1962 the same year Jim joined the Knights of Columbus.

OLD BUSINESS:

Assistance for Mary Flusche. James Smith will get with Peter Perta and issue a separate check to the Church (not directly to Mary). Ken Rarick advised to clearly designate the church ministry in the check memo.

NEW BUSINESS:

New Member: We have one (1) transfer into our Council - Martin (Marty) Bauer. Marty has been a Knight for eleven (11) years. He grew up in Hollywood CA and is currently a resident at St. Joseph's Nursing Home. Marty left the room/meeting; a motion was made, seconded and a voice vote taken approving Marty Bauer.

The Membership Committee has met with and recommends Gamaliel Hernandez be admitted as a New Member. A motion was made, seconded and a voice vote taken approving Gamaliel Hernandez. Jack mentioned that his wife, Juanita, is qualified as an Annulment Advocate.

FIELD AGENT REPORT: (JON FINCHER) - Council 8157 has filed all required reports. We have NOT met our 2019/20120 New Member goal nor Insurance goal. To meet the New Member and Insurance goals every Council is encouraged to hold two (2) or more Fraternal Benefits Nights. There is a Star Council incentive which reimburses each Star Council \$4.50 per council member, which in the case of 8157 would be just over \$1,000. The Grand Prairie Council has made a big push to recruit new members (and is the Council who contacted Tom Greco about as many as fifteen (15) First Degree candidates).

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT: (BILL DOVER - District #109)

The Holy Cross Council has had some recent success in attracting new Hispanic members. As respects the Spanish ACTS retreat recruitment, Bill would be happy to share what Holy Cross has been doing.

Report of the 4th Degree: (JIM RUSSELL) Assembly 2799 has the following upcoming activities

1. October 19th Exemplification at Good Shepherd Church in Colleyville the 4th Degree welcomed seven (7) new members which meets the 2019/2020 new member goal.
2. October 20th - presented a Ciborium in honor of Sir Knight Thaddeus Woodward to St. James Church in Oak Cliff
3. Thursday, November 14th - The Clergy Appreciation Dinner. Invitations have been sent to forty-five (45) priests and thirty (30) deacons. Thus far, six (6) priests and five (5) deacons have accepted

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: (WENDELL JEANPIERRE) – To meet with representatives of the adjoining cities (Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville, Lancaster) starting with Cedar Hill.

LECTURER: (WENDELL JEANPIERRE): Delivered Part 1 (which is posted on our website) of lectures on "The Relationship of Scripture to Catholic Doctrine".

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The Grand Knight called for the Good of the Order: Several prayer requests were made, in particular, for Brother John Espree's family.

CLOSING ODE AND CLOSING PRAYER: Hail Mary BY Grand Knight

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 8:56 PM

50/50 Drawings:

Meeting Winner: John Fincher (who donated the money to the Council)

Meeting Attendance: Steve Reid Not Present