



MINUTES OF COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING – February 4, 2020

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Grand Knight at 7:25 P.M.

OPENING PRAYER Our Father by Grand Knight

OPENING ODE & PLEDGE OF ALLIANCE by Grand Knight

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

CHAPLIN: 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: P

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 January 7, 2020 meeting were accepted as posted.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT: The Grand Knight asked that everyone please make their reports as short as possible in order to start the video of Carl Anderson's, Supreme Knight, speech sharing the thought process behind the Order's move to combined the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degree Ceremonies into a single ceremony as close to 8:15 PM as possible.

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

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Was given by the GK on Peter's behalf. Membership stands at 245. Forms submitted

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity

Special Olympic Partnership Report

IRS forms W-2 and W-3

Annual Audit is in progress

The Council spending stands at fifty-four (54%) percent of the July 1, 2019/2020 Budget.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT: No Report



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COMMITTEE REPORTS

RETENTION COMMITTEE: (JORGE RUIZ): No Report

AWARENESS COMMITTEE: (JORGE RUIZ):

Website has been restored. The calendar includes a countdown of upcoming events, for example the upcoming Lenten Fish Fries. Go to calendar and click on events. Categories are not activated as of now. All the categories are the same as previously.

Dallas is the host city for this year's State Annual Convention which will be held April 24th thru 26th at the Dallas Hilton. You are encouraged to take advantage of the Convention being here in Dallas and (per DD Report) reminded that there is no admission charge to attend. The attendance is estimated to be 1,200 to 1,800. There will be approximately eight (8) Hospitality Suites at this year's Convention serving food and beverages.

The Council will be taking out a full-page color ad in the Convention Program (similar to the Council's annual full-page ad (albeit black and white, supporting the Catholic Schools Basketball Tournament). A new feature of this year's Convention is the opportunity for each Knight to make a forty (\$40.00) dollar contribution and be recognized by name both in the Convention Program and on the Convention Website (KofCDallas.org/convention) as an individual contributor. If you are interested in being an individual contributor, please go to KofCDallas.org/convention.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: (JORGE RUIZ): No Report

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: (DAN MURPHY): No Report

KNIGHT HANDS: (ALLEN REITMEIER): The number of projects since our last meeting was: ____

Person Assisted	Project	Man Hours Worked	Material Cost
Ruth Cole	Cut Bamboo Stalks	27.5	None
Cedar Hill Baseball/ Council 8157 Dot Thomas	Concession Stand Repairs/Renovations	95	\$931.19 Hopefully Cedar Hill Baseball will cover expense
Mrs. Lusk	Ramp Bars	3	\$46.71

CONCESSIONS COMMITTEE: (ALLEN REITMEIER):

Cedar Hill Baseball is no longer affiliated with USSA. Allen does not know whether the change in affiliation will result in more games/tournaments or less games/tournaments.

Please mark your calendars

March 16th – SW Classic baseball season begins the week of March 16th which is right around the corner.

March 21st - Best SW baseball season begins.



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June 24th – is the start of the World Series (which has games at multiple concession stand locations and accounts for forty plus (40+%) percent of Spring Baseball revenues.)

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: (MIKE MOLOUGHNEY): No Report

PRO LIFE ACTIVITIES: (MIKE MOLOUGHNEY): No Report

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: (VACANT): No Report

FIRST DEGREE TEAM: (TOM GRECO):

We have two (2) new 1st Degree Members, John Torres and Manuel Urias. Tonight I received a new member application from Jorge Barragan for Gamaliel Hernandez.

It is mandatory (per DD) that we adopt the new degree ceremony effective March 1, 2020.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: (JAMES SMITH):

Thanked those who helped with the hot dogs for Super Bowl Sunday on February 1st.

February 23rd - breakfast for Faith Formation

February 28th - Lenten Fish Fries start.

HEALTH COMMITTEE: (LOU LEMONS): No Report

FAMILY ACTIVITIES: (JEFF MILLER):

Was given by the GK on Jeff's behalf

Knight of the Month: Dan Murphy (absent)

Family of the Month: Jim and Denise Richardson (absent)

December Family of the Month Certificate presented to Jorge (and Eva) Barragan.

OLD BUSINESS

No Report

NEW BUSINESS

As respects the \$295.00 cost of the full-page color ad in the State Annual Convention, it was discussed and determined/decided it had been approved/authorized as part of the 2019/2020 budget and no further motion/action was required.

Let the GK know if you want to be a one of our two (2) Council delegates to the State Convention.

Coffin Ministry - Allen Reitmeier has been approached by the church (Devin via the GK) asking if the Council would be willing to construct and donate coffins for those families who do not have the financial means to purchase a coffin. After a spirited conversation, it was decided not to pursue this ministry, but rather to consider making a cash donation from the Council on a case-by-case basis.

Steve Reid suggested we look at increasing the scholarship amounts to from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00.



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FIELD AGENT REPORT: (JOHN FINCHER):

Just a reminder, we need to schedule a Fraternal Benefits Night.

There are two (2) new financial products being developed

Faith based mutual funds and

New Universal Life product with a no lapse feature.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT: (BILL DOVER):

There is no admission charge to attend the State Convention nor do you have to be a delegate to attend.

Keep your Brother Council 7017 at Holy Cross in your prayers as they endeavor to create a Spanish speaking round table.

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

1. The next 4th Degree Exemplification will be held at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Longview.
2. The next Assembly meeting will be Thursday, February 13th.
3. Our Lady of Guadalupe Province, Third Texas District, Bi-Annual Meeting will be April 4th.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: (WENDELL JEAN PIERRE): No Report

LECTURER: (WENDELL JEAN PIERRE):

The lecture was entitled "The True Meaning of Valentines Day". Wendell gave a brief history of St. Valentine, the patron Saint of Love, who was beheaded for refusing to deny his Christian Faith. Christ's Love, which St. Valentine shared with others, seems to be in stark contrast to the commercialization of the holiday the bears his name, Valentine's Day. We should share Christ's Love with those we meet each and every day.

Wendell received a round of applause at the conclusion of his Lecture.

The Grand Knight called for the Good of the Order: Several prayer requests were made.

The Carl Anderson video was played. Mr. Anderson cited the continuing decline in the number of people identifying themselves as Catholics as well as the decline in the number of Catholics attending weekly Mass, as reason why Our Order needs to take on a large Evangelization role going forward. The Faith in Action initiative (our Knight Hands being a good example) was highlighted.

After the video there was a lively discussion. The members of our Degree Team were recognized for their dedication and participation with a round of applause. Dan Schneider shared his Knight's experience with the Council; including being a charter member of his newly formed Council in Chicago, how becoming a Knight strengthening his faith, seeing Knights involve their families (children and wives) at Knights functions, and pointing out that secrecy only applied to ceremonials. The Council gave Dan a round of applause.

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CLOSING ODE AND CLOSING PRAYER: Hail Mary by Grand Knight

MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:10 PM

50/50 Drawings:

Meeting Winner: Mike Clark

Meeting Attendance: Jerry Jacobs (Not Present)