

# MINUTES OF COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING - June 2, 2020

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY \_ Grand Knight AT\_\_7:04\_\_\_\_ P.M.\_\_\_\_

OPENING PRAYER \_\_Our Father\_\_\_\_\_ BY \_ Grand Knight\_\_

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGANCE \_\_\_\_\_ BY \_ Grand Knight\_\_

NO OPENING ODE

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: A

CHANCELLOR: ERIC CONNER: P

OUTSIDE GUARD: JEFF TRAUB: A

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: PETE PERTA: P

LECTURER: WENDELL JEANPIERRE: EX

TREASURER: JAMES SMITH: P

1<sup>ST</sup> YR TRUSTEE: CHRIS EDWARDS: EX

RECORDER: MIKE FITZGERALD: P

2<sup>ND</sup> YR TRUSTEE: JIM RICHARDSON: a

ADVOCATE: RUSSELL GULLY: P

3<sup>RD</sup> YR TRUSTEE: CHRIS KUBIN: a

ARE ALL PRESENT IN POSSESSION OF A CURRENT MEMBERSHIP CARD: \_\_\_\_\_Warden confirmed\_\_\_\_\_

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

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT: No Report

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Membership stands at \_ 244\_\_.
- For the 2019/2020 fiscal year spending stands at seventy-five (75%) percent of budget, i.e., spending for 2019/2020 will be over \$11,000 below budget.
- The Council is current in submitting all forms required by Supreme.
- Notwithstanding the extension granted by the IRS, Peter has already filed the Council's 2019 Federal Tax forms.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT: No Report

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RETENTION COMMITTEE: (JORGE RUIZ): No Report

AWARENESS COMMITTEE REPORT: (JORGE RUIZ):

- Due to health issues, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, Fr. Joe is stepping down as our Pastor and Fr. Eugene is taking on that role.
- In lieu of sending out individual prayer requests, on a monthly basis, the Council will be publishing prayer requests on our website.
- By way of reminder, Members can pay their 2020 dues on-line.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: (JORGE RUIZ): No Report

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: (DAN MURPHY):

- By way of review, during the shutdown, the Council (led by Dan Murphy and James Smith) have on two (2) separate occasions, prepared meals for the medical personnel at Methodist Charlton Medical Center (MCMC). Thanks, in no small part, to Jeff Miller's work as a writer for the Texas Catholic, the MCMC efforts were featured in an article in the Texas Catholic.
- On Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, we delivered food for the (roughly 80) residents and staff only (no guests) of St. Joseph.

KNIGHT HANDS: (ALLEN REITMEIER): The number of projects since our last meeting was: 2

Person Assisted	Project	Man Hours Worked	Material Cost
		Allen Reitmeier & Jack Ramsden (4)	
Tissy Godwin	Kitchen Sink Install	Allen Reitmeier & Dan Murphy (5)	

CONCESSIONS COMMITTEE: (ALLEN REITMEIER):

- Cedar Hill Baseball Association is talking about playing games in late June. There are discussions about limiting spectators to one player one parent. The very limited audience size would mean very low concession sales.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: (MIKE MOLOUGHNEY):

- 2020 Graduating Seniors were recognized in a parking lot drive through.

PRO LIFE ACTIVITIES: (MIKE MOLOUGHNEY):

- Planned Parenthood is still operating.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: (VACANT) JORGE RUIZ

- Council's 39<sup>th</sup> Fraternal Year: July 2020-June 2021.

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DEGREE TEAM: (TOM GRECO): Nothing new to report.

- The Degree Team has been unable to meet since February when they had their initial meeting to discuss the new ceremonials and to have each degree team members pick which two (2) of the new roles they wish to learn.
- The form 100 for Rigoberto Ramirez (presenter Gamaliel Hernandez) is still pending.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: (JAMES SMITH):

- James has been in touch with Debra Pearson who has confirmed that Summer Bible Study has been cancelled.

HEALTH COMMITTEE: (LOU LEMONS):

- Lou has created KofC Health Fliers covering
  - Covid-19
  - Anxiety
- He suggests that we look at the CDC website for good information.
- Later this month, he will be contacting Carter to look into the feasibility of doing a blood drive.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES: (JEFF MILLER):

- Prayers for
  - Betty O'Brien who is dealing with heart failure.
  - Bill Dover who was released from the hospital today after a week-long stay. Bill has been suffering with shingles and has an upper neck condition which will require surgery.
  - Fr. Joe whose health issues have prompted him to resign as our pastor. Our sincere thanks for your eleven (11) years of service as pastor of Holy Spirit.
  - Lourdes Salazar who has recovered from a bout with Covid-19.
- June
  - Knight of the Month: Steve Reid
  - Family of the Month: Wendell & Connie Jean Pierre

OLD BUSINESS:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> vote on the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year budget.
- Discussion - the proposed budget appears to be significantly higher than the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year budget. The difference between the two (2) budgets is the Sacramental Gifts line item of \$3,500. The 2019/2020 Fiscal Year budget understated our intended spending as it failed to include \$3,500 for Sacramental Gifts. By amending the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year budget to include Sacramental Gifts, the 2020/2021 Fiscal Year budget represents an overall spending increase of less than \$1,000.
- The 2020/2021 budget was passed.
- That said, due to the loss of Football concessions and the delay in starting Spring/Summer Baseball, it was acknowledged/understood when passing the budget, the Council may need to make some modifications/reductions below the amounts being budgeted for 2020/2021.

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## NEW BUSINESS:

- Election of Officers.
- The following Slate of Officers was read/presented by Russel Gully
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  - DEP GRAND KNIGHT: ERIC CONNER
  - CHANCELLOR: JIM RUSSELL
  - TREASURER: JAMES SMITH
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  - \*FINANCIAL SECRETARY: PETE PERTA - APPOINTED BY SUPREME
  - \*\*LECTURER: WENDELL JEAN PIERRE – APPOINTED BY GRAND KNIGHT
- The GK initiated (and DD concluded) the three (3) rounds of requests for Nominations from the Floor. There were no Nominations from the Floor.
- There was a voice vote to accept the Slate of Officers by acclamation which passed unanimously.
- Bill Dover conducted an Installation Ceremony during the meeting. If we are able to hold a timely Corporate Communion and Installation of Officers Dinner in the near future, a formal Installation Ceremony should be conducted at that time.

## FIELD AGENT REPORT: (JOHN FINCHER):

- Life insurance is important. As a result of Knights buying life insurance, KofC Insurance Company is able to make \$101,000,000 available to parishes in need.
- John mentioned the importance of Faith, Fraternity & Family; along with Fraternal Benefits nights, the Founders Award and the new “Leave No Neighbor Behind” initiative.

## DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT: (BILL DOVER):

- A majority of my time as DD is being spent forwarding emails of interest to my Councils’ GKs.
- As of July 1<sup>st</sup> the new DD will be **Kebran Alexander**, PGK Holy Cross Council #7017.

## FOURTH DEGREE: (JIM RUSSELL):

- The last “in person” 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting was held in March. Since that time, all meeting have been “virtual”.
- The schedule of upcoming Exemplifications are:
  1. June 6<sup>th</sup> in Tyler
  2. September 19<sup>th</sup>
  3. October 10<sup>th</sup>
- The State Convention for 2021 will be held in Houston.

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DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: (WENDELL JEANPIERRE): No Report

LECTURER: (WENDELL JEANPIERRE):

- The lecture is posted online: [Biological and Spiritual Warfare](#)

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

CLOSING PRAYER \_\_\_\_ Hail Mary \_\_\_\_ BY \_ Grand Knight \_\_\_\_

NO CLOSING ODE

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: \_\_\_\_ 8:20 \_\_\_\_ PM

50/50 Drawings:

Meeting Winner: N/A

Meeting Attendance: N/A