

MINUTES OF COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING - JULY 7, 2020

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY _ Grand Knight AT __7:05__ P.M.____

OPENING PRAYER __Our Father____ BY _ Grand Knight__

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGANCE _____ BY _ Grand Knight__

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

CHAPLAIN: FR. STEVE ANTES: EX

GRAND KNIGHT: JORGE RUIZ: P

WARDEN: DOUG MADDOX: P

DEP GRAND KNIGHT: ERIC CONNER: P

INSIDE GUARD: JOHN ESPREE: P

CHANCELLOR: JIM RUSSELL: P

OUTSIDE GUARD: STEVE REID: A

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: PETER PERTA: P

LECTURER: WENDELL JEANPIERRE: P

TREASURER: JAMES SMITH: P

1ST YR TRUSTEE: TOM GRECO: P

RECORDER: MIKE FITZGERALD: P

2ND YR TRUSTEE: ALLEN REITMEIER: P

ADVOCATE: RUSSELL GULLY: P

3RD YR TRUSTEE: JIM RICHARDSON: A

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes for the June 2020 meeting were accepted as posted.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT: We had a few words from Past Grand Knight, Tom Greco. Tom acknowledged that his two (2) year (2018/19 and 2019/20) term as Grand Knight did have its challenges; citing the Coronavirus and the deaths of fellow Knights Howard Bohlin (***I don't see Howard's name on the membership roster***) and Andy Goza. He went on to say he was proud of the many accomplishments of Council 8157, which he credited to the good efforts put forth by the Council's many good Knights. He said, Past DD Bill Dover asked him whether he would have agreed to be the GK if he had known about some of the difficulties and challenges he would face. And his answer was a resounding YES. He thanked the Council for the privilege of being our GK.

Jorge advised, earlier today (July 7th), he, DGK and Chancellor met with Fr. Eugene and presented him with the Council's annual Church donation check for \$3,500.

The parking lot farewell celebration for Fr. Joe Lee was well attended by Parishioners, included the Color Corp, and concluded with an orderly drive-by of cars as directed by the large complement of Knights. Fr. Steve Antes completed a Form 100 today and he will become the Council's new Chaplin. In addition to the Knight Hands project where we prepared and painted Fr. Steve's bed, bath and sitting rooms, we also installed a flat screen TV.

Doug Maddox is being transferred/returning to his home state of Florida. Jorge thanked Doug for his valuable contribution to our Council during the past two (2) years. As an aside, Jorge asked Doug if he had alerted John Espree to his promotion as the new Warden. Congratulations John.

The Duncanville Police have an annual Fire Truck Pull as a charity event. Various groups compete to see which team can pull a fire truck across a parking lot in the shortest time. Although probably not something the Council would do this year, we might want to look at participating in the future. The proceeds raised are donated to Special Olympics.

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

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Membership stands at _ 216 _____. Approximately sixty (60%) percent of the 2020 annual dues have been collected.

The Family of the Month Report for June (due July 15th) has been submitted to Supreme.

The Service Personnel Report Form is due to Supreme on or before August 1st.

The Semi-Annual Audit form is being prepared and is due to Supreme on or before August 15th.

We have received \$200 from Supreme for Food for Families.

We are waiting for the \$500 RSVP (Seminarian Support) reimbursement check from Supreme

Our 2020/2021 fiscal year goal/quota is

new members - eleven (11)

insurance members - TBD

TRUSTEE'S REPORT: No Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

RETENTION COMMITTEE: (JORGE RUIZ): No Report

AWARENESS COMMITTEE REPORT: (JORGE RUIZ): No Report

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: (JORGE RUIZ): No Report

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: (DAN MURPHY): Report by GK, most recent activity was preparing and delivering ninety (90) meals/lunches for the Duncanville police.

KNIGHT HANDS: (ALLEN REITMEIER): The number of projects since our last meeting was: _4 ____

Person Assisted	Project	Man Hours Worked	Material Cost
Tom Greco's Neighbor	Fence Repair	Tom Grego (3)	
Nancy Amorella	Replaced ?? & Fixed an Overhead Light	Dan Murphy (2)	\$60.00
Holy Spirit	Usher Bench Repair	Jack Ramsden & Allen Reitmeier (2)	
Fr. Steve Antes	Painting & Repair Bed, Bath & Sitting Rooms	Steve Zender, Jorge Ruiz, Dan Murphy, Allen Reitmeier, Mike Fitzgerald, David Ybarra & Jack Ramsden (40)	

CONCESSIONS COMMITTEE: (ALLEN REITMEIER): Although there are limited summer baseball leagues currently playing; unfortunately, NONE of the games are being played at Valley Ridge in Cedar Hill. Per Clint Farrell, President Cedar Hill Youth Baseball Association, there will be no games in 2020. Allen has inspected the various Cedar Hill Baseball fields/locations and all concession stands are in good shape.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORT: David Dybala is working with Leonardo Zapata, Holy Spirit Office Manager, to identify/compile a list (and/or add to the list) of Knights who currently are Hospitality Ministers to coordinate seating of parishioners when Masses resume.

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES: (MIKE MOLOUGHNEY): No report.

PRO LIFE ACTIVITIES: (MIKE MOLOUGHNEY): Good News, Prestonwood Pregnancy Center, a Pro-Life Protestant Group, has opened an office across the street from Planned Parenthood in Dallas/Duncanville. The center opened last week and already has one (1) save. An expectant mother, intending to go to Planned Parenthood, entered the facility and was asked if she wished to hear her baby's heartbeat. Using one of their ultrasound machines, the expectant mother was able to listen to her baby's heartbeat and decided to keep her child.

The price of an ultrasound machine is roughly \$60,000. If a Council raises fifty (50%) percent of the cost of an ultrasound machine, Supreme will provide a matching grant for the other fifty (50%) percent. Alternatively, the Council may want to consider joining with other councils to jointly buy a machine. Planned Parenthood now employs three (3) full time abortionist doctors who perform fifty (50) to seventy (70) abortions daily, Monday through Friday.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: (VACANT): No Report

FIRST DEGREE TEAM: (TOM GRECO): We have two (2) new candidates, Fr. Steve and La'Don Wright, Jr. Supreme is encouraging new members to enroll and experience the Initiation Ceremonial on-line. The role and/or procedures of the Council's Admission Committee need to be reviewed.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: (JAMES SMITH): Last week, we provided lunch for the Church Staff. Again, today we presented Fr. Eugene with our annual contribution to the Church.

HEALTH COMMITTEE: (LOU LEMONS): No Report. GK will touch base with Lou to set a date for the next blood drive.

SACRAMENTAL GIFTS: (KIETH ARCHER): No Report

FAMILY ACTIVITIES: (JEFF MILLER): GK presented
Prayers for

Fr Joe Lee health issues

Bill Dover who is recovering from back surgery and pneumonia

Knight of the Month: July Fr. Joe Lee

Family of the Month: July Ben and Marilyn Burns (and Tim)

We recognized the June Family of the Month – Wendell and Connie Jean Pierre

OLD BUSINESS: There was only one (1) scholarship application received before the end of June. The application is from Audra Hill??? who is an exceptional candidate. The Scholarship Committee (Jim Russell, Jeff Miller and Jim Richardson) will do a final review of the application and recommend a scholarship amount. Peter Perta reminded everyone the Council sends a check to the institution in the name of the student. As such, he will need the name and address of the school and the student's ID number.

NEW BUSINESS: Mike Moloughney provided information on the 2020 Fall Festival. Fr. Eugene is the Chairman. There are fifteen (15) committee members. The Fall Festival will NOT be held in September. The Festival activities will include a

Raffle (Tickets to be mailed out by the end of July with the drawing on December 5th)

Flea Market (On December 5th in the East Parking Lot)

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Silent Auction (On a separate and later date)

Merchants participating in the Flea Market will purchase a single or double parking spot (a double parking spot would accommodate a tent) with a parking spot going for \$50 or \$100.

The targeted goal is to raise \$40,000 earmarked to replace the carpet in the Sanctuary.

Jorge shared separate slides on Supreme's Faith Into Action Programs which fall into four (4) categories and announced confirmed and/or possible Program Directors

1. Faith - Deacon Al and David Dybala
2. Family
3. Community - Dan Murphy
4. Life - Mike Moloughney

Each slide showed Supreme's complete list of possible/suggested activities along with a column showing those activities Council 8157 currently performs.

FIELD AGENT REPORT: (JOHN FINCHER): No Report

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT: (KEBRAN ALEXANDER): No Report

FOURTH DEGREE: (JIM RUSSELL): The Color Corp participated in Fr. Joe Lee's farewell celebration. Next Thursday (July 16th) the 2020/2021 slate of Officers assume their new roles.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: (WENDELL JEAN PIERRE): No Report

LECTURER: (WENDELL JEAN PIERRE): This month's article is entitled "Race, Religion & Eternal Life" which is posted on-line.

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

CLOSING ODE AND CLOSING PRAYER ____ Hail Mary ____ BY _ Grand Knight ____

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: ____ 8:38 ____ PM

50/50 Drawings:

Meeting Winner:

Meeting Attendance: