

MINUTES OF COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING - September 01, 2020

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY _ Grand Knight AT ___ 7:11 ___ P.M. ___

OPENING PRAYER BY _ Deacon Al at GK's request ___ Asked the Father, Son and Holy Spirit to be with us and guide us during our meeting this evening ___

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: JOHN ESPREE: EX

DEP GRAND KNIGHT: ERIC CONNER: P

INSIDE GUARD: EFRAIN OCHOA: A

CHANCELLOR: JIM RUSSELL: P

OUTSIDE GUARD: STEVE REID: P

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: PETE PERTA: P

LECTURER: WENDELL JEANPIERRE: EX

TREASURER: JAMES SMITH: P

1ST YR TRUSTEE: TOM GRECO: A

RECORDER: MIKE FITZGERALD: P

2ND YR TRUSTEE: ALLEN REITMEIER: EX

ADVOCATE: RUSSELL GULLY: P

3RD YR TRUSTEE: JIM RICHARDSON: EX

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

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes for the August 4th meeting were accepted as posted.

GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT: The GK expressed his appreciation for the

- A. thirty (30+) plus Knights who have volunteered to work as Hospitality Ministers at the four (4) weekend Masses.
- B. four (4) Knights who have agreed to lead the Council as Chairmen of Supreme's "Faith in Action" Service Programs, namely:

Program	Chairman
Faith	Deacon Al Evans
Family	David Dybala
Community	Dan Murphy
Life	Mike Moloughney

The Council's 2020/2021 new member quota goal is eleven (11). That said, with the new "Faith in Action" Service Program structure, Jorge is looking for the Council to double our new member goal.

We viewed the "Into the Breach" Series

"Sacramental Life" video

(go to "KofC.org" click on the red "Members" box at the top right-hand corner of the Home Page then click on "Resources" to view the available videos)

Unfortunately, the spoken words and subtitles were not in sync.

Deacon Al lead the discussion on the "Sacramental Life" video. He said he had viewed the video three (3) times in preparing for our meeting. Each time he got something additional from the video. He encouraged each of us to view the video multiple times as well.

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Deacon Al asked which sacrament is the most important. The answer was Baptism; our initiation into the Catholic faith. He reminded us that the Sacraments fall into three (3) categories

Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation

Sacraments of Service: Holy Matrimony and Holy Orders

Sacraments of Healing: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick

He prefers the name "Sacrament of Reconciliation" to "Confession" as it speaks to reuniting with God versus offloading a truck load of sins.

Deacon Al shared that his faith journey was enhanced by getting involved as a sponsor of two (2) RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) candidates. As can happen, when you get involved and put yourself out, both the candidate and sponsor benefit from participating in the process. From the prayer of St. Francis . . . For it is in giving we receive.

He highly recommended Brother Knights consider being RCIA sponsors and encouraged the Council to invite Lindee Greer, RCIA Coordinator, to come and speak to us.

The video highlights the importance of the domestic family as the building block of the Church. As such, it is important for us, as Knights, to lead our families as husbands and fathers. What better way to lead than to partake regularly in the Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Our Life Chairman, Mike Moloughney, spoke about the many "Life" events going on:

- Prayers for refugee relief in Syria and Iraq

- March for life

- Forty (40) Days for Life (September 23rd thru November 1st) the rosary will be prayed at

 - Greenville Avenue in North Dallas and

 - West Virginia Drive in South Dallas

- Dallas Hike for Life (in October)

- Mass for people with special needs (physical, emotional, mental/cognitive); the purpose is to make those with special needs feel welcome and encourage their participation in regular Masses and church activities.

- Novena for Life

- Pregnancy Center Support

- Purchasing an Ultrasound machine

- Silver Rose – which travels from Canada through the U.S. and into Mexico culminating with the Feast of Guadalupe on December 12th.

- Special Olympic

- Vote Pro Life

The GK asked each Knight in attendance to take a minute and speak to our vision of areas on which our Council should focus. We went around the virtual room making suggestions which included; we need to :

- Think about how the new "Faith In Action" focus can assist us in turning some of our "annual dues only" Knights into "active" Knights.

- We need to promote greater involvement of our wives and/or families with both more fellowship events/activities and better participation at those fellowship events/activities.

- The Council should consider sponsoring/hosting quarterly Rosaries

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

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Membership stands at _217__.

We have collected seventy-one (71%) percent of the 2020/2021 Membership dues.

Spending to date stands at nineteen (19%) percent of the 2020/2021 budget.

The semi-annual council audit has been submitted to Supreme.

The Family of the Month for August has been submitted to Supreme

We have received an RSVP check for \$600.00 from Supreme which has be given to the Treasurer.

Checks for the Council's 2020/2021 Per Capita and Charity assessments have been sent to the State.

\$500.00 checks for our two (2) college scholarship winners have been sent to their respective schools.

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): No Report

KNIGHT HANDS: (ALLEN REITMEIER): No Report

CONCESSIONS COMMITTEE: (ALLEN REITMEIER):

MISCELLANEOUS REPORT:

YOUTH ACTIVITIES: (MIKE MOLOUGHNEY): No Report

PRO LIFE ACTIVITIES: (MIKE MOLOUGHNEY): No Report

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES: (VACANT): No Report

FIRST DEGREE TEAM: (TOM GRECO): No Report

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: (MIKE DENOY): No Report

HEALTH COMMITTEE: (LOU LEMONS): No Report

FAMILY ACTIVITIES: (JEFF MILLER):

Prayers for

Al Alonzo for a medical emergency

James Smith daughter Bobbie who blacked out at work

For September

Knight of the Month: David Dybala

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Family of the Month: Al and Jackie Evans

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

FIELD AGENT REPORT: (JOHN FINCHER): Council 8157 needs to return to Star Council designation in 2020/2021. We need to focus our attention on making our Fraternal Benefits Night(s) successful.

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT: (KEBRAN ALEXANDER): No Report

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS: (WENDELL JEAN PIERRE): No Report

LECTURER: (WENDELL JEAN PIERRE):

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

CLOSING PRAYER ____ Hail Mary ____ BY _ Deacon Al at GK's request ____

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: ____ 8:33 ____ PM

50/50 Drawings: N/A

Meeting Winner:

Meeting Attendance: